

# This Week in Drifting – April 30th, 2023

This week was busy, starting with yet another print crisis in the Capitol for the legislative study group and it. Ended with quite a powerful storm coming through on Friday, but Saturday and Sunday were gorgeous. So I'm not gonna be recording very long because I want to go outside.

I think the way that the legislature runs, obviously we know it's inefficient, but I also think about how they compress by design into the final three to four weeks of session. Maybe the last six weeks, or four out of the last six weeks is probably more real and accurate. So we have a lot of bill analysis to do. I think we've been averaging 50 to 65 bills hitting the house floor each day this week. And of course that varies based on bill length and complexity and also impact on humans. So overall it's been. A lot of work. There's been print crises almost every day this week, whether it be the printer itself or lack of ink or file issues. But I think now that we enter into May, the last month of session, we finally have a relatively decent workflow.

But the biggest issue that I have is we're printing somewhere between 1,000 and 2,500 pages per day. I think for me it should be an option that the member's office has, and I think we've talked about that and even most people agree with it, but they are not willing to make that change mid-session. So we will continue to do it this way. Yeehaw.

On the bright side, I was able to get out to a happy hour with Maristel and Jeff and Carl. I took them to Hyde Park Bar and Grill for appetizers, and that was nice. Been going to that place since 1993, probably.

And, I was able to get some reading done. I found a cool little spot called Foxtrot, that, unfortunately, I wish I had found back in January. It's a little market with coffee and beer and wine on tap, with a nice little outside seating area and they have a membership that you can order ahead and get a little set of groceries ready to go, which would be perfect for me. It's about an eight minute walk from my apartment. And just a lovely little spot. So I will be going there for the rest of session. I've not really discovered anything new this week outside of the Foxtrot place.

I am going to Orlando for the Division three regional playoffs with the Austin Blacks Rugby Club, so I'm excited about that. Last weekend I did not get to play in the D2 state finals, so I was bummed about that. But, hopefully I'll have a chance to support the D3 team in Orlando. I've bought a couple of tickets for some shows coming up. I'm excited about that. Sarah also bought tickets to see the Dave Matthews Band in the Woodlands, so get to go see them later this month. I have tickets to go see the Fruit Bats with Carl in a couple of weeks here in Austin and there's a chance we may go down to Gruene to go see Asleep at the Wheel. I think that's the last Friday of session, so we'll see what's going on. That would be fun. I always like introducing new people to the oldest dance hall in Texas. It's a fun little spot to go.

And, let's see.

Oh, I, I bought tickets to see Run the Jewels with Wutang Clan and Deltron 30 30, so that's pretty badass. I think Justin and I are gonna go see that in September. Live music, y'all. It's amazing. Whether it's a local joint, it's got free music. I don't know, just go, go listen to music. It's good for the soul.

This, thinking about little places and spaces, I really have enjoyed having this apartment. It's close enough to the capital that I've been able to go home during the day if I need to, and still be able to get back if I need to, if there's some crisis, manufactured or whatever. And this is just a great little neighborhood here in Rosedale.