



# THE TALON & PAW

The Official Newsletter of the Eagle Bears in Dallas, Texas

The Eagle Bears Is A Social Club For Men: Leather Bears, Bear-Like Individuals and Their Admirers

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## WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS

*We welcome the new members of the Eagle Bears who joined in September:*

## BEAR HUGS

Congratulations to the Eagle Bear of the Month  
September 2006:  
Bill S.

What's up Bear Brothers!

We have had a lot going on with the club in the passed month and with much success! Coming off the great success of Bearadise cockatil party, including the creation of the Vodka Gummy Bears, to the North Texas Leather Sir/Boy Contest, in which our own JD and Boy Michael won the Sir and Boy titles respectively. As well as the Mr. Texas USA Bear contest at which Bill S., who emceed, made great mention of the EagleBears.

In the first half of October we have seen lots of activity in the community in the way of the International Leather Sir and Leather Boy / Community Bootblack Contest in which Greg C. competed, and Camelot by the Leather Knights at which the EagleBears held a cocktail party featuring the return of the Vodka Gummy Bear.

Also, just last week, Vincente V. headed to "Back To The Woods 2", hosted by the Heart of Texas Bears. I have yet to talk to him for the juicy details of his EB Cocktail party shared with the H.O.T. Bears.

Grabbing a piece of the Eagle, we have acquired the display case that once belonged to the Dallas Bears in the entry way. Roger W. was given the task of decorating and arranging it for the EagleBears. Having this case in the soon to be old Eagle, means we will have a display at the new Eagle once it is finished. So, if anyone has anything to add to the case, please let me or Roger W. know. Thanks Roger!

Looking forward, we have the Halloween Pre-Party, with invitees including bear and leather clubs from all over Texas. It's a good time to be an EagleBear!



The Eagle Bears Website: [www.eaglebears.org](http://www.eaglebears.org)

The Eagle Bears Yahoo! Group (for members only)  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/EagleBears>

*The Eagle Bears meet monthly at the Dallas Eagle on the third Thursday of every month.  
Plases see our website for more information or for a membership application.*

### Your Board of Directors (BOD):

**President – Chris W.**

**Vice President – Juan Carlos C.**

**Secretary – Greg C.**

**Treasurer – Jonathan R.**

**Ambassador – Vic H.**

### Your Committee Chairs:

Webmaster – Glenn S.

Events – Vacant

Newsletter – Joey C.

If you have any interest in any of the open committee chair positions or in chairing a new committee, please contact any of your officers for more information.



Art by definition is the representation...hell, everyone knows what art is. What ever it may be made from or of, as long as the creator says it visually interprets an idea for an aesthetic quality then it can be called art. And everyone knows there is good art and there is bad art. Then there is great art!

Growing up, mainly in high school, they taught us about good art and bad art. It was funny how in retrospect, good art was classic art. Anything from ancient times, from overseas or of massive scale was good art. Large scale paintings of nude women were the norm, but it was the towering granite sculptures of well defined men that caught my eye. These works originated from Greece to Turkey and as far as Iran. It was in that Mediterranean/Middle East area that created some of the most masculine art I have ever seen.

Large built men with beards and dark features were usually captured as guards of the Ottoman Empire. Sculptures of these figures were depicted almost always

nude, standing ten feet tall and were among some of the most repeatedly created items of the time.

Mirrored across the water were the Greeks and the Romans who had their own take on the male body. Many of the men were portrayed in nude athletics such as wrestling and running. In that time there was a huge homo-erotic period that was widely displayed in art and print.

That was good art.

Andy Warhol, Mondrian, Rococco Era

That's bad art.

Modern Homo-Eroticism is more open minded, putting the subjects in settings beyond the sports arenas and the ancient construction zone. No more are the brute sweaty men moving slabs of marble to build the latest in mausoleum chic, instead, we have the same guy hanging out in a seedy leather bar, or hunched over a motorcycle in a oil tainted garage.

Artists' such as Tom of Finland's Touko Laaksonen depicted his subjects in a range of characters from Naval Men , to Beachgoers, to Leather Guys and Lumberjacks. Born in Finland in 1920, he

gained his most notoriety in the 1970's when his drawing got their most display.

His drawings embody every fundamental of figure drawing, shading and design. But it was not the use of the pencil that catches they eye of the observer, it's the beautiful sleaziness of the people in the drawings. Gym bunnies with boyish smiles or built out physiques with rugged good looks, the characters had the same look, along with the bulging crotches and bubble butts. That was signature Tom of Finland. For more information, check out [www.TomofFinland.com](http://www.TomofFinland.com).

Though the bearish guy was not as popular in his collection as the smooth beach guys or the sailors, he did capture the masculinity of the 70's as seen in vintage COLT films. He paved the way for a commercial design, and inspired a league of homo-erotic artists.

I myself have been inspired by this great influence, to not only refine my drawing skills, but to allow myself to put what I really think about on paper.

Joey 3



**This month the Talon and Paw get to know David R. in a**

**Another Year, Another Record**

Rochester, NY – Dallas' own all-age Frontier Drum & Bugle Corps stood down tropical storm Ernesto's 50 degree temperatures, 30 mile-an-hour wind gusts, and torrential rains to deliver another record-breaking performance at Drum Corps Associates 2006 World Championships over the Labor Day weekend.

One of our members, David Ruiz, is on the board of directors of the Frontier Performing Arts Association (FPAA) and is a current member of the Frontier colorguard.



EagleBear – David R.

Frontier's performance of their show "Fire" was the corps' second appearance in the DCA

championship preliminary competition, where Frontier received their highest score in their two years of competition.

David plans to make a change and play the mellophone bugle for the 2007 show titled "1968". Open house for the 2007 season will occur in November. For more information, please visit Frontier at [www.frontiercorps.org](http://www.frontiercorps.org) or you can contact David at [Recuiting@FrontierCorps.Org](mailto:Recuiting@FrontierCorps.Org).





veggies and salad are served family style.  
Hope to see you there!

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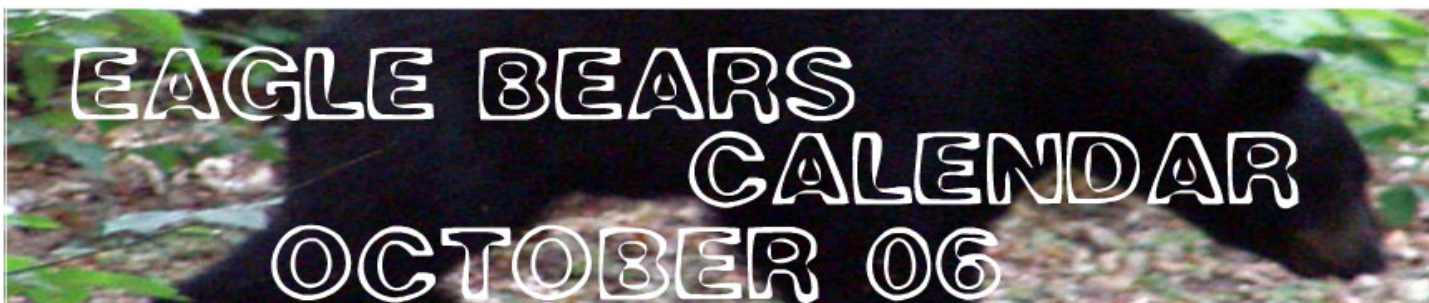
This is a chance to meet at **Celebration Restaurant** as a group to get out and have some fun and food.

This will be a pay for yourself event and guests are welcomed. Just let me Chris know if you plan to attend.

If you have not eaten at Celebration, you order your entree as an all you can eat and the

### What's On Your Mind?

The Talon and Paw would like to encourage our readers to tell us what is on their minds. Ideas, stories, artwork, and suggestions are all welcomed. Tell us what you would like to see in the pages of the T&P. Please contact any staff member or send an email to [NEWSLETTER@EAGLEBEARS.ORG](mailto:NEWSLETTER@EAGLEBEARS.ORG).



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS 19	SAT 21
				EB GENERAL MEETING 8PM DALLAS EAGLE "BEAR OF THE MONTH" CONTEST 11 PM	EB LUNCH AT CELEBRATION 1-3PM
		31 HALLOWEEN	1 DAY OF THE DEAD		28 EB PRE-PARADE HALLOWEEN PARTY AT EAGLE 1-5 PM
		7 EB BOD MEETING 8PM			4 EB FIRST SATURDAY 10-12AM
EAGLE BEARS BOD MEETING AND GENERAL MEMBERS MEETING TAKE PLACE IN THE BACK BAR.			HAPPY BIRTHDAY GLENN S. 10/7		

# *LeatherBears on the LOOSE*

In order to keep you up to date on some of the Leather and Bear events happening locally, in Texas and around the country, we've chosen some upcoming events to highlight that we hope would be of interest to our members and readers.



## **Bears Gone Wild**

St. Louis, MO  
November 10-11<sup>th</sup>

[www.baddogsaloonstl.com](http://www.baddogsaloonstl.com)

## **Lazy Bear Holiday – Palm Springs**

November 22-26, 2006

584 Castro St, 877  
San Francisco, CA

[www.castrobear.com/lazybearweekend](http://www.castrobear.com/lazybearweekend)

## **H.O.T. Bear Un Run 3**

November 10-12

Chain Drive  
504 Willow St.  
Austin, Texas 78701  
512-480-9017

## **12<sup>th</sup> Annual Show Me Bears HiBearNation 2006**

3858A Market St.  
St. Louis, MO 63110

November 9-12, 2006

[www.show-me-bears.com](http://www.show-me-bears.com)