



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From The President's Desk

I would like to be able to tell you that the reason the briefs are late is because I was on a tropical isle but the truth is that there aren't enough funds in the treasury to get me to Galveston for a rest. Laziness is more to the point. Anyway, April is here and as we all know it is TOGA time. The upcoming events section of the briefs lists the details. This annual event has always been a huge success with no small measure to our host Steve Rison. A lot of effort goes into the preparation for the heralded occasion. Steve has asked for some assistance with preparations for big events. I hope some of you are able to avail yourselves to help out in order to make this event and others held at his home a certainty for years to come. Please ask Steve how you can help!

Also, this month is the upcoming election of Officers. Our Quarterly meeting will be held at Steve Rison's house at

6:30 PM on April 17th, 2004. We have scheduled this meeting just prior to our Anniversary Dinner Celebration in hopes that many of you who might not be able to get to a quarterly meeting will be able to do so. There is no obligation to stay for the Anniversary Dinner beginning at 8:00PM.

Our candidates are:

- President:
Leonard Schlueter
- Vice President:
Russell Schneider
- Treasurer:
Tom Parker
- Secretary:
John Kilman

Others that have expressed interest in the offices unfortunately did not have motions and the second on their nominations before the deadline of March 17th, 2004. We hope those of you who have expressed interest in the offices will do so again next spring.

Our 6th Anniversary Dinner begins at 8:00PM on Saturday April 17, 2004 right after the quarterly meeting. This year we used the Evite system for notification of members who receive their Bear Briefs by email. The system has worked very well with 46 responding that they are attending the Celebration. For those members who receive their Bear Briefs by regular mail we sent invitations. It looks like this will be another well-attended dinner.

You may have noticed that we have skipped our regular game night, movie night and BNO dinner this month. With all the other events happening this month it was decided to that we needed rest up time and that we will get back to a normal monthly schedule in May.

Tom Bolt, President
Heart of Texas Bears

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(no phone orders please.). The shirts are \$15 and will be collected from you when you pick up your shirt. Be certain to put your size on the order; any size is acceptable up to 4X.

Birthday Bears

- William Braddock 4/2
- Paul Decoux..... 4/20
- Mickey Ferguson 4/17
- Jeff Linder..... 4/29
- Bob Scott..... 4/24
- Cecil Small..... 4/9

RSVP for the Anniversary Dinner

Upcoming Events — Mark Your Calendar

Saturday, April 2

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am. This month we are again having breakfast at the **Luby's** at 8176 North MoPac Expressway, 78759 (MoPac at Steck Ave).

Saturday, April 10

Steve's 9th Annual Toga Party. Steve Rison has graciously invited all of the Bears to attend the party. Bring your toga, a potluck, and something to drink (if you

don't want beer). Keg beer provided. The festivities begin at 7pm.

Sunday, April 11

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the Chain Drive (504 Willow Drive) from 4pm — 8pm. Join the Bears at our home bar for \$.50 draft beer. We need at least two volunteers to help out during a couple of shifts.

Saturday, April 17

Heart of Texas Bears Quarterly Business Meeting and annual election of officers. At 6:30pm at Steve Rison's house before the anniversary dinner.

Saturday, April 17

Heart of Texas Bears 6th Annual Anniversary Dinner. Starts at 8pm. The event costs \$15 per person and includes a BBQ dinner, drinks, and dessert. See the article in this

issue of the Bear Briefs for more information.

Thursday, April 29

Bears Night Out dinner will be north this month. We'll be eating at the new Mongolian Grille at 12636 Research Blvd. It is located at the McNeil exit of 183. As always, dinner starts at 7pm.

Saturday, May 1

Bears Day Out breakfast at 10am at Luby's.

HOT Bears 6th Annual Anniversary Dinner

On behalf of the board of the Heart of Texas Bears, I would like to personally invite you to share an evening of camaraderie and fun at the 6th Annual Anniversary Dinner and Party to be held Saturday, April 17th, 8:00 p.m. at the home of Steve Rison, 1507 Fairfield Dr., Austin, Texas. The Bar-B-Q Dinner is a

catered event and tickets are \$15.00 requiring an R.S.V.P. before April 2nd. The dinner and recognition events will be followed by a party with keg beer and soft drinks being provided. We all hope you can join us for this annual event which will allow us to catch up with each other, party, and look forward to the summer

activities.

We will be sending you a special Evite regarding this occasion. Please make use of the RSVP option so that we may accurately reflect attendance per our agreement with the caterer. Your RSVP assures us that you will be in attendance and if for any reason you are unable to

attend that your dinner is covered. Payment in advance is encouraged and you may do so at any bear event prior to the dinner by contacting one of the officers in attendance. Thank you in advance and we sure do hope to see you there.

Sincerely, Tom Bolt
President

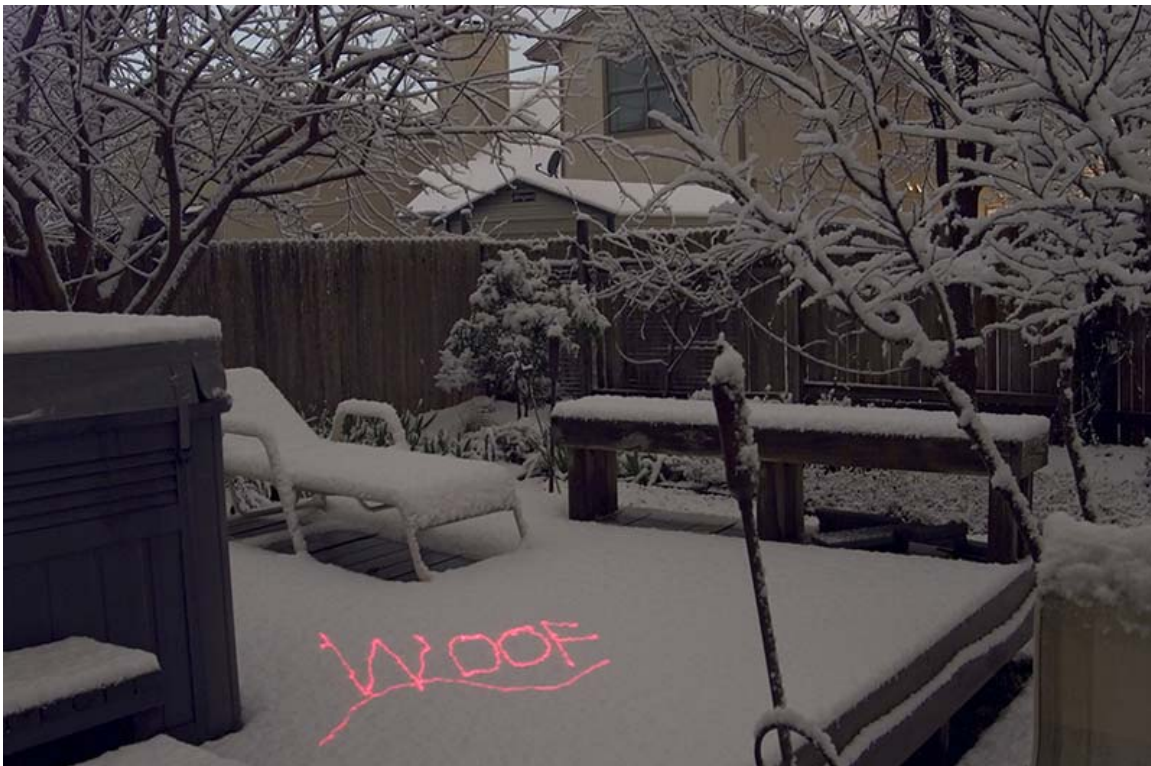
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Close to Dell, Samsung and all northeast companies, Short commute to IH-35 via 290 or Parmer Lane. Nice

carpeted room w/walk in closet in recently completed 4-bedroom home. Semi private bath, two living areas w/ possible garage space for small car.

Nonsmoker. No pets. \$350.00/month utilities paid, incl. basic cable. Great for single male working in Austin traveling home on weekends or others

seeking a quiet environment. Please leave a message for Tom at **512-278-0806**.



Late Night Snow in Austin — February 14, 2004

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April

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<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				1	2	3 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast (Lubys, 8176 N. MoPac Expy)
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 7p: Steve Rison's IX Annual Toga Party
11 4-8p: Bear Bust (Chain Drive, 504 Willow Street)	12	13	14	15	16	17 6:30p: Quarterly Membership Meeting and Elections at Steve Rison's House 8p: 6 th Anniversary Party. Catered dinner at Steve Rison's house - RSVP Required
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 7p: Bears Night Out Mongolian Grille, 12636 Research Blvd, Austin, Texas	30	1 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast (Lubys, 8176 N. MoPac Expy)

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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