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[IKE Closes the SHNF and Postpones The 40th Annual Caney Creek Enduro!](#)

[Now Rescheduled for November 23rd](#)

Hurricane Ike pretty much did our 40th Annual Caney Creek Enduro in!

The US Forest Service has advised us that an average of 54 trees were knocked down across the Permanently Marked Trail System every 3 miles. We were utilizing about 40 miles of it for the Caney Creek Enduro.

The US Forest Service did a great job in clearing all of the fallen trees on the East Side PMT and we were able to get back on to the trails for clearing brush. That has been done! We are now resetting all of the permits, Law Enforcement support, etc., etc. Caney Creek will be held this year on November 23rd. Please plan to help us out!

[Hurricane IKE Disrupts the 2008 Family Enduro Series Schedule](#)

The revised dates for the 2008 Family Enduro Series are 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	December 7 th	Sam Houston NF East Side Trail Head	Mike Bartay/Tracy Jeffcoat

The October General Meeting was Rules Change Voting Time

We only had two rules change proposals to vote on at the October General Meeting! One was in regard to revising the TRH Membership structure and the other is in regard to eliminating one TRH Board of Directors Referee's position.

The membership change proposal was not approved. The elimination of the Referee's position from the TRH Board of Directors was passed by the membership.

TRH/STORM Hare Scrambles at Rio Bravo Rescheduled for November 1st & 2nd.

The TRH will host a Storm Hare Scrambles event at Rio Bravo. Brian Darnell has volunteered to Chair this one and has promised, in conjunction with Rio Bravo's new owner Danny Erdeljac, that this will be one you won't forget! Tell your friends, Motocrossers, Hare Scramblers, Enduro Riders, Dual Sport Riders and Recreational Riders and spectators to come on out to Rio on November 1st & 2nd to have a great time. You can participate, help with the event or just watch if you wish. This one will be so close into town for Off-Road racing its almost unbelievable for those of us that are used to travelling for hours to get to a race. Brian needs all kinds of help so come on out and pitch in!

The 2008 TRH/AMA Terlingua National Dual Sport Ride Scheduled for November 8th & 9th Has Been Canceled

Please go to the front page of the TRH website for a complete explanation on this one.
www.trh-cycle.org

TRH to Hold a Tag Team Hare Scrambles Event at Skull Creek in November

We are planning to hold a Family type Tag Team Hare Scrambles event at Skull Creek sometime in November. This will be a fun event! No “Blood and Entrails” please! We haven’t figured out all of the details yet but this one will be fun to ride and fun to watch for you, your families and friends. We’ll keep you posted. Again, always check our website.

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Included in this newsletter, you will find the General Meeting minutes for September, 08. We will review them at our October 6th, General Meeting and ask you to vote for their approval.

General Meeting Minutes

TRH Meeting September 9, 2008

Minutes of the August meeting approved by members present.

We'll make a decision by Thursday whether or not to postpone Caney Creek because of the possibility of hurricane Ike. The course is ready, arrows up, and law enforcement on board. We have 70-80 pre-entries.

October is rules change meeting. Turn in to a board member your proposed change tonight.

The membership change committee proposal will be reviewed and voted on at the October meeting. The proposal eliminates the regular \$40 annual TRH membership.

All members would be Full Access members (includes Skull Creek) at an annual fee of \$150. Members over 60 years of age would pay \$100. A \$50 event participation permit would be a non-voting, “Day of the Event”, membership only.

Members voted to pursue an AMA sanction for a Terlingua Dual Sport Ride for 2009.

Mike Bartay Family Enduro will be weekend after Caney Creek.

We will have 2009 OHV stickers available for \$8.00 at Caney Creek.

Jack has received an email from Paula updating the club on Kent's illness. We all wish him our best.

Jason Morton who is OHV coordinator for PMTs in the National Forest would like to get involved with TRH.

Jeff reports having a confrontation with hunters at Skull Creek.

Girard gives member numbers at 105 Skull Creek, and 104 TRH.
He introduced several new members present tonight.

Tommy said that Cycle World will give us a booth at the International Motorcycle show at Reliant in November.
There will be a Vintage Motocross event at Rio Bravo October 10th. Volunteers are needed to flag, etc.
A hare scramble is planned at Rio on the same weekend as the Family Enduro.

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Rena fell over at the finish of the Family Enduro.
Girard needed a spark plug.
Otis crashed during every event in the Fun Day.
Robby recently found Otis' keys in the woods where they were lost last month.
Rena wins.

Roy Yargo at 301 FM1375 has a bunch of dirtbikes and stuff for sale.

Jack is looking for someone with the membership document.

The Hare Scramble at Rio may change to Skull Creek.

Meeting adjourned.

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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)

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Houston, TX 77037
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Cycle Shack North

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Conroe, TX 77301
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