



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From The President's Desk

What a great month September turned out to be. Lots of activities that we both volunteered to participate in or traveled to be a part of. I want to begin by thanking Mike L., Joe C., and Bud M. for volunteering to do crowd control at the aGLIFF presentation of Manly Men. I had the chance to do a brief commentary on who the Heart of Texas Bears are. Although I get the opportunity to speak publicly often, I found myself a bit nervous at show time. I had wanted my message to include an invitation to visit with the bears as well as checking out our website to search for activities some might like to participate in. Bud, Mike, Joe and I, took tickets, assisted with directions, cleaned theaters after a movie and tabulated results from surveys on best pictures. There was a volunteer appreciation party held later in the month. P.S. We did get to see some of the shows.

As you may recall the Heart of Texas Bears won the best vehicle award in the Austin Pride Parade. Shortly after the Austin Parade club members decided it might be fun to take the show on the road. Steve Rison tirelessly arranged for HOTB representation in the Dallas Pride Parade on Sunday September 21; meeting up with the Dallas Bear Club at TMC Friday night, Gay Day

at Six Flags on Saturday and a stop at the Corral Club in Ft. Worth on Saturday evening. I have to say that it appeared that all who made the trip north had a great weekend. What was particularly heartwarming were the thanks we heard from the crowds both along the parade route and at the rally afterwards for our support. Lots of folks chanted we want the bears. Some of us choose to believe they wanted the live bears, not Jack and Mike's bears perched on top of the truck cab. The weather was great and I know that many pictures were taken, to be shared with the club.

What I would like to add here is that for those of us who have volunteered and participated in other club or city events is that we are realizing the importance of camaraderie. Austin's HOTB Club is being recognized for it's fun, non-political, carefree way of brotherhood. Our social organization is developing a positive reputation for the way in which we enjoy each other's company and work together to make any event exciting. I am proud of that and want to encourage other members less inclined to volunteer to become more involved in promoting our organization.

Rosebud is approaching and Steve Rison has included information in the briefs regarding the "Meeting of the Gods". Please (if your

interested) let Steve know that you are. There will be a short planning session at Steve's house on Saturday, October 4th right after the Bears Day Out breakfast. As of the writing of this communication I am not sure of availability. Ed Burleson has been working on our interpretation of the theme and I am sure we will set some new standards again this year. We have both raised and lowered the bar before.

Some of you may know that Mark S. had to step down from his duties as Secretary of the Organization in September. I as well as other board members would like to thank Mark for all of the work he had done thus far. At the time of his departure he had completed much work for the coming months. This will undoubtedly help our appointed Interim Secretary Tim Bratcher. Tim has graciously offered to fill the remainder of Mark's term and I expect to be able to confirm his permanent position as Secretary in November. Tim, thanks so much for assisting the club.

In closing, take a look at our website, contact us with information you think might be helpful or informative to club members and most of all let's try to catch up at one of the many events scheduled for October.

Tom Bolt, President

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Upcoming Events – Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, October 4

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

Saturday, October 4

Planning meeting for the Rosebud Run. The meeting will be held at Steve Rison's house immediately after Bears Day Out breakfast.

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!

Sunday, October 12

HOT Bears Quarterly Business meeting. The meeting will be held at 1pm at AIDS Services of Austin (7215 Cameron Road).

Sunday, October 12

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the Chain Drive (504

Willow Drive) from 4pm — 8pm. Join the Bears at our home bar for \$1.50 beer.

Thursday, October 23

Bears Night Out dinner at Buffet Palace, a great Asian buffet restaurant. We'll be at the one up north; 1012 West Anderson Lane. Dinner is at 7pm (Bear Time).

Saturday, October 25

Bear Movie Night at Tom Bolt's house. Bring food and/

or drinks to share. The fun starts at 7pm.

Saturday, November 1

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

Saturday, November 1

Halloween Party at Leonard's house. The party starts at 7pm. Come dressed in your favorite bear costume!

Rosebud Run - A Meeting of the Gods

Only 2 weeks left to get your applications submitted for the camping run. Applications can be downloaded directly by accessing www.titancomics.com/rb23_application.htm. The cost for the week-end is \$75.00 which includes food, beer, soda and all camping

fees. The theme is focused on a "meeting of the gods" and the H.O.T. Bears are already planning for the cocktail party which is scheduled for midnight on Friday, October 10th. The run, in its 23rd year, promises to be a fun gathering of bears as we hope to encourage other bears from around the state to join us. It is

a nice time of year to romp in the woods and is only an hour and a half from Austin. If you have any questions or are unable to download the application please contact our vice-president, Steve Rison or events coordinator Ed Burleson. Hope you can join us in the woods.

HOT Bear 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.

Heart of Texas Bears in Dallas for Gay Day at Six Flags and marching in the Dallas Gay Pride Parade (Sept 20 - 21)



Photos courtesy of Steve Rison and James Danher

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October

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Quarterly Membership Meeting: at AIDS Services Austin (ASA) - 7215 Cameron Road. Membership meeting starts at 1pm. Then its Bear Bust at Chain Drive at 4pm.</p>			1	2	3	4 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast (Austin Diner, 5408 Burnet Rd) 12p: Rosebud Planning at Steve's
5	6	7	8	9	10 <i>Rosebud – A Meeting See Bear Briefs for</i>	11 <i>of The Gods (10-12) more information.</i>
12 1p: Quarterly Membership Meeting at ASA Austin 4-8p: Bear Bust (Chain Drive, 504 Willow Street)	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 7p: Bear Movie Night at Tom B's house
26	27	28	29	30 7p: Bears Night Out at Buffet Palace 1012 W. Anderson Lane	31	Nov 1 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast 7p: Halloween Party at Leonard S's

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

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