



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the President's Den



This club is full of great guys who give a lot of themselves.

As I am writing this, we are getting ready for the Capital City Rodeo. 24 of our members are volunteering to do security. When presented with the idea that we could cover 24 positions on a Saturday and Sunday, I was a little concerned that we could generate the interest to do it. I sent out the word and viola! We had them covered in a few week's time. We have an additional 10 HOT Bear members who are helping with the pool party. Wow.

If you are reading this, you might be attending "Back 2 The Woods 3". John and Ed have done a great job this year as 1st time run coordinators. They have organized and planned a great time- enlisting many others to help with

the task of putting on the run. Publicity, food, games, cocktail parties, pins, entertainment, web site, applications, and more- it all starts months before the actual event. Its no doubt going to be another great run at Texas Conference of Clubs.

As with every month, we have a variety of events scheduled. We are moving into the holiday period— Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and more seasons. There are sure to be parties and get together offered along with our usual events. All will be noted in the HOT Bear Happenings and our calendar.

I thank each and every person who make all of this stuff happen. Without the involvement of our members, our club would get pretty boring. Thanks to all of you who make it happen!

As always, I welcome your emails, voice mails, and in person comments.

— Peter
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Welcome to "Back 2 the Woods 3"

Welcome! See, it wasn't that bad getting here. Did you remember to turn right at the red barn? Hopefully your tent is pitched and you're killing time by reading this. By the way there are sandwiches in the walk in cooler, beer on tap and cans too, assorted soft drinks and bottled water. Later tonight people will gather around the fire, there will be a cocktail party or two and you will have explored a little and now know where everything is.

If you have never been to Buzzard's Peak, take a moment to realize Leather and Motorcycle Clubs formed the backbone of the landsite/campground. The Heart of Texas Bears became members of The Texas Conference of Clubs over seven years ago.

Gay men have been partying and raising hell on this land for a couple of decades and many of us believe that some of that energy remains here. Some of us also believe that there is a peace

in these woods and it is a great place to recharge and just be yourself.

There are over sixty Heart of Texas Bears Club members attending this "Run" and for a few days I hope you will enjoy being a part of our Tribe.

Remember that you are in the woods and have a great time.

Let the Wild Rumpus Begin!!!

Greeting from the co-run guys,
Ed Burlson & John Cowart
Run Coordinators
B2W3

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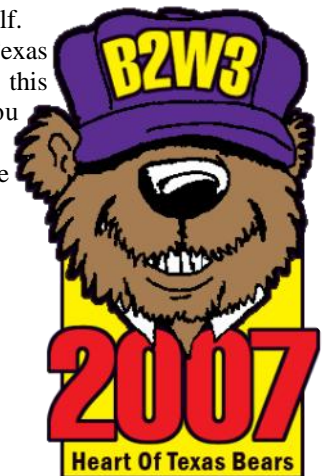
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Quarterly HOT Bears Business Meeting - October 21st



Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 2

HOT Bear Board Meeting. Join the officers for their monthly board meeting at 7:15pm. Your input will help make the Club better!

Friday, October 5

The Heart of Texas Bears will be throwing a cocktail party for the Central Texas boys of Leather run "Below the Top" at 11pm at the **Chain Drive**. Peter and Kelly will be serving thirsty Leather boys and girls tasty adult beverages in all our leather glory on the back patio. Be sure to check us out.

Saturday, October 6

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!

Friday—Sunday, October 12 — 14

Back to the Woods 3! Join us for our third campout weekend at the TCC Landsite. Visit the B2W3 web site for details: heartoftexasbears.org/bttw There is still time to register for the event!

Wednesday, October 17

Coffee With Da' Bears! Join your Bear Brothers for some friendship, fun, and caffeine (Note: caffeine optional). This month we are heading to **Bouldin Creek**

Coffee House (1501 S. 1st Street). They offer some great coffee choices and some good food too! See you there at 7pm. There number is (512) 416-1601.

Saturday, October 20

2nd Bear Breakfast at 10am at **Austin Diner**, 5408 Burnet Road, Austin 78756, (512) 467-9552. Join us for some great breakfast cooking and lots of Bear Brotherhood!

Saturday, October 20

Bears on the Run — on tour October 2007. See six talented performers at the Austin stop of their tour. At the **Chain Drive**. Tickets as \$10 in advance and \$12 at the door. See the article below for more details.

Sunday, October 21st

The **HOT Bears Quarterly Business Meeting** will be at 1pm. The location has **NOT** been decided yet! Check the website and/or your "HOT Bear Happenings" for location information. Join us, hear about upcoming club events, and share your ideas. Remember, it's **your** club. Bear Beer Bust will follow the meeting at the Chain Drive.

Sunday, October 21

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the **Chain Drive** (504 Willow Drive, Austin, TX 78701) from 4pm — 8pm. Join the Bears

for **\$0.50** draft beer. Come on down and end your weekend enjoying the afternoon with your Bear Brothers.

Thursday, October 25

We're venturing a little east this month for some South of the Border eating... Tom Bolt said its really good food. **Bears Night Out** dinner this month is in Manor! We're headed to **Ramos Restaurante** for some great food. See you at 7pm (Bear Time). [116 Parsons St., Manor, TX, 78653 (512) 272-4495]

Friday, October 26

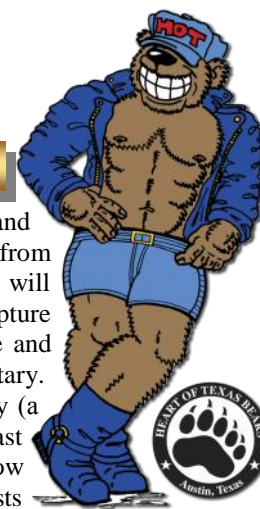
Pumpkin Carving contest at the **Chain Drive** 7:30-10pm Prizes awarded. The pumpkins will then be used to decorate the Chain Drive for the Halloween Weekend.

Friday — Sunday, Oct. 26 — 28

Activity Weekend at the TCC Landsite. Camp out and help work on some improvements for the Landsite. The **TCC Fall Quarterly Meeting** will be held on Saturday at 1pm in the Pole Barn.

Saturday, November 3

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



Bears on the Run

Over the last few years, outlets like Bear Radio Network, Bearapalooza and WoobieBearMusic, along with a host of supportive bear runs, bars and - most recently - podcasts, have given Bear musicians, songwriters and performers a place to share their talents. This fall, six performers will head out in a van for the first ever Bear tour which will span 12 cities and 7 states including Texas, Georgia, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri and Oklahoma.

The tour is called **BEARS ON THE RUN** and showcases the talents of **Bobaloo** (a comedian from L.A.), **Kendall** (a songwriter/performance artist from Buffalo N.Y.), **Matthew Temple** (a folk singer/songwriter from Nashville, T.N.), **Nakia** (a Blues singer/songwriter from Austin, T.X.), **Elijah Black** (a rock

singer/songwriter from Akron, OH) and **Shannon Grady** (a singer/songwriter from Minneapolis, M.N.). Along for the ride will be two videographers who will capture performances as well as life backstage and on the road to be edited into a documentary.

The tour's founder Shannon Grady (a singer and co-host of the popular podcast bTALK) hopes that the tour will grow and open up doors for other Bear artists and find new audiences for their work.

Learn more at: www.BearsOnTheRun.com!

October Birthday Bears

Sam G.....10/1	Ismael Ortiz.....10/18
James McKenney.....10/3	Bob Hemby.....10/19
Brian Dettmer.....10/4	Gary McLeod.....10/20
Lieu Tran.....10/11	James Maxwell.....10/21
Max Schubert.....10/15	Chuck Dunn.....10/30
Ray Hayworth.....10/17	

Rodeo Wrap-Up...

As you know the Capital City Rodeo was recently held here in Austin and the HOT Bears were asked to lend a helping hand. Approximately 40 Bear brothers volunteered their time and effort to provide daytime security during the rodeo, and demonstrated their bar-tending skills at the Saturday evening pool party. From myself, and on behalf of the Board, I would like to give a great big **THANK YOU** to all of those who stepped forward and made this weekend the huge success that it was. Your help was greatly appreciated not only by us, but by the whole TGRA organization. Without your help, none of this would have been possible.

The weekend kicked off Friday evening at the Wyndham Hotel with a meet-and-greet mixer, and volunteer sign-in. I don't know about you, but I can't think of anything better than a mix of Bears and Cowboys in one place. Saturday started off early with HOT Bear volunteers descending on the Travis County Expo Pavilion to provide daytime security and at the same time enjoy the rodeo. I must say, dressing goats mixed in with standard rodeo events is something to see. If working under the Texas sun at the rodeo wasn't hot enough, Saturday evening heated things up further with a "Wild and Wooly Pool Party" hosted by the Bears. Your fellow bears not only mixed drinks in the hospitality suite and served thirsty cowboys and cowgirls poolside with trays of drinks, and rolling beer wagon, but served as ambassadors for the Bear community.

This sense of community was not only demonstrated by bears stepping forward to help in any way they could with the rodeo and pool party itself, but by helping to raise money for a fellow mem-bear. Many of you knew Karl Gahley and his partner Jeff Anderson. With Karl's recent passing, Jeff has been left with many financial responsibilities. We felt, as a board, that we needed to help out in any way that we could. With that goal and the generous support of TGRA members and guests, we decided to donate the proceeds of the tip jars from the cocktail party to Jeff to show our support in this time of need. To me this is what this bear community is all about. So again, to each and everyone of you who donated their time, and money... **THANK YOU**.

I so proud to belong to an organization that lives the mission it states. It is this mission that makes me most proud to be called a HOT Bear.

*On behalf of your **HOT Bears Board**,
I send you great big WOOFs and GRRRRs*

*Well done!
Kelly Stephens
vp@heartoftexasbears.org*

A "Sleuth" of Bears, sleuthed out their desires...

On Friday the 21st of September the HOT BS Survey (HOT Bear Sleuthing Survey) ended. I can't express the my delight and happiness which I felt when I took a peek at the results of the survey. Both the response rate and the overwhelmingly positive comments which you offered gave me a huge fuzzy feeling and have made me feel proud to be a member of our group.

There were a total of 73 people who participated in the survey, of which 67 are members of HOT Bears. This means that about 45% of the current membership of HOT Bears participated in the survey. 88% of the people who started the survey, completed the survey. On average 26% of people offered comments on the free response questions, although a number of the free response questions had response rates of 79%. This gives a total of 707 free response comments collected in the survey.

Once I have had a chance to put the survey results together, I will release a summary report, with all of your comments, for all of the members who wish to review the survey. I will also

summarize some of the more interesting and informative findings from the survey in the next couple of Bear Briefs. As a board we will use your incredibly positive and valuable input to improve the club and the events that are offered.

Finally as promised, it is now my pleasure to announce the winners of the drawing. Of the 73 people who took the survey, 49 people offered their email addresses. The winner of the free registration to B2W3 is Jim Currin and the winners of the free HOT Bears t-shirts are: Daniel Virostho, Mickey Ferguson, Jacob Duncan, Roger Olien and Gary Wene.

Thank you all for your time and input – it has been a pleasure to get to know you and our group through your views and thoughts.

*— James Bryant
treasurer@heartoftexasbears.org*

October

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 7:15p: HOT Board Meeting	3	4	5 TCC Cross Timbers Prime Timers 11pm: Central Texas boys of Leather run The Chain Drive HOT Bears serving cocktails	6 TCC Cross Timbers Prime Timers 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast Trudy's North Star, 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, TX, 78757 (512) 454-1474
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21 1p: Quarterly Membership Meeting-Location to be announced! 4-8p: Bear Bust The Chain Drive	22	23	24	25 7p: Bears Night Out Ramos Restaurante 116 Parsons St. Manor, TX 78653 (512) 272-4495	26 TCC Activity Weekend 7:30-10p: Pumpkin Carving Contest The Chain Drive 504 Willow Street Austin, TX 78701 (512) 480-9017	27 TCC Activity Weekend 1p: TCC Fall Mtg
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