



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the President's Desk



Back to the Woods 2 is just weeks away and I hope that everyone that is planning to attend is making arrangements to do so. Last year was great fun and I was very proud of the fact that half of those in attendance were from our Club. Of course we have some surprises up our sleeves and I look forward to seeing old friends, making new ones and spending time in our "ever expanding circle". I know I sound like a broken record but these are the memories and good times that will always be a part of you and who we are as a Club.

I went up to Buzzards' Peak for the August activity weekend. Yes it was killer hot and not a lot got done except for the meetings. As most of you know I am on the landsite management committee and we are working on documents and policies, as if I didn't have enough gray hair.

I found myself looking around with a very critical eye and yes, there are many things I would change about the space but it is what it

is. And it isn't that bad when you realize that so much hard work and donated time has gone into making it a great place for the Texas Clubs to gather. There is magic about the place, there is beauty and I hope someone is writing down the stories. I could listen to some of the guy's talk for hours about past Runs and old friends. And I feel I have a better understanding of how a couple of acres out in the middle of nowhere can get under your skin.

Being a part of land management I have been to several Runs this year. The Trinity River Bears' run, Lonestar, The PWA Campout and am looking forward to The Cowtown Leathermen's run "Cowlicvla XXIII" this month on the 15-17th. My understanding is these guys are just a little more twisted than we are and they also have the pictures to prove it.

A big thank you goes out to Tom and Joe for the Dive-In Movie night and to everyone else that has braved this first class Texas heat.

Hugs,
Ed Burlison



BearTender Certification Party

Saturday, September 9, 2006 at 1pm

Bear Bartenders Wanted! Have you ever thought about serving beer at a beer bust? Wondered what it takes to serve? Well, wonder no more! Since the HOT Bears are now staffing two events where we are serving beer each month, we've got bears serving beer a total of 8 hours a month. And while the current HOT Bears that hold TABC cards have been wonderful and volunteered repeatedly for these beer busts, we don't want them to have all the fun, do we?! You know that bartenders have more fun! Now you can too!

To ensure we continue to staff these money making events, we are holding a BearTender Certification Party to certify additional HOT Bear members with TABC Server certificates. Come join your fellow bears and obtain your

TABC certification together. The cost is only \$25 for a two year certificate. The class takes a minimum of 4 hours and must be completed within 6 hours, with breaks. You will be able to print your temporary certificate that day, and will receive your permanent certificate in the mail. Once you have your certificate, as required by law, you will be allowed to serve beer at our monthly Beer Bust and Fur Frenzy events. When we're done being certified, we can splash in the pool and trash the class material. :-)

Please RSVP to VP@HeartOfTexasBears.org or (512) 250-5114 so we can plan a seat for your certification. See your Members Only Calendar for address information.

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, September 2

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at *Trudy's North Star Restaurant & Bar*, 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78757, (512) 454-1474. Join us at Trudy's for their great breakfast buffet! And afterwards, a shopping **adventure!** See the article below for the details.

Saturday, September 9

Ed and Marcus are hosting a "BearTender Certification Party" for the HOT Bears. We ask that you register for this event. See the article on page 1 for details and **RSVP** information!

Sunday, September 10

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the Chain Drive (504 Willow Drive, Austin, TX 78701) from **5pm — 9pm**. Join the Bears for **\$0.50** draft beer. Come on down and end your weekend enjoying the afternoon with your Bear Brothers.

Saturday, September 16

Bear Breakfast at 10am at *Austin Diner*, 5408 Burnet Road, Austin 78756, (512) 467-9552. This "2nd breakfast" for

the month has become pretty popular. Join us for some great breakfast cooking and lots of Bear Brotherhood!

Saturday, September 16

Bring a board. Bring a snack. Bring your game face. One of our popular "in-house" events has been **Game Night**. And this month Tom Bolt is hosting one for us at his Manor manor house starting at **7pm**. Card games, board games, guessing games, comedy show videos, fun snacks and beverages are on the list to bring along. Nothing is too crazy if you like it! Bring it along; someone will play with it. So plan ahead and come on out to Manor (it's really not that far) for a fun night!

Wednesday, September 20

Coffee With Da' Bears! Join your Bear Brothers for some friendship, fun, and caffeine. This month we are going downtown to Whole Foods Downtown, at 5th and Lamar. Whole Foods has a coffee bar, as well as multiple food bars and great groceries. Enjoy a cup of java and a snack! See you there at 7pm.

Friday — Sunday, September 22 – 24

TCC Activity Weekend. Come up to the TCC Landsite at Buzzards' Peak, camp out, and help with projects. It's a great weekend get-away and you can help improve the landsite.

Sunday, September 24

HOT Bear Fur Frenzy. Join us from **5pm — 9pm** at *The Cockpit Club* (2nd and San Jacinto). This is a new event, at a new bar, and we're excited about it. There was quite a turnout last month! We'll be serving beer on the back patio with plenty of Bear Brotherhood! Don't forget to **wear a hat...** See the article on page 3.

Thursday, September 28

This month we're going central to Pok-e-Jo's Smokehouse for some great BBQ. Join us at 7pm! Pok-e-Jo's is located at 1603 W. 5th St., Austin 78703 and their phone number is (512) 320-1541.

Saturday, October 7

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at *Trudy's North Star Restaurant & Bar*.

Bears' Day Out — A Shopping Trip

City-wide Garage Sale — Saturday, Sept. 2

Need a new antique to go in that empty space in the hall? Looking for just the right kitsch-y item for that new shelf? Well, then it's time to walk off breakfast after Trudy's this Saturday at the City-wide Garage Sale.

Held only one (1) weekend a month here in Austin at the Palmer Events Center, this Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 2 & 3, is the only chance this month for you to get down there and browse and shop and explore and (well, let's face it) laugh at other

peoples' taste while fulfilling your need for just the right something for your own den.

Admission is only \$5 and parking is free! Let's go right after breakfast and peruse the wares together. Sign up for their newsletter on the website (then unsubscribe later) and get a \$1 coupon for admission savings.

I know there are plenty of shoppers, bargain hunters and shop-a-holics in our group. Show us what you can do!

Pool Party Perfection

If there's one thing we can say about the (never-ending) summer heat in central Texas, it makes people come out for a good old pool party. And that's exactly what we had at Tom & Joe's place this past Saturday night.

Good food, drink, fun, naked bears and a fun gay-oriented movie brought a huge crowd to the outskirts of Austin. Kind of new to the club but not new to the "bear scene," Tom Strauch & Joe Smith offered plenty of hospitality at their sprawling home with a spacious saltwater pool. The last body count I made was over 45 furry faces (some old, some new) or bare butts (all cute), all smiling, laughing, groping and getting wet. And I can safely say everyone there enjoyed themselves.

Plenty of pot luck dishes & desserts and grilled burgers & franks kept the growls of hunger to a minimum and there was plenty of good drink to wash it all down with. Add to that the entertaining movie, 'Friends & Family' (a farce about a bad week in the lives of two gay Mafia hit men with socialist terrorists,

goombadas playing gay and drag queens giving attitude - FABulous!) on the inflatable movie screen placed right where we could bear hug in the pool and laugh together, and you have a truly enjoyable evening.

A really big bear hug and 'Thank you' to Tom & Joe for opening their den to the club and to all the bears who brought food & drink and helped out to make it another great event!

John Snyder, Social Bear

September Birthday Bears

Marcus Montemayor ..9/11	Leonard Schlueter9/21
Karl Gahley.....9/12	Jack Landers.....9/26
Bud McMullen.....9/12	Bob B.....9/27
Steve Glaser.....9/14	Don Tyler.....9/28
Kirk Lammert.....9/15	Mike Hall.....9/29
John T. Hall.....9/15	

Fur Frenzy Fedora Fête

Fur Frenzy @ The Cockpit — Sun. Sept. 24, 5-9pm

Got a coonskin cap? Or a 10-gallon hat? Well, put it on, pardner! Wear your favorite hat to our Fur Frenzy at The Cockpit and get a free chance in our \$25 American Express gift card raffle!! That's right — FREE! No need to buy tickets this time (although I know how you boys love buying boots-to-balls raffle tickets). Everyone in a hat gets at least one chance in the raffle!

Baseball caps and the like will receive 1 ticket per head. (Don't try getting more by wearing many hats.) Cowboy hats &

fancy sombreros will get 2 tickets. (Hey, this is Texas after all.) And if you have the sweaty, hairy balls to wear a bonnet that would rival Miss Judy Garland in 'Easter Parade,' then we will gladly give you 3 tickets (maybe more if it's really big & bold - we're size queens in this).

And yes, boys, you must be present in your chapeau to claim your prize which will be drawn around 8:30 that night! So come on down and show off your finest millinery work! See you & your bowlers there!

The View from Buzzards' Peak



Woofers, men!
Is it "HOT" enough for ya?

September is a busy month for the Texas Conference of Clubs. There is Labor Day weekend (nothing official planned, but many folks from various clubs show up for it and do a self-created run of sorts). There is also

"Cowlicvla" a really great run put on by Cowtown Leathermen (Ed and Marcus, yours truly, and a few other HOT Bears are attending) and a run put on by Bound by Desire ("The Hunt" an exclusive event for gay women), as well as the LVL-PWA weekend.

TCC Activity Weekend & LVL-PWA

The September Activity Weekend (22-24) is also the Lady Victoria Lust PWA Holiday Charities Weekend ("LVL PWA Weekend"). This event is held twice a year at the Texas Conference of Clubs. It is geared toward poz gay men, their partners, and friends. It is free to those who are HIV+. All others are asked to donate \$25 toward food and services (but only if they can). Everything to do with the weekend is donated or paid for by fundraisers held throughout the year. Texas Conference of Clubs donates the use of the land site, food service and the running of the event is all volunteer- drawing from members of TCC member clubs. The event is attended by close to 200. I have helped with these runs in the past and it is amazing to see folks in an atmosphere where they do not have to worry about their condition for a weekend. Something magic happens when people of a common experience come together and enjoy each others company. I have volunteered at several PWA weekends. These guys really know how to have a good time- twisted games, hilarious show, all of the things you would expect to see at a great run. This year, I am helping with transportation to and from the Landsite and Austin. If you would like to attend and need a ride (or know someone who does), please get in contact with me.

Back 2 the Woods 2- October 13-15

OK- it's one month before we go BACK TO THE WOODS! The pin has been ordered, the run packets are being assembled, the cocktail recipes are being gone over, the menu is planned, the twisted games are being created, the show is in rehearsal, the bunkhouse is sold out, the 220V plugs are sold out and we are over 70% full at the time of this writing, And its only mid August! GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN NOW! We WILL sell out this year and WILL cut it off at 150 paid attendees. Deadline line is September 25 (I think) unless we sell out before then- then it is closed and you will miss out on one of the great events our club has to offer. If you do not know anyone, now is the time for

you to meet new men in a great natural setting. Activities include the calm to the ridiculous: dominoes, field games, cocktail parties and contests. We even have a member who is holding a euker tournament (I am told its some kind of card game). Personally, I have an event planned that will "elevate" the HOT Bears- demonstrating the ability of our club to show folks a great time. I will not reveal it here- so you have to come to the run to see it all. Go on line to register: HeartOfTexasBears.org/bttw It's fun and easy.

ACE

Early in August, I attended Alamo City Entertainment (ACE) Weekend and a rodeo put on by LGRA- both in San Antonio. One of our members donned a hat (pictured) and collected enough dollar votes to win 1st place for the Central Texas boys of Leather (CTbL) raising money for AIDs charities in San Antonio. For a Northern guy like myself, the tradition of Hats is one of the most silly. This was a really fun weekend with many cocktail parties thrown by members of the Alamo Conference of Clubs, various AIDs charities, and out of town clubs. The entire weekend is free for out of towners with food, drinks, and events paid for by sponsorship. There were numerous parties at private homes around San Antonio as well as at bars and restaurants. It reminds me of...

The UnRun in November

Holy sh*t! the HOT Bears UnRun and Mr. HOT Bear Contest comes less than a month after Back to the Woods. This is our most successful event held in Austin and is attended by many from outside of our city. The entire weekend is put on by members and sponsors of our club. In the past, members have opened up their home for cocktail parties and brunches. If you would like to be a part of this annual HOT Bear tradition, please contact any of the officers or put your idea up on the yahoo group.



Peace.
-Peter

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WHAT?? YOU HAVE NOT REGISTERED YET?! BETTER HURRY. WE ARE FILLIN' UP FAST!



October 13-15, 2006

Registration deadline: September 25
Attendance is limited to the first 150 applicants

For instant online registration:

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September

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast Trudy's North Star 8820 Burnet Road Austin, TX, 78757 (512) 454-1474
3	4 Labor Day	5	6	7	8	9 1p: BearTender Certification Party Ed & Marcus' Home RSVP REQUIRED
10 5-9p: Bear Bust The Chain Drive 504 Willow Street Austin, TX 78701 (512) 480-9017	11	12	13 7:30p: HOT Board Meeting – South	14	15 TCC - Cowtown Leathermen "COWLICVLA XXIII" (through September 17 th)	16 10a: 2nd Breakfast Austin Diner 5408 Burnet Road Austin, TX, 78756 (512) 467-9552 7p: Game Night Tom's Home
17 TCC - Cowtown Leathermen "COWLICVLA XXIII"	18	19	20 7p: Bear Coffee Whole Foods Market 525 N. Lamar Austin, 78703 (512) 476-1206	21	22 TCC Activity Weekend (through Sept. 24 th) TCC PWA Campout (through Sept 24 th)	23 TCC Activity Weekend TCC PWA Campout
24 5p-9p: Fur Frenzy The Cockpit 113 San Jacinto Austin, TX, 78701 (512) 457-8010	25	26	27	28 7p: Bears Night Out Pok-e-Jo's 1603 W. 5 th Street Austin, TX 78703 (512) 320-1541	29 TCC Bound By Desire (through October 1)	30 TCC Bound By Desire
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