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# Trail Riders of Houston



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### November 2008 President's Report By: Jack Jennings

#### The 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Caney Creek Enduro Rescheduled for November 23<sup>rd</sup>

Our annual Caney Creek Enduro will be held on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The trails are back in good shape, we've re-applied for all the permits and sanctions and notified all of the authorities of our new date. Robby Austin is going to need lots of help to get the course remarked and on the day before and the day of the event. Please plan to come up and help him out!

#### New 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 <sup>th</sup>	Skull Creek	Tommy Fabregas
#2	July 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Houston NF -- North Side Trail Head	Mark Littlefield
#3	December 7 <sup>th</sup>	Sam Houston NF East Side Trail Head	Mike Bartay/Tracy Jeffcoat
4	TBA 2009	Skull Creek or SHNF	Jeff Wilson or Vaughn Ivey

## **The November General Meeting is Nomination Time for 2009 Board Positions**

**Please be thinking of names of deserving individuals that would like to serve on the TRH Board of Directors for 2009. The Board positions that need to be filled for next year are:**

**President, Treasurer, Public Relations Coordinator, Membership Chairman, Newsletter Editor, Legislative Representative, Property Master and Database Coordinator. These terms will become effective January 1 and will run through December 31, 2009. If you've ever had a desire to get involved in the inner workings of the TRH, now is the time to get involved.**

**We will take nominations for the TRH Board of Directors positions listed above at the November & December General meetings and will vote on them at the December General meeting.**

## **TRH/STORM Hare Scrambles at Rio Bravo Rescheduled for November 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!**

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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.**

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

Please go to the front page of the TRH website for a complete explanation on this one.  
[www.trh-cycle.org](http://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.  
[www.trh-cycle.org](http://www.trh-cycle.org)

**TRH to Hold a Dual Sport Ride in December or January**

We have successfully laid out a one day Dual Sport Ride originating from the New Waverly ISD property (same as the Caney Creek event headquarters site). It is 80 miles long and consists of Farm to Market roads, Sam Houston National Forest trails, Forest Service roads, blacktop roads, gravel roads, and Texas Highways. You will definitely need to be street legal to ride this one!!! It will be open to anyone that wants to ride TRH & Non-TRH. There will be NO entry fee but we will be accepting donations to help defray medical expenses for Colin Hughes’ son Garrett who is very ill. We’ll keep you posted as we get this one completely planned out.

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Included in this newsletter, you will find the General Meeting minutes for October, 08. We will review them at our November 2nd, General Meeting and ask you to vote for their approval.

# General Meeting Minutes

## TRH Meeting October 6, 2008

Jack welcomed every one to the meeting.

There has been no October newsletter published, so the members haven't seen the minutes of the September meeting and cannot approve them.

Hurricane Ike has caused the Sam Houston National Forest to remain closed. Downed trees have been removed from trails on the East Side and we need volunteers to help clear smaller debris. If you want to work on the trail, explain to the rangers that you are TRH member there to work and they will let you in. ATV's will be more useful than motorcycles in this.

The Caney Creek Enduro has been rescheduled for November 23.

The final race of the 2008 STORM series will be at Rio Bravo October 18-19. Brian Darnell is chairman of this event. This new course should draw cross-over interest from trials riders, motocrossers, and the Enduro folks. There will be a work day at Rio Bravo this coming weekend.

We have an AMA sanction in place for Terlingua Duel Sport 2009. Losing that event this year means the loss of 7-8 thousand dollars which we use every year to support the Family Enduro Series and other things. We'll have to figure out how to spend less money.

We are trying to put together a family tag-team hare scramble at Skull Creek as a benefit for Garrett Hughes. He is the grandson of Burl Hughes and son of Colin Hughes, and he is quite ill. JP will supply some door prizes.

Shelli has T-shirts.

Tommy and his team took 5<sup>th</sup> place in expert open class and 60<sup>th</sup> overall in the Reno to Las Vegas run. He is looking for volunteers for a TRH booth at the Motorcycle Show.

Ed says we have money – we're loosing money.

Patrick says he likes his job as Referee...there's nothing to do.

### RULES CHANGE PROPOSALS

1. Eliminate board position of Referee at end of current term in June 2009.

This rule change motion was approved.

2. Proposal to change membership structure from current regular membership of \$40, with Skull Creek membership an additional \$160.

Proposed new structure would be fee of \$150 for all, and all would be Skull Creek members. There would be a \$100 membership for veteran riders over 60. There would be \$50 participation (non-voting) permit for events so there would be no TSCEC conflict for Caney Creek.

This proposal was voted down by a large majority.

Meeting adjourned.

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## 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)

Webster, TX 77958  
281-338-1636

**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 6<sup>th</sup> 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

# **“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: [al.bunch@hotmail.com](mailto:al.bunch@hotmail.com)**

**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!

## **November 3rd, General Meeting!**

Please come to the November 3rd General Meeting to get an update on TRH activities, get your monthly dose of dirt bike bench racing, discuss past and upcoming rescheduled TRH events and issues, and spend time with your off-road riding buddies.

## **PIZZA**

**Piping hot pizza will be available for everyone at the next meeting so come hungry!**

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

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

Ride ON!  
Capt.Jack

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