



# Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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## From the Desk of the President



### Happy 8th Anniversary HOT Bears!

It is hard not to reflect back on our past without thinking about our future. As a Bear Club we have had very few problems and I am grateful for our By-Laws. I am also aware that this is Austin and we are doing our part in keeping it weird. If developing lasting friendships and having fun is weird, I say "bring it on"! We are also blessed with having a group of friends that "get it." Some people are clueless about the meaning of life, they wander aimlessly though life in a depressed state never fully getting the entire picture, always being what I call "the perpetual victim." In the past a few of these folks have joined the HOT Bears and we did not serve them well. One thing above all others that this Club demands of its members is to be yourself. Be honest about who you are, respect others and everything else falls into place. I can not nor do I have a desire to control what comes at me but I do have a say in how I react to it.

We have a lot planned this month, Steve Rison has once again invited the Bears to Toga and on the following day I will once again get to chair a Quarterly meeting with a "sick headache". Then Beer Bust is after the meeting. I will be the green, slow moving Bear if you want to say hello. Just remember, no loud, quick or sudden movements please.

There will be more information concerning the anniversary party in this Bear

Briefs, our Yahoo group and through Mickey's e-mails. I will tell you that each year as we become a larger group, the time of year and the expense plays a part in what we do for this event. This year we thought a more informal gathering was in order. Smokin' Willie's will be providing the beef and chicken. And, a first for our Club, we divided the roster into sub groups for sides dishes, desserts, etc. But remember, if you have a special dish or dessert to share, Leonard, er, I mean guys, then by all means do so. And since Bud has retired and is now on a fixed income... I'm not even going to go there, for now.

And just when you thought you could sit back and relax, the last weekend of the month should be quite a blast. Eeyore's Birthday is on the 29<sup>th</sup> and we thought a Teddy Bear's Picnic was in order. We will stake out a spot and enjoy laying around watching the weirdness ebb and flow around us.

Because of 2<sup>nd</sup> Breakfast we have been approached by several members wanting more Bar time. We have talked with Kendall at The Cockpit and we will be meeting there to celebrate either the ending of April or the beginning of May with "HOT Bears Fur Frenzy" Sunday April 30 from 5-9pm. Bartenders will be on duty, there will be food and I dare say a couple of surprises. So come on down and "fluff the fur" with your HOT brothers on the last Sunday of April.

Hugs,  
Ed Burlison

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# HOT Bears Anniversary

Please **RSVP by April 15<sup>th</sup>**. See page 3 for RSVP and pot-luck information.

# Party - April 22



## Upcoming Events

### Saturday, April 1

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, April 8

Steve's 11th 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 9

The **HOT Bears Quarterly Business Meeting** will be at 1pm at the **Austin History Center**. The History Center is downtown at 9th and Guadalupe. Join us, hear about upcoming club events, elect Officers for the next Board, and share your ideas! Remember... it's **your** club. Bear Beer Bust will follow the meeting at the Chain Drive.

### Sunday, April 9

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

### Wednesday, April 12

Bear Coffee. For a change of pace, join some of your Bear friends for coffee at 7pm. We'll be meeting at **Spider House**, (2908 Fruth St., Austin, TX 78705) which is located just north of the campus area in Central Austin and offers a wide selection of food and drinks in a unique Austin atmosphere. We went here last September and had a nice gathering. Join us and have a double (espresso, that is).

### Saturday, April 15

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!

### Saturday, April 22

The **HOT Bears 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party**!! Yes, we've been an "official" club for eight years now. See the article on page 3 for details and RSVP information!

### Thursday, April 27

Bears Night Out dinner. This month we're going to **Smokey Bones Barbeque & Grill** which is located down south on IH-35 and Stassney Lane, just in front of the Metropolitan Theater. Their address is 901 Little Texas Lane, Austin 78745 and their phone number is 707-0907. Join us for dinner at 7pm.

### Friday — Sunday, April 28 – 30

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, April 29

**Eeyore's Birthday Party!** An Austin tradition for years. This is the 43rd annual party in Pease Park. A group of Bears went together last year and had lots of fun. Visit [eeyores.sexton.com](http://eeyores.sexton.com) for details.

### Sunday, April 30

**HOT Bear Fur Frenzy**. Join us from 5pm - 9pm at **The Cockpit Club** (2nd and San Jacinto, formerly Dicks Deja Disco). See the article on page 4 of this month's **Bear Briefs**. This is a new event, at a new bar, and we're excited about it. We'll be serving beer on the back patio and there will be food!

### Saturday, May 6

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



## The View from Buzzards' Peak



**Star Gazing** — I have been spending a lot of time up at the landsite getting ready for the season. All the wildflowers are in bloom, the leaves have burst forth on the trees, and the birds are at full volume. Ed, Mickey, John, Tom, and a few others were up at the landsite over the March Activity weekend. It was a good group. We

took out some time on Saturday night to go stargazing in the field at the top of the hill. We spent about 45 minutes on our backs staring up at the stars and waxing philosophical about what other worlds are out there. Orion was so clear that you could see his underwear and the nebula hanging off his belt. I felt like a small boy and wondered who might be staring back. It was accentuated after returning home after the weekend, I read in the paper that there was a new nebula discovered that is shaped like a DNA spiral. The Universe is connected in ways that we cannot begin to understand.

**Activity Weekend** — The March Activity weekend was spent raking leaves, rolling up the winter tarps on the pole barn, and clearing the "Hairy Potters" HOT Bear area to get it ready for

some landscaping. That project is starting to take shape. Tom Bolt and I did some work on our shacks. I think his will be done by October for Back2Woods2. The days are warm up there now and cool nights. A huge fire was started in the fire pit at night and about 20 people gathered around sharing a beer and camaraderie. A few day-trippers blew in and stayed for dinner of fried chicken, apple coleslaw, mashed potatoes, peach cobbler, and cake.

**A Bar fight?** — Sunday morning, I got up and began clearing some of the dead trees on the hillside path from the Chicken ranch down to the compound. A fully dead, baseball bat thick tree that was a hazard, needed to be pulled out and I set to the task. In doing so, it snapped and rebounded, hitting me in the face and left me with a really neat bruise on my face that appears as if I was in a bar fight. I was glad I was with others who could pick me up, find my glasses, and get me first aid. It reminded me that it's best not to be alone in the woods if you can help it.

**Bear411!** — Please note that if you are on Bear411, "Back to the Woods 2" is listed as an event. Its great publicity- so if you are considering attending the HOT Bears annual run this year, make sure you list it in your profile. We are already planning the meals and show for our run. From what I have been hearing, its

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## The View from Buzzards' Peak

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already shaping up to be better than last year- and there are several folks from out of state that have shown interest already. The HOT Bears are branching out- Yee ha!

**LoneStar18 is upon us** — I am making Saturday Morning Breakfast as Mr. Lone Star and the HOT Bears are serving lunch for LoneStar18, the Memorial Day weekend Campout. I am proud that our club is participating in numbers this year, as we need the camaraderie of clubs to make the place continue to be great. I have heard other plans that make me believe that as a whole, this promises to be a good year. LoneStar18 should be one of the best runs in 2006- so I encourage all of you to attend over

the Memorial Day Weekend. I have a feeling that Bears (and their friendly attitude) will dominate as I know of other Bear clubs are coming out in force from all over the State. Applications and details are here: [TexasConferenceOfClubs.com](http://TexasConferenceOfClubs.com)

**Last line** — Thanks to all you guys who make this club great. As usual, you can email or find me on yahoo IM as flyfish\_peter, on Bear411 as flyfish. I welcome your questions or comments about the landsite.

*Peace, Cheers, and Woofs.*  
—Peter

## HOT Bears 8th Anniversary Party

All HOT Bear Members are invited to the 8<sup>th</sup> Heart Of Texas Bears Anniversary Party!

This year, the Anniversary party is being held at Ed Burleson's and Marcus Montemayor's home — Casa del Mariposa! The pool will be open and ready for the HOT Bears with the newly installed industrial filters for the fur! Please bring swimsuits for daytime floating.

The HOT Bears will furnish the main dish (beef and chicken) along with a keg of beer and our famous Sunburn Punch. Feel free to bring any other beverages you desire.

We're asking that everyone bring a pot-luck dish. If you have a specialty, then by all means, please bring it, even if it is

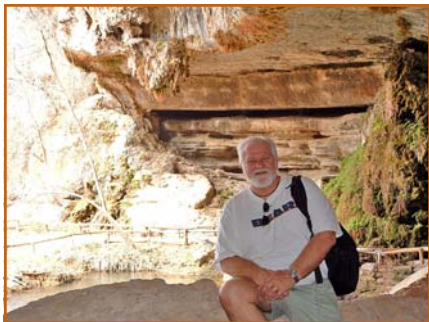
outside these suggested guidelines:

An email "Evite" was sent out to all members with an email address. Please use the Evite to let us know if you will or will not be attending. This will help us have enough beef and chicken available. If you didn't get the Evite, please RSVP to [CommBear@HeartOfTexasBears.org](mailto:CommBear@HeartOfTexasBears.org) or call Jack at 512-250-5114. Hope to see you there!

Last Name	Bring
A-Ch	Dessert
Ci-Ha	Side Dish
Hb-L	Soft Drinks
M-R	Appetizers
S-Z	Breads

## April Birthday Bears

William Braddock.....4/2	John Snyder..... 4/19
James Patterson.....4/6	Greg Graham..... 4/20
Mickey Ferguson.....4/17	Jerry E. .... 4/24



PHOTOS FROM "BEARS DAY OUT" AT HAMILTON POOL



This year's TBRU winners, including Steve Rison—Mr. TBRU Polar



## The Hairy Potters

Most of you should know about the Texas Conference of Clubs Landsite by now, thanks to our fellow member Peter Reid's "View from Buzzard's Peak" articles that have been appearing in these pages over the past year. Personally, I am very thankful to Peter for drawing my attention to the TCC Landsite; I've found it an amazingly relaxing and rejuvenating place to visit.

This short article is to mention to you bears with green thumbs that several of us from the club have adopted a small portion of the Landsite, near the pole barn. We thought it would be a nice way to give something back to the land and the people who visit it. Some of you might've seen the message on the HOTBear Yahoo! Group about "The Hairy Potters" (the fun name we've given ourselves). I realize it was short notice, but a small group of us made it to the TCC Landsite for the March "activity weekend" and began the process of preparing the area

for planting. This meant raking a lot of leaves, mostly — but now we have an excellent start on a compost pile!

What we need is more of you to get involved in this project. We're looking for any hardy plants that you might be able to spare, preferably herbs or native perennials. We also need to think about constructing a couple of retaining walls to level the site and make it more pleasing to the eye.

I know from the looks of April's calendar we're going to be very busy as a club, but if you are interested in joining the "Harry Potters," please send an e-mail to [hairypotters@HeartOfTexasBears.org](mailto:hairypotters@HeartOfTexasBears.org) and I'll try to coordinate a planning session sometime before the next TCC activity weekend (always the last weekend of the month, and listed on our HOT Bear calendar).

—Mickey Ferguson

## HOT Bear — Fur Frenzy

Sunday, April 30, 2006 marks a new event for the HOT Bears. It's the HOT Bears **Fur Frenzy** at the *Cockpit Club*!

The *Cockpit Club* is a new bar, in the same location that *Dick's Deja Disco* used to be occupy at 2nd and San Jacinto. They have a good sized back patio with a bar. The HOT Bears will be serving draft beer there from 5-9pm. Plus, there will be food and other drink specials. The DJ will be spinning some disco for us, too. To top it all off... **Free Valet Parking!!!** Please remember to tip the valet and bartenders!

Come to the *Cockpit* for some good ol' bear brotherhood in a new location!



Some Hairy Potters — Getting Started at the Landsite

## AIDS Candlelight Volunteers & Participants Needed

This year's 2006 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial will take place on Sunday, 21 May 2006 from 8pm - 9pm at Republic Square Park. Volunteers are needed for group and individual speakers, singers, poem readers, performing artists, bands, prayer, remembrances, songs, stats, community literature, music, declarations and commitments. This year service will also host a reading from different AIDS, Community Organizations & Individuals of loved ones lost of the past year.

Austin will host its 7th year participation of this event on 21 May 2006, when millions of individuals in more than 4,500 Communities in 93 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 23rd International Candlelight Memorial Service as: "Lighting a Path to a Brighter Future." 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. Since 1983, the pandemic has claimed more than 28 million lives, with about 42 million now living with HIV and AIDS.

Those interested in participating and helping to sponsor and be a part of the 23rd International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service are asked to please email Eric A. Crabtree @ [ozparade@aol.com](mailto:ozparade@aol.com) or last resort call: 512.707.2384 before Monday, April 3rd, 2006. An official Press Release later that week. For more info on the AIDS Candlelight Memorial Service please visit: [www.candlelightmemorial.org](http://www.candlelightmemorial.org).

Lastly, Light a Candle online now for those you want to remember: International AIDS Candlelight Memorial - Light a Candle Online!

*Peace, Prayer & Pride,  
Eric A. Crabtree  
Austin Candlelight Coordinator*



Texas Conference of Clubs invites you to

# LoneStar18



## A Gathering

May 26-29, 2006

Join us at the **Memorial Day Weekend** run on Buzzards Peak at the TCC Landsite. **TCC Member club members pay the discounted fee of \$75.** All others pay \$90. Included are all meals, drinks, campsite, entertainment, games, and camaraderie. For an application go to:

**[TexasConferenceOfClubs.com](http://TexasConferenceOfClubs.com)**



# April

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Heart Of Texas Bears Quarterly Business Meeting - Annual Elections</b> <b>Austin History Center - 810 Guadalupe Street (9<sup>th</sup> &amp; Guadalupe), Austin, TX 78701 (512) 974-7480</b>						<b>1</b> 10a: Bears Day Out Trudy's North Star, 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, 78757 (512) 454-1474
<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Commences at 6:69pm <b>TOGA XI</b>
<b>9</b> 1p: Quarterly Membership Meeting at Austin History Center 4-8p: Bear Bust at The Chain Drive	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7p: Bear Coffee Spider House 2908 Fruth St. Austin, TX 78705 (512) 480-9562	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10a: Bear Breakfast Austin Diner 5408 Burnet Road Austin, TX, 78756 (512) 467-9552
<b>16</b> Easter	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> TCC Discipline Corps Campout (Fri 4/21 through Sun 4/23)	<b>22</b> 4p: HOT Bears 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party
<b>23</b> TCC Discipline Corps Campout	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 7p: Bears Night Out Smokey Bones Barbeque & Grill	<b>28</b> TCC Activity Weekend (Fri 4/28 through Sun 4/30)	<b>29</b> 1p: TCC Spring Mtg. TCC Landsite 11a-Dark: Eeyore's Birthday Party
<b>30</b> TCC Activity Weekend 5p-9p: HOT Bears Fur Frenzy at The Cockpit 113 San Jacinto Austin, TX, 78701 (512) 457-8010	Trudy's North Star – 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, TX, 78757 (512) 454-1474 The Chain Drive – 504 Willow St., Austin, TX, 78701 (512) 480-9017 Spider House – 2908 Fruth St., Austin, TX 78705 (512) 480-9562 Austin Diner – 5408 Burnet Road, Austin, TX, 78756 (512) 467-9552) Smokey Bones Barbeque & Grill – 901 Little Texas Lane, Austin, TX, 78745 (512) 707-0907 Eeyore's Birthday Party at Pease Park – 1100 Kingsbury Street, Austin, TX, 78703 The Cockpit – 113 San Jacinto Blvd. (2 <sup>nd</sup> & San Jacinto), Austin, TX, 78701 (512) 457-8010 <a href="#">View the latest calendar information for this month and future months on the HOT Bears web site</a>					

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