



# Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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## From the President's Den



### In November, we give thanks.

Thanks for a great camp-out. Back to the Woods 3 was a blow-out success. I have received emails, phone calls, Yahoo Instant Messages,

Bear411 messages, and many thanks in person from the attendees. This event was huge-involving many people over many months of planning. Although John and Ed were the run coordinators (who did a great job!), the event could not have happened without the involvement of many others- far to numerous to list- that jumped in to help make it happen. I am very proud to be the president of a club who has the kind of people who are willing to get involved. Thanks to each and every one of you!

Thanks also goes out to the members who responded to our survey. We got a great sense of the "pulse" of the HOT Bears and a good idea of where we should put our efforts. Many of you said that "social events" was the #1 reason why you joined the club. Many of you also were looking for more volunteer opportunities. More details on the survey will come from James in future Bear Briefs.

Thanks for your generosity. Our members love to host parties. Kirk and John's pool party, Steve's Mid Summer Splash, Lee's Book

Signing Party, Bud's You Scream for My Ice Cream, Joe and Tom's Dive In Movie, Leonard's Hot Dog Days of Summer Party. At the TGRA, we not only had 27 volunteers working the event, we had numerous others who helped put on the Poolside Cocktail Party at the host hotel. How cool to have a club with such generous members!

Thanks to our sponsors- listed to the right of this article. The Chain Drive has been a consistent supporter of our club. We could not *beer bust* without them! TapeLenders and Midtowne Spa have been with us for a long time - we depend on them for our largest events. Phil Nelson has been a sponsor for over 2 years. These folks and places are always willing to help us when it comes to prizes for raffles. They never say "no" to a request. As the saying goes, please "support those who support us."

Thanks (in advance) for your understanding and support. Nobody is perfect. We try to make things go smoothly, but sometimes, through no fault of our own, we run into the unexpected. As an all volunteer organization, we rely on each other to have patience with each other. As the board moves into our second quarter, thanks in advance for your continued support of this club. We will always welcome your ideas and comments- good or bad- about what you desire. Let us hear from you.

-Peter

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## Thanks Guys!

I can't begin to tell you how stressful the last month has been. Back 2 The Woods 3 was a huge success! As co-run coordinator, I couldn't have asked for a better member turn out.

However, as most of you know, I was unable to arrive until Saturday afternoon due to issues that have arisen with my father. I want to say a big "THANK YOU" to all who jumped in to help Ed to make sure B2W3 was great!

The concerns and well wishes I received were overwhelming! You guys are the best! I have always said "Great friends are to be found in the HOT Bears!" I have certainly found some great friends!

Thanks again!  
John Cowart



# Upcoming Events

## Saturday, November 3

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!

## Tuesday, November 6

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

## Sunday, November 11

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.

## Wednesday, November 14

Coffee With Da' Bears! Join your Bear Brothers for some friendship, fun, and caffeine (Note: caffeine optional). This month we are heading downtown to **Hideout Coffeehouse** (617 Congress Avenue). They offer some great coffee choices and some tasty snacks too! See you there at 7pm. There number is (512) H-I-D-E-O-U-T.

## Saturday, November 17

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, November 17

Tom Bolt is hosting a game night.

Stay tuned to your *HOT Bear Happenings* emails for details.

## Friday — Sunday, Nov. 23 — 25

**Activity Weekend** at the TCC Landsite. Camp out and help work on some improvements for the Landsite.

## Thursday, November 29

**Bears Night Out** dinner this month is in down south. We're headed to **Madam Mam's** on West Gate Blvd at highway 290 West. They serve some great Thai cuisine. From mild to extra spicy, there's something for every-bear. See you at 7pm (Bear Time). [4514 West Gate Blvd., Austin, TX, 78745 (512) 899-8525]

## Saturday, December 1

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

# Pumpkin Carving Contest at the Chain Drive

We want to thank all those who showed up visit and carve pumpkins at the Chain Drive. A special thanks goes out to Dave at the Chain Drive for donating the bar credits... they sure hit the spot, and Kiwi for helping to choose the finalists.

In all 13 pumpkins were carved and the winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place Digg Space - \$25 Ironworks BBQ, \$20 Bar credit, and the bear in Devil costume.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place Steve Hales - \$15 Ironworks BBQ, \$10 Bar credit, and the bear in superhero costume
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Eric Miller - \$10 Ironworks BBQ, \$5 Bar credit, and the bear in Ninja costume.

After the carving, all the pumpkins were displayed around the bar for the Halloween weekend. A great time was had by all, ad we look forward to it again next year.

-Kelly Stephens



# November

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| Sun  | Mon       | Tue                                  | Wed   | Thu  | Fri                               | Sat   |
|--|-----------|--------------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|---|
|  |           |                                      |   | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>                          | <b>3</b><br><b>10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast</b><br><b>Trudy's North Star</b><br>8820 Burnet Road<br>Austin, TX, 78757<br>(512) 454-1474 |
| <b>4</b><br>Daylight Saving Time Ends  | <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>7:15p: HOT Board Meeting | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b>                          | <b>10</b>   |
| <b>11</b><br>4-8p: Bear Bust<br>The Chain Drive<br>504 Willow Street<br>Austin, TX 78701<br>(512) 480-9017 | <b>12</b> | <b>13</b>                            | <b>14</b><br>7p: Bear Coffee<br>Hideout Coffeehouse<br>617 Congress Avenue<br>(512) H-I-D-E-O-U-T | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b>                         | <b>17</b><br>10a: 2nd Breakfast<br>7p (?): Bear Games Night   |
| <b>18</b>  | <b>19</b> | <b>20</b>                            | <b>21</b>   | <b>22</b> Thanksgiving Day   | <b>23</b><br>TCC Activity Weekend | <b>24</b><br>TCC Activity Weekend   |
| <b>25</b><br>TCC Activity Weekend  | <b>26</b> | <b>27</b>                            | <b>28</b>   | <b>29</b><br>7p: Bears Night Out<br>Madam Mam's<br>4514 West Gate Blvd<br>Austin, TX 78745<br>(512) 899-8525 | <b>30</b>                         |   |

**2<sup>nd</sup> Breakfast:** 5408 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78756 (512) 467-9552  
**Bear Game Night:** check your *HOT Bear Happenings* emails for the correct time and location

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