



# Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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August 2000

## Out of Town Events

### August 2000

- 4-6 Bears in the Park  
Harrisburg, Pa.  
[Susquehanna Valley Bears  
sybears@sybears.com](mailto:SusquehannaValleyBears@sybears.com)
- 4-6 Teddy Bear Picnic  
Toronto, Ontario, CA  
Bear Buddies Toronto  
[pomdbears@direct.com](mailto:pomdbears@direct.com)
- 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
- 11-13 Bears in the Woods  
Santa Cruz, California  
South Bay Bears  
[info@southbaybears.org](mailto:info@southbaybears.org)
- 11-13 Sun Bears Weekend 2000  
San Diego, California  
Bears San Diego  
[bearssd@bearssd.org](mailto:bearssd@bearssd.org)
- 18-20 Motown Bear Cruise  
Detroit, Michigan  
Motor City Bears  
[www.MotorCityBears.com](http://www.MotorCityBears.com)
- 24-28 AYISTOS 2000  
Istanbul, Turkey  
Bears of Turkey  
[ayistos@ayilar.net](mailto:ayistos@ayilar.net)

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- 15-17 Bearadise  
Oklahoma City, OK  
Red Earth Bears  
[www.RedEarthBears.org](http://www.RedEarthBears.org)

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## Bear Soup and Potluck Supper

**When:** Saturday,  
August 12<sup>th</sup>,  
4:00 pm til ???  
**Where:** Jamie & Glenn's  
See the calendar page  
for directions

Come and join us  
for a pool party hosted  
by Jamie R and Glenn  
S.

The ever-popular  
Bear Soup (swimming)  
begins at 4 pm,  
followed by supper at  
7pm. Everybody is  
asked to bring a covered  
dish to share.

A keg will be  
provided. Donations

towards the cost of the  
keg are appreciated.

Guests are  
welcome; please be sure  
you bring enough food  
to feed extra guests!

You will find  
directions to the party  
on the Calendar page.

## Check Your HOT Bears Membership

If you have been a  
member of the HOT  
Bears for more than just  
a few months, your  
membership may be up  
for renewal. Time flies  
when you are having a  
GRRReat time!

Please check your  
membership cards to

see when your  
membership expires and  
get those new  
applications in for  
renewal. You won't  
want to miss out on a  
year full of furry fun!

And to all bears  
who did not get renewal  
notices, MANY

APOLOGIES! Those  
should be in the mail to  
you shortly.

Remember: you  
will still receive 2  
issues of BearBriefs  
after your membership  
has expired!

## What's a Bear? (Final Part)

Way back in 1997  
Steve Kluth ([sek@i1.net](mailto:sek@i1.net))  
posted a humorous follow-  
up to a message on the  
Bears Mailing List entitled,  
"What's a Bear?". His post-  
ing was followed-up by one  
from Joe Wolf  
([woofbear@hotmail.com](mailto:woofbear@hotmail.com)).  
Joe added a few more clas-  
sifications for bears.

**Military Bear (Ursus  
SirYesSirus)**—With over  
130,000 (woof!) active duty

military living in town,  
you're bound to run into one  
of these critters sooner or  
later. Sometimes hard to spot  
due to military grooming  
regulations ... look for fur  
running up the arms or tuft-  
ing out over the shirt collar.  
Better yet, go to Blacks  
Beach on a sunny Saturday  
and see them in nothing at  
all! If they've managed to  
make their peace with the  
stress and general weirdness  
of dealing with their em-

ployer, they can make great  
friends and partners. Be  
mindful of possible orders  
transferring then to the ends  
of the earth next year, how-  
ever. Generally seen in the  
company of country bears or  
rugged bears (real or faux).  
With the continuing consoli-  
dation of Navy activities in  
San Diego, this subspecies is  
bound to be more common  
in the future.

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### September 2000

**22-24 Virgin Fur**  
Cincinnati, OH  
River Bears Cincinnati  
riverbears@members.  
gayweb.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

For more events, see:  
www.resourcesforbears.com/  
BEARCAL/

### New Members

Welcome to new members:

Waleed  
Michael F  
"Little" Scott N

## Bears Night Out

**When:** Thursday,  
August 31<sup>th</sup>,  
7:00 pm  
**Where:** Dave & Busters  
MoPac at 183  
(512) 346-8015

Bears Night Out this month is in North Austin at Dave and Buster's.

In addition to a menu that includes pizzas, burgers, pasta, chicken and more, this restaurant/bar also features a wide variety of electronic games and simulators.

They are located at the northwest corner of

MoPac and 183.

We had a great turn out last month for the Chinese buffet. I'm sure there will be a lot of bear out this month for food and games!

## Bears at the Movies

**When:** Saturday,  
August 19<sup>th</sup>,  
Time: ??  
**Where:** Call TeleBear or  
check the web

The Monthly Movie Matinee moves from Tuesday night to Saturday afternoon in hopes of increasing attendance. If there is a movie YOU want to suggest, call TeleBear or visit the Club website. Then check

back on Thursday to see which movie has been selected as well as the theater and show time.

We plan to take advantage of bargain matinee admission and will meet outside the theater about 15 minutes before show time.

**Name That Event**  
HOT Bears is offering a club tee shirt to the person who can come

up with the most bearish, clever name for our Movie Day event!

Calling all bears to put on your fuzziest thinking caps and send your suggestion in to the HOT Bears mailing address, or submit it online to the website. A HOT tee shirt and bragging rights can be yours!

## August Bears Day Out & First Saturday Brunch

**When:** Saturday,  
August 5<sup>th</sup>,  
10:00 am  
**Where:** Hoover's Cooking  
2002 Manor Road  
(512) 479-5006



Meet for brunch at Hoover's and then try to beat the heat. If it is raining we'll go to the McNey Museum, to enjoy culture and air conditioning. If it is not raining, we'll cool off at Barton Springs Pool.

Bring your speedos, a towel and sunscreen if you'd like to join us.

The July BDO had 10 bears for brunch, a good turnout considering it was the Holiday weekend. Seven brave bears

ventured to Bastrop County for swimming and frolic on Pinus Beach. We played hard enough to work up our bear appetites and capped the day with grilled burgers.

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**Surfer/Slacker Bear (Ursus HeyDudeus)**—With the beach playing a large role in the city's consciousness and recreation decisions, this subspecies is no surprise either. Not normally seen in traditional gay venues;

look outside the funky bars and restaurants in Ocean Beach and Mission Beach (or outside Dave's, Ocean Beach's own bathhouse!) for the telltale VW van or Japanese pickup with the surfer gear in the back and the rain-

bow sticker on the bumper. Follow the scent to the big, burly dude with the bleached fur and mellow smile. This subspecies often arranges his life around his passion for the ocean and beach; nontraditional work and life pat-

terns often result. Can be fun to be around, but if you don't share this passion, there may not be much to talk about. Usually seen with other surfer/slacker types (straight and gay).

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## 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.

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Austin, TX 78756  
(512) 454-0555  
[www.DrChocolateOnline.com](http://www.DrChocolateOnline.com)

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

**Chain Drive**  
504 Willow Street  
Austin, TX 78701  
(512) 480-9017



## August Bear Bust

**When:** Sunday,  
August 13<sup>th</sup>,  
4:00 - 8:00 pm  
**Where:** The Chain Drive

Bear Bust at the Chain Drive from 4 to 8. HOT Bears President, Rafael is

setting up a Bear Contest at Bear Bust. Ed B has agreed to organize it.

Members of HOTB's and their friends are encouraged to participate as

contestants. If you would like to help, please leave a message on TeleBear.

## TABC Server Card Class

Our home bar, The Chain Drive, will schedule a TABC server card class this month (August).

Any and all bears interested should sign up for this class so we

will have enough bartenders for Bear Bust. The club will pay the fee for anybody who is interested.

If you have never served beer at Bear Bust, you have no idea

the fun you are missing! So meet a lot of woofy men and help out your club at the same time!

Contact Rafael J. or send in your name via email if interested.

## NonOxynol-9 Warning

A notice to bears who use sexual lubricants containing NonOxynol-9 from Jon M-C

For years we have been lead to believe that lubes with the spermicide NonOxynol-9 would lower the risk of exposure to HIV, but recent studies have

shown the opposite. NonOxynol-9, basically a detergent, strips away the protective mucosal lining of the intestine, making you even more susceptible to exposure. And the small amounts of NOx-9 in most lubes are not enough to have any effect at all on the actual virus anyway.

As it turns out, NOx-9 was introduced as a contraceptive aid and was never even tested for HIV prevention. This is based on an article from The Wall Street Journal and information from the AMA that I came across on the net.

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**Kept Bear (Ursus DaddyWillTakeCareOfItus)**—Because San Diego is a desirable place to live, it has a high number of individuals, gay and straight, who are independently well-off and can live anywhere but have chosen here. This situation, in part, leads to a concurrently high number of guys

who have managed the fine art of living well, with no visible means of employment, by association with the above group. To spot them, take a cruise through Hillcrest coffeehouses, gyms and bars at 3:00 on a Wednesday afternoon; you're sure to see some of them, with a number of bears/cubs included in the mix. Often charming and (by

mainstream U.S. standards) handsome, they can be fun to schmooze with. If you're not willing and able to pick up the tab, rent, and every other bill, though, don't expect them to stick around long. Hope to hear from other cities on their respective subspecies. Happy hunting!

# August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5 Bears Day Out &amp; 1<sup>st</sup> Sat. Brunch</b> 10am Hoovers 2002 Manor Rd
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12 Bear Soup &amp; Potluck</b> 4pm til ?? at Jamie & Glenn's
<b>13 Bear Bust</b> 4 to 8pm at the Chain Drive <b>9pm</b> – Bear Contest and 50/50 raffle	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19 Bears at the Movies</b> – Check the web site or TeleBear
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31 Bears Night Out</b> – 7pm at Dave & Busters, MoPac at 183		

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