

Bear Bites

News bits for this quarter

This schedule is good for three months. Please save it! Schedules can also be checked through our web site: www.clevelandbears.org

ROAD TRIP!

(Here comes da bears — Cleveland's Bears)

Autumn is here, and with it comes our club's first road trip, a weekend event to Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford museum, in Dearborn Michigan.

Read ahead to this October event, and call to book your hotel and order admission tickets now. (If you plan to attend.) We will visit Greenfield Village all day on Saturday, meeting about 9:30 a.m. Saturday evening there is a separate, night time Halloween event — but order those tickets now if you'll attend! Or, get with a group of friends and trek off to visit the Dearborn area's bars and clubs Saturday night. On Sunday, those interested will spend a few hours at the Henry Ford museum before heading for home.

Tips: According to Google Maps, and people I've heard from, you should allow a good 3 1/2 hours drive time, give or take a little, considering traffic and construction, but times may vary depending on your driving habit and specific route. If you drive up on Saturday morning, give yourself enough time to arrive safely, park and meet by 9:30 a.m. More details, including where we will meet, will follow at the October meeting. Participation is completely optional, as always. If you plan to go, try to attend the Oct. meeting to coordinate. We'd love to see you.

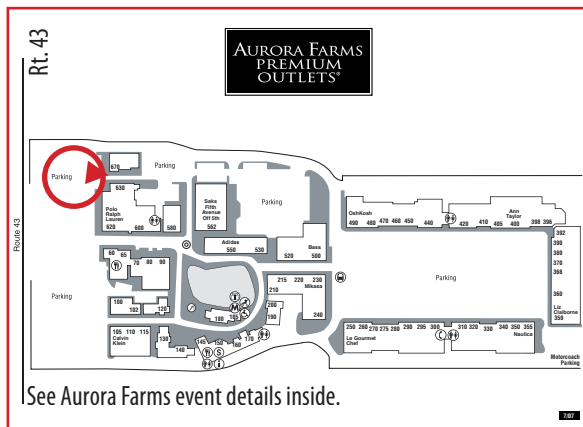
Two nearby hotel samples are listed (in two price ranges). These are only samples, you may choose any hotel you'd like, which Google can help to find.

Travel safely. Let us know to watch for you if you decide to attend, and come to the October meeting to discuss details too, if you plan to go.

The Cleveland Bears is a social club for adult, gay "bears" (furry and/or bearded men) and their male admirers. The group was formed in 1995 to provide opportunities for social interaction among the members of the bear community of Northeastern Ohio, and nearby areas. Our functions include activities such as pot luck dinners, picnics, amusement park outings, movie nights, and more. Membership in the club is open to all adult men. Joining is as simple as attending one of our public functions. Come: meet people, make friends, and have fun!

The Cleveland Bear monthly dinner meeting

is the first Thursday of each month, excluding holidays. It's an excellent opportunity for new people to meet us and get to know us, in a safe public setting. Don't be shy — just show up and introduce yourself! Arrive about 6:30 p.m.; Occasionally, we'll actually do a little event planning too!



Schedule Good For:
SEPT. — NOV., 2007

About The Club And How It Works:

Joining is as simple as attending our public functions. There are no dues. The club is supported by its member's donations. It's a good way to meet people and make friends.

An event schedule is mailed quarterly, and a PDF version of the schedule is usually available at our site within a few days of the mailing. Lost your schedule or need one for a friend? Download a PDF version. (Free Acrobat PDF reader available from adobe.com).

We ask that prospective members attend one of our public meetings or events before inviting them into our private homes for some activities. While we are trying to be a friendly and open organization, we hope that you understand the necessity for these precautions, and to see you at one of our future public activities.

Your event suggestions are welcome, and encouraged! Please provide some helpful information along with your ideas, such as the address, phone number, hours, do they take groups/reservations (if applicable), or a web address for more information. We fit in as many as we can — if not now, later.

There is no membership fee or dues to belong to the Cleveland Bears; the club runs on member's donations, which are used to pay postage, materials for mailings, the P.O. Box, plates & plastic ware for picnics, as a few examples. If you have contributed recently thank you! If you have not, please consider dropping a few dollars into the basket at the monthly, dinner meeting. (The club does not have its own account; please make any check payable to: Steve Otowski.) Thank you.



THE CLEVELAND BEARS
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Event Schedule:
Autumn, 2007
SEPT. — NOV.

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**Cleveland
Bears** *Since 1995*

September

1ST THU., SEP. 6 — 6:30 p.m. — \$

MONTHLY DINNER MEETING (See newsletter article)

My Friends Restaurant: 11616 Detroit, Cleveland • 216.221.2575

Side Note: Karlis will be showing work at the Greater Cleveland Art And Gallery Festival at the Galleria at Erieview, 1301 E. 9th St., downtown Cleveland. Fri., Sep. 14, 10 am-6 pm; Sat., Sep. 15, 10am-7pm; Sun., Sep. 16, 12-5 pm



Don't wait! Make your reservations & order tickets for the October Michigan trip now!

FRI., SEP. 21 — 5:00 p.m. - Midnight — \$\$\$+
KINGS ISLAND PRIDE NIGHT

Get away to the Cincinnati area for the weekend, and this fund raiser event (for Cincinnati's Center). This event isn't open to the general public, so ride wait times are very low – even nonexistent at times. Plus, great "scenery" can be seen all over the park! "Pride Night at Kings Island." Event runs from 6:00pm to Midnight, with the parking lot opening at 5:00pm. Come hang with "family" and friends. Drive safe and hope you can make it!

You should pre-order your tickets online, or purchase through participating, local centers: <http://www.glbtccentercincinnati.com/>

SUN., SEPT. 30 — 1:30 p.m.
DISC GOLF AT SIMS PARK, IN EUCLID

23131 Lake Shore Blvd., Euclid, OH 44123

Anyone interested in discs golf (Frizbee-like disks thrown at targets)? Want to learn? Meet in front of Henn mansion at 1:30 sharp for a round of disc golf. Bring along a bottle of water, or other beverage. Event will be cancelled and rescheduled later in the event of rain or drizzle. OPTIONAL DINNER FOLLOWING at Maria's Family Restaurant, across the street from the park.

October

2ND THU., OCT. 4 — 6:30 p.m. — \$

MONTHLY DINNER MEETING (See newsletter article)

My Friends Restaurant: 11616 Detroit, Cleveland • 216.221.2575

SAT., OCT. 6 — 7:00 p.m. (11pm ROCKY – \$)
HALLOWEEN GET TOGETHER followed by
ROCKY HORROR AT THE CEDAR LEE THEATRE.

Head over to Zak's place for a little get together followed by the Rocky Horror Picture Show, showing at midnight at the Cedar Lee. It's time to do the timewarp again! Zak's place: 12940 Clifton Blvd., #4 (up), Lakewood • 440.228.9271. Check signs and park along the street.

SAT. & SUN., OCT. 20th & 21st — \$\$\$+
GREENFIELD VILLAGE & HENRY FORD MUSEUM (MICHIGAN)

20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, MI 48124

Order your tickets and reserve your room a.s.a.p. if you plan to go! **READ THE NEWSLETTER ARTICLE ABOUT THIS EVENT, ON BACK.**

Don't wait for reservations if you plan to go! Talk to friends now and get your room(s), and tickets! Note: There is a day admission ticket and separate evening Halloween event ticket, if you're interested in both. Read the site carefully. We will attend Greenfield village on Saturday. Those interested will visit Henry Ford museum Sunday, before leaving for home. The place to meet will be discussed at the October meeting.

FIND TICKET INFORMATION, ABOUT THE PLACE, AND GENERAL DIRECTIONS ON THEIR WEB SITE:

<http://www.thehenryford.org/village/default.asp>

<http://www.thehenryford.org/visit/directions.asp>

HOTEL IDEAS: An online search will reveal many hotels in every price range. Close by samples include:

Village Inn of Dearborn (economy)

21725 Michigan Ave., Dearborn, MI 48124 • Phone (313) 565-8511

The Dearborn Inn, A Marriott Hotel (luxury)

20301 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, MI 48124 • Phone: (313) 271-2700

SAT., OCT. 27 — 7:00 p.m.
DAN & ZAK'S HALLOWEEN BASH POTLUCK

423 E. Park Blvd., Akron, OH 44305 • 216.906.2739

Get on that [optional] costume and head over to Dan and Zak's for their Halloween bash! Call to let them know you'll be there, and what food or drinks you'll bringing to share! Come out, let loose and have fun. Check signs and park on the street. COSTUME CONTEST & OTHER FUN!!

November

1ST THU., NOV. 1 — 6:30 p.m. — \$

MONTHLY DINNER MEETING (See newsletter article)

My Friends Restaurant: 11616 Detroit, Cleveland • 216.221.2575

SAT., NOV. 10th — 1:00 p.m.
HOLIDAY SHOPPING AT AURORA FARMS PREMIUM OUTLETS

549 South Chillicothe Rd., Aurora, OH • 330.562.2000

Park and meet in front of Polo/Ralph Lauren — the parking lot just off of Rt. 43 in front (not in the back lots). Meet at 1:00. We'll browse the mall, shop, and snack. (Map on back.)

FRI., NOV. 16 — 7:30 p.m. sharp * — \$ to \$\$
DINNER AT SOKOLOWSKI'S UNIVERSITY INN

Come down for dinner in this historic cafeteria-style restaurant featuring home town Polish cooking. Pierogi's, potato pancakes, cabbage rolls, sausages, fish ... there is something for practically every taste. check out the menu at: http://www.sokolowskis.com/friday_dinner.html

Meet just outside the door (or inside near the door) at 7:30. We'll do our best to sit together or close. After dinner you're only a hop, skip, and a jump from Union Station, Tool Shed, and close to a half dozen other "Friday evenin' spots" downtown. Get with some buddies and ... happy Thanksgiving!!

Happy Thanksgiving! Wishing you a safe and pleasant holiday. See you in December.



Clebeats On Café Press!

Just in time for the holidays. Three web pages of Cleveland Bears designs, on Café Press! Hats, t-shirts, boxers, buttons, stickers, bears & more (including extra large sizes - a couple to 4x) ... order some club wear for that special someone, or treat yourself! Show pride in our group. (Note: The club does not make a profit on the sale of any of these items. These are made available as a service to members.)

<http://www.cafepress.com/clevelandbears>

December

1ST THU., DEC. 6 — 6:30 p.m. — \$

MONTHLY DINNER MEETING

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(New schedules out first week of the month.)

COST GUIDE (est.):

\$ = \$1 to \$15 • \$\$ = \$16 to \$25 • \$\$\$ = \$26 to \$35 (+=over) Estimate is for actual event only, not extra costs.

As much as possible, please try to bring smaller bills to dinners and events to make payment easier, when checks cannot be split up.

Thank you.

***R = RESERVE!**

Please do so when indicated so that we can hold a space for you, and have a count when we need to call for reservations or get a table! 216-548-8962, or as indicated.



SPECIAL ROAD TRIP EVENT

Greenfield Village

Henry Ford Museum weekend in Dearborn, Michigan! Don't wait! Make your reservation & order tickets now if you plan to go. Two sample hotels are listed, find others on the web. Note dates in listing.



Advance tickets recommended - Greenfield Village (Saturday 20th), Henry Ford Museum (Sunday 21st) <http://www.thehenryford.org/village/events/halloween/default.asp>