



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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November 2000

Out of Town Events

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9-12 Bear Invasion 2000
The District of Columbia
Bear Club
Washington, D.C.
[members.aol.com/
DCBearClub/](http://members.aol.com/DCBearClub/)

10-12 Bear Prowl 2000
Forest City Bears
London, Ontario, Canada
[www.gaycanada.com/
fcbears/](http://www.gaycanada.com/fcbears/)

January 2001

12-15 2001 Fiesta de los Osos
Bears of the Old Pueblo
Tucson AZ
www.botop.com

March 2001

29-1 Texas Bear Round Up
Dallas Bears
www.DallasBears.org

For more events, see:
[www.resourcesforbears.com/
BEARCAL/](http://www.resourcesforbears.com/BEARCAL/)

November Birthdays

Ron K.....Nov 3
W.M. E.....Nov 4
David J.....Nov 8
Pierre BNov 12
Glenn S.....Nov 14
Jerry CNov 20
Carl K.....Nov 24
Philip W.....Nov 28
Tom SNov 30

A big Woof to each of you!

Mr. Heart Of Texas Bears Contest

When: Saturday,
November 18th,
10:00 pm – ?
Where: The Chain Drive
504 Willow Street
(512) 480-9017

Remember the old
Bear Contests?

If you are not
familiar with this
tradition, now is your
chance to see what all
the excitement is about.
You may be a

contestant or maybe a
judge, or you may
volunteer some other
kind of help.

Contestants will vie
for some nice prizes,
and the winner will
represent the HOT
Bears at Texas Bear
Round Up VI in Dallas
next Spring, including a
c o m p l i m e n t a r y
registration to TBRU.

Our Club secretary,

Garreth H has
reportedly decided to
enter the contest and
could use some “stiff”
competition! Now is the
time to get that hot
woofy bear signed up,
that you think would
make the perfect Mr.
Heart of Texas Bears!

Make plans now to
be at the Chain Drive at
10 pm to root for your
favorite bear!

Bears' Day Out

When: Saturday,
November 4th,
10:00 am
Where: City Café
19 Main Street
Elgin, TX

Bears' Day Out
moved away from
Hoover's Cooking in
October, in case you
didn't know. The HOT
Bears met for brunch at
the Waterloo Ice House
and decided to check
out another location for
BDO Brunch.

For this month we

will have a special
brunch at the City Café
in Elgin and then hit the
road for a day at
Buzzard's Peak for the
Fall Meeting of the
Texas Conference of
Clubs.

This is an excellent
opportunity for you
bears who are curious
about the legendary
campground, to visit
Buzzard's Peak and
meet some of the other
members of TCC.

Because this an activity

weekend, there is no fee
for overnight camping
and you are welcome to
bring your gear if you
want to spend the night.

City Café is in
Elgin's old historic
district, at 19 Main
Street. Take US 290
East from Austin and
turn left at the second
traffic light in Elgin.
Look for the Café on
the right after you cross
the railroad tracks.



New Members

We are thrilled to welcome some new HOT Bears to the Club:

Ed C, Victor A, Chuck D, Philip W, Bill B, Andy A

If you know these bears be sure to give them your personal welcome. If you do not know them, please make it a point to seek them out and introduce yourself!

Bears Night Out

When: Thursday, November 30th, 7:00 pm
Where: Threadgill's
301 W Riverside Dr.
(512) 459-3855

We had 15 bears and friends at the September BNO at the Alligator Grill.

Some of you North Austin residents had a

hard time getting that far South with heavy traffic and the distance.

For November we will go back to a central location, Threadgill's World Headquarters Restaurant, at 301 W Riverside Drive (where Riverside Dr. and Barton Springs Road cross)

Does anybody remember the Armadillo World Headquarters?



Bear Bust Goes On

When: Sunday, November 12th, 4:00 – 8:00 pm
Where: The Chain Drive
504 Willow Street
(512) 480-9017

The October Bear Bust was more fun than any other in recent memory. This is an important source of revenue for the

Club and for the Paul Kirby Fund of ASA, our designated beneficiary.

We had lots of memberships expire at the end of the last fiscal year, but now we have a bunch of new



members most of us have not met. Let's get out to the Chain Drive for an afternoon of bear brotherhood and a cold beer. Let's give ourselves the chance to build strong, new friendships within our

Club!

If you want to tend bar, please notify the Club at the Club address or leave a message on TeleBear.

You just might be the lucky bear to walk away with the cash prize in the 50/50 cash raffle!

Bears Night At The Movies

When: Saturday, November 25th
Where: Time and Place to be announced.
Check the web or TeleBear.

We have had sparse attendance at this event. This month it was moved back a week to accommodate our Bear

Contest, so it falls during Thanksgiving weekend. This might be a great time to come out for a movie in the com-

pany of some bears. Bring a friend and let's see if we can get some holiday spirit going.

Lots of Little Bear Bits...

TABC certification is still available to anybody who wants to tend bar for our monthly Bear Busts at the Chain Drive. You must pay the \$20 fee, show up on time for class, and bring your Social Security card or number and a picture ID, preferably a Texas driver license.

Income tax time is on the way. We need help

with determining the status of our corporate tax responsibility. Treasurer James P has been appointed Chair of a committee to study this matter and report back to the Board. Please notify him if you would like to help out!

Submit artwork now if you have a design for new Club t-

shirts, tank tops, etc. The Board is looking for new designs to use so please send those designs in.

Coordinator for Chain Drive events is David "Mutt" D. If you want to work with Mutt on our events at the Chain Drive, please email the Club or leave a message on TeleBear.

"ROSEBUD 2000", Dallas Motorcycle Club's annual run at Buzzard's Peak, was held October 13-15. The Bears were well represented there and won the award for Best Cocktail Party and the "House Beautiful" award for best-dressed camp. Check out the

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Sponsors

The HOT Bears are grateful for the continuing support of the following people and companies. In consideration of their long-time contributions, please support those who support us.

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Austin, TX
(512) 478-2261

Phil Nelson
Registered Massage Therapist
(512) 416-0402

Dr. Chocolate
4001 N Lamar Blvd, Suite 500
Austin, TX 78756
(512) 454-0555
www.DrChocolateOnline.com

The Summit House
Bed & Breakfast
1204 Summit Street
Austin, TX 78741-1158
(512) 445-5304
<http://summit.home.texas.net/>

Chain Drive
504 Willow Street
Austin, TX 78701
(512) 480-9017

Lobo
3204A Guadalupe
Austin, TX 78705



Thanks!!

 to Dave L and Rich S for their hospitality at the September pool party. They deserve special thanks for putting up with some pretty hairy shenanigans in the later hours of the party.

 to Bud Mc for

the success of our Ice Cream Social. We had a great time and we made a bit of cash to supplement the Club treasury. Another good job, Bud!

 to Jeff M and Greg O'C for hosting a fabulous Halloween

Costume Party.

 to JD of the Austin Dish Rag for coming to our October Meeting and presenting us with an opportunity to support our community while having a lot of fun.

Quarterly Membership Meetings

Dates for our future meetings had to be changed from second Sundays because the meeting room got booked from under us.

We decided at the October Meeting that we should stick with Sundays, which have proved to be better than

Saturdays for getting a good turnout. The next Quarterly Meeting will be the first Sunday of January 2001, the 7th in the O'Henry Room of the Austin History Center.

The October quarterly meeting found 16 members conducting

the business of the Club on October 8. Secretary Garreth H reported that membership stands at 95. Treasurer James P informed us that we have a checking account balance of \$2359.29.

Trade Your Club Patch In...

...if you would rather have one of our black Club t-shirts.

If you are a new member and have a small, embroidered Club patch in cherry condition and would rather have a t-shirt,

please notify the Club Secretary, Garreth H via TeleBear or by email.

The Board decided to make this change for several reasons, mainly because members are more likely to wear the shirt and shirts are

much more easily restocked. We are planning to make the small patches available sewn onto ball caps. We have most shirt sizes in stock now and you may purchase one and keep the patch if you want to.

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new trophies in the Club display case at the Chain Drive.

Fiesta De Los Osos is coming up January 12-15. This is a great event according to our members who have attended. Registration closes on December 15

or whenever they get 150 out-of-town bears registered. See Vice president Ed B for an application if you plan to go.

The Annual Bears' Holiday Party has been scheduled for December 16th at the home of Marcus M and Ed B. Those

who attended last years' bash know that this is not a party to be missed! We need somebody to play Santa so if the shoe fits, please let us know! Do not make any other plans for that evening!

Special Events Coordinator

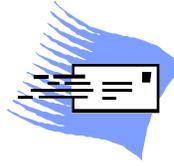
A special events coordinator is finally onboard!

A huge welcome to new member Scott R who brings his expertise and enthusiasm to a job that has been vacant way too long.

We signed up some members at the October meeting who want to be on the Special Events Committee, but we have room for more!

Please sign up and send in your ideas for the kinds of events you

want the Club to plan.



“Cub Magazine” is Looking For You

Cub Magazine is searching for locations for photo shoots.

Our own Jamie “Slipperybear” B is working on this exciting project and needs to get a couple of model layouts done quickly for the

premiere issue.

If you have a space that is suitable for indoor photography/videography and preferably an outdoor private space too, weather permitting, Jamie would love to

hear from you!

You must be in the city or within reasonable driving distance.

Contact Jamie at cubmag@hotmail.com to work out an arrangement or phone

TeleBear and leave a message.

By the way, Jamie says he is also “still looking for a husband.”

Join the club, Jamie!

Bear Contest in Houston—Texas Lone Star Bears

When: Saturday, December 9th, 9:00 pm

Where: Mary's Bar
1022 Westheimer
Houston, TX

A Bear Contest in Houston! It's sponsored by the Texas Lone Star Bears

and will be held at Mary's Bar, on Saturday December 9th beginning at 9.

It includes the “Mr. Texas Lone Star Daddy Bear 2001” contest, munchies, a cocktail party, and raffles

benefiting a charity.

For additional information is HOTB member Ric B. at mancubtx@aol.com or call TeleBear.

The next day, Sunday, December 10th

is the Houston Area Bears monthly social at Mary's, their latest home bar.

If you're in Houston be sure to join the Houston Area Bears and give them all a big bear hug from Austin!

All Saints Picnic in the park — Saturday, November 11th

Join the Bears for a day at McKinney Falls State Park on Nov. 11th.

McKinney Falls State Park is located 13 miles southeast of Austin. Travel on U.S. 183 to Scenic Loop Road, and then proceed 2 miles west to the park entrance at 7102 Scenic Loop Road. A day

fee of two dollars a person is required.

HOT Bears should arrive by noon with a picnic lunch (you can leave the fine crystal at home!). After eating we can hike around, walk through the woods, go bicycling, or just observe wildlife.

Onion Creek flows 1.7 miles through the park. The easy 3/4 mile Smith Rock Shelter interpretive trail begins at the visitor center, taking visitors past sights such as one of Travis Co. oldest bald cypress trees. Wildlife o b s e r v a t i o n

opportunities exist for armadillos, rock squirrels, whitetail deer and numerous bird species. During the Fall, Winter and Spring, shorebirds and ducks are fairly common.

Come on out and have fun time in the park with the Bears.

Jon Rambles a Bit About Why He is a Bear — by Jon M-C

I have a friend, Rob, who thinks having a Bears Club is the silliest thing he's ever heard. For him, it's like people who like lime Lifesavers forming a club, or people who never wear socks forming a club, or people who never wear white socks forming a club. To him, it's totally arbitrary and defined by one thing: beards. I can't convince him of the gist, the meat, the reason for being behind the Bears.

His biggest problem is that he's bi. I'm like the 2nd guy he ever fooled around with and his whole world is the realm of the heterosexual male. He has no clue how subversive we are, in a society that holds up the thin, clean shaven, smooth chested male as

the norm for all gay men. Rob is unaware of the general, popular opinion, fueled by the media, which wants us to believe that we as gay men must want to be twinkies and we must want to sleep with twinkies. We must, says the paradigm; there is no option. Anyone unfamiliar with gay culture will not understand how subversive it is to say to that all-encompassing mindset: "We don't think so."

I am not a bear because I have body hair (though I do). I am not a bear because I have a beard and love beards on other men (though, Lordy, I do).

I am not even a bear because by and large bears present a more masculine image of the gay male than the twinks. I am a bear mainly because we fly in the hairless face of the elitist, exclusivist gay male culture that says some men are worthy of friendship, affection, acceptance and some aren't. I love the bears because when we all get together, we're all pretty accepting of one another, even the smooth and hairless who might wander into our lairs. Contrast this to the atmosphere of pretension that pervades many gatherings of what we've come to call

"The Twink Culture." We all know about it: "I'm better than you because: I'm thinner/more muscular/driving a more expensive vehicle/sporting other people's names on the ass of my jeans/sporting a bigger joystick." Once I thought I was doomed to move around in that awful stuff if I wanted the company of my gay brothers. Which brings me quickly, almost panicked, to my next thought: Thank you thank you thank you, Bears everywhere and HOT Bears specifically, for giving me a community I can call mine.

Austin Shower Party

The Austin Dish Rag, Dick's Deja Disco and Tape Lenders are putting on the Austin Shower Party. November 4th, 9:00pm. til ? at Dick's Deja Disco. Hosted by UpTown Julie Brown.

Cum and have an evening of amateur Shower Dancers, Buffet and Raffles to benefit Project

Transitions.

If you would like to register and Shower Dance then e-mail austindishrag@cs.com and join them for an evening of fun and frolic. They will also be officially kicking off their Canned Food Drive for Aids Services of Austin during this

Holiday Season.

This is a worthwhile project. This event, though it falls on Bears' Day Out and our planned trip to Buz-zard's Peak, deserves the fullest support the HOT Bears can give it. The Board decided to donate some Club mer-

chandise for their raffle.

We salute the effort being made to stage a community-wide benefit and urge all our members who are able, to come out for a festive evening of prizes and entertainment and of course, a turn in the infamous shower!



November

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			1	2	3	4 Bears Day Out 10am at the City Café in Elgin Austin Shower Party – 9pm at Dick's Deja Disco
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Bears in the Park – Noon at McKinney Falls State Park (picnic)
12 Bear Bust 4-8pm at the Chain Drive	13	14	15	16	17	18 Bear Contest 10pm at the Chain Drive
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Bears At The Moves (check TeleBear or the website)
26	27	28	29	30 Bears Night Out – 7pm at Threadgill's 301 Riverside		

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