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President's Report

By: Tommy Fabregas

[Hello everyone from your President: Tommy Fabregas.](#)

I'd like to thank everyone for making our first round of the '09 Family Enduro Series a huge success. It was a perfect cool sunny day and everybody seemed to have fun. The turnout was one of the best we've had in a long time. The track was kind of watered down for the four wheelers, but most riders seemed to like the way it flowed together. We didn't have a large turnout for the four wheeler fun run class, so I don't know if we will do it again - please let me know your thoughts on this. The night ride was incredible -- if you've never done one of these you have to try it.

TRH has been invited to the Space City Ski Club & Expo at Dave & Busters on April 13, at 6:30. This is an opportunity for Houston's high impact-type clubs to meet and mingle. Around twenty different clubs will be there, representing everything from sky diving to scuba diving. Everyone in our club is welcome and encouraged to come; it should be a fun time. There should be several potential TRH members at this event, so be sure to talk us up if you attend.

Hope to see you at the Expo and at the next meeting on May 6th.

Thanks, 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	Skull Creek	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

The Mingo Memorial was a success

The Mingo Memorial took place Sunday March 29th, and it went off without a hitch. Everybody, including the ATV riders, had a great time. And now, a thank you from TRH member Becky McElroy...

I just want to say that the Mingo Memorial Family Enduro last weekend was, as usual, just a great race and a great day. Our dear friend and 'go to' guy, Tommy Fabregas, did an excellent job with both the morning and afternoon courses. From the comments on the TON I see that Luke and I are not the only ones who found the perfect combination of challenge and fun in his course.

The Mingo Memorial always reminds Luke and I of what this club is all about; the camaraderie, the fun, and the sound and smell of motorcycles on a Sunday morning. Tommy honors Mingo every year with this race. We now have six over-all trophies. Six years have passed and TRH remains our joy, just as it was for Mingo. Luke and I treasure each trophy that is given to us by the terrific guys and riders who win this one for us. Thank you Tommy, thank you Duggan, Lynn, and John, and thank you TRH.

Becky and Luke

Editor's Corner

For this month's editor's corner, I bring you something interesting from the New York Times...

Fastest Production Electric Motorcycle!



150 mph top speed, 150 mile range.

Check out the article below.

<http://wheels.blogs.nytimes.com/2009/02/19/fastest-electric-motorcycle/>

March General Meeting Minutes

TRH Meeting March 2, 2009

After Tommy welcomed members and guests, the minutes of the February meeting were approved.

The NOHVACC meeting trail ride on the 24th still needs some guide volunteers.

The STORM Hare Scramble was yesterday at Skull Creek. They used the west side of the lease and a new camping area, so it felt like a new property. By all reports it was a really enjoyable event.

The first event of the 2009 Family Race Series will be the 6th Annual Mingo Memorial Enduro at Skull Creek on Sunday March 29th. Tommy intends to hold a night fun run Saturday evening and plans to add a non-competition ATV class on the morning loop Sunday. He is always open to new ideas to get more member participation. Series awards for 2008 will be at 8:30 Sunday morning before the morning loop.

Statoil-Hydro has donated \$2,000 to TRH in their efforts to assist and recognize non-profit organizations.

Colin Hughes, father of Garrett, beneficiary of the recent Dual Sport ride at New Waverly, is with us tonight. Tommy will turn over to him a number of checks sent in for Garrett, including \$5,000 from Dr. Randy Nimitz.

There was a discussion period allowing members to express their feelings about the pirating of the club's Terlingua Dual Sport ride by a long-time member. The general feeling is disappointment followed by anger.

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Both stories happened at STORM Hare Scramble at Skull Creek.

Jake Walton got stuck in a mud hole on a dry and dusty race course.

Denise tried to quit 100 feet from the finish and eventually forced to continue.

Denise wins again.

Otis said the STORM race at Skull Creek was well received, with lots of "interesting" sections. There were two injuries.

Brunes Mill will be the site of the March Hare Scramble.

Tommy's Family Enduro is set for the week after that at the end of the month.

Danny reports things going well at Rio Bravo. Events scheduled include the State Trials on the 7th and 8th, EVO on the 8th, and Hole Shot on the 22nd.

Anyone who wants to flag at Rio should give Danny a call.

Lee said the database is in good shape... he had 12 returned emails last month and only 2 this month. On another note, he commented that he didn't know the west side was there till the STORM race last weekend.

Greg announced 70 regular members and 45 Skull Creek members.

Vaughn is taking our tri-fold flyers to dealers.

Robert reminded us the NOHVACC conference is coming up March 19-27. Managers of all areas will be meeting with representatives of the Forest Service. They will do trail rides in the National Forest on the 24th and 25th. They will have about 40 riders per day and need 5 guides each day.

The railroads would like to send a representative to talk to the meeting about right-of-way safety. Robert will try to schedule that. He intends to invite Shelley to bring annual Forest permits to the April meeting.

120 miles of new trails can be made in the National Forest, and hiker, biker, dirt bike cooperation is needed. Danny is making a video for the GORBA trail bicycle folks.

Sam has ordered 10 canvas paper carrier bags for arrowing and trail work.

Greg said he will get with Otis, Duggan, and the webmaster to implement online member signup.

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

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

**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
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**Houston Yamaha
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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>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 forest 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>	
<p>Used ATV wanted! If anyone has any good ones for sale, contact Lucas McElroy (832) 244-7088 pixelante083@gmail.com</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.

April 6th, General Meeting!

Please come to the April 6th 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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