



Bear Briefs



January 2001

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

MR. HEART OF TEXAS BEARS 2001

The November Bear Bust was a huge success, featuring our "Mr Heart of Texas Bears 2001" contest. Out of a field of eight contestants, we had three top finishers who got some nice prizes. Robert S, the second runner up, got a full-body massage from our own Phil N and an over-night stay at The Summit House, compliments of our longtime sponsor, David R. First runner up was Gary R, a new bear in town from Alabama. He won beautiful motorcycle chaps from another perennial

sponsor, Mike W of the Leather Chest.

Bear Round Up VI in Dallas next Spring, from the Club for representing us in the "Mr. American Bear" contest. He also got a big yummy chocolate bear from big Club supporters Jamie R and Glenn S of the Dr Chocolate stores.

Thanks to all the contestants and to our faithful sponsors who can always be counted on to provide nice prizes.

Thanks also to judges Paul M, Glenn S, Ken E, and Roy J. A special big thanks to popular emcee, Rusty S.



Woofy Keith R, one of the newest HOTB's, is the new "Mr. Heart of Texas Bears" for 2001. He gets a complimentary registration at Texas

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MOVIE POTLUCK SUPPER

Moving our movie night out of the theater has been a big hit. In November, two dozen enjoyed a good dinner, then watched "Orgasmo" a hilarious spoof of cartoon heroes and porn stars. Thank you, Leonard S for your gracious

hospitality. Last month, 13 bears enjoyed dinner, the stocking exchange and "Gladiator."

We need hosts for the coming months. The Saturday is usually the third in the month but may be arranged for just about any weekend

of the month, depending on what other events are on the calendar. All you need to provide is a space, a TV and a vcr. If you would like to have a bear movie potluck in your own den, please drop the Club a note.

BRUNO'S HOLIDAY TOAST – BEAR BUST DECEMBER 2000

The December Bear Bust was a triple-header, and loads of fun for those of us who attended. It was the regular monthly Bear Bust combined with Santa's twisted Playhouse, an annual fundraiser for charity, and a special Holiday Toast. While there was not a large turnout, the atmosphere was

way festive. Daddy Doug came as Santa and lots of guys had their picture taken on his lap for a buck donation to the ASA Food Pantry.

We held Bruno's Holiday Toast 2000 to see who could come up with the best toasts to the season. Three clever bears walked away with prizes for Fun-

niest Toast, Wisest Toast, and Best Overall Toast. Thanks to our judges and to Rusty S who came through once again as Master of Ceremonies. Thanks to the Chain Drive for providing a buffet, and a GRreat big thanks to bartenders James & Jim who worked the whole Bear Bust.



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January Events

BEARS' DAY OUT — SATURDAY, JANUARY 6TH

When: Saturday,
January 6th,
10:00 a.m.

Where: Golden Corral
9710 N. Lamar

Only seven bears showed up at the Golden Corral for the December Bears' Day Out. Five of us went on to Wimberly for the monthly Market Day. The day

was pretty cold but all were in high spirits and we had a great time shopping. Bud Mc had to buy things for his yard since his house won't hold any more stuff!

This month we will meet at 10 am as usual for brunch at the Golden Corral, 9710 N Lamar Blvd, near Braker Lane. There

is no outing planned, so if you have a good idea for one, please bring it and we will decide at brunch. If the weather is too cold for an outdoor activity we can always go someplace indoors.

— QUARTERLY MEMBERSHIP MEETING — JANUARY 7TH —

It's time once again for the Quarterly Membership Meeting. On Sunday, January 7th, we will be meeting at 1 p.m. in the O'Henry

Room of the Austin History Center. The Center is located at Guadalupe St. and 9th St. This is your chance to make your voice heard so

please come on out to this important Club event.

BEARS AT THE MOVIES — POTLUCK JANUARY 13TH

Scott C is the host of this month's movie and potluck supper. We will try to begin dinner at 7 so please get there on time and bring a dish to share. Scott has some seating but you may want to bring a

floor pillow if you want to lie on the floor to watch the movie. Don't forget to bring your drinks too!

This month our movie host is Scott "Lilbear" C. Please bring a dish to share and your drinks.

Pack a video you think the bears might want to see. We will choose one from the mix. It was a big selection last time; chances are we'll have something worth watching!



— BEAR BUST JANUARY 14TH—

Bear Bust at the Chain Drive , 4 to 8 pm. Draft beer for \$1 per cup and a 50/50 raffle. Bartenders please sign up to work via

Club email. The success of our raffles depends on having a good turnout. Please support your Club by showing up and bringing

your friends for an afternoon in the company of bears and a few cold beers.

ANNUAL MEETING OF TCC—JANUARY 20TH

The Annual Meeting and election of officers of the Texas Conference of Clubs is set for Saturday, January 20 at 1 pm at Buzard's Peak. It is an activity weekend, which means that there may be work in progress on site

improvements or maintenance. The idea is to share the labor to the benefit of the member clubs of the Conference. There is no fee for camping during activity weekends, but you must bring all your own food, drink, and gear.

The bunkhouse will be ready with propane heating in case of cold weather. This is a great chance to get acquainted with our fellow member clubs of TCC and the notorious campground near Cameron in Milam County.

BEAR'S NIGHT OUT – THURSDAY, JANUARY 25TH

Kudos to Bearbudz, Bud Mc, for hosting a great BNO for December. Because of the holidays we decided to have a potluck at somebody's home instead of a

restaurant. This month we return to our customary format and will go Oriental again (this seems to be a big Bears' favorite!). Our chosen restaurant is Kim Phung,

located at 7106 N Lamar Blvd in the shopping strip just South of US183. Dinner is at 7 so don't be late!

SUPER BOWL MIXER – JANUARY 28TH

Join us at Leonard S' for refreshments, bears and America's

pigskin warriors in the last battle of the season. Details will be an-

nounced on the web site and/or TeleBear.



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BEARTHDAYS AND NEW MEMBEARS

Wish the following HOT Bears a Happy Birthday this month!

Stephen R.Jan 2
Waleed A.Jan 14
David M.Jan 21
Michael F.Jan 21
Robert L.Jan 23
Thomas T.Jan 27
James McD.Jan 28

Membership stands at 93 and we are thrilled to welcome some new HOT Bears to the Club:

Roy C., Stephen B., Keith R.

If you know these bears be sure to give them your personal welcome. If you do not know them, please make it a point to seek them out and introduce yourself.

OUT-OF-TOWN EVENTS

January 12-15
2001 Fiesta de los Osos
Bears of the Old Pueblo
Tucson, AZ
www.botop.com

February 15-19
International Bear Rendezvous
Bears of San Francisco
San Francisco, CA
www.bosf.org

March 1-4
Let Us Entertain You Weekend
Houston Council of Clubs
www.lueyweekend.com

March 29-April 1
Texas Bear Roundup VI
"A Bear Odyssey"
Dallas Bears
www.dallasbears.org

For more information about these and other events see Vice President Ed B.

BEAR BITS...

Bear Briefs Editor Resigns – The HOTB's owe a big debt of gratitude to Mike H, who has retired as Bear Briefs publisher. Thank you for a fine job Mike, getting our monthly newsletter ONLINE at last and looking better than ever before! The January Bear Briefs has been published by new member Roy C, Thanks Roy for jumping right in! Happy landings! We are happy to have Jon M-C staying on board as Editor.

ALBAAT Ink Cartridge Fund-raiser – The HOTBears have decided to try a recycling/fundraising idea. Most of us have inkjet printers, so it should be easy to do and does not cost anything. We can get

\$1 for each empty ink cartridge we collect from a company called AL-BATT. So far, we have not set up any bins anywhere for dropping off your used inkjet printer cartridges. If you have used ink cartridges, please bring them to any Club event or drop the Club an email and we'll figure out a way to collect them. If you have a good place to put a collection bin, please let us know. Tell your friends and coworkers about it and get them to donate their cartridges too. It beats sending them needlessly to the landfill and it puts a few dollars in our hands for Club expenses.

Bears and Dogs in the Park? Our November All Saints Picnic at

McKinney Falls State Park was lots of fun for the few bears who showed up. Ed B reported that the park staff was surprisingly friendly and sent anybody with a beard to the bears' "camp". We would like to go back another time and bring our dogs for a dog and bear show. Look for future announcements on this.

Bears in the Kitchen– Do you have any favorite recipes suitable for bears? Please send them in via email or USPS and we will compile them for sharing. We may even put out a Bear cookbook. Every bear enjoys good eats so dig up those recipes and send them in!

January

<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	6 Bear's Day Out – 10 am at Golden Corral (9710 N. Lamar)
7 Quarterly Membership Meeting	8	9	10	11	12	13 Movie Potluck – at Scott C's
14 Bear Bust @ Chain Drive 4-8 pm.	15 Martin Luther King Holiday	16	17	18	19	20 Annual Meeting of TCC @ Buzzard's Peak
21	22	23	24	25 Bear's Night Out Kim Phung Restaurant, 7601 N Lamar 451-2464	26	27
28 Super-Bowl Mixer – at Leonard S'	29	30	31			

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