



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From The President's Desk

In honor of Gay Pride month and my last article as your president I want to share one of "my stories."

Many years ago I lived with a man who came home one day and announced that no one knew he was Gay. The problem at this time was I was getting over this closet case and being made to feel like I was some big old flaming queer that was holding him back from his rightful place in small town society. To make matters worse the spirit of this sassy black woman was taking

possession of my body. My head started rocking and my hand shot up on my hip, I thought "Oh no he did not go there!" I looked him up and down and quietly said "Honey, you live in a one hundred and seven year old Queen Anne Colonial Revival Victorian and a gambrel roof filled with more antiques than a PBS Road show, and we could feed a third world country on the china we have collected, you are over thirty, and have a *room mate*, your shoes have names that would match

your purses if you were a real woman and you are telling me no one knows you're Gay in the garden the Women's Club just toured? You are delusional!" And to think I took a hot air gun and removed my Pride flag from the bumper of my flame red Dodge Dakota when I first met this man!

To this day when I hear someone say they aren't out because of their job or no one knows I hear myself saying, "You are delusional!" Be proud of

who you are and respect yourself.

I want to thank each of you that have made my experience as your president such a rewarding and pleasant experience. I have had fun, met some great people and have some great memories.

I look forward to the new executive board taking over and I know Bud McMullen will be an outstanding president and spokesman for the HOT Bears.

Hugs,
Ed Burlison

Bears March In The Parade — June 1st, Saturday, 8 pm

The First Annual AGLCC Pride Parade! Yes, Austin is having their first Pride Parade!

"Celebrating Diversity" is set for downtown Austin. It begins on the Congress Avenue Bridge, then heads north to 4th Street, then west on 4th Street through the Warehouse District and ends at Republic Park at 4th and Guadalupe. The grand marshals are Mayor Gus Garcia and Travis County Sheriff Margo Frazier.

The HOT Bears are marching in the Parade!

We'll meet and assemble at TX DOT parking lot at 118 Riverside Drive at 7pm. The parade begins at 8pm. Each individual marching must sign a waiver for AGLCC to hold them harmless. Anyone who has not signed a waiver will not be permitted to march with us. To get to the TX DOT parking lot: If you are headed south on Congress Avenue, then it is the second driveway on the left at the south end of the bridge (The first one is the Austin American Statesman). If you are

headed west on Riverside Drive, then turn right (north) on Congress and it's the first driveway. The parking lot wraps around behind the building. The HOT Bears are in slot #39 (out of 42) so we'll be assembling near the back of the parking lot. We suggest that you park at the end of the parade route near Republic Park, then walk to the assembly point in the TX DOT parking lot. You will not be allowed to park in the TX DOT parking lot since it is the staging area for all the parade

participants.

We will be carrying our banner, several flags (including our Bear Flag!) and lighted Bear Lanterns. We'll be handing out "Bear Fans". Come and march with Pride with us!

The Bear Lanterns were graciously supplied by the Metro Bears of NYC. They carried them in the NYC Pride Parade last June (June 2001) and were excited that we would light them up for our nighttime parade!

Bears Day Out – Breakfast: It Does A Bear Good

When: Saturday,
June 1st,
10:00 am
Where: Austin Diner
5408 Burnet Road

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day and with the Pride Parade later in the day a HOT Bear needs plenty of fuel. This will also be the last breakfast with Ed Burluson as president (and defending himself for mistakes in the Bear Briefs!) Come rag on him while you still can!



Bears Night Out – A Evening In Cuba

When: Thursday,
June 27th,
7:00 pm
Where: Habanna
2728 South
Congress Ave.

One of the most unfortunate aspects of our non-relationship with Cuba is the 40 year embargo and lack of really great Cuban restaurants in the US... until now! From the main dishes to the appetizers there is something for the most finicky Bear. The Ropa Vieja is shredded beef cooked in Spanish spice and a tomato based sauce and means “old clothes” in Spanish. In the 1950’s when Cubans were starving under the Emperor

Batista, they would boil old pieces of clothing, cover them with sauce and eat them. needless to say, when meat was added to the sauce there was a celebration!

Austin’s Gay Pride Festival

When: Sunday,
June 2nd,
Noon – 8:00 pm
Where: Fiesta Gardens
2100 Bergman

diversity. With the passage of the James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Act that protects ALL Texans from hate crimes we have more reason to celebrate.

Pride Month is a time for us as a community to celebrate our achievements and

The Pride Festival will feature live music, an arts and crafts area, and community

booths along with some great food and drinks. Headlining for the Festival is a local singer/songwriter Patrice Pike (Formerly of Sister 7) and award winning boy band Schrodingers Cat. Once again the HOT Bears will have a booth. Stop by or help out.

If you'd like to take a shift at our booth at the Pride Festival, contact Ed at EdBearTX@aol.com or 512-491-8888.

Tickets are \$5 at the gate.

Welcoming Committee Report

The Committee met on May 5, 2002 to discuss ways new members can feel more comfortable in being part of the Heart of Texas Bears. The major thrust of inclusiveness was emphasized and the following ideas were discussed:

1. Mentoring program: if a new member was referred to the club by another member we suggest the Club member become a mentor to the new member by bringing him to Club functions and introducing him to other members; by

being an information source on questions raised by the new member; and any other general assistance the Club member can offer the new member.

2. Officer visits and personal letter of welcome: the President and any other officers should create a welcoming letter outlining club events, activities, references to by-laws etc. and make it as warm and fuzzy as possible. This could also be included in a Welcoming Kit that would include the letter, pins, discounts to Tape

Lenders, for example, and the roster of present members.

3. Emails: it was suggested that once the new member has joined, a general announcement be sent via email to all members asking to send the new member an email welcoming him to the club with any helpful information he might want to know about the Club member that emails him.

4. Pictures: in keeping with the new initiative of creating a photo to match the

roster listing, a picture of the new member should be taken as soon as possible and included in the roster directory.

The Board will probably want to sanction any or all of these suggestions at a regularly scheduled Board meeting and put into place a Welcoming Committee as a standing committee for the Club.

Respectfully submitted
Bud McMullen

TABC Certification Course

The Beartenders are thinning out and we are in need of HOT Bear TABC Certified individuals to server during our monthly Bear Bust

at the Chain Drive. The cost is \$25 and there are now two ways of getting certified. Call Bob Mann at (512) 476-SAFE (476-7233) for a schedule of

his classes, or go online at: <http://www.LearnToServe.com>

Get certified, then bring your TABC card and two

photocopies to the Bear Bust and enjoy the power of being a HOT Bear Beer Slinging Sex God!

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Interfaith Pride Service

Saturday, June 1st
University Baptist, 6pm
2130 Guadalupe Street

An Interfaith Pride service will be held and collaborative effort of several diverse religious communities who are open and affirming to the GLBT community with a special appearance by the Capital City Men's Chorus.

Country/Western Dancing

Saturday, June 8th
Heart Of Texas Hoedowners
Go Dance Studio, 7pm
9029 Research Blvd.
(Burnet & 183)

Country Western Dancing! Professional instruction of intermediate two-step patterns from 7-8pm with open dancing (two step, western swing, line dance, country waltz and cha cha) after 8PM. The cost is \$5 for members of the HOT Hoedowners or any IAGLCWDC Club, and \$10 for non-members. Or, join the Heart of Texas Hoedowners for \$15 and admission to this event is Free! See www.hoedowners.org for more information.

Bear Karaoke Night

Thursday, June 6th
Neon Nites, 7pm
2503 South General
Bruce Drive, Temple, TX

Join Kirk and Max for a night of Karaoke in beautiful downtown Temple. Neon Nights offer dollar domestic longnecks and provides set-ups for those brown bagging it. Take I-35 to Temple, then take Exit 300. This brings you to South General Bruce Drive. Take it to 49th Street; Neon Nights is on the corner. Also see www.TexasNeonNights.com for a map and directions.

Bear Bust

Sunday, June 9th
Chain Drive, 4-8pm
504 Willow St.

Join the HOT Bears and the fine staff of the Chain Drive for an afternoon of \$1 draft and drink specials. This will be the last Bear Bust for the current executive board and should be full of surprises. This is also a great time to meet and grrrrret members of the HOT Bears.

Bear Bar Crawl

June 20th - 7pm
Rainbow Cattle Company
305 West 5th Street

This month the Bear Crawl takes us to the Rainbow Cattle Company. Thursday night is one again steak night and happy hour prices are all night. Join the HOT Bears for steak and dancing!

Bears at Fiesta Texas

Saturday, June 22nd
Six Flags Fiesta Texas
1700 IH-10 West
San Antonio, Texas

Six Flags Fiesta Texas is located 15 minutes from downtown San Antonio at I-10 West and Loop 1604, exit 555. For all the HOT Bear "Coaster Bears", we will meet at the gate at noon. General admission is \$35.99. If you plan on attending give Ed Burleson a call at 512-491-8888 or e-mail him at EdBearTX@aol.com. Anyone wishing to share a ride should let him know.

The Coronation of Bud McMullen

When: Sunday, June 30th,
5:00 – 8:00 pm

Where: Dick's Deja Disco
2nd & San Jacinto

To help usher in the new HOT Bear officers in style we are going to have a coronation

for our incoming President, Bud McMullen.

This fabulous event will be held at Dick's Deja Disco on Sunday, June 30th from 5 to 8 pm. It will include such savory items as hamburgers

and hot dogs grilled right before your eyes. A woofy troupe of bears will entertain you as they perform the all time favorite "Shower Bears."

Fabulous prizes will be available as part of a raffle.

All money raised by the food/donations/raffle will benefit Project Transitions.

You too can be a shower bear by calling Ed at 512-491-8888 or emailing him at EdBearTX@aol.com.

Balls Out Bear Blast VII at Pinus Beach

When: June 14 – 16
Where: Pinus Beach

One again, Rafael Jimenez will host one of the wildest events of the year. This year collaborating with Cub Magazine, he is bringing

the biggest and best Bears Out Ball Blast ever!

Most of the HOT Bears are regular partygoers at "Pinus Beach" and for those of you that have never attended one of the weekend campouts here is your chance to find out

just how wild those Bastrop parties really are.

Rafael has set up an online community to answer any questions you may have and to serve as a clearinghouse for getting out all the information you might need

and checking out pictures from past parties (in case you needs some incentive):

<http://communities.msn.com/BallsOutBearBlast7>.

All members of the HOT Bears and their friends are invited.

June

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
						1 10a: Bear's Day Out, Austin Diner 8p: Pride March
2 12-8p: Pride Fest, Fiesta Gardens	3	4	5	6 7p: Bear Karaoke, Texas Neon Nights, Temple, TX	7	8 7-10p: Heart of Texas Hoedowners county dancing, Go Dance studio
9 4-8p: Bear Bust, Chain Drive	10	11	12	13	14 <i>Balls Out Bear Blast</i>	15 <i>Balls Out Bear Blast</i>
16 <i>Balls Out Bear Blast</i>	17	18	19	20 7p: Bear Bar Crawl, Rainbow Cattle Co. (5 th & Lavaca)	21	22 Noon: Bear fun at Fiesta Texas, San Antonio
23	24	25	26	27 7p: Bears Night Out Habana (South Lamar)	28	29
30 5-8p: Bud's Coronation, Dick's Deja Disco (2 nd & San Jacinto)	Balls Out Bear Blast: at Rafael's in Bastrop. Fiesta Gardens: 2100 Bergman, off 1 st Street east of IH-35. Texas Neon Nights: TexasNeonNights.com, IH-35 exit 300 in Temple (2503 S. General Bruce Drive). County Dancing: HeartOfTexasHoedowners.org, 9020 Research Blvd (Burnet & 183). Fiesta Texas: meet at the park entrance at noon.					

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