



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the Desk of the President



Several of the HOT Bears trekked out into the desert to attend Fiesta de la Osos. This was my third time partying with the Tucson Bears and I believe a good time was had by all. Several of us went to the Desert Museum and got to see two of our namesakes laying around like throw rugs, lazy bears. We enjoyed our saucy waitress at Franks with her tee shirt that read "Eat and Get Out" and a special thanks to Julio and Richard for taking us off the beaten path and for inviting us into their beautiful home. Unlike many of the Bear Runs around the country, Tucson is a place to get out and explore and the Tucson Bears enjoy showing their city off.

On January 20th I went up to Buzzards' Peak to get a little camping and to attend the winter meeting. Elections were held and I am now serving a one year term on Land Management and Peter Reid is serving a two year term. The HOT Bears got the go ahead on our gardening project. Mickey Ferguson surveyed the area and it looks like "The Hairy Potters" are in business. The plan to date is to keep the area we have adopted as natural as possible with native plants and materials.

I would like to take this time to inform the HOT Bear membership that as we are a part of The Texas Conference of Clubs, it is but a small part of who we are as a Club. Buzzards' Peak gives us a venue for camping and participating in other Club Runs held at the landsite. It is a wonderful place to recharge your batteries, meditate and relax in a natural setting. Peter Reid and myself will keep you updated about Buzzards' Peak but inner conflicts and politics will not become a part of who we are unless it affects us directly. Like I told those in attendance at the winter meeting, and as I have told the HOT Bear membership, my goal is a simple one "Leave it better than you found it."

I have been blessed in many ways since moving to Austin over six years ago. A wonderful partner, great friends and a chance to make our Club the best that it can be. I will do my best and I welcome your opinions and suggestions but most of all I welcome your friendship.

Hugs,
Ed Burlison



February Birthday Bears

Jerry Lynn Crain..... 2/3	Haydon Shrum..... 2/15
Steven Cronin..... 2/5	John Cowart..... 2/23
Thomas Parker..... 2/11	Timothy M. Ryan..... 2/23
Kevin K. 2/14	Chris Hernandez..... 2/29

Superbowl Bear Party

Tom Bolt is hosting a superbowl party on Sunday, February 5th starting at 4pm. It's pot-luck, so bring along some "football food" to share and some drinks to share.

The game starts a 5pm. Come out and join the Bears for some football fun!



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Upcoming Events

Saturday, February 4

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, February 5

Superbowl pot-luck party at Tom Bolt's house. The game starts at 5pm. Show up anytime after **4pm** to enjoy the game with some bear friends. Bring a pot-luck dish to share.

Wednesday, February 8

Bear Coffee. Join your Bear Brothers for some friendship, fun, and caffeine. This month we are going to **Texpresso**, located at 2700 West Anderson Lane, close to the Alamo Drafthouse Cinema. Their phone number is 467-9898. You really have to experience their signature drink, called a "Texpresso". Yumm! See you at 7pm.

Saturday, February 11

Bear Game Night. Bud McMullen is hosting a game night at his house, starting at 7pm. Bring along a game (or two) and some snacks to share. See you there!

Sunday, February 12

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.

Friday — Sunday, February 17 - 19

TCC Activity Weekend. Come up to the TCC Landsite at Buzzards' Peak, camp out, and help with projects. It's a great weekend get-away and you can help improve the landsite.

Saturday, February 18

Bear Breakfast at 10am at **Austin Diner**, 5408 Burnet Road, Austin, TX 78756, (512) 467-9552. This "2nd

breakfast" for the month has become pretty popular. Join us for some great breakfast cooking and lots of Bear Brotherhood!

Thursday, February 23

Bears Night Out dinner. This month we're having Italian! We're eating at Buca di Beppo, location near the MoPac / 183 interchange. They have great food and large portions that are good for sharing. Their address is 3612 Tudor Blvd, Austin, TX, 78759 and their phone number is (512) 342-8462. Join us there for dinner at 7pm. We'll try to get seated in the "Pope Room"!

Saturday, March 4

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

Sunday, March 12

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



The View from Buzzards' Peak

The Elections

The Annual elections of the TCC board are over. The entire meeting lasted a short 2 hours. HOT Bear President Ed cast the ballot for the HOT Bears. Seth Cortigene was elected as Chairman in a very close race. Dale Arndt, Ed, and I were elected to positions on Land Management. The post-meeting chili dinner served by the HOT Bears was appreciated by all. Now we move on to a new year with some new ideas- always a good thing. I am very grateful to the HOT Bears for giving me the opportunity to be the liaison for the club and look forward to continuing on in the new year.

The Coops

As some of you might know, Tom Bolt and I are building two tiny (8x8) sleeping shelters amidst the trees near the top of the rise above one of the main tent areas. This project was begun to show how we can use undeveloped areas of the campground while still maintaining a natural state. What to call these buildings has been a challenge. Follies, Cabanas, Cabins, and Huts all seemed to lack a certain quality. However, Steve Klinger came up with "Chicken Coops" and the name has stuck. Now this small hill has become commonly known as "The Chicken Ranch". Thank you, Steve. Now, if I can only get Dolly Parton to visit!

The Season Begins

Our date for "Back 2 the Woods 2" is October 13-15. Long before then, there are many runs that are happening at the TCC. Trinity River Bears "Bear Trek V" is May 5-7. This is the first

run of the season. Last year, many HOT Bear members came up for it. We threw a fantastic cocktail party. I am going again this year but will return May 26-29 for Lone Star 18.

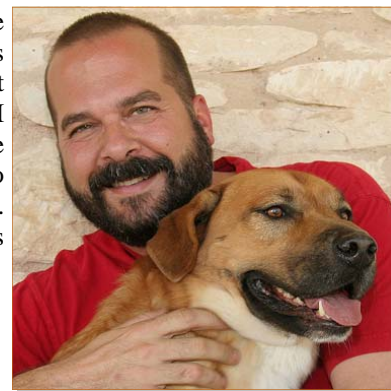
Lone Star 18

Lone Star is the annual run where all proceeds go directly to support the operating expenses of the TCC Landsite. A good turn out will help us continue to improve the place and ensure it will be around for a long time. Applications can be found at www.TexasConferenceOfClubs.com. As Members of the HOT Bears, you are entitled to register for the lower member price. I encourage all of you to consider attending this Memorial Day Weekend event.

Activity Weekends are FREE

As always, you can email me directly for information on anything going on up at TCC. Remember: Once a month are Activity weekends. These are free HOT Bear club members and a great way to get introduced to the landsite. I am happy to help you get the information you need to enjoy this special place. Peter.Mook@yahoo.com is the new email address.

Woof,
Peter
(and my dog, Mook)



February

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