



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From The President's Desk

August already? Doesn't seem like summer could be coming to a close so quickly. There are however, a lot of activities being planned during the autumn months. The Heart of Texas Bears met on July 13th, 2003 at the home of Steve Rison. Before I get to other topics, I would like to thank Steve for hosting this meeting. It was a nice relaxed meeting, lots of things discussed, and a dip in the pool at the close of business was especially nice.

On to Bear Business, The Executive Committee has discussed at their organization meeting and at the Heart of Texas Bears quarterly meeting a desire to plan for coming months further in advance than we have in the past. If possible, we would like to be able to set up each quarter events at each quarterly meeting. This will allow each of us to view through our website the dates for our Beer Busts, Game Nights, Movie Nights, Bears Day Out, Bear Dinners and other special events scattered throughout the year. In listening to the membership, we have learned that attendance at conflicting events has been a problem due to the fact that each month's calendar accompanying our Bear Briefs may be received a day or two before a scheduled event. We have begun to add to the calendar, other clubs or

organization events which enables us (in our scheduling of regular events) to accommodate those special activities hosted by other organizations. At this past quarterly meeting, having information and dates for AGLIFF, TGRA and Dallas Pride Parade we were able to organize our calendar to accommodate HOTB regular activities and other group's charitable events without conflict. **I want to let each of the members know that the calendars are available at our website in advance of the newsletter and would encourage each of you to visit the site regularly.**

As a side note, our membership will be seeing many improvements in the coming months as we update the website. More on Website updates in upcoming issues. Thanks to HOTB member, Tim Bratcher for facilitating this.

The Executive Committee is also looking to schedule members (those holding TABC servers licenses) to assist at the monthly "Beer Busts". We are looking at incentives for members wishing to pursue the license and hope that any members who received their membership through previous club incentives offer to step forward and fill a two hour

time slot in this quarters schedule. This month set a new record of 143 beers sold from 4:00 pm. to 8:00 pm. Our boys tipped well, too, a generous \$80! - A new high of their show of admiration! We would also like to acknowledge that the United Court fed hungry bears delicious grilled chicken with homemade veggies & fixin's! **Join us** next time for Second Sunday's **Bear Bust** at the Chain Drive's back bar - August 10th. at 4:00 pm. till 8:00 pm. and let those great cooks from the United Court feed us another great meal.

The Executive Committee too, with the support of the membership has established a Membership Committee and Activities Committee. Lots of ideas came out of these discussions. The Executive Committee anticipates great ideas on how to promote our club from these committees. Those members who have already volunteered to staff these committees are much appreciated by the Executive Committee for their willingness to support our goals for the future of our club.

HOTB member, John Cowart has offered to organize a Heart of Texas Bear Cookbook along with some related activities

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promoting the book and its contents. John will be looking for contributions of your favorite recipes in a number of categories. John and his committee will provide more information when a process for collection and publication has been established. You can begin looking for those old favorite recipes now.

Some members have expressed an interest in participating in the Dallas

Pride Parade. You may be aware that the Heart of Texas Bear's won the "Best Vehicle" award in Austin's parade. Our plan thus far includes decorating my truck as we did for our parade and having our own Mr. American Bear, James Daniher, ride in Bud McMullen's convertible, top down of course. Members wanting to participate can walk with banners and other paraphernalia we bring with us. While in the Dallas – Fort Worth Area we are also

looking to join our Trinity River Bear Club brothers at their Bear Fest and hang out with the Dallas Bears at the Hidden Door. We are finalizing some plans that include a weekend in Dallas enjoying Six Flags, Trinity River Bears Club festivities and the parade. We will be looking for members of the Dallas – Fort Worth Clubs to host our members at their homes if at all possible.

In closing I want to

remind the membership of opportunities to volunteer to help with the Rodeo planned for the 6th of September and for the Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival (August 21st—September 1st). I hope to see you at one of our August events. Look at your calendars, check out the website at www.HeartOfTexasBears.org. Come join the fun.

Tom Bolt

Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, August 2, 2003

Bears Day Out breakfast at Austin Diner, 5408 Burnet Road.

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Steve Rison's Dawg Daze Summer Splash starting at 2pm. Bring a potluck dish. Keg beer provided.

Sunday, August 10, 2003

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the Chain Drive from 4pm — 8pm.

August 21 – 24

Bear Jam 2003, Nashville, TN, put on by the Music City Bears

August 21 – Sept 1, 2003

The 16th annual Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival. Bear volunteers wanted. Contact the club secretary for more information and visit www.agliff.org.

Thursday, August 28, 2003

Bears Night Out dinner at Pokey Joe's BBQ on 5th Street, just east of MoPac. At 7pm (Bear Time).

September 5 – 7

TGRA Rodeo, Travis County Expo Center. TGRA has the big air-conditioned indoor arena this time. HOT Bears can volunteer to help with security and get in free.

September 5 – 7

International Bears Weekend, Sept. 5-7, put on by Bearhug of London.

September 12 – 14

Cowtown Leather Men run at Buzzard's Peak (\$60 by Aug. 1st). More information and applications at: cowtownleathermen@hotmail.com

September 12 – 14

Bearadise 2003, Oklahoma City, put on by the Red Earth Bears.

September 20 – 21

Gay Pride Weekend in Dallas. Saturday is Gay Day at

Six Flags amusement park. Advance tickets are \$30; comedian Georgia Ragsdale will be performing. Sunday is the Dallas Pride Parade. HOT Bears will march in the parade!

September 26 – 28

Crescent City Outlaws presents JAIL BREAK 3 in New Orleans.

October 10 – 12, 2003

Rosebud Run at Buzzard's Peak in Cameron, TX. We're hoping to make this a more Bear-ish run and encourage other Texas Bear Brothers to join us!

Be a Bear Volunteer – Twice Even!

During the 16th annual Austin Gay and Lesbian International Film Festival, August 21 — September 1, the HOT Bears will volunteer to work at the festival one day. This is a fun activity that we've done for the past several years. We help out by taking tickets, directing the crowd, and generally being friendly Bears. As an added bonus, the volunteers can watch the movies that night for free! We don't have an exact date setup yet, but we'll try to make it a Saturday

afternoon / evening. If you'd like to help on "Bear Night" at the festival, contact TapeLenders at 472-0844. Tell them you're a Bear who wants to volunteer for aGLIFF. They'll take down your contact info and get back to you soon!

During the TGRA Rodeo, September 5 — 7, the Bears will be helping out with security. This is also a volunteer activity that we've done for several years. It seems that Bears and Cowboys get along with each

other very well! We're still working out the details, but we will probably be working security at the Travis County Expo Center on Saturday, September 6th. If you'd like to help out, contact Leonard Schlueter at austxbear@aol.com or 238-7005.



Mr. HOT Bear 2003 Contest

We are looking for folks to help with organizing the Mr. HOT Bear Contest in November. Any ideas and

support for that event should be directed to the executive board. Woof!

A HOT Bear Run? Yes!

During our last Quarterly Bear Business Meeting we talked about working with some other Bear clubs in Texas to organize a mini "Bear" run during the Rosebud Run. Rosebud is held every year at the TCC landsite, Buzzards Peak, in

Cameron, Texas. We are going to contact the folks who organize Rosebud and some other Bear clubs to see if they'd like to join us for a camp-out. The camp-out will be the weekend of October 10 — 12 this year; nice weather for camping!

By holding a "mini Bear run" as part of the well established Rosebud Run we hope to be able to create a fun event without all of the "overhead" of planning and organizing the event all by ourselves.

The event is still a couple of months away, but we need to start planning now. Mark your calendar for this camp-out. If you'd like to help with the planning please contact Steve Rison at BareBears@austin.rr.com or 459-5842.



Photos from the new officers installation party at Dick's Deja Disco on June 28th and the "Dive-In Movie" Night at Marcus & Ed's house on April 19th



Greetings!

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
					1	2 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast (Austin Diner, 5408 Burnet Rd) 2p: Dawg Daze Party
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 4-8p: Bear Bust (Chain Drive, 504 Willow Street)	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 aGLIFF's 16 th annual film festival runs through September 1 st	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 7p: Bears Night Out at Pokey Joe's BBQ (1603 West 5 th street)	29	30
31	<p>View the latest calendar information for this month and future months at the online calendar on the HOT Bears web site. Film Festival: www.aGLIFF.org</p>					

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