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Trail Riders of Houston

TRH General Meeting

August 4th, 2008
SPJST Lodge #88
1435 Beall Street
Houston, TX 77008
Guests welcome!

Family Enduro Series

Round #3 Sept 28th
Sam Houston National
Forest
East Side Trail Head
Chairman:
Mike Bartay &
Tracy Jeffcoat



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President's Report by Jack Jennings

It's Time For Round 2!

The 2nd TRH Family Enduro will be held on July 27th starting at the North West Trail Head in the Sam Houston National Forest. Mark Littlefield is the Chairman and has promised to have a fun course for everyone to ride (if Dolly leaves us alone. Key time is 10:00AM. Riders meeting at 9AM. I hope to see all of you there.

Planning for the Sept. 14th Caney Creek Enduro has begun!

Robby Austin, our 2008 Caney Creek Chairman is hard at work preparing for the TRH's annual showcase event – the Caney Creek Enduro. He needs lots of help for this so please step up and help him. He can be contacted at rwAustin3@hotmail.com

Call To Action

George Miller

Saturday June 12th
George Miller crashed out at Three Palms Motocross Track and was life flighted to Herman Hospital in the medical center. George broke his femur, clavicle and five ribs. On Sunday he went through surgery where they installed a titanium rod inside the femur.

or at 214-724-1995. He's going to need lots of help so please pitch in.

TRH Fun Day at Rio Bravo on August 10th

Rena Townsend will host a Fun Day at Rio Bravo in Houston on August 10th. She is currently putting a flyer together to send out to all TRH'ers. ALL TRH MEMBERS ARE INVITED to come out and have a good time. There will be games on bikes, fun riding, food, etc., etc, Rena has been talking about hosting this event for 9 or ten years now (well maybe a couple of years) and she's finally going to pull it off. The flyer will be emailed to all of you soon!

The Pizzas are back!

The BOD has voted to bring the Pizzas back for our monthly General

meetings. Personally I was trying to look out for all of "Ya'll's" health but the BOD has decided that it's up to you to do that! Come to the next General Meeting and "Chow Down"! If you get "plugged up" because of this, you can blame Tommy! He's our pizza delivery man now!

National Enduro and Hare Scrambles Events for 2009

The TRH has applied for a National Enduro in 2009 and we're considering applying for a National Hare Scrambles. Give us your inputs... Yes or No!

**"GET INVOLVED!!!
HAVE FUN!!"**

**Remember...ZERO is a perfect score!
Capt. Jack**

Series and is currently 1st in the 200 C Novice class in the Sabine division of Texas State Championship Enduro Circuit.

Caney Creek Enduro

Preparations have started for 40th annual Caney Creek Enduro – held in the Sam Houston National Forest. (cont p.4)

George was released from the hospital the following Wednesday and is at recovering at home. He is now busy planning his recovery and next race strategy. His two sons, Brandon and Andrew, now call him "Metal Man" because of the titanium addition.

George participates in the TRH Family Enduro



“...the mining company has been digging trenches around the dune area...”

Park Director's Report

“From the drivers seat of the bobcat”

Conditions at Skull Creek are constantly changing due to the day to day mining operations. Please be sure to not ride above your head and to know the area in which you are riding. Always ride with a friend in case of an emergency.

With the dry conditions, the mining company has been digging trenches around the dune area to drain the ponds in order to

use that water for their processing of sand & gravel.

Remember, you're in the great outdoors - Mother Nature's territory. Please pay close attention to where you are walking because many of our slithery friends have been seen on the property along with other critters that can bite or sting you. If you see anything that needs to be done feel free

to do so or contact me.

Remember this is your riding area & your club.

Happy Trails,
Robby “Boomhauer” Austin
Skull Creek Park Director

New TRH Skull Creek 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.

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For specific questions about this policy, please call the TRH Hotline at 713-910-3131.

Skull Creek

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!

2008 TRH Family Enduro Series

On July 27th, Family Enduro Series Round #2 will be held at the North trail head – about 6 miles north of the West trail head that most of you are familiar with.

Mark Littlefield is the chairman for this event 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

with the riders meeting at 9:00am.

These trails are must “fresher” than you’re used to seeing in the forest. They include a lot of loamy trail, not near as many roots, but still have some sand available for you to contend with.

Jack has ridden the entire course in 97 degree heat, so if he can make it, everyone can!

Please make plans to participate. It’ll be a good time!

Contact Mark Littlefield to volunteer for checkpoints, road crossings, last minute setup (putting up arrows and tape) and scoring.



“Go time!”

Tech Tips

- Before you install your new seat cover, spray the underside with 3M Scotchgard or Kiwi Camp Dry – this will help keep water from getting to the foam and will extend the life of the seat.

- Before installing clutch and brake perches, wrap the bar where the perch will be with a couple of layers of Teflon plumbers tape. This will allow your perches to rotate some should your bike hit the ground and can save you quite a bit in broken levers over the years.

- Next time you change your tire, get rid of the stock rubber strip around the rim, replace it with a couple of wraps of duct tape – this will help prevent flats from loose

spokes.

- Keep an empty coffee can with you, get into the habit of putting anything that comes off your bike (screws, bolts, nuts, etc.) into the can while you’re working on it.

- If you ride with Jack, make sure you carry spare tools so he can properly fix his bike – this can be a real time saver.

- Always carry a spare master link with you and be sure when you install a master link that the closed end of the clip points in the direction the chain will rotate.

- Spray WD40 or Pam cooking spray under your fenders or on all your plastics before you go ride

in the mud – you’ll accumulate less mud and it’ll make clean-up a lot easier.

*Send your tech tips or tech articles to al.bunch@hotmail.com
The newsletter has space for a 2-3 page tech article with pictures if you’re interested in writing one.*

Meeting Minutes

TRH Meeting July 7, 2008

“After much discussion about a site, it appears that we will have a Family Fun Day on August 10th, probably at Rio Bravo”

Minutes of the June meeting approved by members present. Jack welcomed new board members elected in June: Jeff Wilson – Vice President
Al Bunch – Newsletter Editor
Patrick Cummings – Referee

Thanks to Tommy for a good job done on the Mingo Memorial, first event in the Family Enduro Series for 2008. The next race in the series will be July 27th at the North Trailhead in the Sam Houston National Forest. See the map attached to the flyer for directions to this new site. Our events insurance policy expires on July 21st, but renewal is in the works. There is no overnight camping allowed at the North Trailhead, so if you want to do that, the closest

place is Kelly's Pond Campground.

Caney Creek Enduro is set for September 14th with Robby Austin as chairman. This is our annual showcase event. We will use only the east side of the National Forest this year so it will be less expensive to set up and run. There will be fewer trips to mileage and arrow, and we will need fewer deputies on the highway. We have applied to AMA to run Caney Creek as a national event again next year.

After much discussion about a site, it appears that we will have a Family Fun Day on August 10th, probably at Rio Bravo.

Mark advised all to see the flyer for the next Family Enduro to get the map and directions to the new North Side Trailhead. The course is laid out with a nice morning loop and fun in the afternoon.

Tommy reported the Mingo Memorial Family Enduro at Skull Creek went smoothly. Nobody got hurt and most everybody had a good time.

Girard reports one new member here tonight.

Sam has new batteries for the event radios.

Shelli has new shirts and asks if anyone has suggestions for other TRH branded items to let her know.

Flying W went to Otis by acclamation for a doubleheader...his bike wouldn't start because the exhaust plug was left in, and the bike went ghost riding again.

Meeting adjourned.

Call To Action (from page 1)

Robby “Boomhauer” Austin has stepped up to chair the event and is in need of your assistance.

There are several downed trees that need to be cleared from the trails, plenty of face slappers that need to be cut and closer to the event he'll need your help putting up arrows and tape.

Family Enduro Round #3
Volunteers are needed for checkpoints and general trail maintenance for round #3 of the Family Enduro Series – also held in the Sam Houston National Forest. Contact either Mike Bartay or Tracy Jeffcoat to find out where help is needed the most.

Chairing an event? Have an injury report? Need volunteers to man an information booth or flag an event?

Send an email to al.bunch@hotmail.com with a short description of the event, what's needed and your contact information for inclusion in the next newsletter.

Classifieds / Swap Sheet

Now open for personal sale items.

Send the following information to al.bunch@hotmail.com for inclusion in the next newsletter: name, contact information (email and/or phone #), what you're selling and a price for the item(s).

The Following Dealerships Support TRH

[Some offer discounts to TRH members]

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Organized in April of 1969, the Trail Riders of Houston is a group of people of varied backgrounds interested in off-road motorcycling. Organized events are scheduled every two or three weeks and involve all facets of off-road cycling including Enduros, trail rides, and hare scrambles. All TRH events are oriented to family participation. The success of these events (and the Club as a whole) is due to the participation and efforts of all its members.

We're on the Web!

See us at:

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August 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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4 General Meeting	5	6	7	8	9	10 Family fun day
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Future Events

September 28th, 2008 Family Enduro Series Round #3
November 2nd, 2008 Family Enduro Series Round #4

Send calendar events to al.bunch@hotmail.com