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President's Report

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June 15th is the First TRH Family Enduro for 2008

Our first Family Enduro of the year is upon us! The 5th Mingo Memorial Family Enduro, Chaired by Tommy Fabregas will be held on June 15th at Skull Creek. Tommy and his crew have laid out a fun course for everyone. Over 10 miles in the morning fun loop and over 20 miles for the afternoon competitive loop will provide all participants with a fun but challenging Off-Road experience. Tommy still needs lots of help the day of the event so come on out and ride and/or help with sign-up, a check point or scoring. In spite of the increasing costs of fuel and everything else you can think of, we have held our entry fees to the same levels as last year. Everyone is welcome! We hope to see you there!

2008 Family Enduro Series Schedule

The dates for the 2008 Family Enduro have been finalized. See below:

<u>Round</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
#1	June 15 th	Skull Creek	Tommy Fabregas
#2	July 27 th	Sam Houston NF – North Side Trail Head	Mark Littlefield
#3	Sept 28 th	Sam Houston NF – Kelly's Pond	Mike Bartay/Tracy Jeffcoat
#4	Nov 2 nd	Sam Houston NF - East Side Trail Head	Vaughn Ivey
#5	Dec 7 th	Skull Creek	Jeff Wilson

As you can see, two of our members “Stepped-up” and volunteered to “Chair” a couple of these fun events. Tracy Jeffcoat volunteered to help Mike Bartay with the September 28th event in the National Forest and Jeff Wilson volunteered to Chair the December 7th event at Skull Creek. Thanks to both of these TRH’ers for making the commitment to create a fun Off-Road riding experience for our members. The upside of this is that they will have fun too!

Please make plans to participate. These are always fun events and sometimes even become a “little competitive” for those who are chasing year-end points.

It's General Election Time

Our June meeting is our mid-year election meeting ! Its time to nominate potential TRH Board of Directors candidates for one year terms, which run from July 1 to June 30, on our BOD. The positions up for election are:

Vice President – Duggan Hartzog - incumbent
Secretary - Rena Townsend - incumbent
Events Coordinator – Danny McMillan - incumbent
Editor – Denise Bailey – incumbent
Legislative Representative – Robert Applegate - incumbent
Referee – Chris Hardy - incumbent
Park Director – Robby Austin - incumbent

Please be thinking of fellow TRH’ers or yourself that would be good additions to the TRH Board of Directors.

We will be taking nominations again, just before the election, so please plan to attend and vote. The TRH members that serve on your Board of Directors are all dedicated club members who act on issues that involve the club and its members. They are your voice in expressing the way you wish to see the club operate. Come nominate yourself or someone else for one of the positions. It’s your chance to participate in molding the management of the club and its activities.

“Fresh blood” and new ideas are welcome. Keeley has promised to buy free dinners and Adult Beverages for all new BOD members too! He’s just too generous sometimes!

General Meeting Minutes

Below, you will find the General Meeting minutes for May, 08. We will review them at our June 2nd, General Meeting and ask you to vote for their approval.

General Meeting Minutes May 5, 2008

Welcome to the Cinco de Mayo meeting.

Minutes of the April meeting approved by the members present.

Jack, Ed, Mark, and Tommy have laid out the course for the Mingo Memorial family Enduro at Skull Creek. They have 22 good miles for the afternoon loop and 12 miles for the morning loop. This will be the first race of the 2008 series and is scheduled for June 15.

The Greater Houston Motorcycle Dealers Association meeting is coming up soon and Tommy and Danny Mac (and maybe Jack) will attend and also give a presentation about TRH and our activities. Frank Reaves has said it would be good for dealers to know more about us, because promoting TRH can help them sell bikes.

Jack has looked at Brunes Mill with the thought of putting on a state circuit enduro there. It would have to be in the "start-stop" style, but there is lots of good terrain and the landowner is interested. The landowner has also offered to cut us a deal on fees for a family event.

Old trails need to be uncovered...years ago there were 25 miles out there.

Jack visited with Tony Eeds from TMTC at Tommy's open-house. Tony would like to get a TRH member on the TMTC board. He may attend our next meeting.

Sam will get the Brunes Mill gate releases from the events trailer to Chris.

Robert told us about work done with Trails Unlimited and the Forest Service in the National Forest. They offered training on the SWECO trail machine and recently built a 60' bridge on the east side.

The insurance is ready for TRH events in the forest and just needs to be faxed to the Forest Service.

Tommy is getting everything ready for the Family Enduro at Skull Creek in June. Danny and he will be attending the GHMDA event next week.

Danny said the Family Enduro schedule is set, but still in need of a couple of chairmen. Jeff Wilson and Tracy Jeffcoat have now stepped up to fill those spots.

Family Enduro Series 2008:

June 15- Skull Creek, Tommy Fabregas

July 27-North Side Trail Head, Mark Littlefield

September 28-Kelly's Pond, Mike Bartay and Tracy Jeffcoat

November 2-East Side Trail Head, Vaughn Ivey

December 7-Skull Creek, Jeff Wilson

Ed says the TRH bank account is doing well. He has a plaque to present to Robert Applegate for the Muy Caliente Family Enduro in 2007.

Election for seven board positions will be in June. The incumbents have all been nominated again. Nominations will also be taken before the voting at the June meeting.

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Terms for these offices run from July 1 to June 30 each year.

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Denise rolled her odometer backwards to zero (the long way around).

Denise forgot her gas was off and pushed her bike up the hill from the bathroom at Cycleland.

Both nominations by Lynn and Denise won by acclamation.

Mike asked how much the club made on the Brunos Mill Hare Scramble and Ed said we basically broke even.

Meeting adjourned.

We will review the meeting minutes at our June 2nd, General Meeting and ask you to vote for their approval.

As always the TRH hotline @ 713-910-3131 will provide you with the latest course conditions and weather situations before you drive to the event.

Sam Houston National Forest

Be sure to call the Sam Houston National Forest service to check PMT trail closures before venturing that direction. The toll free number is (888-361-6908) or long distance (936-344-6205).

TRH Skull Creek

WARNING! WARNING! WARNING!

The sand piles on the south end of the campground are OFF LIMITS!!! This means that all kids, adults, and bikes must stay out of the sand pile area. This is not a request but a hard rule. Violators will be asked to leave the property and potentially lose their Skull Creek membership. The gravel company continues to complain that our children are continually putting themselves, TRH, and the gravel company at risk when people are in the sand pile. When leaving the campground to the west, please use extreme caution and situational awareness due to the gravel trucks and operations being conducted.

As always we ask that you ride with care and pay attention to the area that you are riding in. They are still working the sand dune areas and the terrain changes on a daily basis. If you invite guests to ride at Skull Creek please inform them of the dangers and stress that they obey all the Park Rules.

Please ride with care and have fun at Skull Creek!

New TRH Skull Creek Motorcycle Riding Park Guest Pass Rules

The TRH Board of Directors has adopted a new set of Guest Pass rules for Skull Creek. The most significant change was to add a clause that limits an individual to the use of a maximum of 3 guest passes (total for the year) before he or she is asked to join the TRH as a Skull Creek member. It's each Skull Creek Member's responsibility to adhere to and/or enforce the Skull Creek rules. Please report violations to the Skull Creek Park Committee or post them on the website. See Below:

Web Site: <http://WWW.TRH-CYCLE.ORG>

Membership Rules for the TRH Skull Creek Cycle Park TRH Skull Creek Cycle Park Guest Policy

Each year a member will be given four (4) guest passes which may be used until the beginning of the next year's membership renewal date on January 1st. A guest is defined as a person who rides a motorcycle at the TRH Skull Creek Cycle Park. A non-riding guest is considered a family visitor, like a parent, relative, or friend who comes to the park with you but does not get on a motorcycle. A non-riding guest does not require a guest pass but is required to sign a release form. All guests and visitors are subject to all the rules and regulations of the TRH Skull Creek Cycle Park and are the responsibility of their host/member. A guest or visitor must be accompanied by the host/member while they are at the TRH Skull Creek Cycle Park.

Guests will be allowed to ride at the TRH Skull Creek Cycle Park a total of three (3) times per year. After an individual uses a third Guest Pass, he or she will be asked to join the TRH Skull Creek Cycle Park. A guest may use the passes from more than one member but may only use an aggregate total of three (3) per year. After a third pass is used, a membership request will be sent to the individual and he or she must join the TRH Skull Creek Cycle Park if he or she wishes come back for subsequent visits to the Park. Violators/abusers of this rule will be asked by a TRH member to leave the property or be forcibly removed by the local authorities.

Guest requirements: All guests/visitors shall complete and sign a TRH Skull Creek Cycle Park release form. A \$10.00 fee per guest rider per visit and the appropriate guest pass release form shall be put in an envelope in the Guest Pass lock box in the TRH clubhouse at Skull Creek.

We want you to be able to ride with your friends but please do not abuse the Guest Pass privilege.

Members get top priority and we respect the fact that members pay the full membership fee each year and perform trail work and upkeep. Do not give a non-member, guest or visitor the gate combination.

We will allow a Skull Creek Cycle Park member to beg, buy or barter for another member's guest pass(es) if the other member does not plan to use it or them. This will allow some flexibility for members to invite guests (potential members) even if he has no passes left for the year.

For specific questions not answered in this policy, please contact the TRH Hot-line at 713-910-3131

The Following Dealerships Support TRH
(Some offer discounts to TRH Members)

AJ Foyt Cycles

Maxine Shields
9650 North Freeway
Houston, TX 77037
281-445-4227

Columbus Cycle Shop

Charlie Marshall
1004 Mentz Road
Columbus, TX 78934
800-807-9910

Cycle Shack North

Carl Hope
830 S. Frazier
Conroe, TX 77301
281-353-1705

Galveston Honda

Randy Cook
4525 South Gulf Freeway
La Marque, TX 77568
800-342-7151

**Goe Kawasaki,
Harley-Davidson**

Mark Sherrill
1350 S. Hwy. 288B
Angleton, TX 77515
800-460-8274

Honda of Houston

12655 West Rd.
Houston, TX 77041
713-467-2426
www.hondaofhouston.com

Adventure Yamaha

26300 Katy Freeway
Katy, TX 77449
281-391-2628
www.hurstyamahamarine.com
info@hurstyamahamarine.com

Johnny Word Suzuki

2227 Gulf Freeway
281.332.9673

K's Yamaha-Suzuki-Polaris

17802 Highway 59N
281.446.7165

Northwest Honda

Ronnie Lunsford
10102 North Freeway
Houston, TX 77037
281-447-3476

Sportcycles of Houston

Wes Sealy
9111 FM 1960
Houston, TX 77070
281-894-7450

Stubb's Cycles

Tommy Brewer
4436 Telephone Rd.
Houston, TX 77087

Stubb's Cycles Southwest

Bill Stokes
8200 Southwest Freeway
Houston, TX 77074
713-772-7775
713-644-7535

Wild West Honda

Frank Reaves
22515 Katy Freeway
Katy, TX 77450
281-392-8850
www.wildwesthonda.com

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2901 Spencer Highway
Pasadena, TX
713.941.5920

**Texas City Cycles –
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1119 6th Street North
Texas City, TX 77590
409.948.4969

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22820 I45 North, Unit 3K
Spring, TX 77373
281.353.7729

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11941 SW FRWY
Stafford, TX 77477
281.530.8600

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9550 W. FM 1960
Houston, TX 77070

281-890-2020

Texas Yamaha South

1660 FM 528
Webster, TX 77958
281-338-1636

"SWAP SHEET"

Several Used Bikes Street & Dirt: Call for details! Tommy Fabregas @ 713.818.6458	

For any Newsletter or Swap Sheet changes, modifications or ideas please email them to the TRH website: www.trh-cycle.org attn: webmaster

Any items you want to be included in the Newsletter should be emailed as an attachment in Word document format to Al.bunch@hotmail.com

Looking for new property!!!

We are actively looking for a new club property similar to the Skull Creek lease. If you know of someone out there that would be interested in this type of deal, please let the board of directors know. We love the Skull Creek property lease and plan to stay as long as there are a few trails to ride but the club is looking to expand our horizons. The best thing that could happen is the opportunity to have two lease properties to choose from on any given weekend.

June 2nd, General Meeting!

Please come to the June 2nd general meeting to get an update on TRH activities, get your monthly dose of dirt bike bench racing, discuss past and upcoming TRH events and issues, and spend time with your off-road riding buddies.

Remember....The TRH Theme this year is:

“GET INVOLVED and HAVE FUN”!

**Let's Make Some Dust!
Capt.Jack**

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