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President's Report

By: Tommy Fabregas

[Howdy everyone from your Prez. Tommy.](#)

This month's Family Race Series Hare Scramble at skull creek was a huge smash. If you missed it all I can say is that you missed some of the best race conditions that I've seen in a long time. It rained the night before, which I'm sure scared a few people off, but we still had a good turn out. Everyone had fun with the "Zip-Tie Twist" and "Slow Race" special tests. I can't wait until the next one, and I'm sure I'm not alone. Many thanks to Mark and all the poeple that helped make this race a huge success.

Terlingua is coming together fast thanks to the planning and hard work of the TRH Terlingua Task Force. The club will continue to work to make this TRH's biggest and best National Dual Sport ever. Burl would be proud!

The next Family Enduro will be July 19th at the SHNF north side. See Robert Applegate if you would like to help with track set up or work the race.

See you at our next general meeting, Monday, June 1. Be sure to get there early for free pizza and the movies.

Happy riding,
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 19 th	Skull Creek	Robert Applegate
#4	September 27 th (tentative)	Sam Houston NF Trail Head TBD	TBD
#5	November 22 nd (tentative)	TBD	TBD

Burlingua

The 2009 Terlingua ride, “Burlingua,” will be held on October 24th and 25th. The flyer is available at the link below.

<http://www.trh-cycle.org/flyers/ds.pdf>

Editor's Corner

Ever had a race where nothing seemed to go right? Check this out.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ht3DMDx1spo>

May General Meeting Minutes

TRH Meeting May 4, 2009

Minutes of the April meeting approved by members present.

The next event in the 2009 Family Series is the Wicked Twist Hare Scramble at Skull Creek on May 17th. Games, on and off the bike, will be mixed in with the race. We still need some help arrowing and will need some help on race day with the games. Mark Littlefield is chairman of this event. There may be a night ride on Saturday if folks want to do it.

Ronnie Lunsford did a ride to raise money for the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation. Tommy took him a \$200 check donated by TRH.

Ronnie has always contributed generously to TRH.

Jack, Ed, Sam, Colin, Lee, and Vaughn went to Terlingua two weeks ago to start setting up the dual sport ride coming in October. Vaughn and Lee worked on the course for day one and everyone else did PR, visiting with the Sheriff, EMT's, landowners and others. Arrangements are made for lunch on both days. Tommy is trying to hook up with a musician to have a live band for a party at La Kiva Saturday night.

Jack said they were welcomed with open arms by the locals. Lee and Vaughn will co-captain for day one and we still need a volunteer to captain for day two.

Randy Nimitz who helped Burl wants to assist in any way. He also owns property out there.

Jack and Ed have a budget prepared for approval by the board of directors.

Robert said there is \$1.5 million available for bridges and improvements to the multi-use trails. OHV group needs to get a vision or mission statement written. There will have to be a coalition formed among Sierra Club, GHORBA, hikers, birders, OHV, etc, to present our needs to the Forest Service. Anyone willing to work on the document please sign up.

Otis said the STORM hare scramble at Hidden Falls was a success, with 120 riders and only a couple of fairly minor injuries. The park dedicated 1400 acres to STORM's use for the event and he tied together about 14 miles of trails for the course. The next race is May 30-31 at Outlaw.

Danny, Vaughn, Lee, and Tommy ran a TRH booth at Dave'n Buster's for the Space City Outdoor Club's expo. They said it was an "interesting experience" and maybe some good exposure.

Danny said that things are moving along at Rio Bravo. The barn is up and the pavilion and bathrooms will be built next week. The lights will be operating on the night track by the end of May. They have real nice trials section in place. One hundred thirty people have signed up as members. Acquisition of the flood-plain land is in the works.

On December 5th Rio will host an EVO weekend attended by Marty Smith and Roger DeCoster, and others.

Members present decided to put on the flyer "TRH Original AMA National Dual Sport Ride at Terlingua".

Greg announced 85 regular members and 64 Skull Creek members.

Jeff proposed a tag team hare scramble this summer at Skull Creek. He suggests a three hour event with each team composed of an A, a B, and a C rider, and including 85cc big wheel riders in the C class. He thinks if we open it to the public it could be a money maker for the club. He has prepared a letter to send to the property owner asking to renegotiate our lease and will email to board members for recommendations.

Lee is happy to announce that all email addresses in our database are current, finally.

Sam did an inventory of supplies in the barn at Skull Creek and said we need stakes and arrows.

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

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

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2227 Gulf Freeway
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Houston, TX 77037
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Houston, TX 77070
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Tommy Brewer
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Stubb's Cycles Southwest

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713-644-7535

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Texas City, TX 77590
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JM Racing

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Stafford, TX 77477
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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 Utility 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.

June 1st General Meeting!

Please come to the June 1st 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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