



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the Desk of the President

I was five years old the Christmas eve it was snowing, there was magic in the air. All the bulbs on the tree were working, those leaded ice icicles which people up north called tinsel was sparkling and I was in hog heaven. I had never seen so many presents and some of them by God were bigger than me! My mom assured my sister and I that Santa was indeed on his way and we should get ready for bed but before we do so, we should fix Santa a snack and leave a couple of carrots out for the reindeer. That is when it turned ugly.



My dad had found a ratty white beard and a Santa hat, he donned this gay apparel and was now perched outside of our kitchen window. We found out later he had tapped on the window several times but we were chattering away like monkeys on nitrous oxide and filled with Christmas cheer or one to many peppermint sticks and didn't hear him. He decided to beat on the glass and at the same time press his face against the window while belting out a couple of hearty "Ho-ho-ho's". *That* got our attention.

I had been caught in the middle of pouring Santa's glass of milk and my sister was arranging the cookies when the demonic Peeping Tom from Hell was noticed leering in at us and clawing at the glass. We never figured out if my sister had peed in her Dr. Denton's or if it was from the half gallon of milk I was slinging all over the kitchen as I screamed and did my little Christmas jig on an entire package of holiday cookies. The Peeping Tom had fallen off the ladder and was really mad and was

now cussing and stomping right outside our kitchen door. I had enough wits about me to lock the door before the fiend could get to us and that some how made it even worse.

Aside from my dad limping around, the nightmares my sister had for a couple of nights, and my mom breaking out in hysterical laughter, all in all it was a pretty good Christmas.

*Merry Christmas!
Hugs,
Ed Burlison*

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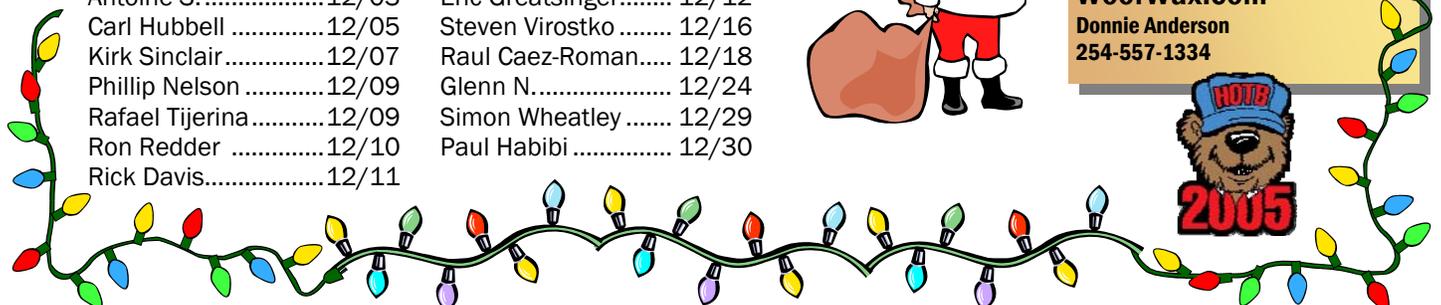
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December Birthday Bears

Antoine S.12/03	Eric Greatsinger..... 12/12
Carl Hubbell12/05	Steven Virostko 12/16
Kirk Sinclair.....12/07	Raul Caez-Roman.... 12/18
Phillip Nelson12/09	Glenn N..... 12/24
Rafael Tijerina12/09	Simon Wheatley 12/29
Ron Redder12/10	Paul Habibi 12/30
Rick Davis.....12/11	



Upcoming Events

Saturday, December 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!

Saturday, December 3

Project Transitions is hosting their 17th annual "Holiday Swing" at the Dell Jewish Community Center from 8pm until midnight. This fun fundraiser includes a silent auction, cocktails, coffee, and swing dancing.

Thursday, December 8

Bear Coffee. For the holidays we are doing something different. HOT Bear members Eric and Steve are hosting Bear Coffee in their Central Austin home. For those Bears who need some caffeine we'll have a selection of coffees and espresso drinks... How about a nice hot café mocha on a cold December night?! We'll see you there at 7pm.

Sunday, December 11

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the Chain Drive (504 Willow Drive, Austin, TX 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, December 17

Bear Breakfast at 10am at **Austin Diner**, 5408 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78756, (512) 467-9552. This "2nd breakfast" each month has become pretty popular. Join us for some great breakfast cooking and lots of Bear Brotherhood!

Saturday, December 17

HOT Bear Christmas Party! Once again Marcus and Ed have graciously offered to host a Christmas party for the HOT Bears. Join them, and the rest of the Bears, starting at 8pm for a great evening of fun, food, and fabulous drinks! See you there... Ho Ho Ho.

Thursday, December 29

Bears Night Out dinner is central this month. We're going to **Clay Pit** on the Thursday between Christmas and New Years. They are located at 1601 Guadalupe, Austin, TX 78701 (512) 332-5131. They serve Indian food. Join us there for dinner at 7pm.

New Years Weekend

"Fire and Ice" — A weekend run at the TCC Landsite. This annual run is always fun and the food is amazing. See Peter's article for more information.

Saturday, January 7

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

Sunday, January 8

Monthly **Bear Beer Bust** at the Chain.



The View from Buzzards' Peak

Seasons greetings, bears! It is a quiet time up at the landsite. I was up at the landsite over Thanksgiving weekend. About 10 people were there- all doing what we do on an Activity weekend. During the three days, we enclosed the kitchen and pole barn, raked a lot of leaves, insulated the bathroom, and celebrated Thanksgiving with leftovers. We enjoyed games of dominoes and was also entertained by a meteor shower. 'Twas a very clear night sky.

As some of you might know, David Parker, the TCC Treasurer, fell ill and died in late October. A celebration of life was held at his bar, Bricks II in Houston last Month. Several of the HOT Bears attended. David left behind a legacy at TCC in the form of the mini run during New Years Eve called "Fire and Ice" I attended last year. The main feature is the excellent meal prepared by Hal on New Years Eve. This year, it is going to be Shrimp and Scallop Kabobs and/or Steak Kabobs, along with several equally excellent side dishes. Of course Champagne will also be part of the meal- and there is usually fireworks at midnight. Last year, we had about 50 men. The weather was mild (mid 70s). It was a great time- and a good alternative to going out

to a bar with the teeming millions on New Years Eve. The cost is 35 bucks- and many arrive for just an overnight, staying in the bunkhouse (for \$15 more). If you want to go, you can get the application at the website: TexasConferenceOfClubs.com, or email me and I will help you out: flyfsh_peter@yahoo.com

In January, elections will be held for TCC Chairman, TCC Secretary, and TCC Land Management. We have three club members who are running for some of the positions. Steve Klinger is running for Chairman and both Ed Burlison & I are running for positions on Land Management. After BTTW, there has been growing interest among many of our members to become more involved- and this is a great thing. TCC is all about the member clubs and the more people who use and support the place from HOT Bears, the better. The land is a real benefit and close to Austin. I encourage those of you who have not been up for a visit to get up there. Email me for directions- or join me on a weekend day trip.

I wish everyone a safe and content holiday season!

-Peter
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Happy Holidays

PHOTOS FROM UNRUN2 & THE MR. HOT BEAR CONTEST



Bryan Music — Grizzly
Steve Rison — Polar
Haydon Schrum — Mr. HOT Bear
Steve Brahm — Cub



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December

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4	5	6	7	8 7p: Bear Coffee Steve Glaser & Eric Greatsinger's Home	9	10
11 4-8p: Bear Bust The Chain Drive 504 Willow Street Austin, TX 78701 512.480.9017	12	13	14	15	16	17 10a: Bear Breakfast Austin Diner 5408 Burnet Road Austin, TX, 78756 (512) 467-9552 8p: HOT Bears Christmas Party Ed Burleson's & Marcus Montemayor's Home
18	19	20	21	22	23	24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29 7p: Bears Night Out Clay Pit 1601 Guadalupe St. Austin, TX, 78701 (512) 332-5131	30	31 New Years Eve TCC - Fire & Ice

View the latest calendar information for this month and future months on the HOT Bears web site

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