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# Trail Riders of Houston



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### President's Report

By: Jack Jennings

#### The June 15<sup>th</sup> TRH Family Enduro is “in the books”

Our first Family Enduro of the year was a fun event! The 5<sup>th</sup> Mingo Memorial Family Enduro, Chaired by Tommy Fabregas at Skull Creek was a hot one! Tommy and his crew did a great job (except for clearing the poison ivy!) and there were no protests. Congratulations to Duggan Hartzog for his Overall win and all of the other trophy winners on a very hot day. Hopefully everyone enjoyed themselves and will participate in the next one in the Sam Houston National Forest. Thanks to Tommy for providing our members with another fun event!

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

\*Please note that the September 28<sup>th</sup> and November 2<sup>nd</sup> event locations have been swapped.

## **TRH Family Enduro #2 on July 27<sup>th</sup> is Fast Approaching!**

On July 27<sup>th</sup>, our next Family Enduro will be held at the North Trail Head about six miles north of the West Side trail head that you are all familiar with. Mark Littlefield is the Chairman for this one and he has laid out a course that many of you have never ridden before. It promises to be fun! Key time will be 10:00AM. Riders meeting at 9AM. These trails are much “fresher” than you are used to seeing in the forest. They include a lot of loamy trail, not nearly as many roots but still have some sand available for you to contend with. I have ridden the entire course in 97 degree heat so if I can make it, I know all of you can! Please make plans to participate. It’ll be a good time!

## **The Election is Over**

At least the TRH mid-year election is! The TRH election for BOD positions was held during our June general meeting! The results are as follows:

Vice President – Jeff Wilson

Secretary - Rena Townsend

Events Coordinator – Danny McMillan

Editor – Al Bunch

Legislative Representative – Robert Applegate

Referee –Patrick Cummings

Park Director – Robby Austin

Congratulations to all of you that were re-elected or newly elected to the TRH Board of Directors! These people all represent you as members so be sure to let them know if you have any ideas on what the club can be doing better to serve its members!

Thanks to Denise Bailey for serving as the Club’s Newsletter Editor the last 2 or 3 years!

A special Thanks goes out to Duggan Hartzog and Chris Hardy for serving on the BOD for what seems like the last decade (it may be)! Thanks to both of you for your dedication to the TRH over the many years you’ve been on the TRH Board of Directors!

Keeley promised to buy free dinners and Adult Beverages for all new BOD members but I haven’t seen that happen yet!

## **Newsletter Revamp**

As you can see, the newsletter is again in the old format due to me not being a “Mass Communications” major! Next month Mr. Al Bunch will present you with his new improved version for your perusal! I’m looking forward to seeing what Al can do with it! He specializes in the stuff so it should be good! Thanks for your patience!

## **General Meeting Minutes**

Below, you will find the General Meeting minutes for June, 08. We will review them at our July 7th General Meeting and ask you to vote for their approval.

### **TRH Meeting June 8, 2008**

Minutes of the May meeting approved.

The first event in the 2008 Family Enduro Series will be at Skull Creek June 15<sup>th</sup>, with Tommy Fabregas as chairman. The next race will be in the National Forest at the North Side Trailhead, July 27<sup>th</sup> with Mark Littlefield as chairman. Our insurance policy expires July 21 and will be renewed soon.

Tommy reported on his and Danny Mac's visit to the Greater Houston Motorcycle Dealers Association meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>. They presented a program to promote TRH to the members and show them how their knowledge of the club and our activities can help them sell bikes. Tommy and Danny said they were well received and the dealers were real interested.

Tommy also talked about his upcoming enduro at Skull Creek. He and Ed will be out there Friday and Saturday finishing up with arrows, etc. Come out and help. They will hold an enduro seminar Saturday evening about 7 o'clock, followed by a night ride. The water park will be open and is only \$6.00 after 5pm.

Robby Austin has agreed to chair Caney Creek, with the assistance of Ed and Jack.

Brian Darnell put on a real good Hare Scramble at Bruner Mill. He was presented with a \$150 check for chairing that event.

Brian will be STORM chairman for 2009 and will chair the TRH race in the series. There will be a lot of changes in STORM...a new business plan, reorganization of governance, addition of quads to the race schedule, working toward more fun and less stress. There are seven new board members, and the organization will be set up as a non-profit with the State of Texas. Brian said he will try to bring AMA back into it.

Girard said we have 95 Skull Creek and 70 TRH members.

Sam thinks the supply inventory is in good shape.

Robert reporting on work in the National Forest told us about a water management plan in development using scientific methods with the objective being to keep the trail system open at all times.

Chris said the ISDE committee met today to select teams for Greece. There are lots of viable candidates.

Ed presented Mark Littlefield with a plaque for his work as scoring chairman of the Family Enduro Series in 2007.

He said TRH is in good financial shape and John has filed an IRS extension.

We had a discussion of ideas for increasing attendance at meetings. Ideas offered included:

Meeting at Skull Creek

Mandatory meetings

Free t-shirts

Dealers give coupons for t-shirts to be redeemed at meetings

Safety courses

Rider training

Maintenance demonstrations

The monthly Flying W was awarded to Javier for going to the Honda shop to get Yamaha parts.

Board of Director Election results:

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Tony Eeds came to talk to us about TMTC, whose purpose is to represent the interests of motorized enthusiasts across the state. They are working to get trails opened in Angelina National Forest. Barnwell Mountain is running well and the Ozona property is getting close to opening. Tony is hoping to recruit a TRH member to be on the TMTC board.

Meeting adjourned.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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](http://www.hondaofhouston.com)

**Adventure Yamaha**

26300 Katy Freeway  
Katy, TX 77449  
281-391-2628  
[www.hurstyamahamarine.com](http://www.hurstyamahamarine.com)  
[info@hurstyamahamarine.com](mailto: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](http://www.wildwesthonda.com)

**Pasadena Honda**

2901 Spencer Highway  
Pasadena, TX  
713.941.5920

**Texas City Cycles –  
Kawasaki**

1119 6th Street North  
Texas City, TX 77590  
409.948.4969

**JM Racing**

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

**Houston Motorsports South**

11941 SW FRWY  
Stafford, TX 77477  
281.530.8600

**Gene's Polaris Country**

12525 I-10 East @ Mont  
Belvieu  
800.544.0694  
[www.genespolaris.com](http://www.genespolaris.com)

**Houston Yamaha  
Motorsports North**

Bob Harvey  
9550 W. FM 1960  
Houston, TX 77070

281-890-2020

**Texas Yamaha South**

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

# "SWAP SHEET"

<b>Several Used Bikes</b> 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](http://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](mailto: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.**

## **Need more Fun Days**

We would like to be putting on more fun days for you! The problem is that we need you to volunteer to help us. I know we are all busy but some of us are heavily involved in the Family Enduro series and can't manufacture more time and \$\$\$\$ to put on additional events. We need you to help us with that. We'd like to hold some "fun" hare scrambles or novelty events at Skull Creek but we need you to help us. Wouldn't it be neat to have at least one event each month that you could go ride for fun? Talk to any of our BOD members and we will do our very best to accommodate any ideas that you might have. There are plenty of dates open for internal club events so let's do some! WE NEED YOU!

## **July 7th, General Meeting!**

Please come to the July 7th 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. Our meeting location is:

SPJST Lodge #88  
1435 Beall Street  
Houston, TX 77008

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

**“GET INVOLVED and HAVE FUN”!**

Have a Happy 4th!  
Capt.Jack

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