



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the President's Den



I Love a Parade

Well, as expected, we had a good time at the parade. The HOT Bears won "Audience Choice" for their first time out at float builders. It was a HOT day, but enjoyable. For those of you who rode- thanks. For those of you who cheered, thanks. For those of you who

took pics, thanks. To the 8+ guys, headed by Daniel Trevino, who contributed to the building of the float- thanks! See pics in this issue. What a great way to celebrate our 10th Anniversary!

To Chain Drive or Not to Chain Drive

Some of you may have heard that the Lone Star Bears are pulling their beer bust out of Chain Drive due to the uncertain future of the bar. The HOT Bears have adopted a "wait and see" position. We have a long-term relationship with the Chain Drive and feel that the folks there will, indeed, give us some notice before making decisions that would effect our beer busts and/or any events we have planned. Look for updates in the HOT Bear Happenings, the Yahoo Group, and this column if any changes that are afoot. Beer Busts are an important fund raiser for the club (the tips received help us fund parties and ongoing activities as well as help us give to Austin charities at the end of the year). We will seek out another place when we are certain of the closing date of the Chain Drive.

Got a Charity? We can help

Since the boat for the 10th Anniversary Party was canceled, the HOT Bears has some extra cash on hand. As a result, we are seeking donation requests from the membership to support organizations in the Austin area. In the past, we have given larger sums of money to some major institutions (Project Transitions, Wright House, etc). However, this time we are aiming this at the smaller, less supported places where a dollar can go farther. The only limitation is that the organization be one that a HOT Bear member is involved with and that the organization makes a difference in the Austin community. All non-profits are acceptable. If you have a cause that is near and dear to your heart, and would like the HOT Bears to make a contribution, please email any of the board members with your request (secretary,

VP, treasurer, or president @heartoftexasbears.org). Be as specific as you can about what it is to be used for and include the address of the recipients. We will try and honor all requests. Contributions will range from \$25 to \$300 depending on the number of requests received. The more requests, the better! We will report all donations in this column as well as read them into the minutes at the quarterly meetings. This is an ongoing opportunity for the club to make a difference. Lets hear from you!

Medical Building at TCC

The Medical Building is going up at the Texas Conference of Clubs. The HOT Bears have donated over 50% of the materials needed so far and are also doing the construction. If you would like to get involved with this worth cause, please email Jacob Duncan (jpduncan@gmail.com) if you want to be involved. Special thanks to Kirk Sinclair and his partner John Finley for their expertise in construction.

July 13, 2pm, Austin Public Library- Carver Branch

Don't forget! The HOT Bear Quarterly Meeting is this month. The new board takes over. Afterwards, it's our regular beer bust at he Chain Drive. We encourage all of you to attend.

As always, email me with any comments or questions. Thanks for your continued support of your club!

—Peter

president@heartoftexasbears.org

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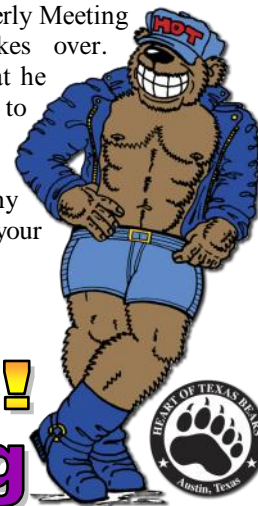
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Sunday, July 13th ! Quarterly Business Meeting



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, July 1

HOT Bears Planning Meeting. Join the officers for their monthly board meeting at 7:15pm. This time, it will be at the home of Peter Reid, your president. See the members only calendar for the address. Your input will help make the Club better!

Saturday, July 5

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!

Friday, July 11

Guerilla Queer Bar from 6pm to 9pm. See SmokingBanana.com for details. This month's "invasion" is the **100th**. Don't miss it!

Sunday, July 13th

The **HOT Bears Quarterly Business Meeting** will be at **2pm**. The meeting will be held at the Austin Library, Carver Branch, room #1. The library is located at 1161 Angelina, Austin 78702; which is a few blocks east of IH-35 on 11th Street. Their phone number is (512) 974-1010. See the HOT Bears website for a map. Join us, hear about upcoming club events, share your ideas, hear about this year's "Back to the Woods" run, and welcome our new officers!

Sunday, July 13

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the **Chain Drive** 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. [504 Willow Street, Austin, 78701, (512) 480-9017]

Wednesday, July 16

Coffee With Da' Bears! Join your Bear Brothers for some friendship, fun, and caffeine (caffeine is good!). This month we are heading to **Ruta Maya Coffee House and Organic Coffee Importers**. They offer some great coffee choices and some fabulous local eats! See you there at 7pm! [3601 South Congress Avenue, Austin 78704, (512) 707-9637]

Saturday, July 19

2nd Bear Breakfast at **10am** at **The Bakehouse Restaurant & Bar** (austinbakehouse.com). Join us for some great breakfast cooking and lots of Bear Brotherhood! [5404 Manchaca Road, Austin, 78745 (512) 443-5167]

Saturday, July 19

Mid-Summer Splash Party at Grayrock South. See your Member's Only Calendar for details

Friday — Sunday, July 18 — 20

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

Friday, July 25

Bears on Ice! Join your fellow "Figure Skating" Bears (you know who you are...) as we skate on down to **Chaparral Ice Rink** at North Cross Mall. Join us at **7pm** sharp for lots of Bear Brotherhood as we skate for the gold! Cost is \$10 for admission and skate rental. If we get a group of 10 or more it's only \$8. [2525 Anderson Lane, Austin, 78757, (512) 252-8500 ext 9]

Thursday, July 31

Bears Night Out. Dinner this month is in North Austin at **Manny Hattans New York Delicatessen**. Come join us for some delicious sammies, mouthwatering knish, and Carnegie Deli cheesecake flown in from New York City!!! See you at **7pm** (Bear Time). [9503 Research Blvd. #650 Austin, 78759 (in the Gateway Square shopping center), (512) 794-0088]

Saturday, August 2

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

"Back to the Woods 4"

October 10th—12th, 2008. Join us for our fourth annual campout weekend at the TCC Landsite. Register early and get the best price. Details at HeartOfTexasBears.org/bttw





The Heart Of Texas Bears invite you to:
Back to the Woods 4

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At Texas Conference of Clubs

**October
10, 11, 12**



The HOT Bears in Austin invite you to join us for our annual camp out run at the TCC landsite on Buzzards' Peak. 3 days and 2 nights camping under the stars with Bears in the woods. All food, drink, entertainment, and a run pin are included in one low price. Don't have a tent or trailer? No problem. Stay in the bunkhouse. A small number of indoor accommodations are available for a nominal charge. We had a blast last year- just ask around! Better hurry-We are limiting this event to 150 attendees.

Online Registration Now Open!
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