



Bear Briefs

The Newsletter of the Heart Of Texas Bears

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From the President's Den



April showers bring May flowers! unless you live in Austin and the spring comes early with blue-bonnets. There is lots going on this Month. Not including our regular breakfasts, coffees, and beer busts, we have Toga (thanks Steve!), two events at Texas Conference of Clubs, the HOT Bears Quarterly meeting that will include the election of new officers, the UnRun 2008, and our 10th Anniversary party. Notices will be sent out, as usual, but there are three major events that you may want to look for on the HOT Bear calendar.

Toga on April 12. Once again, Steve Rison has invited the HOT Bears to his annual Toga Party. This is an annual ritual that brings in the spring in the style of the Greeks. Its bawdiness is not everyone's style- but for those who enjoy being silly and letting go of their inhibitions for an evening, it proves to be a great time. Pot luck and donations are always appreciated to offset some of the costs- as is help with set-up and clean-up.

HOT Bear Quarterly Meeting on April 20. We will be electing new officers. The more people that come to the meeting, the better elections we will have. Final nominations will be posted via HOT Bear Happenings.

The UnRun + Anniversary Party. This is a big weekend for us! We have events from April

25-27. from the beginning of UnRun on Friday with a meet and greet at 'Bout Time to the HOT Bear Contest at the Chain Drive on Saturday, the UnRun is the biggest Bear Event in Austin. Then we come to the end of the weekend with a cruise on Lake Travis to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the HOT Bears. Have you RSVP'd to the Evite yet? We can accommodate up to 150 for the event. It is free to all members. If you want to bring a guest- no problem. All that we ask is that you pay a nominal fee (per guest) to reimburse the club for expenses.

I love the spring here in Austin. Wildflowers and great temperatures have taken the place of the fall colors I grew up with in the North. Seasonal changes mark the passing of time and reminds me of nature's cycles. As a result, I tend to spend more time up at Texas Conference of Clubs in my small cabin. Wherever I have lived, I find a place to escape the turbulence of the every day, a place to sit and listen to calm, and a place to rejuvenate. Now that the spring is here, the woods is a pretty great place! If you want to join me for one of my weekends away, I would be happy to show you the TCC Landsite.

Have a great April and see you at the UnRun!

-Peter

PS: Thanks to all of the new BearTenders who got TABC certified in March. I look forward to serving with you!

Sunday, April 20th !

Quarterly Business Meeting

and Officer Elections - see page 2

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, April 1

HOT Bear Board Meeting. Join the officers for their monthly board meeting at 7:15pm. Your input will help make the Club better!

Saturday, April 5

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!

Immediately following breakfast, join us for volunteering for TOGA XIII setup - Steve Rison's House - Contact Steve Rison for details - (512) 459-5842

Wednesday, April 9

Coffee With Da' Bears! Join your Bear Brothers for some friendship, fun, and caffeine (caffeine is good!). This month Bear Coffee is south at **Starbucks** on MoPac south. See you there at 7pm! [6600 South Mo-Pac, Austin, TX 78749, 358-9471].

Friday, April 11

Guerilla Queer Bar from 6pm to 9pm. See **SmokingBanana.com** for details.

Saturday, April 12

Steve's 13th 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. *Don't miss it!*

Sunday, April 13

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 16

Lady Bunny, singer, songwriter, actress, and most famously the founder, organizer, and hostess of Wigstock will be making an Austin appearance at Oil Can Harry's. Show your HOT Bear card at the door to get in the show for **free!** Check out her website at **www.ladybunny.net**.

Saturday, April 19

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

Sunday, April 20th

The **HOT Bears Quarterly Business Meeting** will be at **2pm**. The meeting will be held at the Austin Library, Carver Branch, room #1. The library is located at 1161 Angelina, Austin 78702; which is a few blocks east of IH-35 on 11th Street. Their phone number is (512) 974-1010. See the HOT Bears website for a map. Join us, hear about upcoming club events, share your ideas, and **vote** for your next HOT Bear Board! Remember, it's **your** club.

Thursday, April 24

Bears Night Out dinner this month is north. We're headed to **Golden Wok** on IH-35 just south of Parmer Lane, in the HEB Shopping Center. Come join us at 7pm for some tasty food. [500 Canyon Ridge Drive, Austin 78753 (512) 228-3688]

Friday — Sunday, April 25 - 27

The 4th annual Heart of Texas Bears **UnRun**. Joins us for a weekend of Bear Brotherhood, parties, food, and, of course,

the annual Mr. HOT Bear Contest! Visit the UnRun web site (**www.HeartOfTexasBears.org/unrun**) for details.

Friday, April 25

UnRun: Meet & Greet and Sign-In at 'Bout Time starting at 7pm [9601 North IH-35, Austin 78753 (512) 832-5539]

Friday, April 25

UnRun: Chain Drive 22nd Anniversary Party starting at 10pm [504 Willow Drive, Austin, TX 78701]

Saturday, April 26

UnRun: Events all day long beginning at 10am. See your UnRun schedule (which you picked up at 'Bout Time) for details.

Saturday, April 26

UnRun: The Annual **Mr. HOT Bear Contest** is at the Chain Drive starting at 8pm. Arrive early as the bar tends to get crowded during this yearly event!

Sunday, April 27

UnRun: Sunday Dim Sum Brunch. See your UnRun schedule. 10am.

Sunday, April 27th

The HOT Bears 10th Anniversary Party. From 3:30pm to 7pm. Please RSVP via your Evite email or the USPS mailing.

Friday — Sunday, April 25 — 27

Activity Weekend at the TCC Landsite. Camp out and help work on some improvements for the Landsite. The **TCC Spring Quarterly Meeting** will be held on Saturday at 1pm in the Pole Barn.

Saturday, May 3

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

Event Notes from the VP

Medical Building Raffle Results

During the March Bear Bust the HOT bears held a 50/50 raffle to help raise money for the TCC Landsite Medical Building. A total of \$200 was raised during the raffle, and Epiphany with the Central Texas boys of Leather was the winner and graciously donated her winnings back to the fund. Thanks Epiphany! The HOT bears also donated the proceeds of the Bear Bust tip jar to the fund raising another \$182 for a grand total of \$382. We would like to thank all those who supported the HOT Bears in this effort, and made it such a huge success! WOOFs and GRRRS to you!

New BearTenders Certified

On March 29th, the HOT Bears held a TABC certification

event at the home of Kelly Stephens and Vincent Vasquez. In total 9 Beartenders were certified or re-certified during the Saturday afternoon event. Immediately following the event all the participants were treated to a delicious steak and chicken dinner prepared on the grille by Peter Reid. Congratulations to Eric Miller, Vincent Vasquez, Shawn Fox, Jon Acker, Daniel Trevino, Scott Coleman, Manny Woodward, Robert Barber, and Roger Olien. We look forward to having these newest BearTenders serve you at future Bear Busts and during the UnRun weekend!

UnRun 4 HOT Bear Contest

During UnRun weekend, many events will be taking place. There will be a Meet and Greet at 'Bout Time (a funky Austin

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original to be sure...), the Chain Drive's 22nd Anniversary party, and more daytime activities Saturday afternoon than you can shake a big hairy paw at. But the event that many people look forward too is the HOT Bear Contest on Saturday evening. If you have never been to the Chain Drive during the HOT Bear contest, you should check it out. Plan to arrive early as there is usually a line to get inside the place. If you have been before, be sure to notice a few changes planned to make the event even better than before.

One change planned will be holding the HOT Bear contest outside on the back patio (weather permitting) to allow everyone attending a better view of the show and the contestants, and allow ordering of drinks at the front bar to flow a little smoother.

The contest itself is lighthearted and a lot of fun. If you would like to be in the contest and compete for the title of Mr. HOT Bear, Mr. HOT Cub, Mr. HOT Grizzly, or Mr. HOT Polar, please contact Kelly Stephens at VP@HeartOfTexasBears.org. The contest is open to everyone (you do not have to be a member of the HOT Bears to compete).

HOT Bears 10th Anniversary Party

The HOT Bears 10th Anniversary party is being held April 27th 2008 from 3:30pm - 7:00pm. Our private boat "The Ark" will depart promptly at 4:00pm. Hors d'oeuvre, cocktails, and a catered dinner will be served as we gently sail the waters of Lake Travis and celebrate 10 years of Bear camaraderie. The party is free for all current HOT Bear Members, and if you would like to bring additional guests, advanced notice and a small fee of \$25 per guest is requested before boarding.

Kindly respond to either the electronic or mailed invitation no later than April 20th, so that we can have an accurate count for the caterer.

Dress for the weather, and pray for sunshine. We look forward to celebrating with you.

Please note....there is a \$5 per car parking fee for the adjacent parking lot.

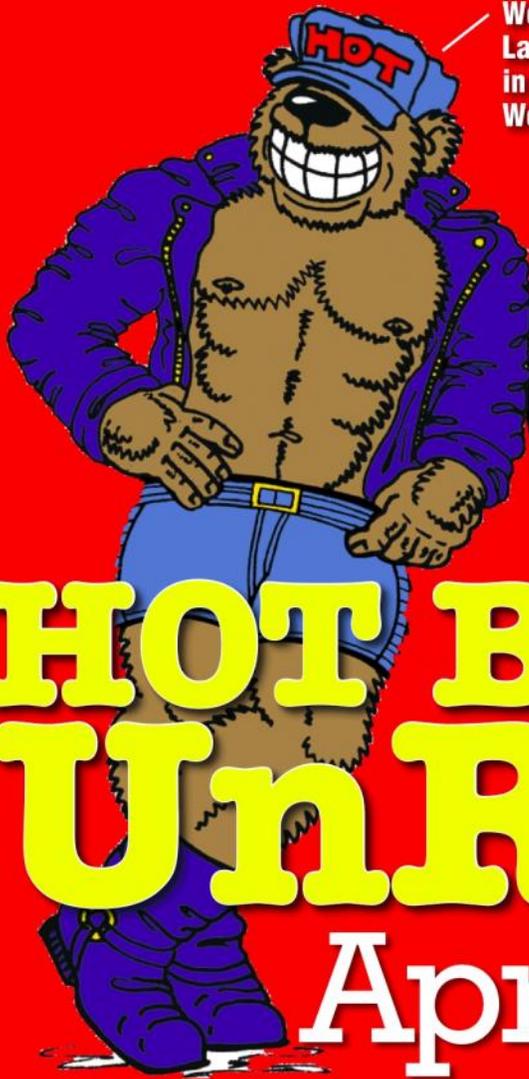
At Lonestar 20 on May 23-26, 2008
great things happen in the dark...



The Texas Conference of Clubs
invite you to our 20th annual weekend at Buzzards' Peak. One set price gets you a campsite, all meals, beer and soda, entertainment, comraderie, and some things that you probably will not see anywhere else. Folks from all over Texas come to this event. Please join Us!

For information and to sign-up online:
www.tcclonestar.org





Woof! Come early to the contest! Last year there was a line to get in the contest doors by 10pm. We sure can pack em in!!!



HOT Bears UnRun4

April 25 - 27

The HOT Bears UnRun is an annual event to show off Austin and raise funds for local charities via raffle tickets, tips, and donations. As such, all events are pay as you go. There is no host hotel, but we do have blocks of rooms booked at special rates for participants. For more information email info@heartoftexasbears.org

Schedule of Events

Friday, April 25

7pm • **Meet and Greet at 'Bout Time** Pick up your run packet with a full schedule with maps and locations.
10pm • **Chain Drive Anniversary Party**

Saturday, April 26

10am • **Breakfasts** HOT Bear Members will be hosting at various places around town.
Noon • **Events Around Austin** HOT Bear Members will be hosting Open Houses, Kayaking, Eeyore's Birthday, Lady Bird Wild Flower Garden, Art Tour, and Shopping
6:00pm • **Dinner on your own** (suggestions provided)
8pm- 1am • **HOT BEAR CONTEST and Show** Check in @ the Chain Drive for contestants begins at 8pm. Contest starts at 10pm. Awards for: HOT Bear, HOT Grizzly, HOT Cub, and HOT Polar. Get there early! Last year, there was a line out the door by 10.

Sunday, April 27

10am • **Dim Sum Breakfast**
4:00pm • **Lone Star Bear Beer Bust @ Chain Drive** Hosted by the Lone Star Bears of Austin

Proceeds benefit:



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April

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
HOT Bears UnRun4 April 25, 2008 7p: Meet & Greet & Sign In 'Bout Time 9601 N. I-H 35 Austin, TX 78753 (512) 832-5539		1 7:15p: HOT Board Meeting	2	3	4	5 10a: Bears Day Out Breakfast Trudy's North Star, 8820 Burnet Road, Austin, TX, 78757 (512) 454-1474 11a: Toga Setup
6	7	8	9 7p: Bear Coffee Starbucks 6600 S. MOPAC Expy Austin, TX, 78749 (512) 358-9471	10	11 6-9p: Guerilla Queer Bar Location TBA See HOT Bears Web Calendar for more info	12 TOGA XIII
13 4-8p: Bear Bust The Chain Drive 504 Willow Street Austin, TX 78701 (512) 480-9017	14	15	16 Evening: Lady Bunny. Show at Oil Can Harry's. HOT Bears get in free. ladybunny.net	17	18	19 10a: 2nd Breakfast Bakehouse Restaurant & Bar 5404 Manchaca Road Austin, TX 78745 (512) 443-5167
20 2-4p: Quarterly Membership Meeting / Annual Elections	21	22	23	24 7p: Bears Night Out Golden Wok 500 Canyon Ridge Austin, TX 78753 (512) 228-3688	25 TCC Activity Weekend HOT Bears UnRun4 10p: Chain Drive 22 nd Anniversary Party	26 TCC Activity Weekend 1p: TCC Spring Mtg HOT Bears UnRun4 8p: HOT Bear Contest @ Chain Drive
27 TCC Activity Weekend HOT Bears UnRun4 10a: Dim Sum 3:30p: HOT Bears 10 th Anniversary Party RSVP Rqd	28	29	30	Quarterly Membership Meeting: Austin Library Carver Branch, Room #1, 1161 Angelina, Austin, TX 78702 (512) 974-1010 View the latest calendar information for this month and future months on the HOT Bears web site - www.HeartOfTexasBears.org		

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