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FUR BLAST III

And you thought the summer was over! The BearPack is out to show you that the summer isn't over until THE BEARS say so! On Saturday night, August 15th the Midwest BearPack continues their summer misbehavior with FUR BLAST III, a bar night at DJ's Saloon in Dayton, Ohio.

That morning a group of us are planing to go to the Darke County Fair in Ohio for the second largest county fair in the nation. If you want to join the group be sure to call Mike Davis at (317) 216-0499 to coordinate with the group! We don't want to leave any BEARS behind!

The evening's partying begins with a cookout, sponsored by the Brotherhood of Bears, a local bear club in Dayton. The cookout will be held at DJ's Saloon (237 N Main, between First and Monument Streets) in their back patio. There will be plenty of food for all, but be sure to get your paws on what you can. The cookout begins at 6pm (that's 5pm in Indiana-time!) Be sure to get there while the food is hot, the night is young, and the BEARS are hungry!

Later on that evening, around 10pm or so, the crowd begins to take shape at DJ's and the BEARS begin to make their presence known. The BearPack will take to the stage with some of our usual (or unusual, depending on how you look at it) fun and furry entertainment!



Fur Blast II in 1997 featured Kendra McClain as the emcee and Gerry Williams (lower right) as the evening's BEST BEAR!

After our bar activities at the bar we will be offering an after-hours get-together at the host hotel, Best Western Dayton North at 3636 N Dixie Drive. If you need directions call the hotel at (937) 276-6151. This is one of our best events of the year!

GROWL!!!

CLAN OF THE CAVE BEARS



Above is a picture from last years' Guntown Mountain trip!

Our trip to Cave City Kentucky will be on Saturday, September 19th to join the Bluegrass Bears in **Clan of the Cave Bears**.

Those BEARS out there familiar with this trip will know we stay overnight in CONCRETE TEE-PEES at Wigwam Village then the next day, Sunday September 20th, we all invade Guntown Mountain, an amusement park just a couple of miles away.

You need to reserve a room either at Wigwam Village or the area hotels. Call Mike Davis (317-216-0499) for info! If you are going to this activity, please try to bring a grill if you can. The BearPack will be providing the meat for our group, so bring a side dish or some chips, etc. Don't forget your plates and eating utensils too! This is a dry county we are visiting so BYOB!

From the Desk of Mike Davis. . .

We are hearing about a lot of Drug busts all over the United States at Gay locations. The Midwest BearPack requests anyone wishing to attend a Midwest BearPack event to please show us, the bars and fellow Bears the respect of not bringing drugs into our events.

We are not telling you what you can or cannot do but please think before you and others end up like a lot of the fellow Gay citizens in jail. Raids have been hitting all around the Midwest so lets all be careful and please think.

On another subject, we had a great float in the Columbus Gay Pride parade! Special thanks goes to Dallas, Steven, and Michael for their efforts! The float even made it to the finals for the float contests! While we didn't win any awards, the BearPack was very proud of our Gay Pride contribution and hope to do it again next year. Now if we can just get Kendra to flog Dallas again. . .

Our Anniversary Picnic at Spring Mill State Park on July 25th was a success with many area bear groups joining our celebration. Many of the BEARS visited the Pioneer Village and were very impressed. . .though no one in the pioneer Tavern had any Budweiser. What ever did the BEARS do

back then?

We are working with the 501 Tavern putting together a Halloween Party for the BEARS! We have named it BEAR HELL and it is certain to be a weekend to remember. It is scheduled for October 23rd - 24th.

Midwest Bearfest '98 is only \$35 before December 1st, 1998. Watch for our registration form on our web page <http://members.aol.com/mwbearpack>. We will have the Midwest Bearfest registration packages available at our Fur Blast III event. Those who have been at our past Bearfests know we have made it into a 3-day fun-filled event. On Friday we will have a Bear Pie-Eating contest where the Daddy Bears eat off their Cub's backs. On Saturday we will have IMAX, Online Party, Bear Stew, and our "Most Huggable Bear Contest." Finally, on Sunday we will have a brunch and gift exchange. We have a lot more planned so you'll be busy!

Let's continue to have a great summer and I do hope to see you all at our event in Dayton August 15th at DJ's Saloon.

WOOF!

Upcoming Activities

August 7-23 - Ohio State Fair in Columbus Ohio.

August 12-23 - Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis Indiana. We are working on a date for the BEARS to go together. If interested, call Mike Davis at 317-216-0499.

Saturday, August 15 - Midwest BearPack's Fur Blast III at DJ's Saloon in Dayton, Ohio. Hotel: Best Western Dayton North at 3636 N Dixie Drive. Their number is (937) 276-6151. Be sure to come early for a cook-out by Brotherhood of Bears at 6pm (Ohio) / 5pm (Indiana) at DJ's Saloon.

Monday, August 17 - Midwest BearPack monthly meeting at the Diversity Center, 1112 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis at 8pm.

Saturday, September 19 - Midwest BearPack is heading to Cave City, Kentucky to join the Bluegrass Bears for **Clan of the Cave Bears**. The next day we'll invade **Guntown Mountain** for our usual furry misbehavior!

Monday, September 21 - Midwest BearPack monthly meeting at the Diversity Center, 1112 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis at 8pm.

October 15-19 - Bears of Central Florida present **Bear Bust '98** in Orlando, Florida! The Basic Run Package is \$85.00.

Monday, October 19 - Midwest BearPack monthly meeting at the Diversity Center, 1112 Southeastern Ave., Indianapolis at 8pm.

October 23-24 - Midwest BearPack presents **Bear Hell '98** at the 501 Tavern in Indianapolis. A Halloween Weekend for BEARS! We will be having a BEAR CAVE inside the 501 Tavern!

November 13-15 - Show Me Bears present **Hi-BEAR-Nation '98** in St. Louis, Missouri! The fee is \$35.00 before 9/19/98.

November 22 - Midwest BearPack hosts **A BEAR THANKSGIVING** at the Diversity Center in Indianapolis. All area BEAR CLUBS are invited to join the BearPack for dinner! Bring your favorite Thanksgiving dish.

December 18-20 - Midwest BearPack's holiday Bear Run **Midwest Bearfest** in Indianapolis! Registration is \$35 before 12/1/98.