



# Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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## From the President's Den



It is that time of year again... the weather is getting warmer, our schedules are getting busier, and a group of new faces appear to help guide the H.O.T. Bears in a direction that the membership asks to take them. It is with this purpose in mind, that we (**Daniel Trevino** - VP, **Jon Sofley** - Treasurer, **Robert Barber** - Secretary, and myself) have agreed to do for the next 12 months. It is our goal to make sure your feel proud to be a H.O.T. Bear member.

First of all I want to thank **Peter Reid**, for his tireless work over the past 2 years. I can tell you it was a lot of hard work but a whole lot of FUN too! You will see articles from him from time to time as he reports back to us the goings-on of all things TCC. I also want to thank **Shawn Fox** for his hard work over the last year as well. Keeping up with 100+ members data isn't easy, and he did a fine job. Also too, I want to thank Jon Sofley for his hard work over the last year, and look forward to working with him over the next one too as he continues on. I also look forward to working with Daniel and Robert this year as well.

We have a busy month with events ranging from our ongoing breakfasts, dinners, Beer Bust, and Spurs-n-Fur. Add to that bowling, a dog walk, an afternoon trip to Schlitterbahn, a pool party, Mr. H.O.T. Polar Bear's - "Who's Your Daddy Contest", and our annual trek downtown for the 8th Annual Pride Parade and festival.

A couple of the events I want to highlight here are the "Who's YOUR Daddy Contest" and the Pride Parade...

First off I want to let you know that Mr. H.O.T. Polar Bear 2009 - Ken Earnest is hosting a Father's Day Weekend "Who's YOUR Daddy Contest" at the Chain Drive and is searching high...and LOW for Austin's hottest Daddies. As a special to the HOT Bears, Dave at the Chain Drive, wanted me to let you know that if you show your club pin or membership card at the front door, your cover charge is waived, and your first drink (well or domestic bottled beer) is FREE! And you thought those pins were only good for a "Texas Style" pinning! Be sure to say *thanks!* to Dave.

Secondly, I want to personally invite all the HOT Bears to come down and join us as we walk the parade route this year. For those of you who wish to participate, but are not physically able to walk, we will have a second vehicle available to ride in. We plan on meeting at the staging area at 6:00pm to make final preparations and march the parade at 8:30pm.

**Please wear a Hawaiian shirt to help add color to our group, and bring your pride, Bear, leather pride flags, flashlights, glow sticks, or anything appropriate to show your spirit.** This years parade theme is "**One Community, One Pride**", and since we'll be walking again

this year and it is sure to be warm, we'll be providing bottled water, sodas, and light snacks. See the Austin Pride website ([AustinPride.org](http://AustinPride.org)) for more information, a map of the route, and available parking areas or you may contact me at the email address listed below. Your participation is greatly appreciated!

For information about any of our events, you can always click on the calendar section of the [HeartOfTexasBears.org](http://HeartOfTexasBears.org) website -or- check out your HOT Bear happenings emails.

I look forward to a great month and, even better, year ahead!

*Woof's and Grrrr's*  
*Kelly Stephens*  
*President@heartoftexasbears.org*

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# Austin Pride Parade!

## Saturday, June 6th



**Tuesday, June 2**

HOT Bears Planning Meeting. Join the officers for their monthly board meeting at 7:15pm. This time, it will be at the home of Manny and Rob in South Austin. See the HOT Bear Happenings email for the address. Your input will help make the Club better!

**Friday – Sunday, June 5-7**

The Trinity River Bears are hosting their annual campout weekend (“BearTrek — Feast In The Woods”) at the TCC landsite. Visit [TrinityRiverBears.com](http://TrinityRiverBears.com) for details.

**Saturday, June 6**

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 6**

The 8th annual **Austin Pride Parade!** Once again the HOT Bears will be marching in this great event. [See Kelly’s article on page 1 for details.](#)

**Sunday, June 7**

Monthly Bear Beer Bust at the **Chain Drive** from **4pm — 8pm. Now the 1st Sunday of each month!** Join the Bears for **\$0.50** draft beer. Come on down and end your weekend enjoying the afternoon with your Bear Brothers. [504 Willow Street, Austin, 78701, (512) 480-9017]

**Friday, June 12**

Guerilla Queer Bar from 6pm to 9pm. See [SmokingBanana.com](http://SmokingBanana.com) for details.

**Saturday, June 13**

**Bears Bowling!** We had so much fun last time...so we’re doing it again! Come join your fellow “Kinpins” as we hit the boards at Dart Bowl. Join us at **7pm** sharp for lots of Bear Brotherhood as we take aim at those little white pins! [5700 Grover Ave. Austin, Texas 78756 - (512) 452-2518]

**Tuesday, June 16**

Live in Texas but don’t know how to “scoot-a-boot”? Then head on down to the Rusty Spurs and grab some **free** lessons every Tuesday night. Rusty Spurs is just west of I-35 on 7th Street. See you there at 8:15p. [405 E. 7th St., 78701, 482-9002]

**Friday – Sunday, June 19-21**

**Activity Weekend** at the TCC Landsite. Camp out and help work on some improvements for the Landsite.

**Saturday, June 20**

2nd Bear Breakfast at **10am** at **The Bakehouse Restaurant & Bar** ([austinbakehouse.com](http://austinbakehouse.com)). Join us for some great breakfast cooking and lots of Bear Brotherhood! [5404 Manchaca Road, Austin, 78745 (512) 443-5167]

**Saturday, June 20**

**Schlitterbahn!** Sterling, a fellow H.O.T. memBear is planning a wet and wild Saturday afternoon and would like to invite all HOT Bear members to cool off at Schlitterbahn water park! Contact Sterling directly at (512) 576-2685 or [texasotter@gmail.com](mailto:texasotter@gmail.com) for details

**Saturday, June 20**

“Who’s Your Daddy Contest”. **9pm** at the Chain Drive. Join Mr. H.O.T. Polar Bear 2009 - Ken Earnest - as he searches high and LOW for Austin’s HOT Daddies. Show your HOT Bear club pin or membership card at the front door and your cover charge is waived and your first drink is **free!** (well or domestic bottled beer). If you would like to enter the contest, contact [President@HeartOfTexasBears.org](mailto:President@HeartOfTexasBears.org) for details.[504 Willow Street, Austin, TX, 78701, (512) 480-9017]

**Sunday, June 21**

Join the HOT Bears for our second bear bust each **3rd Sunday of the month.** Join us from **4pm — 8pm** for \$1 pints on the back patio and BBQ cooked up by the **Rusty Spurs** Staff at **Rusty Spurs**, just

west of I-35 on 7th street. See you there at 4pm. [405 East 7th, 78701, (512) 482-9002]

**Thursday, June 25**

**Bears Night Out.** Dinner this month is in South Austin at **Buffet Palace**. Come join us! They have something that everyone will enjoy. See you at **7pm** (Bear Time). [4608 Westgate Blvd. Austin, TX 78745 - (512) 892-1800]

**Saturday, June 27**

**Bear Swim** — All Bears in the pool! Join the HOT Bears at Joe Smith and Tom Strauch’s home starting at **6pm**-till...?????. They will provide the main meat dish and keg, and we will do the usual potluck sides. BYO bottle and mixers. Check your HOT Bear Happenings email for location and directions.

**Sunday, June 28**

**HOT Bear Dog Walk and Social.** Daniel Trevino is heading up a HOT Bear and Dog Walk/Social at Red Bud Isle Trail. Red Bud Isle is a “leash free” park just below Tom Miller Dam. See you and your pooch at **11am** at the main entrance to the park. 3401 Red Bud Trail, Austin, TX - (512) 974-2000]

**Saturday, July 4**

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

**Saturday, July 4**

Immediately after Bears Day Out Breakfast (around noon) we plan on canoeing/kayaking the Colorado River then returning to Daniel Trevino 's place for bear camaraderie and an evening BBQ and cold drinks provided by the HOT Bears. Details in next month’s **Bear Briefs.**



## The View from Buzzards' Peak



Hey! Now that Kelly Stephens has taken over the presidency of the HOT Bears, I am resuming my reports on Texas Conference of Clubs. Over Memorial Day Weekend, TCC held "Lonestar21" an all club event that is geared to raising money to help keep the campground going. The theme this

year was "Best Little Campground in Texas" so there were many reference to the "Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" film and stage show. 127 people from all over Texas and a few from out of state, enjoyed perfect weather, great food, great games, and 27 cocktail parties over a 4 day period. I was glad to see many new faces and reunite with old friends. As part of the weekend, the annual Mr, Miss, and Ms Lonestar contest was held.

Boy Joe, of the Central Texas boys of Leather won the contest for "Miss LoneStar." Although his solo performance of Madonna's "Like a Virgin" was terrific (nice dress, btw), what got him the title, was his commitment to fundraising in Austin. Way to go Joe! I hope to see you continue to perform with Miss Kitty Litter locally and around the state.

"Mr Lonestar" was won by Woodja of the club Misfits in Houston. He is known among our membership as a great guy who is also committed to fundraising for the community. If you have never been to the Misfits Ball in Houston, I encourage you to go. It's a great annual event. I think the most memorable moment was his reciting an original story about a peterbuilt, its driver, Woodja's partner Ed, and a police man. I think there may be a video at Tapelenders inspired by that story.

During the June 20 Activity Weekend, there will be a special election to replace TCC Vice Chairman, Frank Manko. Frank is stepping down due to personal changes in his life. There are several good nominees who have stepped up to the plate to serve out his term. The election will go smoothly.

There are many weekend events for bears, leatherboys, nudists, and "other" at TCC all year around. Go to [TexasConferenceOfClubs.com](http://TexasConferenceOfClubs.com) and click on the calendar section to see what going on. If you have any questions or need directions to check it out during the montly free weekend, do not hesitate to email me: [flyfsh\\_peter@yahoo.com](mailto:flyfsh_peter@yahoo.com)

*-Peter*

A small group us HOT Bears met at Red Bud Isle with our dogs for the monthly HOT Bears Dog Walk.

It was a beautiful day. Dogs swam, sniffed, and played together. Thanks to John Snyder for taking pics.



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## June 2009 HOT Bears

| Sun   | Mon          | Tue  | Wed       | Thu                               | Fri   | Sat  |
|---|--------------|--|-----------|-----------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>31</b> 🌙<br>11am» HOT Bear Dog Walk and Social                                   | <b>01</b>    | <b>02</b><br>7:15pm» HOT Bear Planning Meeting | <b>03</b> | <b>04</b>                         | <b>05</b><br>TCC Trinity River Bears — Feast In The Woods | <b>06</b><br>TCC Trinity River Bears — Feast In The Woods<br>10am» Bears Day Out Breakfast<br>6pm» 8th Annual Austin Pride Parade                      |
| <b>07</b> ☀️<br>TCC Trinity River Bears — Feast In The Woods<br>4pm» Bear Beer Bust | <b>08</b>    | <b>09</b>                                      | <b>10</b> | <b>11</b>                         | <b>12</b><br>TCC TOL Camp Out<br>6pm» Guerilla Queer Bar  | <b>13</b><br>TCC TOL Camp Out<br>7pm» Bears Bowling!!!!  |
| <b>14</b><br>TCC TOL Camp Out<br>Flag Day   | <b>15</b> 🌙  | <b>16</b><br>8:15pm» Dance Lessons at the Spur | <b>17</b> | <b>18</b>                         | <b>19</b><br>TCC Activity Weekend                         | <b>20</b><br>TCC Activity Weekend<br>10am» 2nd Breakfast<br>11am» Schlitterbahn!!!!<br>9pm» Mr HOT Polar Bear 2009 presents: "Whos Your Daddy Contest" |
| <b>21</b><br>TCC Activity Weekend<br>Father's Day<br>4pm» Spurs-n-Fur               | <b>22</b> ☀️ | <b>23</b>                                      | <b>24</b> | <b>25</b><br>7pm» Bears Night Out | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b><br>6pm» Bear Swim - All Bears in the pool!!!!!!  |
| <b>28</b><br>11am» HOT Bear Dog Walk and Social                                     | <b>29</b> 🌙  | <b>30</b>                                      | <b>01</b> | <b>02</b>                         | <b>03</b>   | <b>04</b><br>JULY 4th BBQ and River Excursion<br>Independence Day<br>10am» Bears Day Out Breakfast   |

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