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President's Report

By: Tommy Fabregas

Howdy Y'all – From Your New 2009 TRH President

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Tommy Fabregas. I'd first like to thank Jack Jennings for his eight years of dedication and hard work as President of our club. I can hardly remember an event where he did not arrive before and leave after everyone else.

My philosophy is very simple. It's all about being safe, riding and having fun. I like things simple and easy, and that's the view I'd like to bring to the club by streamlining certain areas and procedures to make our planning even more practical and our events more enjoyable for all.

I also believe that people get tired of the hustle and bustle of work, and TRH can and should offer a break to daily stress. When someone unloads a bike to go riding, it's to get away from the problems and politics of work and everyday life... and just ride. I'd like our club to be a place to get away and just have fun. No added worries, problems or politics.

When fellow TRH members are in need, the club has been there to offer support, and to me, that makes TRH more than just a dirt bike club -- it's a family that I'm proud to have been a part of for more than 25 years. I'd like to thank the volunteers and board members who have made TRH successful for so many years.

I'm open to any suggestions that can make our club more successful and better. Though I've been a part of the board for a few years, this new position will be a learning experience. I welcome any input that will help make our club and our family stronger.

Looking Forward to a Rockin' Year!

Tommy

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 15th-	Skull Creek	Tommy Fabregas
#2	July 27th-	Sam Houston NF—North Side Trail- Head	Mark Littlefield
#3	December 7th	Sam Houston NF East Side Trail- Head	Mike Bartay/Tracy- Jeffcoat
#4	January 11th	Skull Creek	Jeff Wilson

The November Election Results

President – Tommy Fabregas

Treasurer – Duggan Hartzog

Public Relations Coordinator – Vaughn Ivey

Membership Chairman – Greg (Gregorio) Draper

Newsletter Editor – Luke McElroy

Legislative Representative – Robert Applegate (incumbent)

Property Master – Sam Stacy (incumbent)

Database Coordinator – Lee Jordan

These terms became effective January 1 and will run through December 31, 2009.

TRH's Next Family Enduro to be held on January 11th

Our next Family Enduro will be Chaired by Jeff Wilson and be held at the Skull Creek lease. Everyone should attend this last Family Enduro of the season.

The official Key Time will be 10AM. Keep the dust off of those dirt bikes and come on out and have some fun!

The 2008 Hall of Fame Inductee Results Are In!

Sam Stacy was elected to the 2008 Hall of Fame.

TRH to Hold a Tag Team Hare Scrambles Event at Skull Creek in Early 2009

We are planning to hold a Family type Tag Team Hare Scrambles event at Skull Creek sometime early in 2009. 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

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.

Editor's Corner

With Supercross coming up this month, a couple of interesting and related video links are included here for your viewing pleasure.

<http://supercross.com/videos/watch/85/james-stewart-to-l--m-yamaha-press-conference>

<http://www.supercross.com/videos/watch/99/jeremy-mcgrath-do-you-feel-supercross-video>

December General Meeting Minutes

TRH Meeting December 1, 2008

Jack welcomed everyone to the December meeting and Holiday party.

He announced the appointment of Luke McElroy as the new newsletter editor.

Welcome back to the Board, Luke!

Membership dues should be paid by January 1.

The rescheduled Caney Creek enduro was a great success. The start control format worked well. Robby and his lieutenants, Girard and Ed, did an excellent job. Thank you to all who helped. Everyone who worked at the event claimed to have had a great time. The special turn was very well marked. Photos will be posted after enduro of the year is voted on.

Mike Bartay's Family Enduro is scheduled for next Sunday, December 7. This will be round three of the 2008 series. He and Mark Littlefield have the course well in hand. Please come out to the National Forest and ride or help.

Board of Directors Election

Six positions were filled tonight, some by newcomers to the Board, some changing positions, and one continuing in the same capacity:

1. President – Tommy Fabregas
2. Treasurer – Duggan Hartzog
3. Public Relations – Vaughn Ivey
4. Membership Chairman – Greg Draper
5. Database Coordinator – Lee Jordan
6. Property Master – Sam Stacy

All were elected by acclamation.

Jeff Wilson will chair the fourth round of the Family Enduro Series January 11 at Skull Creek. He is asking for help with the course on a workday December 13th.

Ed is planning a tailgate party to feed TRH workers at SuperCross on January 24th.

Shelli said Kirby Bailey and she sold a ton of TRH and Caney Creek t-shirts at the race.

Girard has 2009 membership applications on hand tonight. We have 104 TRH members and 107 Skull Creek members.

Robby offered a big thanks to everyone who worked to make Caney Creek such a success.

Tommy says he is looking forward to getting into his new position. He wants to make the club stronger, better, and more fun.

Flying W

Denise Bailey gets the award this month for leaving Eddy the dog in her car at Skull Creek, and he locked the doors with the key in the ignition. Hours later, after driving back to Friendswood for another key, he was released.

Sam Stacy has been elected as Hall of Fame inductee for 2008.

See Danny Erdlejac to sign-up to work SuperCross on January 24th.

Meeting adjourned for the arrival of Santa and a run on the food tables.

Minutes submitted by Rena Townsend.

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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 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

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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

Adventure Yamaha

26300 Katy Freeway
Katy, TX 77449
281-391-2628
www.hurstyamahamarine.com
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

Pasadena Honda

2901 Spencer Highway
Pasadena, TX
713.941.5920

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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
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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”

Several Used Bikes 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 attn: 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

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!**

Call Before You Haul

As always the TRH hotline @ 713-910-3131 will provide you with the latest course conditions and weather situations before you drive to our events.

January 5th, General Meeting!

Please come to the January 5th 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.

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