

# Bear Brief

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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#### From the President's Den



This is the 18th column I have written in it get wide support from my capacity of HOT Bear President. If nothing changed, there would be nothing to report and my job of coming up with tidbits to put here would be difficult and at times repetitive. Happily, changes and progress inform me what to write here. That being said, rumors get started as a

result. I smile when I hear the most outlandish ones- but also realize that it is important to be clear and consistent with news through this column as well as when anyone asks me via email or in person to clarify something heard on the street. That being said, here are a few things to look forward too in the next quarter.

We are moving our Chain Drive beer bust from the 2nd Sunday to the 1st Sunday of the month. We hope it will continue to be well attended and a great place to gather for cheap 50 cent, 12 oz draft beer served cold in a plastic cup. Unfortunately, the Central Texas boys of Leather (CTbL) stopped serving up food during the beer bust a few months ago. We are hoping that, in the future, another group may take on the food service as a fundraiser for their group- and consider doing it when we have or beer busts. It's was great when CTbL and the HOT Bears could hold a monthly event that benefited both of our clubs social and charitable missions. Our clubs got along well.

To address some of the requests by membership, as well as expand out membership, we are adding a Beer Bust called "Spurs & Fur" that will be held at the Rusty Spurs starting the 3rd week in February. The board has met several times with Jim (owner), Crail (bartender), and several other members of the staff at RS. They have granted us a small space in the back patio bar to serve a 16oz, draft beer, in a glass by the HOT Bear Beer Tenders for \$1. We will have the tip jar out for your kind donations. Jim also hopes to have food as often as possible. The music will be kept at a level to permit conversation. Located on 7th avenue near Trinity, Sunday parking in that area is easier than one might think. We are looking forward to this second beer bust and hope

members. Please let us hear from you!

To continue the agenda of change, we are seeking folks who would like to serve on the board. You do not have to be a long term member to do so- just have the interest. After 2 years, yours truly is stepping downbut will remain an active member to serve the club in whatever the new board desires. I have enjoyed my time and am ready to pass this column onto the next guy.

The Medical Shed at the Texas Conference of Clubs is almost finished. Kirk & John, Kirk, and Kevin were up there last weekend and finished the

interior plastering, air conditioner, and window trip. All that is needed is for Jacob to install the sink. It will get the interior painted and tile floored. We will then install a bed and a table with chairs. It's a really great building- and could not be possible without many people hard work and help. However a special thanks goes out to Jacob for his initial idea and Kirk for his tireless energy getting it completed.

Don't forget: Monthly TCC Activity weekends are free. Come on up and camp or stay in the bunkhouse. The stars are incredible.

— Peter president@heartoftexasbears.org

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#### **Upcoming Events**

#### Sunday, February 1st

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the *Chain Drive* from **4pm** — **8pm**. Now the 1st Sunday of each month! 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]

#### Thursday, February 3

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. See the HOT Bear Happenings email for the address. Your input will help make the Club better!

#### Wednesday, February 4

Looking for some fun and camaraderie with other Bear-minded men? The **Austin Movie Bears** meets every Wednesday at a different movie theater in the greater Austin area. See the article below for details. And keep in mind, the Austin Movie Bears is not an official function of the HOT Bears, but is open to all men who identify with the Bear lifestyle. See you there!

#### Saturday, February 7

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!

Wednesday, February 11
AustinMovieBears.com

#### Friday, February 13

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

#### Friday, February 13

St. Valentine's Day meets Friday the 13th at the **Red & Black Dance** hosted by the Lone Star Bears at the **Rainbow Cattle Company**. From 9pm until close. See page four for details.

Saturday, February 14<sup>™</sup> Valentine's Day

#### Sunday, February 15<sup>™</sup>

Join the HOT Bears for our new second beer bust each 3rd Sunday of the month. Join us from 4pm — 8pm for \$1 pints on the back patio and BBQ cooked up by the Rusty Spurs Staff at Rusty Spurs, just West of I-35 on 7th street. See you there at 4pm. [405 East 7th, Austin 78701, (512) 482-9002]

#### Tuesday, February 17

Roller Bears! Its an "all skate" evening with the HOT Bears down at *Playland Skate Center*. Join us at 7pm sharp for lots of Bear Brotherhood as we skate to all your favorite tunes! [8822 McCann Drive, Austin, 78757, (512) 452-1901] Tuesdays are adult night (18 and up) and the cost is \$7.

Wednesday, February 18
AustinMovieBears.com

Friday — Sunday, February 20-22

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

#### Saturday, February 21

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

Wednesday, February 25
AustinMovieBears.com

#### Thursday, February 26

**Bears Night Out**. Join us for an Italian feast in central Austin (in the Triangle development) at *Mandola's Italian Market and Restaurant*. Join us there for dinner at 7pm. [4700 West Guadalupe, Suite 12, Austin, 78751, (512) 419-9700]

#### Saturday, March 7

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

#### **Austin Movie Bears**

A night out to the movies is always a fun treat and when you go with friends that make it even more fun. Austin's newest group the Austin Movie Bears (www.AustinMovieBears.com) does just that. Each Wednesday this group of bears gets together and enjoys each others company and a good movie. Movies seen so far have Yes Man, Frost/Nixon and Mall Cop. Created by two local bears Austin Movie Bears is not part of the HOT Bears. It does however fill a gap and we are delighted to see this group here in Austin and encourage our membership to support them by going to a movie.

Each week a different movie and theater is picked. The second Wednesday of each month the theater will be on the south

side of Austin for those that don't want to have to drive central or north. I and the Bills have been attending and we've had a delightful time. There are familiar faces and new faces and it's a great opportunity for those that don't feel comfortable with activities at bars or don't want to go to a restaurant. I hope that I'll see some of you out at the movies with us one night. The more the merrier so feel free to come and bring a friend.

See you at the movies!

Jon

Treasurer – Heart of Texas Bears, Inc.

Thanks to all who came out and bowled with the BEARS! And a special thanks to Scott Stover for his suggestion and help setting this event up. A great time was had by all. We will be doing this again! So if you have an idea for an outing....let us know!







# Heart Of Texas Bears invite you to

# Spurs fill

Every 3rd Sunday on the back patio



The HOT Bears are hosting a beer bust at the Rusty Spurs from 4-8pm in the back patio. Put on your boots 'n spurs and come on down for a great Sunday afternoon tradition on the back patio.

HOT Bear Volunteer Bartenders are serving up \$1 beer and collecting tips to help fund our club's mission of social and charitable work. Come out and enjoy the camaraderie that the bears are famous for! All are welcome.

February 15

March 15

April 19

May 17

June 21

July 19

August 16

September 20

October 18

November 15

December 20



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FROM 9 P.M. 'TIL CLOSING

# THE HEART OF TEXAS BEARS

### February 2009 HOT Bears Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
01 4pm» Bear Beer Bust (NOW EACH 1ST SUNDAY)	02	7:15pm» HOT Bear Planning Meeting	04 Austin Movie Bears	05	06	10am» Bears Day Out Breakfast
08	09	10	11 Austin Movie Bears		13 6pm» Guerilla Queer Bar 9pm» Red & Black Dance	<b>14</b> Valentines' Day
4pm» Spurs-n-Fur (OUR NEWEST EVENT)	16 Presidents' Day	7pm» Roller Bears!!!!!	18 Austin Movie Bears	19	TCC Activity Weekend	TCC Activity Weekend 10am» 2nd Breakfast
TCC Activity Weekend	23	<b>24</b> Mardi Gras	25 O Austin Movie Bears	<b>26</b> 7pm» Bears Night Out - Central	27	28

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