



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the President's Desk



Many years ago when I lived in North Carolina I attended my very first gay pride parade in Asheville. My best friend Whit and I were heading into town when I saw a man holding a sign that read "Faggits Burn In Hell". Before Whit could react I cut the wheels of my 1977 Chrysler Newport and was barreling down the sidewalk toward this bad speller. Thankfully, Whit grabbed the wheel and the mentally deficient zealot was fast on his feet.

The next day he was on the front page of the newspaper holding his hateful sign and I smiled because there was a tire track running over the word "faggit."

I have grown up and have realized "those people" are everywhere. I say a silent prayer for them, I pray for wisdom, for them and for me.

I never marched in a gay pride parade until I moved to Austin. It is a very empowering experience and last year the HOT Bears won "Best Walking Group", I cannot think of a moment that I was more proud of us as a Club.

This year we have a few tricks up our sleeves and I invite you all to march with the HOT Bears. On the HOT Bear website you will find a photo of our group from last year. I think it says it all!

Hugs,
Ed Burlison



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Fund-raiser: Beer Bust, Food, and a Show...

The Austin Babbtist Women are at it again, and this time, they've brought friends! The Austin Babbtist Women, in conjunction with the Heart of Texas Bears and the Austin Chapter of the Texas Gay Rodeo Association (T.G.R.A.) will present "A CommUNITY of PRIDE" Celebration and Show on **Sunday, June 4, 2006**.

The event is being held at **The Cock Pit** Bar, located in downtown Austin at 113 San Jacinto, just one block west of the Austin Convention Center. This celebration and show will feature the HOT Bears Beer Bust and T.G.R.A. Cook-out, both starting at **6:00 pm**, and continue on at **8:30 pm** with a fabulous show with amazing entertainment from the Austin Babbtist Women, T.G.R.A. Royalty Candidates Celicity Cash and Randy Edlin,

Carmelita Brazil and Crawline deGutta, the stunning and velvety-voiced Victoria Weston of Dallas, as well as other talented guests. All proceeds from this celebration and show benefit Project Transitions.

The Austin Babbtist Women are coming into their 20th Anniversary year as an incredibly entertaining and highly respected charitable force. Created in 1986, the all-male, all-volunteer comedy troupe performs throughout the nation and exists for the sole purpose of raising money for AIDS, HIV, and breast cancer organizations.

With a core group of four extremely talented performers, these men take on the personas of little old ladies and stage elaborately-choreographed, side-splitting routines. In the past years, their antics have

helped to raise nearly \$6 million for charities throughout the United States.

Please come out and join us for this celebration of Community and Pride in Austin!

Austin Pride Parade!

Saturday, June 3rd - Setup at 5pm

Upcoming Events

Saturday, June 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, June 3

The 5th annual Austin Pride Parade. The Bears have been in the parade every year, and this one should be the best yet! *Watch your email for details*, but plan to meet down at Riverside and South Congress (the usual parade meeting place — the TxDOT parking lot) around **5pm** to help put together this year's creation. **Please wear a solid colored (one of the rainbow colors) shirt:** a t-shirt, a polo shirt, a Hawaiian shirt, whatever. This year's parade theme is "We Are Family".

Sunday, June 4

Join the Austin Baptist Women, the HOT Bears, and TGRA Austin for an evening of fun at the **Cockpit**. Starting at **6pm** the HOT Bears will be serving **\$0.50** draft beer and TGRA will be cooking up some food on the back patio. Then at **8:30pm** the show begins! The whole evening is a fund-raiser for Project Transitions. See you there!

Saturday, June 10

Pride Fest at Waterloo Park. Noon to 8pm. (15th Street at Trinity)

Sunday, June 11

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the Chain Drive (504 Willow Drive, Austin, TX 78701) from **5pm — 9pm**. Join the Bears for **\$0.50** draft beer. Come on down and end your weekend enjoying the afternoon with your Bear Brothers.

Wednesday, June 14

Bear Coffee. Join some of your Bear friends for coffee at 7pm. This month we'll meet at **Genuine Joe**, up north on Anderson Lane (2001 West Anderson Ln). We had Bear Coffee here a few months back. Join us for more!

Friday — Sunday, June 16 – 18

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, June 17

Bear Breakfast at 10am. This month we'll be meeting at the café in the **Best Western Rockdale Inn** in Rockdale. It's

on the way to the landsite at 381 North US Highway 77, Rockdale, TX, 76567. Their phone number is (512) 446-6163. It's located on highway 77, just after you're turn off of highway 79. You can't miss it. Join us for a good breakfast and then a day of activities nearby at the landsite.

Sunday, June 25

HOT Bear Fur Frenzy. Join us from **5pm — 9pm** at **The Cockpit Club** (2nd and San Jacinto, formerly Dicks Deja Disco). See the article in 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!

Thursday, June 29

Bears Night Out dinner. This month we're going to a Bear Favorite... **Threadgill's**. They are located at 301 West Riverside Drive. Their phone number is 472-9374. Join us for dinner at 7pm.

Saturday, July 1

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

HOT Bears — Fur Frenzy

Sunday, June 25, 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!

We were going to have this event in April, but due to electrical problems at the Cockpit Club we had to reschedule. Come out this month to the **Cockpit** for some good ol' bear brotherhood in a new location!

June Birthday Bears

Michael Lucus.....6/2	Anthony Florek 6/18
Donald Walker6/6	Thomas Bolt 6/20
David Siegel6/11	Jim Laferla 6/27
James Acuña.....6/14	Eric Miller..... 6/27
Bill Rodgers6/16	Kevin H. 6/29
Thomas Brabandt.....6/17	Greg Aulick 6/30



The Austin Babtist Women

H.O.T. Bears and T.G.R.A., Austin
present

A CommUNITY of PRIDE

Celebration and Show
Benefitting Project Transitions



Celebration starts at 6:00
Sunday, June 4



The Cock Pit - 113 San Jacinto
For parking information: (512) 457-8010

The View from Buzzards' Peak

Thanks to Jack and Mike for setting up the new "Back 2 the Woods 2" website!

Go to www.HeartOfTexasBears.org/bttw to learn about and sign up for the run.

To: Run Applicant <you@email.com>
From: BTTW Run Chairman <BTTW@HeartOfTexasBears.org>
Date: Sun, 21 May 2006 21:00:50
Subject: Your Application



Thank you for applying to "Back 2 the Woods 2", the Heart Of Texas Bears' second annual run at the Texas Conference of Clubs land site at Buzzards' Peak on October 13-15. Our club members are proud to present this weekend for your pleasure. This is our second year and we expect to sell out, so thanks for getting in your application early. We try to keep the run small so that we can provide the maximum amount of service to the attendees. The entire weekend is created for your enjoyment by volunteers from The Heart of Texas Bears as well as few of the club's long time friends from last year. Behind the scenes, club members work very hard long before the run actually happens. ANY help you can extend during your stay is much appreciated.

Many wonder just what happens at these runs. I assure you that we do not "run", but rather enjoy the great outdoors around a campfire with the camaraderie that only a great bear organization can have. Throughout the weekend, other member clubs will throw cocktail parties. Saturday, during the day, there will be outrageous games. That evening we'll have a candlelight dinner, followed by a great show. The main show is done by the HOT Bears, but if you would like to do a short number for the pre-show, you are welcome to sign up at registration. Sunday morning, we will have brunch and hand out prizes for the winners of the games and contests. There are other surprises in store for you- all being thought-up by the B2W2 run committee.

Rain or shine, this promises to be a great weekend. A short packing list to consider: flashlight, jeans, shorts, T-shirts, boots, socks, jockstrap, sneakers, towel, sunscreen, bug spray, meds, cocktail party supplies, campsite decorations, lube, trojans, cockring (etc.), CDs, book, tent, pillow.

If you have any questions about what to bring or need directions to the landsite, please email me directly: BTTW@HeartOfTexasBears.org.

—Peter

June

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Austin's 5th Annual Pride Parade – We'll gather at 6pm in the TxDOT parking lot at the North East corner of South Congress and Riverside Drive to assemble our entry for the parade. Entry judging is at 7:30pm and the parade starts at 8:30pm. COME MARCH WITH US on Saturday June 3th !!! ☺</p>				<p>1</p>	<p>2 TCC - Touch Of Leather (Fri 6/2 through Sun 6/4) 7p: 10th Annual Texas Swing Saengerrunde Hall and Scholz's Bier Garten 1607 San Jacinto Austin, TX, 78701</p>	<p>3 TCC - Touch Of Leather 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast Trudy's North Star, 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, 78757 512.454.1474 5p - 5th Annual PRIDE PARADE!</p>
<p>4 TCC - Touch Of Leather 6p: A CommUNITY of PRIDE Event The Cockpit 113 San Jacinto Austin, TX, 78701 (512) 457-8010</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 7:30p: HOT Board Meeting – North</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 TCC Lone Star Nudist (Fri 6/9 through Sun 6/11)</p>	<p>10 TCC Lone Star Nudist Noon-8p: Pride Fest Waterloo Park 15th St. & Trinity Austin, TX, 78701</p>
<p>11 5-9p: Bear Bust The Chain Drive 504 Willow Street Austin, TX 78701 512.480.9017</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 7p: Bear Coffee Genuine Joe 2001 W. Anderson Ln. Austin, TX 78757 (512) 220-1576</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 TCC Activity Weekend (Fri 6/16 through Sun 6/18)</p>	<p>17 TCC Activity Weekend 10a: 2nd Breakfast Best Western Rockdale Inn 381 North US Hwy 77 Hwy 77 just past the turnout from Hwy 79 Rockdale, TX, 76567 (512) 446-6163</p>
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