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Trail Riders of Houston

TRH General Meeting
September 8th, 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

The 40th Annual Caney Creek Enduro is upon us!

Our 40th Annual Caney Creek Enduro is just around the corner! This year the event is being held on September 14th in the Sam Houston National Forest but only on the East Side Permanently Marked Trail system. This is being done as a result of the change in format from the traditional "Old School" type of time keeping event to the new National Enduro start/restart format. We are doing this as a test run with the anticipation that the AMA will award us a National Enduro for 2009.

Robby Austin is the Chairman for the 2008 Caney Creek Enduro. He along with his Co-Chairman, Girard Lall, has promised to make this an exciting event for all the participants and the workers! Robby still needs lots of help. He needs gas trailers, Gas Stop workers, someone to handle the water at all of the restart areas, road guards, sweep riders, someone to arrow the roads (in and out), sign-up help, scoring help, and as always, check-point workers. As all TRH'ers know, working Caney Creek is a mandatory workday requirement as a club member. Please come out

and help us make this the "Showcase" event that has been for us for the last 40 years! Let's make this 40th Anniversary Enduro something special that we will all remember for years to come. Thanks in advance for all of your help!

It's Getting Close to Rules Change Time

If you have any new rules change proposals, please bring them to the General Meeting on September 9th and give them to a Board Member so they can be discussed by the BOD prior to presenting them to the club for a vote at the October General Meeting.

Membership Committee

The TRH Membership Committee has established a recommendation for bringing the TRH membership structure up to date with current standards adopted by other organizations and the wants/needs requested by our members. Please come to the September General Meeting as this will be discussed (and modified if needed) before it is presented to the General membership to be voted on as a permanent rule change to the TRH Constitution, at the October meeting.

Please attend because this one affects every TRH member!

September 9th, General Meeting!

Please come to the September 9th 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.

[Take a chance at winning a FREE Perry's Pork Chop dinner for two, compliments of Perry's and Beatrice Wilson. See attached announcement.](#)
Thanks, Beatrice!!!!!!!!!!

Remember....The TRH Theme this year is:
["GET INVOLVED and HAVE FUN!"](#)

Let's Churn Some Dirt!
Capt.Jack

PIZZA

The pizza is back! We will have piping hot pizza for everyone at the next meeting so come hungry!



"...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

Jeff Wilson's event has been changed to November 16th and Vaughn Ivey's event has been moved to December 7th.

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.

September 28th Family Enduro

Two weeks after Caney Creek, the TRH will host a Family Enduro in the Sam Houston National Forest. The Chairmen for this one are Mike Bartay and Tracy Jeffcoat and it will originate from the East Side Trail Head. Again and as usual, we will need lots of help for this one too! These are the fun events designed for families so they tend to be a notch low

keyed than the State Circuit versions. This event will be catered so you'll have plenty to eat and drink compliments of the Trail Riders of Houston! Come on out to ride and work! You'll have a good time! GAURANTEED!



"Go time!"

Tech Tips

A few smaller things to look for when buying a used bike.

Steering head bearings

Check to see if there is any free play in the steering head bearings by putting the bike up on a stand, grabbing the bottom of both fork legs and try to move them back and forth. Check to see that the handlebars turn smoothly from side to side and look at the steering stops – if they're badly damaged that could be a sign of a bad crash. Steering stem bearings run about \$50.

Wheel bearings

With the bike still on the stand, grab the rear tire with both hands and try to move it left and right, there shouldn't be any free play. Do the same thing for the swingarm – again there should be no side to side movement. Swingarm bearing kits run

about \$50 and wheel bearings \$30.

Brakes

Squeeze the front brakes and check to make sure they don't feel mushy – this can indicate poor maintenance, worn pads or even a bad master cylinder. Check the rear brake caliper for side to side play – a little is ok, but a lot is a potential sign of trouble. Use a pen or a key along the forks and the swingarm to check runout on the rotors.

Suspension

Check for seal leaks around the forks and the rear shock – look for signs of oil at the bottom of the forks (most people forget to clean the underside of their forks and oil and dirt will collect there). Look on the underside of the shock as well for oil and dirt. Check for free play in the shock ends, indicating the possibility of worn

bushings.

Chain & Sprocket

Check for hooked teeth on the front and rear sprockets – worn teeth indicate a need to replace the sprockets and most likely the chain as well. Check the chain by grabbing a link, on the rear sprocket, at the point furthest from the front sprocket and try to lift it off the sprocket. New chains will hold to the sprocket, worn chains will have substantial up/down movement.

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 August 4, 2008

Minutes of the July meeting approved by members present.

Thanks to Al Bunch for a great looking newsletter. Jack wonders why Robby wants to be Skull Creek park director since he is scared of every animal out there...mice, snakes, and banana spiders included.

The "Never Too Hot" Family Enduro was too hot! Jack told about his overheating experience while working on the course. His advice is "keep hydrated and pay attention". He said he heard no complaints about the event.

George Miller is here tonight for the first time since his terrible crash at Three Palms Motocross Track in the middle of June. He is recovering from a broken femur, clavicle, and five ribs. Welcome back George and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Rena will chair a members only Fun Day August 10th at Rio Bravo. Thanks to Danny Erdlejac for making his property available.

Steve Thompson, Texas Parks & Wildlife OHV Program Manager, will be at Caney Creek to sell 2009 decals. Ed has ordered 100 for the club.

\$800 has been donated for Caney Creek by Cycle Shack North and Wild West.

The Skull Creek event insurance policy was renewed and is in force till July 21, 2009. Insurance is ready to submit for Caney Creek. We have permission from the New Waverly ISD to use their property again, and the sheriff department is ready to help. We are awaiting TexDot approval for use of 1735.

We have applied to AMA for a national sanction for Caney Creek 2009.

The monthly TRH newsletter is now available to download from the website.

We have formed a committee to study realignment of Skull Creek and TRH membership. Patrick Cummings is in charge of the study group and has requested financial and other information for the restructure. If changes are approved by the board of directors, the new plan will be brought to the membership.

Rena encouraged everyone to come out to Rio Bravo Sunday for the Fun Day.

Al said he has enough content for the next newsletter.

Robby claims there is nothing new going on at Skull Creek.

Patrick wants folks to stop complaining about Skull Creek and take more pride in ownership.

Tommy said there was plenty of fun at the Family Enduro. He and others have been working out at Rio Bravo getting the place ready for the Fun Day.

Shelli now has ladies shirts in the club store.

Mark said it really was very hot for the Never Too Hot Family Enduro. The club added 11-12 new members at the event. Round 3 will be two weeks after Caney Creek at the East Side Trailhead in the National Forest.

Ed and Jack are thinking about putting on a dual sport event. They are planning to go to a National Duel sport event at New Blaine, Arkansas September 20th & 21st. If you want to tag along contact one of them.

Danny Erdlejac said he is making good time clearing up the back tax situation and doing environmental clean-up at Rio Bravo. The track will need lots of work.

Robby will have a work day for Caney Creek next Saturday. If you can help, meet at the East Side trailhead at 8AM.

Flying W:
Rena gets it for crashing at the first turn in view of all at the starting line for the Family Enduro. (She likes an audience)

Meeting adjourned.
Minutes submitted by
Rena Townsend

"Jack wonders why Robby wants to be Skull Creek park director since he is scared of every animal out there..."

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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Houston, TX 77037
281-445-4227

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Columbus, TX 78934
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Cycle Shack North

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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
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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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September 2008

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1 Labor Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 General Meeting	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Family Enduro Round #3
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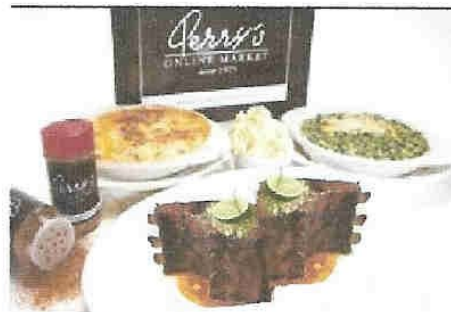
Future Events

September 28th, 2008 Family Enduro Series Round #3
 November 16th, 2008 Family Enduro Series Round #4
 December 7th, 2008 Family Enduro Series Round #5

Send calendar events to al.bunch@hotmail.com



PERRY'S SIGNATURE PORK CHOP DINNER GIVE-AWAY AT SEPTEMBER TRH MEETING



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At our next TRH meeting, Perry's Online has donated a Pork Chop Dinner for 2 to offer as a door prize give-away! If you have never had one of Perry's Signature Pork Chops, you are certainly in for a treat! Come see if you are the lucky person who wins this very tasteful prize!

Contents:

- 2 - Perry's Signature Pork Chops
- 1 - 16 oz. Potatoes Au Gratin
- 1 - 16 oz. Creamed Spinach

You can now order our outstanding selections from Perry's Online for delivery nationwide or to your front door. Our unique items, such as our "Famous Five Finger Pork Chop" that is cured, roasted, slow smoked, caramelized and topped with our herb-garlic butter sauce can be ordered 24/7, 5 days a week. Packed with Perry's Seasonings and Perry's Herb Garlic Butter, each steak box comes with cooking/reheating instructions and is elegantly packaged for pure Perry's Presentation.

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SEE YOU AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING!