



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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February 2000

Out of Town Events

February 2000

18-21 International Bear
Rendezvous (IBR)
San Francisco, CA
Bears of San Francisco
ibr@bosf.org

March 2000

1-5 Bear Essentials 2000,
Sydney, Australia
Harbour City Bears, Inc.
bear@gmp.usyd.edu.au
Coincides with the
Sydney Gay & Lesbian
Mardi Gras Parade

10-12 LUEY (Let Us Entertain You),
Houston, TX
Houston Council of Clubs
(HCC)

30 Texas Bear Round-Up
March 30th – April 2th
Dallas, TX
The Dallas Bears
[http://www.dallasbears.org/
roundup](http://www.dallasbears.org/roundup)
214-521-5342 x880

April 2000

13-16 Bear Jam 2000
Nashville, TN
Music City Bears
[www.geocities.com/
~musiccitybears/BK2K/
BJam2K.html](http://www.geocities.com/~musiccitybears/BK2K/BJam2K.html)
615-664-2393

13-16 Spring Thaw 2000
Seattle, WA
Northwest Bears
www.nwbears.org

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Candidates Needed For April Elections



How does it feel to have a hot group of bears tell you that they really, really want you?

We really, really want you! Now is the time to step forward and make a positive contribution to your

Bear club. While serving as an officer for the HOT Bears does require some effort, the outcome benefits all our members and the community.

We will choose officers for the next club year at our April

membership meeting. They serve a one year term from July through June of the following year, and the deadline for nominations is March 9th. Nominations may be submitted by e-mail or US mail.

Bears Day Out And First Saturday Brunch

When: Saturday,
February 5th,
10:00 am

Where: Hoover's Cooking
2002 Manor Road
(512) 479-5006

February 5th will be our first Bears Day Out and Brunch for 2000. Come on out to our new brunch location, Hoovers, 2002 Manor Rd., for a hearty breakfast with some of

your fellow bears. Hoovers has plenty of room for a group of hungry bears, and lots of off-street parking.

If the beautiful weather holds, our Day Out will be a hike on the Barton Creek Greenbelt. If you've never explored Barton Creek beyond Zilker Park, you may be surprised by this slice of

wilderness in the middle of the city. If the weather turns on us, the brunch bears will decide on another activity.



February Birthday Bears!

Don't forget to wish these bears a Happy Birthday and give them some chocolates for Valentine's Day!

2/14.....Bob R.
2/15.....Aldo W.
2/20.....Jon K.
2/21.....Jeffery D.
2/22.....Jeff P.
2/23.....Randy P.
2/28.....Jose N.



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April 2000

14-16 Bear Camp 2000
Columbus, OH
Columbus Ursine Brotherhood
www.infinet.com/~cub/bc00.htm

28-30 Out of Hibernation VI
Indianapolis, IN
www.hoosierbears.org

28-30 Millennium March on Washington (MMOW)
Washington, D.C.
Bears will march together on Sunday
www.planetout.com/mmow/

May 2000

5-7 Bears on the Bayou
Houston, TX

19-22 Bears In Paradise
St. Petersburg, Florida
www.westfloridagrowlers.com

August 2000

4-7 Bears in the Keys 6
Key West, Florida
www.BearsInTheKeys.com

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Sponsors

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Leather Chest
6th off San Jacinto
Austin, TX
(512) 478-2261

Phil Nelson
Registered Massage Therapist
(512) 416-0402

The Three Chocolatiers
4001 N Lamar Blvd, Suite 500
Austin, TX 78756
(512) 454-0555

The Summit House
Bed & Breakfast
1204 Summit Street
Austin, TX 78741-1158
(512) 445-5304
<http://summit.home.texas.net/>

La Nuit de l'Ours Dehors «Bears Night Out»

When: Thursday,
February 24th,
7:00 pm
Where: La Madeleine
3418 N. Lamar Blvd
(512) 302-1485

French country bakery and cafe, at the corner of 35th Street and North Lamar.

La Madeleine has great French cuisine and a large meeting room in back where we can all sit together. You order your food in a cafeteria line, so there will be separate checks

(no fighting over the bill at the end of dinner).

Bears that have eaten here will attest to their good food and fast service. The menu is reasonably priced, and includes breads, woofy desserts, and wine.

The next Bears Night Out dinner will be Thursday, February 24th at 7:00pm. Dinner will be at La Madeleine Cafe, an authentic

HOT Bears to be Represented at Upcoming Bear Events

Our HOT Bear Vice-President Marcus M. and Ed B. will be traveling to San Francisco next month to attend this years International Bear Rendezvous (IBR). While there, they will participate in the annual Club Day event on Sunday afternoon. Club Day enables groups from around the world to recruit new members,

sell club merchandise, promote upcoming events, and socialize with the over 750 expected attendees.

We are also working with the Dallas Bears to set up a HOT Bear hosted cocktail party at Texas Bear Roundup (TBRU) V at the end of March. This is a great gathering of bears, and there is always a good

representation from Austin each year.

Now is the time to get registered, as the limit is the first 500 applicants.

Let us know by e-mail or message on TeleBear if you want to help man this event.

Hope you catch us at one or the other of these bear events. Both promise to be a lot of fun again this year.

Page Pawers Meeting

When: Thursday,
February 17th,
7:00 pm
Where: Jon M-C's House

of the busy holidays. So we'll try it again to see if there is continuing interest in reading a book a month then getting together to talk about it.

February's book will be "The Hours" by Michael Cunningham.

Either contact Jon M-C (bearcubx@yahoo.com) or call TeleBear for time and details before February 13th.

Participation for Page Pawers has been minimal and we're hoping that was because



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August 2000

4-7 **FurFest 2000**
Fredericton,
New Brunswick, Canada
East Coast Bears

18-20 **Motown Bear Cruise**
Detroit, Michigan
Motor City Bears
www.MotorCityBears.com

October 2000

6-8 **OctobearFest 2000**
Denver, Colorado
Front Range Bears
www.FrontRangeBears.com

19-23 **Bear Bust 2000**
Orlando, Florida
Bears of Central Florida
www.bocf.com

Gay/Lesbian Psychological Study Needs Your Input

A research team from the Psychology Department at The Ohio State University is creating psychological instruments to learn more about the oppressive situations that gays and lesbians are exposed to and how gays and lesbians cope with homophobic stressors.

They have created two surveys to gather information from the gay/lesbian community about these issues. The content of both surveys was generated with the enormous help of approximately 40 members of the gay/lesbian communities in Austin, Texas (including some HOT Bears!) and Columbus, Ohio.

One study asks for the frequency with which you have encountered oppressive situations related to your sexual orientation and the effect these encounters have had on you. The other study identifies strategies that may be used in coping with discrimination based on sexual orientation.

Take one or both studies at:
www.psy.ohio-state.edu/glstudy

Bears "Down Under"

Steve and Ron took a great vacation to Australia, then took the time to write about it for us! They give it two big woofs, and it all sounds very cool. *Thanks, guys!*

We celebrated Christmas and New Year's Day "down under."

In New Zealand, we spent Christmas on the North Island sailing in the Bay of Islands with some friends Steve met on his travels twenty years ago. Then in Christchurch, South Island, we explored that colorful city and ventured out on the TranzAlpine railway through the Southern Alps. New Zealand was like a botanical garden: a profusion of beautiful vegetation.

On New Year's Eve, we flew to Oz (Australia), arriving in Brisbane just in time to celebrate the new millennium with the Brisbears: fireworks from a hillside park and Australian beer at the Sportsman Hotel (hotel is "Aussie" for bar)

with some of our new friends. Some of you might have met our hosts, partners Andrew and Richard, when they passed through Austin during their travels in October, 1998.

We were invited to a bear pool party at another couple's house, John and John, where we celebrated Steve's birthday, complete with cake and sparklers. Most of the guys, even the big hairy bears, wear Speedos, the unofficial Aussie uniform. Yummy! We had a great time in Brisbane, and meeting such a wonderful group of guys was a highlight.

Then we drove down the coast to Sydney where we connected with Seamus Hyslop, current president of the Harbour City Bears, who oriented us to his wonderful city. Highlights included the Imperial Hotel (where the first scene in Priscilla was filmed), eye candy at Bondi Beach, and visiting the

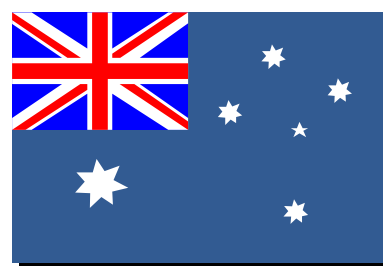
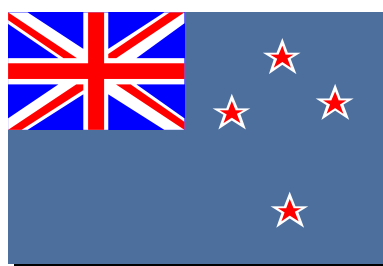
Barracks bar.

After almost oversleeping, we "bearly" made it to the Bear Night at the Beresford Hotel, but when we finally arrived we got one of the warmest welcomes we ever received anywhere. Once again, we connected with a great group of guys and had a terrific time.

The Bear culture is thriving in Australia, and there are plenty of big, hairy, bearded men looking for fun and friendship. If you ever get the chance to go down under, with warm and friendly guys like our new bearfriends in Brisbane and Sydney, you're sure to have a great time! We definitely did!

WOOF! WOOF!

Ron K. and Steve R.



Pictures from the HOT Bears Christmas Party and Bear2K Party



Bears really likes Santa



Our party hosts get a chance to sit on Santa's lap



Our President asks Santa to bring lots of bears for Christmas



HOT Bears President, VP, Secretary, and Treasurer



Lou got a new camera for Christmas

New Events for February!

We are trying out some new ideas for HOT Bear events.

Tuesday, February 8th, will be *Bears at the Movies* Tinseltown North in Pflugerville

Sunday, February 13th, there will be a Beer Party

Details for both events are still being worked out. Call TeleBear or check the web page for more info.

Pictures courtesy of Jeffery M. and Mike H.

February

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2	3	4	5 Bears Day Out First Sat. Brunch 10am Hoovers 2002 Manor Rd. Hike Barton Creek
6	7	8 New Event! Bears @ Movies Tinseltown North Pflugerville Call TeleBear 473-3815	9	10	11	12
13 Hot Bear Beer Party! 4pm BYO Favorite Beer Snacks Provided TeleBear or -mail lilbear@io.com	14	15	16	17 Page Paws Meeting 7pm E-mail for directions bearcubx@yahoo.com or TeleBear	18 International Bear Rendevous (IBR) San Fransciso	19 IBR
20 IBR	21	22	23	24 Bears Night Out 7pm La Madeleine French Café - Bakery 35 th St & N. Lamar	25	26
27	28	29				
We hope to have the return of Bear Bust in March		March 7th Mardi Gras				Luey Weekend March 10-12 Houston

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