



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From The President's Desk

Demanding workload this month and condensed preparation time to generate my message have resulted in an abbreviated note to the members this month. My apologies! From our Board meeting held on August 10, 2003 a few noteworthy decisions were made.

First if you have not already received my letter regarding t-shirts and pins you will shortly. Expenses and budget constraints have forced some modification to former policy. Unfortunately some tough decisions have to be made and I am thankful that the current board is not shying away from discussion and decision-making.

Second, the board decided not to participate through its newsletter, in political invitations or advertisements. As a social club we feel that we should not be making representations of support or

non-support for candidates, policies or viewpoints. Keeping it simple is our goal.

The Executive Committee has been busy trying to coordinate all the activities scheduled at the end of August and during the month of September. Your board members thank all of you who chosen to assist at the Austin screening of aGLIFF presentation of "Manly Men" on Saturday, August 30th at 5pm. Volunteers are the key to the success of this effort.

I am not certain where we stand with volunteers to help with TGRA Rodeo planned September 5th, 6th and 7th. I am sure that last minute volunteers are welcomed. Please let us know through the website if you are able to volunteer for this event.

As mentioned last month we are planning to participate in the Dallas Pride weekend including representation of our

club in the parade on Sunday. Club Vice-President Steve Rison has been working diligently on ways to organize the event along with scheduling for participation in the events planned for the weekend in Dallas/Ft. Worth. Please take time to read the "Bears Out of Their Dens" article submitted by Steve outlining plans thus far. I am in the process of writing to the Presidents of the Dallas/Ft. Worth clubs hoping to find lodging in member's homes or in facilities close to the festivities. Please contact Steve as soon as possible indicating your desire to join us. Again, I want to remind you to check the calendar regularly as we update it often. The calendar, in addition to noting dates for our club activities, also includes activity information submitted to us by other clubs.

Tom Bolt

Bears Out of Their Dens

We have a great opportunity to support the gay community and foster some positive camaraderie with our fellow bear organizations in the Dallas/Ft. Worth area by attending the Dallas Gay Pride Parade and Festival Week-end. Plans are now progressing to have a delegation of H.O.T. Bears head to the Dallas/Ft. Worth area on Friday, September 19th.

Friday night is presently open but we are in consultation with the Dallas Bears and the Trinity River Bears to co-ordinate some week-end activities. Saturday has a Gay Day/Six Flags agenda followed by the Bear Fest sponsored by the Trinity River Bears at the Corral Club in Ft. Worth. On Sunday, Sept. 21st, the Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade will see the H.O.T. Bears

marching along with many other participants and culminating in the Dallas Pride Festival at Lee Park.

We are looking to see if the local area bear groups would be willing to provide lodging for our members to cut our costs and foster greater facilitation for our week-end activities. If you are interested in participating in what will be a fun-filled week-end in the Metroplex please contact

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Steve Rison, at BareBears@austin.rr.com as soon as possible so that we can better organize our accommodation requests.

Hope y'all can join us!

Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

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.

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.

Saturday, September 6

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at Austin Diner, 5408 Burnet Road.

September 12 — 14

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

September 12 — 14

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

Sunday, September 14

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the Chain Drive from 4pm — 8pm. Join the Bears at our home bar for \$1.50 beer.

September 18 — 20

BITO Bears In The Outdoors. A Fun, Furry, camping experience sponsored by the Kansas City Cave Bears

September 19 — 21

Gay Pride Weekend in Dallas. **Bearfest** — Saturday: Corral Club North 40, Fort Worth. Join the Trinity River Bears as they celebrate Pride Weekend in Fort Worth. **Gay Day Six Flags** — Saturday: Advance tickets are \$30; comedian Georgia Ragsdale will be performing. **Dallas Pride Parade** — Sunday: HOT Bears will make their Dallas Parade debut. See the "Bears out of their Dens" article.

Thursday, September 25

Bears Night Out dinner at Habana, a great Cuban restaurant on South Congress (2728 S. Congress). At 7pm (Bear Time).

September 26 — 28

Crescent City Outlaws presents JAIL BREAK 3 in New Orleans.

Saturday, September 27

Bear Movie Night at Marcus and Ed's house. 7pm.

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!



Bears in the Woods

Isn't it time for a gathering of bears in the woods? We have a "golden honey" opportunity just around the corner. The annual Rosebud (camping) run is set for the week-end of October 10th, 11th and 12th at Buzzard's Peak in Cameron, Texas. The cost is \$75.00 and that covers everything including all meals and beverages (beer and sodas).

If you haven't been in the past maybe it's time to adventure into this private clothing optional woodsy

locale only about an hour and a half from Austin. For those who have been there before you already know what a special, fun and feisty gathering it can be. There are shower facilities, flush toilets and a full kitchen. Electricity into your tent (for fans or toys) can be arranged for an extra \$10.00 so it can hardly be called "roughing it."

In any case, we are encouraging bears from around the state to join us and the Dallas Motorcycle Club in making this a special week-

end of fun and maybe even a little debauchery. The run applications should be arriving here shortly so put this on your October calendar and plan to run (or walk) with the Bears in the Woods!!!



Photos from Steve's Dawg Daze of Summer party



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!



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If you have any questions, please contact me at TapeLenders
512-472-0844 or come by 1114 W. 5th St. in Austin.

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September

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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	3	4	5	6 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast (Austin Diner, 5408 Burnet Rd)
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 4-8p: Bear Bust (Chain Drive, 504 Willow Street)	15	16	17	18	19 Sept. 19 - 21 Gay Pride Weekend in Dallas	20 Bearfest in Ft. Worth. Gay Day at Six Flags in Arlington
21 Alan Ross Texas Freedom Parade in Dallas – HOT Bears will be marching!	22	23	24	25 7p: Bears Night Out at Habana (2728 South Congress)	26	27 7p: Bear Movie Night at Marcus and Ed's house
28	29	30	<p>August 30, 5pm: screening of "Manly Men" at aGLIFF. The Bears are the spotlighted organization. Join us for this fun movie screening. See aglifff.org for more info.</p> <p>See the article in this month's <i>Bear Briefs</i> for more information on the activities that the HOT Bears will be participating in during the weekend of Sept. 19 in Dallas.</p>			

Bears Night Out: Habana. 2728 South Congress. Great Cuban food.

View the latest calendar information for this month and future months on the online calendar on the HOT Bears web site.

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