



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the President's Den



I was at the bar crawl at 'Bout Time last month. We had a good turn out. Many long time members as well as quite a few new faces enjoyed a beer together at this funky north side bar. Looking around, it brought to mind that this club has many traditions we sometimes take for granted. We hold annual parties and events. Some of the big ones are HOT Bear sponsored: The UnRun and Bear Contest, Back to the Woods, and the Pride Parade. Some are in conjunction with other clubs: The Rodeo, Beer Bust, and fund raising. Some are put on by HOT Bears who open their homes to our members: Dive In Movies, Potlucks, Christmas Parties, and Steve's Annual Toga Party. Especially in the case of the latter, it is always good to remember that help setting up, as well as cleaning up afterwards is always appreciated by the host.

This month, we have many such events including a new location for a Second Breakfast for those that live on the south west side. I encourage you to read your members only calendar as well as look for the HOT Bear Happenings for details.

In April, Steve will be holding his annual Toga Party on April 12 and has once again invited the HOT Bears to participate in this annual ritual of bringing in the spring. Although not all members partake in this event, many look forward to it as a party to let loose and enjoy an evening of costume and camaraderie. Steve has many non-members as well as HOT Bear members. Togas range from elaborate to the barely there. For the later arrivals, a certain amount of over-indulgence usually occurs. Folks who are unable to drive home are always welcome to crash on the couch or have a cab called. The party is not everyone's "style," however it is an annual tradition that I hope will

not vanish like many of the Austin landmarks have in recent years. For those who enjoy the event, please consider helping with the set-up and break down. We will be sending out notices in the HOT Bear Happenings, as we get closer to the event.

Speaking of April, we are currently planning the UnRun and 10th Anniversary party for the weekend of April 25-27. The UnRun and Bear Contest is a weekend of fun and will take place on April 25 and 26. We have invited other clubs from around the state to join us. The Capital City Rodeo folks are also interested in helping us in any way they can.

The Anniversary party is a private event for members and their guests. It will take place on Sunday, April 27 in the afternoon. It's going to be a Lake Travis Cruise complete with food, drink, and music. The boat holds 150 people- so there should be room for all.

If you still do not have any plans for Memorial Day Weekend, I encourage you to sign up for "LoneStar20" at the Texas Conference of Clubs (TCC). This is the annual campout for all member clubs in Texas. All proceeds go to supporting the TCC land and maintenance. All food and entertainment is included for one low price. A good time is had by all. Go here for more details: www.tccclonestar.org/2008

Also: There is a group of HOT Bears going to Bear Watch in Galveston. It's put on the Houston Area Bears. With a new hotel located right next to the water park as well as expanded events, it should be a great time. Go here for details: www.bearwatch.net. Come on down and join us!

As always, if you have any concerns, complaints, critical thoughts or helpful suggestions, send your emails to me: president@heartoftexasbears.org or the board: officers@heartoftexasbears.org

Woof!
-Peter

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 1

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at **Trudy's North Star Restaurant & Bar**, 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78757, (512) 454-1474. Join us at Trudy's for their great breakfast buffet!

And, immediately following breakfast, join us for **Texas Pie Kitchen Volunteering** — The Texas Pie Kitchen has asked the bears once again to help them make pies. The Texas Pie Kitchen is part of a not-for-profit organization with the goal of training low-income residents of Austin and the surrounding community with barriers to employment. They raise money for their organization by making and selling pies. If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Secretary and he can give you all the information. No special baking skills are necessary and it's a lot of fun. If you can't help out, but you want to try one of their pies... that would be great too. Their website is TexasPieKitchen.com.

Tuesday, March 4

HOT Bear Board Meeting. Join the officers for their monthly board meeting at 7:15pm. Your input will help make the Club better!

Thursday, March 6

CulinART 6-10pm at the UT Alumni Center benefiting The Wright House Wellness Center. Visit thewrighthouse.org for more details.

On Thursday, March 6th, 2008, CulinART will evoke emotions of high energy, warmth, beauty, and love. The event will feature fire dancers, tarot card readers, and other performers interacting with the crowd during a cocktail hour complete with delectable, artistically presented, passed hors d'oeuvres. The event will also feature lighting that subtly changes shade throughout the evening, visually stimulating colors in the linens and table decor, silent and live auctions with art donated by local artists, including a juried art contest with the grand prize being a solo show and opening reception provided by Austin Art Garage. The focus attraction of the evening will be a four-

course plated dinner that will be demonstrated live on stage as it is being served to guests.

Sunday, March 9

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the **Chain Drive** (504 Willow Drive, Austin, TX 78701) from **4pm — 8pm**. Join the Bears for **\$0.50** draft beer. Come on down and end your weekend enjoying the afternoon with your Bear Brothers.

We'll be holding a raffle to benefit the TCC Landsite Medical Building during Beer Bust.

Friday, March 14

Guerilla Queer Bar from 6pm to 9pm. See SmokingBanana.com for details.

Wednesday, March 19

Coffee With Da' Bears! Join your Bear Brothers for some friendship, fun, and caffeine (caffeine is good!). This month Bear Coffee is north at **It's a Grind** on Parmer near MoPac. They've got tasty coffee and desserts. See you there at 7pm! [4005 W. Parmer Lane, Austin, TX 78727, 833-5858].

Thursday — Sunday, March 20 — 23

Texas Bear Round-Up (TBRU) 13, "Cirque des Ours". Join the Dallas Bears for their 13th run. Visit tbu.org for details.

Friday, March 21

Nominations for our next HOT Bear Officers is due today. Email or otherwise contact an officer by today.

Friday — Sunday, March 21 — 23

Activity Weekend at the TCC Landsite. Camp out and help work on some improvements for the Landsite.

Saturday, March 22

2nd Bear Breakfast (*new location!*) at **10am** at **The Bakehouse Restaurant & Bar**, 5404 Manchaca Road, Austin 78745,

(512) 443-5167. Join us for some great breakfast cooking and lots of Bear Brotherhood! (austinbakehouse.com)

Thursday, March 27

Bears Night Out dinner this month is central. We're headed to **Angies Mexican Restaurant** on 7th. Come join us at 7pm for some great Mexican food. [900 East 7th Street, Austin (512) 467-5413]

Saturday, March 29

TABC Bear-Tender Certification Party. **RSVP required**. Bear-Tenders Wanted! Have you ever thought about serving beer at a beer bust? Wondered what it takes to serve? Well, wonder no more! We are holding a Bear-Tender Certification Party to certify additional HOT Bear members with TABC Server certificates. Come join your fellow bears and obtain your TABC certification together. The cost is only \$25 for a two year certificate. The class takes a minimum of 4 hours and must be completed within 6 hours, with breaks. You will be able to print your temporary certificate that day, and will receive your permanent certificate in the mail. Once you have your certificate, as required by law, you will be allowed to serve beer at our monthly Beer Bust. Please RSVP to VP@HeartOfTexasBears.org or (512) 369-9650 so we can plan a seat for your certification. The event starts at 1pm.

Saturday, April 5

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at **Trudy's North Star Restaurant & Bar**.

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If you would like to volunteer to help Steve Rison get ready for his TOGA 13 party after breakfast, please contact him about helping out. (512) 459-5842.

Future Events

UnRun Weekend

April 25-27th — UnRun weekend is quickly approaching and we are looking at making this one the best one yet! Don't forget we are also looking for contestants for the HOT Bear contest Saturday evening. If you would like to be a contestant, or know someone who would, please let us know so that we can get you

more information. The contest is open to everyone and is a great time celebrating our 'bearness' while at the same time raising money for some really hard working charities. See page 4 for details!

HOT Bears 10 Year Anniversary

April 27th — Can you believe it? Ten years already? My how the time passes

when you are having fun! The club celebrates our 10th anniversary, and we are doing it up in style.

How does wine, cocktails, and hors d'oeuvres being served to you while you gracefully float on Lake Travis sound?

Details are in the works. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Memorial Day Weekend: LoneStar 20 at TCC

Sign up now for LoneStar 20, the annual campout at Texas Conference of Clubs. Go to www.tcclonestar.org/2008 for an online application. The price is all inclusive- beer, food, and entertainment comes with your campsite. The HOT Bears will be having a cocktail party at this annual event. I hope you see many of you there! If you have never been to a TCC event, and wonder what this is all about, read on.

What's TCC?

As part of your HOT Bear membership, you are members of The Texas Conference of Clubs (aka: TCC). Texas Conference of Clubs, Inc. owns and operates a private 38 acre campground outside of Cameron, Texas. The Conference is composed of member clubs (like the HOT Bears), independent members and commercial organizations. TCC has member clubs in Austin, Corpus Christi, Dallas, Fort Worth, Houston, and San Antonio, as well as other cities in and bordering the State of Texas.

Chartered in 1975, the Texas Conference of Clubs long felt there should be a facility available for the men and women of our community to use as a campground, run-site, or retreat. In August of 1983, TCC purchased a tract of land in Milam County, Texas to be used by the member clubs and others as a place for camping, holding runs or retreats, or just enjoying the great outdoors. This piece of land became known as "Buzzards' Peak" and/or the "TCC Landsite". The site is made up of tree-covered hills of cedar, hickory, gum, elm and oaks, with ravines, rocks, grassy areas and small wild animals.

Since 1983 many improvements have been made to the land site. They include a full kitchen, showers, and toilets, electrical hook-ups, WiFi, sound system and performance space (aka: The Pole Barn). In addition to its increasing use by the member clubs, TCC now offers the use of the land site to interested community groups for their recreational functions. There are numerous runs and events scheduled during the year by member clubs and organizations. The memorial Day run called "Lone Star" is the annual campout that directly benefits TCC and find much of its operation during the year. The HOT Bears hold our annual run "Back to the Woods" there in October.

Most months, TCC has an "Activity Weekend" where members spend all or part of the weekend at the land site taking care of the general maintenance. We also just go out there to have fun and camaraderie. As members of the HOT Bears, you are welcome to use the landsite on off weekends, and are invited to participate in any of the events held every year. For more information about TCC, go here: TexasConferenceOfClubs.com

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At LoneStar 20 on May 23-26, 2008
great things happen in the dark...

The Texas Conference of Clubs
invite you to our 20th annual weekend at Buzzards' Peak. One set price gets you a campsite, all meals, beer and soda, entertainment, comraderie, and some things that you probably will not see anywhere else. Folks from all over Texas come to this event. Please join Us!

For information and to sign-up online:
www.tcclonestar.org





Woof! Come early to the contest!
Last year there was a line to get
in the contest doors by 10pm.
We sure can pack em in!!!



HOT Bears UnRun4 April 25 - 27

The HOT Bears UnRun is an annual event to show off Austin and raise funds for local charities via raffle tickets, tips, and donations. As such, all events are pay as you go. There is no host hotel, but we do have blocks of rooms booked at special rates for participants. For more information email info@heartoftexasbears.org

Schedule of Events

Friday, April 25

7pm • **Meet and Greet at 'Bout Time** Pick up your run packet with a full schedule with maps and locations.
10pm • **Chain Drive Anniversary Party**

Saturday, April 26

10am • **Breakfasts** HOT Bear Members will be hosting at various places around town.
Noon • **Events Around Austin** HOT Bear Members will be hosting Open Houses, Kayaking, Eeyore's Birthday, Lady Bird Wild Flower Garden, Art Tour, and Shopping
6:00pm • **Dinner on your own** (suggestions provided)
8pm- 1am • **HOT BEAR CONTEST and Show**
Check in @ the Chain Drive for contestants begins at 8pm. Contest starts at 10pm. Awards for: HOT Bear, HOT Grizzly, HOT Cub, and HOT Polar. Get there early! Last year, there was a line out the door by 10.

Sunday, April 27

10am • **Dim Sum Breakfast**
4:00pm • **Lone Star Bear Beer Bust @ Chain Drive**
Hosted by the Lone Star Bears of Austin

Proceeds benefit:



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>BearTender Certification Party - RSVP to (512) 369-9650 or VP@HeartOfTexasBears.org</p> <p>Bears Day Out Breakfast: 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78757 (512) 454-1474</p>						<p>1 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast Trudy's North Star, 11a: Pie Kitchen</p>
2	3	<p>4 7:15p: HOT Board Meeting</p>	<p>5 Ed's Birthday</p>	6	7	8
<p>9 DST Begins 4-8p: Bear Bust The Chain Drive 504 Willow Street Austin, TX 78701 (512) 480-9017</p>	10	11	12	13	<p>14 6-9p: Guerilla Queer Bar Location TBA See HOT Bears Web Calendar for more info</p>	15
16	17 ♣St. Patrick's Day♣	18	<p>19 7p: Bear Coffee It's A Grind 4005 W. Parmer Ln. #A Austin, TX, 78727 (512) 833-5858</p>	20 TBRU 13	<p>21 TBRU 13 TCC Activity Weekend HOT Bears Officers Nominations Due by Today</p>	<p>22 TBRU 13 TCC Activity Weekend 10a: 2nd Breakfast Bakehouse Restaurant & Bar 5404 Manchaca Road Austin, TX 78745 (512) 443-5167</p>
<p>23 TBRU 13 TCC Activity Weekend</p>	24	25	26	<p>27 7p: Bears Night Out Angie's Mexican Rest. 900 E. 7th St. Austin, TX 78702 (512) 476-5413</p>	28	<p>29 1p: BearTender Certification Party RSVP REQUIRED</p>
30	31	<p>View the latest calendar information for this month and future months on the HOT Bears web site - www.HeartOfTexasBears.org</p>				

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