



# Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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April 2000

## Out of Town Events

### March 2000

**30** Texas Bear Round-Up  
March 30<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Dallas, TX  
The Dallas Bears  
[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.musiccitybears.com](http://www.musiccitybears.com)  
615-664-2393
- 13-16** Spring Thaw 2000  
Seattle, WA  
Northwest Bears  
[www.nwbears.org](http://www.nwbears.org)
- 14-16** Bear Camp 2000  
Columbus, OH  
Columbus Ursine Brotherhood  
[www.infinet.com/~cub/bc00.htm](http://www.infinet.com/~cub/bc00.htm)
- 28-30** Out of Hibernation VI  
Indianapolis, IN  
[www.hoosierbears.org](http://www.hoosierbears.org)
- 28-30** Millennium March on  
Washington (MMOW)  
Washington, D.C.  
Bears will march  
together on Sunday  
[www.planetout.com/mmow/](http://www.planetout.com/mmow/)
- 29** Great British Bear Bash  
April 29<sup>th</sup> – May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Manchester, UK  
[www.paws.org.uk/gb3.html](http://www.paws.org.uk/gb3.html)

### May 2000

**5-7** Bears on the Bayou  
Houston, TX  
[www.bearsonthebayou.com](http://www.bearsonthebayou.com)

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## Quarterly Membership Meeting & Officer Elections

**When:** Sunday,  
April 9<sup>th</sup>,  
1:00 pm  
**Where:** Austin History Center  
O'Henry Room  
9th and Lavaca

Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, is a most important date to mark on your calendar. At 1pm, we will meet for our Quarterly Membership Meeting, and to elect officers for the upcoming year.

It is very important that we have a good turnout of members to take care of this crucial club business. Unlike

last year, this time we have a complete slate of candidates. The nominees for officers are:

**President:**

Rafael Jimenez

**Vice-President:**

Ed Burleson and  
John Fontaine

**Secretary:**

Garreth Hunter

**Treasurer:**

James Patterson.

I want to thank each of these members for coming forward and offering their services to our club. We know that our business

meetings are not the most interesting or entertaining way to spend your afternoon, but member participation is critical to keep our club functioning smoothly. It is also a good time to catch up on club business, or air your concerns.

**Please come out and show your support.**

Afterwards, we can relax over at the Chain Drive at the monthly Bear Bust, and toast our new officers.

## Bears Day Out And First Saturday Brunch

**When:** Saturday,  
April 1<sup>st</sup>,  
10:00 am  
**Where:** Hoover's Cooking  
2002 Manor Road  
(512) 479-5006

Though many of the HOT Bears will be in Dallas for TBRU, I know there will still be members staying in Austin for this April Fools weekend. If you haven't been to Hoovers yet, come on

out for a hearty meal with your fellow bears.

Our brunches of late have been drawing quite a crowd.

Hoovers has lots of room for these gatherings, and plenty of off-street parking.

The last couple of BDO events have been nature hikes in and around Austin. As a day



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### May 2000

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

**26-29 LONESTAR 13**  
Lonestar Remembered  
Buzzards' Peak Campground,  
Cameron, Texas  
Conference of Clubs  
lonestar13  
@texasconferenceof.  
clubs.com  
(see article in this newsletter)

**25-29 Bear Pride 2000**  
Chicago, IL  
Great Lakes Bears  
bp@glbears.com

### June 2000

**30 BEAR ALL 2000**  
Atlanta, GA  
Southern Bears  
June 30<sup>th</sup> - July 4<sup>th</sup>  
www.southernbears.org

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## Bears Night Out

**When:** Thursday,  
April 27<sup>th</sup>,  
7:00 pm

**Where:** Mongolian BBQ  
117 San Jacinto  
(512) 476-3938  
(around the corner from  
Dick's Deja Disco)

Wow! Two BNO's  
in a row downtown.  
The large group of  
bears that turned out for  
our February BNO

chose *Mongolian BBQ*  
*Downtown* as the  
restaurant for April.

Mongolian BBQ has  
a buffet with a large  
selection of vegetables,  
meats, seasonings and  
sauces. (Beware the red  
sauce!) After you pile  
your choices all in a  
bowl, your meal is  
quick-cooked on a large

grill. Your meal is  
complemented with a  
bowl of Hot and Sour  
Soup, Rice and Bread.

For \$7.95, this  
makes for a large and  
healthy dinner. If  
you've never checked  
them out, Mongolian  
BBQ is well worth the  
visit.

## Bears at the Movies

**When:** Tuesday,  
April 18<sup>th</sup>,  
7:00 pm

**Where:** Call TeleBear or  
check the web

Bears at the Movies  
was just recently added  
as an event for our  
monthly calendar.

Unlike many of our  
other events, this one  
will float to help fill in  
gaps between our other  
dates. We've set this up  
as a Tuesday night  
event, as many of our  
other times are on the  
weekend.

If there is enough  
feedback, we can move  
this to another day of  
the week.

Check TeleBear or  
our web page after  
April 14<sup>th</sup> for this  
months' selection. Hope  
to see you there.

## Sponsors

The HOT Bears are grateful for the  
continuing support of the following  
people and companies. In  
consideration of their long-time  
contributions, please support those  
who support us.

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

**Phil Nelson**  
Registered Massage Therapist  
(512) 416-0402

**Dr. Chocolate**  
4001 N Lamar Blvd, Suite 500  
Austin, TX 78756  
(512) 454-0555  
www.DrChocolateOnline.com

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

## Toga! Toga!! TOGA!!!

Friends, Romans,  
Countrymen! Veni,  
vidi, vici! Steve and  
Ron's Annual Toga  
Party will commence at  
7pm on Saturday, April  
8<sup>th</sup> at Grayrock South.

As usual, togas will  
be optional, keg beer

will be available, and  
contributions in the  
form of donations and/  
or potluck items will  
always be appreciated.

So grab your toga  
and come on over for  
some fur, fun and  
Forum frolic!

F o r m o r e  
information, email  
Steve and Ron at  
barebears@aol.com.

Directions can be  
found at the bottom of  
the calendar page.

## Bear Briefs is Looking for Input from You

The Bears Briefs  
editors would like input  
from our members on  
their travels. The February  
Bear Briefs had an article  
from membears Ron &  
Steve on their adventures  
down under with some  
Aussie Bear clubs.

Short articles on Bear

Events or great vacations  
are interesting and  
welcome additions to our  
usual news. We also enjoy  
it when members share  
their pictures with our  
web gallery. We would  
especially like a report  
from anyone attending the  
Millennium March on

DC. at the end of April.

If you would like to  
share your travels with us,  
contact our web page or  
TeleBear. We also  
welcome input on how to  
improve Bear Briefs. This  
is your club; help us make  
it better for you.

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### August 2000

- 4-7 **Bears in the Keys 6**  
Key West, Florida  
[www.BearsInTheKeys.com](http://www.BearsInTheKeys.com)
- 4-7 **FurFest 2000**  
Fredericton,  
New Brunswick, Canada  
East Coast Bears
- 18-20 **Motown Bear Cruise**  
Detroit, Michigan  
Motor City Bears  
[www.MotorCityBears.com](http://www.MotorCityBears.com)

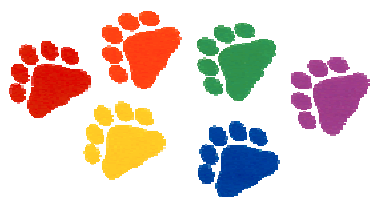
### October 2000

- 6-8 **OctobearFest 2000**  
Denver, Colorado  
Front Range Bears  
[www.FrontRangeBears.com](http://www.FrontRangeBears.com)
- 19-23 **Bear Bust 2000**  
Orlando, Florida  
Bears of Central Florida  
[www.bocf.com](http://www.bocf.com)

### April Birthday Bears

- 4/2 .....William B.
- 4/3 .....Claude G.
- 4/6 .....James P.
- 4/15 .....Jerry R.
- 4/19 .....Henry D.
- 4/29 .....Paul B.

A big Woof to each of you!



## April Bear Bust

**When:** Sunday,  
April 9<sup>th</sup>,  
4:00 - 8:00 pm  
**Where:** The Chain Drive

March saw the return of our monthly Bear Bust at the Chain Drive. Even with many of the members having gone to Houston for LUEY weekend, there

was a good turnout for the return of this event.

Though the HOT Bears are no longer serving, draft beer will still be available at the back bar. CD will also be serving food on the patio.

April's Bear Bust will follow our

Quarterly Membership Meeting. We can all toast the election of new officers for the year starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. We will also have our 50/50 raffle, with half the proceeds going to the lucky bear.

## Texas Conference of Clubs Meeting

**When:** Saturday,  
April 15<sup>th</sup>,  
1:00 pm  
**Where:** Buzzard's Peak  
Campground  
Cameron, Texas

The HOT Bears were invited, and have agreed to become a member of TCC. By being a member of TCC, the HOT Bears will have access to Buzzard's Peak for camping or our own event.

The TCC Board will meet at 1pm, at which time the HOT Bears will be formally inducted as a member. This is also an activity weekend, where TCC members help with cleanup and improve-

ments to the site. Membership includes responsibility for helping with TCC activities from time to time.

Buzzard's Peak is a TCC owned property that is secluded and clothing optional. The campground includes a kitchen, showers, flush toilets, and plenty of campsites. Buzzard's Peak is only a short drive from Austin, just outside Cameron. For directions, contact TCC at [www.texasconferenceofclubs.com](http://www.texasconferenceofclubs.com), or call TeleBear and we will get back to you.

Let's have a good showing of the HOT Bears for our first event

as a TCC member. Also, Buzzards Peak is the site of Lonestar 13 this Memorial Day Weekend (May 26-29th). Registration is \$75 before April 1st, \$95 after April 1st, or \$125 at the gate. Lonestar 13 Weekend includes a run pin, snacks, Friday night meal, Saturday and Sunday Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner, and Monday Brunch.

Don't forget it also includes games, a great show, and cocktail parties. Get your registration in ASAP! President Scott C. and Secretary Rafael J. also have applications available.

## Make Your Voice Heard On Gay Marriage

This bit of info came in from one of our former members now living out west. Vote.com is running a poll asking Americans to vote their opinion as to

whether or not we, as citizens, support same-sex marriage. The results of the vote will be sent to each legislator in every state. It takes about 30

seconds to vote; you can only vote once. To have your say, contact [www.vote.com/vote/1649219](http://www.vote.com/vote/1649219).

It was also in the news that Vermont is

likely to pass a civil union bill that would give gay men and lesbians most of the rights of marriage. However, this would not be considered legal by other states.

# April

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					Mar 31 – Apr 2 TBRU V - Dallas	<b>1 Bears Day Out</b> <b>Brunch 10am</b> Hoovers 2002 Manor April Fools Day
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8 Steve &amp; Ron's</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Toga Party</b> Call 459-5842, E-mail barebears@aol.com, or see below
<b>9 Member Mtg</b> <b>&amp; Election – 1pm</b> Austin History Center O'Henry Room <b>Bear Bust 4pm</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13 Bear Jam 2000</b> Nashville, TN April 13-16	<b>14</b>	<b>15 TCC Mtg</b> Buzzard's Peak Cpgd Cameron TX – HOT Bear Induction into TCC & Activity Wkd.
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18 Bears @ the</b> <b>Movies – 7pm(?)</b> Call TeleBear after 4/15 for Movie & Theater	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27 Bears Night</b> <b>Out – 7pm</b> Mongolian BBQ 117 San Jacinto	<b>28 Millenium</b> March on Washington 4/28-4/30	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b>						

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