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President's Report

By: Tommy Fabregas

Hello everyone from your new Prez, Tommy,

I hope everyone is enjoying this great riding weather. The New Waverly Dual Sport was a huge success. We raised about \$3500 in donations with checks still coming in. I'd like to thank all the guys who put on the event. There will be a hare scramble at Skull Creek this weekend Feb. 28-Mar. 1. It's all new course along with a new entrance. The new entrance is on the west side of the property just past the high school.

The first round of the family enduro will be held at Skull Creek on March 28, don't miss it. We'll have a new non-competitive (just for fun) class just for four wheelers. We'll see if people would like to participate. If so, we may try to make it a class at the private properties only. Saturday night we will do the nighttime four wheeler and bike ride. Make sure you bring your lighting. We'll also present the '08 Family Enduro Series awards the morning of the race. Come join us for a weekend of fun. Don't miss it.

Your Prez, Tommy Fabregas

2009 Family Enduro Series Schedule

<u>Round</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
#1	March 29 th	Skull Creek	Tommy Fabregas
#2	May 17 th	Skull Creek	Mark Littlefield
#3	July 12 th	Sam Houston NF North Side Trail Head	Robert Applegate
#4	September 27 th (tentative)	Sam Houston NF Trail Head TBD	TBD
#5	November 22 nd (tentative)	TBD	TBD

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

Editor's Corner

Here is a funny motocross-related video on YouTube. Those of you who think you've got guts loading your bike on a pickup truck by riding it up the ramp, get a load of this!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4KGeBzdfDFI>

Also, I introduce you to an interesting website, <http://www.dirt-bike-tips-and-pics.com/index.html>.

This site is a convenient source for technical information, tips and tricks, and interesting pics and video related to motocross.

February General Meeting Minutes

TRH February 2, 2009

Tommy welcomed members and guests to the meeting.

Members approved the minutes of the January meeting as written.

Thank you to the SuperCross flaggers, who did a good job and represented TRH very well.

Danny Erdlejac again did a great job organizing and supervising the flag crew. Thanks also to Vaughn for taking care of the TRH booth in the pits.

Danny said the man in charge of flaggers for the event praised the TRH crew.

Tommy recognized and thanked Gary Miller for his years of service in the position Danny now fills for SuperCross.

The New Waverly Dual Sport ride is next weekend. Ed and Jack are expecting good weather and lots of participants.

STORM will hold a Hare Scramble at Skull Creek on the weekend of February 28-March 1. Brian said he and Otis worked on the course last weekend, putting about 40 miles on the four-wheelers. They are trying to connect sections of unused old trails. New trails will be cut alongside the sugar-sand whoops, with the cuttings tossed onto the old trail. STORM will be using new black on yellow arrows.

Jeff reported a good turn out for the first round of the Family series for 2009. Several new members signed up. The weather was great and everyone said they had fun.

Tommy asked if the members want to continue with the pizzas and vintage TRH movies and was answered with a resounding "yes" on both.

Flying W

Brad Wilson did a real flying W at Cross Creek.

Shelli caused a mass flying W at Rio Bravo by hanging upside down over Greens Bayou and involving Brian and Otis.

Tommy got run over on the street and called John for the HPD number instead of calling 911.

Shelli wins her first.

Robby changed the gate code at Skull Creek last weekend and has ordered propane refill.

He said the fellow at Owens' yard is complaining about people riding through there, so please avoid the place.

Otis said there is a State Trials event March 8 and the 2009 Hole Shot Series continues March 21 at Rio Bravo.

Tommy proposed a utility ATV class for the Family Series and the members voted overwhelmingly for it.

Meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by Rena Townsend.

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)

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

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2227 Gulf Freeway
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17802 Highway 59N
281.446.7165

Northwest Honda

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10102 North Freeway
Houston, TX 77037
281-447-3476

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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

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22515 Katy Freeway
Katy, TX 77450
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www.wildwesthonda.com

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713.941.5920

**Texas City Cycles –
Kawasaki**

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
800.544.0694
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”

<p>Several Used Bikes Street & Dirt: Call for details!</p> <p>Tommy Fabregas @ 713.818.6458</p>	
<p>2007 TTR125 - Big wheel, Electric Start, BBR fork springs, bar risers, tall "mini-bars", spare air filters. Approximately 50 hours on motor (<30 on hour meter - installed to keep up with maintenance). My son outgrew the bike. Asking \$2,200. Call Mitch Fane - 713.859.0600</p>	
<p>2006 CRF450x - ASV levers (brake and clutch), Devol radiator guards, Hammerhead case saver and long shifter, JD Jet kit, Boyesen quickshot accelerator pump cover, CRF exhaust with forrest approved Pro-billet spark arrester end cap (stock pipe/exhaust included), new brake pads, bike tender, spare parts (tire/air filters and misc. bearings). Asking \$4,400. Call Mitch Fane - 713.859.0600.</p>	

For any Newsletter or Swap Sheet changes, modifications or ideas please email them to the TRH website: www.trh-cycle.org attn: Luke McElroy
Any items you want to be included in the Newsletter should be emailed as an attachment in Word or OpenOffice document format to pixelante083@gmail.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.

March 2nd, General Meeting!

Please come to the March 2nd 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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