



# Bear Briefs



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*The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears*

## HEART OF TEXAS BEARS—FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

My best friend, a man who has for over ten years been a constant source of amazement for me sent a letter and a picture took of me ten years ago. He was in the attic and ran across a notebook a therapist suggest he put together of the people he considered significant in his life. His lover had died three months before we met and it was a hard time for him. Whit sent me a copy of the page about me and wrote, "Of course you were in there. It was the shortest description of all. I knew exactly how I felt about you. I still do". I tell people when we first met I looked into his eyes and saw my own. We were two sad puppies. We helped each other though many holi-

days and he showed me every waterfall in western North Carolina. I miss him sometimes so much it hurts but I know he is just a phone call away and we decided on the day the picture was took, we would be friends forever. We learned many lessons together and watched each other grow far beyond each others expectations. Whit taught me what a true friend is and I find this friendship in my partner and with several members of our Club. Whit will always be my best friend but I know I have plenty of room in my heart for more great friendships. When David J. wrote the Club with a thank you and told us when he first came to know the HOT Bears. My favorite

part of the letter he wrote "The strangers became acquaintances, the acquaintances became friends, and the friends became family." Thank you, David.

On a lighter note, I want to thank those of you that have rejoined and welcome to our new members. We are thinking of a joint weekend in November with the Dallas Bears and I would like to know if anyone would be willing to host a Dallas Bear or two in their homes. And does anyone else think we should have a database of HOT Bears willing to open their homes for an out of town Bear? Let me know.

Hugs,  
Ed

## BEARS' DAY OUT—1 SEPTEMBER

A true Bears day out begins at 10 a.m. at Laura's Bluebonnet Kitchen located at 5408 Burnet Road. Nominated for Best Comfort food by Citysearch, the mention of the Bluebonnet Kitchen brought more than one sparkle to the eyes when mentioned as a possible breakfast haunt for the HOT Bears. From Breakfast tacos to Laura's Big Time, which has

eggs, sausage, bacon, home fries and pancakes, we think Laura's Bluebonnet Kitchen will become a HOT Bear favorite.

Bring a picnic basket or pick up a lunch special and plan on spending the day at Hippie Hollow, 7000 Comanche Trail with the HOT Bears. There is a fee of \$5 a carload and member nudity is acceptable, lewd

behavior is not. Directions: From the intersection of RR620 and FM2222, take RR 620 South 1.3 miles to Comanche Trail. Turn right on Comanche Trail and travel 2 miles. Park entrance is on your left. Splash is the following Sunday if you don't get enough eye candy on Saturday.



## THE AUSTIN GAY/LESBIAN INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL 24 AUGUST TO 6 SEPTEMBER

Several of the HOT Bears have volunteered to work with aGLIFF in manning the theater during the festival. The requirements for staffing have changed a bit; instead of three shifts of six, they only need one shift of six. We will be vol-

unteering on Tuesday 28 August and Tuesday 4 September. Each shift is from 5:45 to 10:15 pm. Volunteers will need to be there at 5:45 pm for a brief 30-minute orientation as to our duties. Let Jack L know if you will be able to volun-

teer and the date you prefer to volunteer.

Due to getting the Bear Briefs out in a timely manner we have no information on the movies but check local listings and support aGLIFF.



## BEAR PUB CRAWL—7 SEPTEMBER

'Bout Time, 9601 North 1-35, 7 p.m.

The HOT Bears have almost crawled a 360

checking out the bars in and around Austin. 'Bout Time is one of our favorites. Join us for happy

hours specials and check out the only gay bar in North Austin.

## BEAR BUST AT THE CHAIN DRIVE—9 SEPTEMBER

Chain Drive, 504 Willow, 4—8 p.m.

Last months Bear Bust was one of our most successful and is a great way to spend a lazy Sunday afternoon. Whether a \$1 draft from a HOTBeartender, or drink special from Bruce, a good time is sure to be had by all.

Many of you may not know that the profit from the Bear Bust goes to the AIDS Services of Austin's Paul Kirby Fund. The Paul Kirby Fund is special in that all monies received for the Fund go directly to meet client needs. Volunteers raise all Paul Kirby Fund donations, and none

of the AIDS Services of Austin's overhead or administrative expenses is paid from the fund. Our donations provide direct and immediate help to clients in need of financial assistance with rent, utility payments, medical insurance premiums and other basic needs.

## BEAR COFFEE—14 SEPTEMBER

Ruta Maya Coffee House, 218 West Fourth Street, 8 p.m.

Ruta Maya Coffee House was one of the first businesses to open in the downtown warehouse district six years ago. Ruta

Maya features live music nightly, poetry readings, art exhibits and much more. The menu features fine Ruta Maya and Cubita coffees and coffee drinks, beer and wine, Latin foods, Cuban sandwiches, baked

goods, pizza and ice creams. We will be alternating this event with Ruta Maya, Little City and Gaby n' Mo's keeping close to the bars and other nightlife events in the downtown area.

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## BEAR DIP AT BARTON SPRINGS POOL—16 SEPTEMBER

Join the HOT Bears for a dip in Barton Springs Pool, 2100 Barton Springs Road at 1 p.m. For many, this is the only swimming hole in

town. The park quit using chemicals in 1992 and Edwards Aquifer feeds Barton Springs Pool naturally. There is a weekend fee of

\$2.75. Bring a picnic lunch and share a dip in the pool with the HOT Bears.

## DIVE-IN MOVIE NIGHT—22 SEPTEMBER

HOT Bear members Ron & Steve open their house in September for a HOT Bear Dive-In Movie night beginning at 7 p.m. It should

still be warm enough for a dip in the pool as well as cartoons and a movie feature. This has been one of our most popular events! Bring

a dish to share at the pot-luck and BYOB. If you're planning on a dip in the pool, remember to bring a towel.

## BEAR'S NIGHT OUT—27 SEPTEMBER

Hoover's, 2002 Manor Road, 7 p.m.

This month, we return to the

site of some past Bear breakfasts for BNO. Hoover's evening fare is known for their Jamaican Jerk

Ribs, fried catfish and their bella maffaletta. There are also daily specials to try. See you there!

## FALL LVL PWA CAMPOUT—21 - 23 SEPTEMBER

The Fall LVL PWA Campout is scheduled for 21-23 September. This is the 6th LVL PWA Campout. Applications are available on the TCC website. This campout is free to anyone who is not able to attend a major run because of the financial impact HIV/AIDS has had on their lives. We need sponsors to help those who do not have transportation or camping equipment.

Individually, or as members of clubs, we all know at least one person who can not afford events such as Lonestar, Rosebud, etc. These

campouts were designed to give these people a weekend of fun at the TCC land site. Individual sponsors who wish to bring someone camping and who can afford it, are asked to make a \$25 contribution towards the cost of the campout. Clubs, groups and organizations are also needed as sponsors. For every \$25 contribution made and camper brought to the campout entitles that club/group/organization to have one of their members attend.

These events are great. Many of the campers do not want to leave

when it is over. For many, it is their first trip out of town in months or years. With all of us pitching in from around the state, we all can have a great and rewarding weekend.

For additional information please email [Tex4ever@hotmail.com](mailto:Tex4ever@hotmail.com).

Thanks,  
John Szewczyk  
LVL PWA Campout Coordinator

## BIG BEND BEAR BREAK

September 20-23, 2001 at Big Bend National and State Parks, TX

Eddy and John, a bear couple in Dallas, invite you to spend a low-maintenance, come-as-you-are, do-it-yourself-reservations bear gathering. Come join us for a weekend gathering of hirsute individuals and admirers in the stark,

desert landscape of the Big Bend Ranch State Park and Big Bend National Park. It's a non-event bear event. For more information about the weekend, visit <http://www.geocities.com/greyspeir/bigbend.htm> where all the details and phone numbers to make reservations are located. Also, if you want to tune

into the discussion on the weekend, or ask a question of Eddy & John, then join the Yahoo! Group they've set up for this event You can join the Yahoo! Group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/BigBendBears>. Come see Texas' answer to the Grand Canyon with your fellow bears!

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## BEAR THDAYS AND NEW MEMBEARS

Wish the following HOT Bears a Happy Birthday this month!

Carl F.....9/8  
Marcus M.....9/11  
Jerry P.....9/11  
Bud M.....9/12  
Karl G.....9/12  
Kirk L.....9/15  
Ed H.....9/18  
Lee T.....9/20  
Leonard S.....9/21  
Mike B.....9/26  
Jack L.....9/26  
Bob B.....9/27

Summer time renewal season is almost over. I have had to delete some members, but, I have also been able to have the pleasure to welcome

some new members.

This is always such a busy time of the year, some of your packages are running late in getting mailed out, I appreciate your patience, they are on their way!

The membership numbers are staying around 130 members. This month, I have renewed twenty-nine members, and we have nine new members. The current total is 130 members with 23 members due for renewal in September.

Please say hello and look for our new members: Laszlo B., John C., Fred C., Ben F., Dave H., Thomas J., Todd K., Lee T., and Johnny W.

## OUT-OF-TOWN EVENTS

9/21-23 Trinity River Bears camp-out at the Rainbow Ranch ([www.rainbowranch.net](http://www.rainbowranch.net)). The fee is \$75 (\$60 before 9/1) and includes meals on Friday evening, Saturday (bkfst, lunch, dinner) and Sunday (bkfst). All fees are included. Ice (\$1.50 per bag) and firewood (\$5 per bundle) are available. Send an email to the HOT Bears Secretary for an application.

8/30-9/3 Bear Decadence during Southern Decadence, New Orleans. This will be the New Orleans Bears' 7th Annual event during Decadence. This year's theme is "A Bear Obscenity!" More information can be found on their web site: [www.neworleansbears.com](http://www.neworleansbears.com)

## BEAR BITS...

The Board has received several requests for having another fund raiser for the animals in Austin. We discussed raising money for the critters, but we decided that there is another way we can help without having to raise money. The pet emergency clinic needs towels. They go through a lot of towels in an emergency, and can use as many as they can get. We decided for the month

of September, we would ask you to bring in your towels so we can donate them to the clinic. There will be an officer at all the events in the month, and you are welcome to bring us towels. Virtually every store in Austin has towels on sale right now, and you can buy new towels for your home, and bring us your old ones. All the towels will go to the animal emergency clinic

and will be greatly appreciated by their staff as well as people dealing with the crisis of their sick pets. We want to show them the HOT Bears don't just love the bears! So redecorate those bathrooms (follow all Aunt Martha's checklist for bathroom accessories) and donate your old towels to save help save the puppies and kitties of Austin.

# September

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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<b>9 Bear Bust</b> 4—8 p.m., Chain Drive, 504 Willow	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14 Bear Coffee</b> 7 p.m., Ruta Maya Coffee House, 218 W. Fourth St.	<b>15</b>
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