



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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The President's Corner

The Heart of Texas Bears is a year older!

We have grown into a very formidable organization. This growth is due to all the hard work and dedication each of you has put in to the organization. Thanks to each of you!

I can only see this organization growing and becoming better known!

We had a great 7th anniversary party at The Chain Drive on April 10, 2005. I want to thank each of you that made it a success. Thanks to all that donated prizes – they were great. Also the Central Texas Boys of Leather – great job! All of the money raised from the food sales went to the ASA Food Bank. And last but not least to The Chain Drive for letting the Heart of Texas Bears use the facility. It looked like everyone was having a great time.

The piñata was a big HIT. It took several bears to crack it open! When it was finally

cracked open, lots of prizes fell out on the ground. It was a mad scramble to get the prizes.

The Bears were also invited to the annual Toga Party. What an assortment of togas. Such creativity! Thank you Steve! And Thank you to everyone that took time to help set up for the party. It was a big success!

We have had a great year. I want to thank each board member for all their hard work.

On a more serious side – I would like to see more volunteers for projects. We have a great core group. But it needs to be bigger. Some of us are getting tired. I find that we are like many organizations – a few do the work – for all to enjoy. It would be great if we could change that concept to: a lot to do the work - for all to enjoy. The more you are involved with the groups activities – the more friends you will get to know. The whole organization benefits

from the volunteering. The more volunteering the better the teamwork I have seen this group pull together for many different activities.

The Gay Pride parade will be in June. There will be a Pre Parade Set Up and Gathering on May 29. Please attend to help get ready for the parade. I really want the organization to have a good turn out to march in the parade. It shows we are a presence in the Gay Community. We will be marching again this year – it is fun and you get to see lots of your friends.

There will be more information about the parade and how you can contribute/volunteer in Bear Happenings. Lets make this the best parade yet!!!

I hope each of you have a great month — see you at the scheduled events!

*Leonard Schlueter
President*

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All New – HOT Bears Website

Have you been to visit our web site recently? You should. We've completely redesigned the look of it. It's cleaner, brighter, and (we hope) easier to read.

You'll find that the main page contains a quick summary of what's coming up with the HOT Bears. You'll

see times and dates for our upcoming events, with links to Google Maps to help you get there.

We are working to add more new content, especially in the photos section. The growing photo section is a new area with easy to navigate albums of club photos. As you

view the photos, you can leave comments which will stay with the photo. If you have photos that you'd like to share with the club, email Photos@HeartOfTexasBears.org and we'll arrange to get a copy of them.

Take a minute or two and visit www.HeartOfTexasBears.org

Heart Of Texas Bears

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**CHAIN DRIVE
FOOD & FUR & FUN**



Second Sunday Beer Bust

Upcoming Events

May 6 – 8

The Trinity River Bears are hosting a run at the TCC Landsite. It's called Bear Trek IV. It promises to be a fun weekend. To register, visit www.TrinityRiverBears.com

Saturday, May 7

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!

Sunday, May 8

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the Chain Drive (504 Willow Drive, 78701) from 4pm — 8pm. Join the Bears at our home bar for **\$0.50** draft beer. Come on down and end your weekend enjoying the afternoon with your Bear Brothers.

Saturday, May 14

Darren with "Bout Time is hosting a classic car show on the 14th of May. TGRA is doing the BBQ, Austin Baptist Women is doing a show on the outdoor stage.

Sunday, May 15

The 2005 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial will take place on Sunday, 15 May 2005 from 8pm - 9pm at Republic Square Park. Volunteers are need for group and individual speakers, singers, poem readers, performing artists, bands, prayer, remembrances, songs, stats, community literature, music, declarations and commitments.

Austin will host its 6th year participation of this event on 15 May 2005, when thousands of individuals in more than 1500 communities in 85 countries will also participate in the world's largest and oldest annual grassroots HIV/AIDS event. The

International AIDS Candlelight Memorial is designed to honor the memory of those lost to HIV/AIDS, show support for those living with HIV/AIDS, raise awareness of HIV/AIDS, and mobilize community involvement in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

The Global Health Council has selected this year's theme for the 22nd International Candlelight Memorial Service as: "Turning Remembrance into Action." The local Austin service will host speakers, prayer, music, poems, songs, and candles with loved ones with both new and old friends. This memorial service will honor the memory of those lost to HIV/AIDS, show support for those living with HIV/AIDS, raise more awareness of HIV/AIDS, and help mobilize community involvement in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

For more info on the AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service please visit: www.candlelightmemorial.org.

Sunday, May 15

THE CAPITAL CITY MEN'S CHORUS PRESENTS SWEET SIXTEEN. The Capital City Men's Chorus celebrates its Sweet Sixteen birthday with a concert on Sunday, May 15, at 5 p.m., at Central Presbyterian Church, at 8th and Brazos streets.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$18 at the door, and may be purchased at one of our outlets: Book Woman, 918 W. 12th St., 472-2785; Lobo, 3204-A Guadalupe, 454-5406; and TapeLenders, 1114 W 5th St., 472-0844. For more information and ticket sales, call 512/477-SING (7464) or go to www.ccmcaustin.org for online ticket purchases.

May 20-22

Activity weekend at the

TCC Landsite. If you'd like to spend a nice weekend camping out at the landsite with friends and helping on some projects around the place, the TCC activity weekends are for you! For more information contact Peter Reid or email the club at info@HeartOfTexasBears.org

May 20 – 22

BearWatch 6, hosted by the Houston Area Bears. It is a weekend of "Fun, Sun, and Bears on the Beach" in Galveston. The HOT Bears will be hosting a cocktail party again this year. You can read more about the event at houstonareabears.com/bearwatch

Thursday, May 26

Bears Night Out dinner is north this month. We're headed to Pyramids. It's located at 6019 N. I H 35, Austin, TX 78723. Join us at 7pm for dinner.

May 27 – 30

Lonestar 17. This annual run at the TCC Landsite is held over the Memorial Day weekend. This is always a big event at TCC. For more information contact Peter Reid or email the club at info@HeartOfTexasBears.org

Sunday, May 29

Pre Pride Parade Set Up & Gathering from 3-7pm at Marcus Montemayor & Ed Burleson's home. Join us to set up our parade accessories and gather for some Bear Brotherhood.

Friday June 3

Project Transitions is hosting the 10th Annual Texas Swing at Saengerrunde Hall & Scholz's Bier Garten. See www.projecttransitions.org/texaswing.shtml

Saturday, June 4

Austins 4th Annual Pride Parade! Come march with the

HOT Bears! We'll gather at 7pm in the TX DOT parking lot at the North East corner of Congress and Riverside Drive to assemble for the parade. A block party at the 300 block of Guadalupe will be held from 9pm-1am after the parade.

Saturday June 11

The 2005 Texas Pride Festival will be held from Noon to 8pm at Waterloo Park, 403 E. 15th Street, Austin, TX, 78701.

July 15 – 17

Nekkid Men Camping IV Austin Gay Nudists (AGN) TCC Campsite (Buzzards' Peak) \$80 admission includes all meals, beer, & sodas Participate in karaoke, nude oil wrestling, volleyball. For more information, go to austingaynudists@excite.com or <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/agncampout/>

July 21 – 24

Bear Jam 2005, hosted by the Music City Bears. This Ye Olde Bear Faire will be held in Nashville, TN. You can read more about the event at <http://www.musiccitybears.com/bearjam.html>

October 7 – 9

Back to the Woods... A HOT Bears run at Buzzards' Peak. As Peter's column in this issue talks about, the HOT Bears will be hosting a run at the TCC Landsite at Buzzards' Peak near Cameron, Texas. Three days and two nights camping under the stars with Bears in the woods. \$60 per person. All food, drink, entertainment, and a run pin included. Don't have a tent or trailer? No problem. Stay in the bunkhouse. For more information, please email: btw@HeartOfTexasBears.org



The View from Buzzards' Peak

[submitted by Peter Reid, aka Mr Grizzly, 2005]

Hey men! I just got back from the TCC Activity weekend (missing Toga!, darn-it). There was a lot going on. Not only is Texas Conference of Clubs gearing up for its biggest run of the year (Lone Star 17) and the quarterly meeting (2-1/2 hours long- ack!), but it was also one of two annual PWA Campouts.



The PWA campouts are run by the PWA Holiday Charities out of Houston. The TCC donates the use for the facilities to this organization and much of the work is done by TCC members. The campout enables people who are HIV positive (and their partners) to have a free weekend of relaxation in the woods. It turns out to be as good a time as any run during the year. They had 93 attendees and were helped by 20 TCC Independent members (including your truly). Saturday night, there was karaoke, followed by a great show put on by the attendees. One of the best numbers was performed by "Apile A. Debree" in a pink mini dress, skinny legs, and beard — singing an obscure country song about having a dick.



At the quarterly meeting, our own Tom Bolt was voted in as a TCC Independent member. Tom and I are building two small cabins enabling us to go up to the campground easily. We like the place enough to go there when there isn't anything going on, just for the day — perhaps bringing our dogs (the only time they are permitted to be there). Our cabins are located in on top of the formerly known "Screamers Peak". We are trying to think of a good name — among them: "Bear Mountain" and "Bare Mountain"

I wish to extend a thank you to the Board for my unexpected award presented at the Annual anniversary celebration a few Sundays ago. I am very touched by this. The "trophy" (I am told) was donated by Steve "Toga!" Rison. It will be in a spot of honor over the threshold of my cabin at TCC — thus combining the two clubs that I like best! Now I only can hope that the run will be successful. I am always looking for volunteers to help, so send me an email if you are interested (**BTTW@HeartOfTexasBears.org**). For those of you who are hesitating to attend due to financial reasons, please send me an email. I do not want anyone who truly wants to go to be left out because of that. I am actively seeking men who can do some of the work in exchange for a break on the price. Send me a personal email (**peter@preid.com**) and we can see what we can work out — all emails will be kept confidential (that means between you and me only).

One other thing — not TCC related, but fun. Watch out for a new reality show on the trash TV station known as FOX. Called "Judge Alex", it will be airing in the fall. Yours truly will be on the show as a defendant. I will not go into details. Suffice to say that, responding to statements made by the prosecution, Judge Alex turns to me and inquires "A Bear? What's a Bear?..."

As always, please shoot me an email if you have any questions or want to know of any details about upcoming events at the TCC and/or the HOTB "Back to the Woods" run October 7-9. Keep the applications coming!

Next month I will be reporting on Trinity River Bears run that is going to be held in May.

Woofy Cheers!
—Peter

May Birthday Bears

Steve Bailey	5/1	James Bryant	5/17
Raymond Kuhar	5/1	Scott Coleman	5/23
Kevin Davis	5/8	Daniel Trevino	5/26
Charlie Rainwater	5/8	Mike Stamets	5/29

HOT BEARS 7TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY



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Heart Of Texas Bears Back to the Woods '05

Run Application and Agreement



HOTB- Back to the Woods camp out will be held at the Texas Conference of Clubs (TCC) landsite at Buzzards' Peak from October 7-9, 2005. The landsite is located near Cameron, Texas and in convenient to Austin, San Antonio,

Dallas, and Houston. Facilities include showers, toilets, walk in cooler, ice machine, kitchen, and a pole barn. All facilities and many campsites are handicap accessible.

This is an outdoor, camping event. We expect that all attendees treat the land with respect. Littering and/or causing harm to wildlife will not be tolerated. We expect that you will keep a clean campsite and leave the land as good or better than it was when you arrived.

The entire weekend is provided by volunteers. Treat your servers and hosts accordingly. Jump in and help out if you see something that requires it. Your help will be appreciated and remembered.

For medical emergencies, there will be an on-site EMT. For severe cases, there is a good hospital 15 min away.

Basic fee includes a campsite, meals on Friday evening, all day Saturday, and Sunday morning, entertainment, and a run pin.

Please note that the road into the landsite is not paved and larger RVs will have limited maneuverability.

We attempt try to limit attendance to 100 people.

All sites and facilities are provided on a first come, first serve basis at the time of check in.

Official check in starts at Noon on Friday. If you would like to arrive earlier, please call to make arrangements.

By signing this application, you certify that you are at least 21 years of age, and agree not to bring any pets, firearms, explosives or illegal substances of any kind whatsoever on to the Texas Conference of Clubs premises. You agree to comply with all applicable laws of the various governmental agencies during "HOTB- Back to the Woods", and while on the premises. You also agree to be solely responsible for any and all personal property whatsoever that you bring to "HOTB-Back to the Woods". You agree to hold blameless the Texas Conference of Clubs and Heart of Texas Bears, their officers and members, their member clubs, a member of a member club, independent or commercial members, from any and all liability in the event of your accidental injury or death while on the premises.

**Questions? e-mail: BTTW@HeartOfTexasBears.org
phone: Peter @ 512-997-9347
www.HeartOfTexasBears.org**

Base Run Fees:

- ___ \$65 if received by September 7
- ___ \$85 if received by September 23
- ___ \$110 after September 23 or at the gate

Options (available on a first come first serve basis)

- ___ \$15 Bunkhouse accommodations (advance notice required)
- ___ \$10 Electrical hook-up
- ___ \$35 RV Electrical hook-up (limited areas)

Total Enclosed:

\$	
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For the purposes of book keeping, please fill out one application per person and enclose separate checks for each participant. Make checks payable to HOTB-Back to the Woods, mail to:

HOTB- Back to the Woods
Post Office Box 684391
Austin, Texas 78768-4391

There is a \$25 fee for returned checks. All fees must be paid in advance before entry is permitted. This outdoor event will be held rain or shine. Except in the unlikely instance of event cancellation, all fees are non-refundable- but are transferable to another attendee with written permission.

Admission to this event is contingent upon acceptance of this application by HOTB who reserves the right to accept or reject any application solely at its discretion. Violation of any of the provisions in this agreement shall constitute grounds for immediate expulsion from the TCC grounds.

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Telephone

Email (for confirmation)

Club Affiliation

Expected Arrival Time

I will be staying in (circle one):

Tent Bunkhouse Camper (Size _____)

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this application.

Signature/Date



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May

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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15 8-9p: The 2005 International AIDS Candelight Memorial Republic Square 422 Guadalupe Street Austin, TX 78701	16	17	18	19	20 BearWatch 6 TCC Activity Weekend	21 BearWatch 6 TCC Activity Weekend
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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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