



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From The President's Desk

"Change"—probably the most feared and misunderstood word in the English language...unless that change is for the better. Well, change is coming to the Heart of Texas Bears and I believe it will be for the better.

For beginners, we plan on adding a section or two to the Bear Briefs that hasn't appeared before. One of those sections appears in this edition called "Upcoming Events." How often does it happen that you get a copy of the Briefs at the end of the month only to find out that an event you wanted to attend would be

happening in one or two days—and you already booked your calendar for something else.

I can credit Jamie Reaser for suggesting this and it makes great sense. We'll add events we know about for the first two weeks in the following month to the Briefs, and other major events in the upcoming months—so you will be able to mark your calendars for all of August and see what's coming up the first two weeks of September and beyond.

Other changes will occur on our newly designed website

beginning in mid-August, early September. Remarkable Mark and Tim, as new webmasters—I love that word!—will be enhancing and improving our site with all the bells and whistles it takes to make it one of the best Bear sites in the country—and member-friendly.

My first priority for the Club is for me and everyone else to get to know the members on a more personal basis. There are 130 members and I'm lucky if I know 45 by name and sight. That just doesn't cut it, and I hope you agree with me. We're going to

ask every member who wants to and feels comfortable about it, to submit an email picture of himself to the Webmaster when it gets up and running. More on this when the capability is set up.

So "change" can be a good thing, as Martha might say. And I want to hear from other members about what they want to see changed in the way the Club operates or suggestions on how to improve everyone's participation.

Bears Day Out — a Day in Wimberly

When: Saturday,
August 3rd,
10:00 am
Where: Austin Diner
5408 Burnet Road
Followed by: a day trip
to Wimberly

Quite a few members have expressed interest in reenergizing a true "day out" so we'll try this month with a breakfast at Austin Diner at 10:00 a.m. followed by a trip to Wimberly to browse the

streets and art galleries.

There's always something going on in Wimberly so we hope there's enough interest in this "day out" to continue others.



Bear Beer Bust

When: Sunday,
August 11th,
4 – 8pm
Where: Chain Drive
504 Willow Rd.

We'll have some newly registered bartenders serving at the Chain Drive for this monthly tradition and, remember, all tips go to the Club. If you want to become a

bartender, it's easy.

Log on to the website—learn2serve.com—take the test (be patient, it takes about two hours), send in the \$25 required by the state,

which you can do by credit card on the site, and wait a few days for your authorization card. We need the additional help and it's always fun.

Birthday Bears — For July and August

Bill B..... 7/7
Chris M 7/20
Toshio N 7/22

Robert S..... 7/22
John B..... 7/25
Shawn F..... 7/26

Jeff M..... 7/26
John K..... 8/6
Jon M..... 8/19

John G..... 8/20
Rhodes G..... 8/30

Bears Night Out – Hoover's

When: Thursday,
August 29th,
7pm

Where: Hoover's Cooking
2002 Manor Road
Continuously voted best
chicken dish and vegetables by
The Austin Chronicle voters,

Hoover's really offers the best
"Bear" food in the city.

Always a favorite with the
Bears, we're heading back to
Hoover's for an evening of
food, fun, and fur!

Bear Bar Crawl – Charlie's

When: Friday,
August 9th,
7:00pm

Where: Charlie's
13th and Lavaca

We can't remember when
we last visited Charlie's, but
we decided it was about time

we went back. The bartenders
are friendly, the two pool
tables and dart room are fun
and the overall crowd is
always funloving.

So hope to see you there.

Turtle Creek Chorale Performance in Austin

When: Saturday,
August 3rd,
7:00pm

Where: MCC Austin Church
8601 South 1st St

Yes, the well-known
group from Dallas will be
performing at the MCC
Church at 8601 South 1st
Street on Saturday, August 3

at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$25
and seating is limited. Don't
miss it.

Call 291-8601 for tickets
or visit their website at: www.mccaustin.com.

[mccaustin.com](http://www.mccaustin.com).



Gary & Denny's Cookout

When: Saturday,
August 17th,
1:30pm : Rafting,
4:00pm : Cookout

Where: Their home

Gary and Denny want as
many HOT Bear members as
possible to join them in an

afternoon of rafting the
Guadalupe River and return to
their home for an old-
fashioned cookout.

We'll all meet at their
home off IH-35, Exit 205 in
San Marcos (see member
calendar for exact address)

and afterwards join them for
an early afternoon/evening
cookout. Please bring a
potluck dish to share. If you
are not drinking draft beer,
BYOB.

Gary says it's only 25
minutes from Austin to their

exit so it's **not** that far. The
rafting is only \$5 per person
and you can raft as long as you
like. The normal trip from
where you pick up your inner
tube to the end is about 45
minutes and it's delightful.



Bud's Coronation

A fun time was had by everyone on Sunday,
June 30th at Dick's Deja Disco. The occasion was
the installation of our new board of officers: Bud,
John, Scott, and Kirk. Ed (far left), the outgoing
president, crowns Bud, the incoming HOT Bears
president.

To help celebrate the event, several woofy
men hopped in the shower and put on a show for
us. Jack (below) and Ed were two of the Bears
who put on an exciting show.

After they dried off, Jack and Ed (below, far
left), the outgoing VP and pres, wished the new
board lots of luck!



John did very well at
selling raffle tickets!



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Austin Pride Festival 2002

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Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar Now

**Friday, August 9th —
Sunday, August 11th**

ACE II — Alamo City Entertainment II — is an event like Houston's LUEY and is hosted by the San Antonio Council of Clubs. It's free for non-San Antonio residents. Contact dannyb@satx.rr.com for registration information.

Saturday, September 7th

Bears Day Out at the Austin Diner, 10:00 a.m. followed by a "mystery trip!"

Sunday, September 8th

Bear Beer Bust at the Chain Drive, 4-8pm.

**Friday, September 13th —
Sunday, September 15th**

The Oklahoma City Red Earth Bears will hold their annual "Bearadise" at the Habana Inn in OKC. It's \$55 before August 15 and \$65 thereafter.

Call Bud McMullen at 346-9111 for applications or write to the Red Earth Bears at: P.O. Box 57561, OKC, OK 73157. Book the Habana

early as it's a popular function!

**Sunday, October 13th
Teddy Bear Picnic**

Our HOT Bears Quarterly Meeting will be held in the Dick Nichols Park picnic pavilion, 8011 Beckett Rd. in South Austin, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

We'll supply the dogs, burgers, buns, plates, cups, forks, and soft drinks — you supply a potluck dish and any other beverage. Pins, T-shirts and caps will be available for sale and we hope to see as many members as possible.

Cowbear Steak Night at Rainbow

When: Thursday,
August 15th,
7:00pm

Where: Rainbow Cattle Co.
5th and Lavaca

The best deal in town — only \$5 for a good steak, salad, veggies and a potato. The crowd on a Thursday night increases because of this dinner, so come on down.

**Friday, November 8th —
Sunday, November 10th**

Texas Gay Rodeo Association (TGRA) is in Austin at the Travis County Expo Center. For more information and tickets, call 214-346-2107 or go to www.tgra.org.

Rainbow Skate Nights

When: Every 2nd & 4th
Wednesday of the
month, 8 - 10 pm
(August 14th & 28th
this month)

Where: Skate World
Northwest,
9514 Anderson Mill
258-8886

For \$6 you can skate your butt off or out! If you have your own skates, bring them; otherwise the \$6 includes rentals of skates.

Proceeds from Skate Nights benefits Austin charities.



aGLIFF Film Festival

The Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival is again one of the highlights of the year, especially for filmophiles! At press time here's the information we have: Festival dates are August 22 to September 2. Since the Arbor theatre has closed, the festival will be held at the

Metropolitan on IH-35 South.

John Cowart of TapeLenders, our Vice President, has graciously agreed to have the HOT Bears join him for recognition of his efforts and sponsorship of aGLIFF the night of Friday, August 23rd for the showing of a new Margaret Cho film.

Please check below for

time and place which will be posted on aGLIFF's website beginning August 1.

We would really like as many Bears in the audience as we can muster, so please plan on attending. For more information, log onto their website at www.aGLIFF.org or call 512-302-9889.



August

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
Bears Day Out: Breakfast at Austin Diner followed by a day trip to Wimberly. Turtle Creek Chorale: Performance at MCC Austin Church. Tickets & info at 291-8601 or at www.mccaustin.com .				1	2	3 10a: Bears Day Out 7p: Turtle Creek Chorale at MCC
4	5	6	7	8	9 7p: Bear Bar Crawl at Charlie's 10p: ACE II in San Antonio begins	10 ACE II
11 4-8p: Bear Bust ACE II	12	13	14 8-10p: Rainbow Skate Night	15 7p: Cowbear Steak Night at Rainbow Cattle Company	16	17 1:30p: Rafting 4p: Cookout at Gary & Denny's
18	19	20	21	22 aGLIFF (film festival) begins	23 Bear night at aGLIFF	24
25	26	27	28 8-10p: Rainbow Skate Night	29 7p: Bears Night Out at Hoover's Cooking	30	31

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aGLIFF: Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival, Aug. 22nd – Sept. 2nd, www.aGLIFF.org.

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