



Bear Briefs



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*The Newsletter of the **Heart Of Texas Bears***

HEART OF TEXAS BEARS—FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Congratulations to our Mr. HOT Bear Keith R. for winning Mr. Texas Bear Round-Up in Dallas. He was also voted audience favorite. I want to thank each of you that worked so hard in making our presence in Dallas a positive one. The Bear Tiki Lounge was a huge success, as were the condom packets Roy C designed. Most of all a Big Thanks and Bear Hug to the Dallas Bears for all their hard work in making TBRU one of the best events in the USA!

With Keith R winning Mr. TBRU, Kirk L. Mr. Lonestar 13 and Jim M. just winning Mr. Texas Lonestar Bear, we now have three title

holders in the Club. I admire all of these men for having the guts to get up on stage and they are nice visuals also!

At the April annual meeting you voted to keep the existing officers for yet another year. I personally look forward to being your president for a full term and working with my fellow board members.

I have lived in Austin a little over two years now. I love it, there is a great energy here and it has got to be one of the most liberal places I have ever lived. I have told people that I was allowed fifteen minutes to be shy when I first moved here. I don't have a lot of issues with what

others do. I know the difference between "good touch" and "bad touch", and you'll know if you give me a "bad touch". Nudity does not bother me unless I hear someone laughing like a hyena and pointing at me. I am in an open relationship, voted for Gore and have dogs that are of the toy breed. What is next? Flirting with communism? All that I really ask of you as HOT Bears is to be respectful of others, their things and what is important to them. May is going to be a busy month for most of us; I hope to see you HOT Bears out and about.

Hugs,
Ed

BEAR BREAKFAST—MAY 5TH

Hoover's, 2002 Manor Road. This is a great way to start your

weekend. For those of you that have not done Bear Breakfast, we meet at

ten, eat and usually plan a trip out and about Austin.

24TH ANNUAL SPLASH DAY—MAY 6TH

Hippie Hollow lies in the basin area of Lake Travis in the Hill Country of Central Texas, approximately one-half hour from downtown Austin. The park features a steep, rocky shoreline and provides some spectacular views of Lake Travis. This

heavily used park, the only clothing optional park in Texas, is popular for sunbathing and swimming.

The Austin Tavern Guild Presents the 24th Annual Splash Day on Math 6th from Noon to 4 pm. No Dogs, glass containers or fireworks

are permitted in the park. Please respect the privacy of other visitors and ask permission before taking photographs. Remember that nudity is acceptable, lewd behavior is not.

A NIGHT AT THE SPA—MAY 12TH

The new manager of the Midtown Spa has invited the HOT Bears to check out the facility on May 12 beginning at 7 pm.

The Spa is located at 5815 Airport Blvd. Larry S., the manager, has given the HOT Bears fifteen locker passes and ten room passes

to be picked up at the door. There will be a buffet and for one night only “The Garage” becomes “The Bear Den”.



DRIVE IN MOVIE—MAY 15TH

AGLIFF brings back the Drive-In Movie to Austin with the camp classic QUEEN OF OUTER

SPACE starring Zsa Zsa Gabor on May 15th starting at 7 pm at 600 River Street. The movie begins around 8

pm and the cost is \$5 (only \$4 for GLIFF members).

HOT BEAR CRAWL—MAY 17TH

Join the HOT Bears as we invade Dick's at 113 San Jacinto St. We'll meet

at 7 pm to explore. Dick's is offering FREE pool all night! Later, after 10 pm,

Dick's will host a Leather Night until 2 am.

LONESTAR 14—MAY 25-28TH

LONESTAR 14—A MASQUERADE FANTASY Registration fees are now \$95 until May 15th. Registration at the gate will be \$125; sorry, no checks will be accepted at the gate. The weekend includes run

pin, shirt, cub, meals, show, games, awards and COCKTAIL PARTIES. The HOT Bears and the Bay Boy's will be hosting the Friday cocktail party at 9 pm and serving the Saturday lunch from 12:00—

1:00. For those of you who have not registered but want to attend, we have directions to the campsite and remember to keep the run them in mind when packing up the gear!

HOT BEAR POOL PARTY—MAY 26TH

At the home of Dave L. Rich S.

The first pool party of the season will be held on May 26th beginning at 6

pm. If you plan to attend, they would like for you to RSVP no later than May 19th because of the Memorial Day Holiday Weekend.

So, bring your towel and it is BYOB, munchies will be provided.

BEARS NIGHT OUT—MAY 31ST

Guero's Taco Bar, 1412 South Congress.

When Bill Clinton comes to town, he goes to Guero's. The décor is funky, but not overly so.

The remnants of the old feed store can still be seen in the walls. The enchiladas are particularly tasty. Also, great beans, tortillas and salsa. There is a small

taco bar that can seat the impatient and famished a little sooner. We will meet there at 7 pm. 24 HOT Bears dined at Trudy's in April.

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BEARTHDAYS AND NEW MEMBEARS

Wish the following HOT Bears a Happy Birthday this month!

Raymond K.May 1
James B.....May 7
Frank FMay 12
Jerry S.....May 17
Scott CMay 23
Lou F-DMay 26
Daniel T.....May 26
George BMay 27
Scott N.....May 28
Garreth H.....May 31

We now have 110 HOT Bears! Please welcome our newest members Mike G and Humberto E.. We had three renewals for the month March, Ray A, Randy B and Mike B.

There are several renewals coming due in May and June. Look for a new, updated application soon. Contact the club secretary for more information.

OUT-OF-TOWN EVENTS

The Great British Bear Bash, Manchester, UK. 5-7 May 2001

BEARFEST, Washington, DC. 11-13 May 2001.

Bears in Paradise, St. Petersburg, FL. 18-20 May 2001.

Bear Pride 2001, Chicago, IL. 24-28 May 2001.

Bears Invade Denali, Mile Post 231.1, George Parks Highway, Denali Grizzly Bear Cabins and Campground, Denali, Alaska, 25-28 May 2001.

BEAR BITS...

Texas Council of Clubs Update— The LVL PWA campout is coming up and for those of you that don't know what this is about, it is a campout for persons living with AIDS. There is plenty of room for PWAs and HIV+ people to attend. We have the resources, we need the campers. Please network in your city and see if there is anything that you or others can do to get campers to the campsite the weekend of 18-20 May.

As an individual you can sponsor one or more LVL PWA Campers, The sponsors who attend the campouts make a \$25 contribution to help cover food and beverage costs. The sponsor can bring one or more campers with them. Sponsors are

like Big Brothers or Sisters and are responsible for arranging transportation, providing camping equipment, assisting in setting up tents, packing up when it is over, and transportation back home. If you are not a camper and do not know of anyone who could benefit from a trip like this, yet you want to contribute, please send your contribution to PWA Holiday Charities, PO Box 66849, Houston, Texas 77266—6849. Please note that it is for the PWA Campout. Applications will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Registration will be closed when the quota of 100 PWAs and sponsor representatives has been reached.

Project Transitions provides housing, hospice programs and compassionate support for those in our community who need help. Doug's House provides hospice and supportive care. Roosevelt Gardens is a transitional and supportive housing program with counseling and guidance. The Top Drawer Thrift Store that provides wonderful services through the donation and sale of merchandise to help so many in need. The HOT Bears made a donation of \$50 to this worthwhile community service. A personal donation of whatever you feel is appropriate can be sent via check to: PROJECT TRANSITIONS, PO Box 4826, Austin, TX 78765.

May

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1	2 Bowling Night, 7 pm, Dart Bowl, 5700 Grover	3	4	5 HOT Bear Breakfast, 10 am, Hoover's, 2002 Manor Road
6 24 th Annual Splash Day, Noon-4, Hippie Hollow	7	8	9	10	11	12 HOT Bear Night at the Spa, 7 pm, Midtown Spa, 5815 Airport Blvd
13 HOT Bear Bust, Chain Drive, 4-8 pm	14	15 Drive in Movie "Queen of Outer Space", 7 pm, 600 River St.	16	17 HOT Bear Crawl, Dick's, 7 pm, 113 Sand Jacinto St	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Lonestar 14, May 25-28, Buzzard's Peak	26 HOT Bear Pool Party, Dave L and Rich S' home, RSVP NLT 19 May
27 Lonestar 14	28 Memorial Day Lonestar 14	29	30	31 BNO, Guero's Taco Bar, 7 pm, 1412 S. Congress		

NOTES: Due to the holiday weekend, please RSVP for the Pool Party to Dave L or Rich S by 19 May.

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