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President's Report

By: Tommy Fabregas

Hello fellow TRH'ers from your President Tommy Fabregas,

DON'T FORGET THE JULY MEETING has been moved to JULY THE 12th due to the July 4th holiday weekend.

Speaking of the 4th, Skull Creek will be having 4th of July festivities all weekend long, including fireworks and some organized trail rides. Contact Juliette for more details.

July is starting out wet, but I still think our Skull Creek scramble on July 11 will have awesome race conditions. We have been laying out the track for the past few months and I believe it will be a lot of fun. We're including a new section of trail that has never been raced before, I'm sure everyone will love it. I have received several calls from potential new members who are going to give us a try at some upcoming races. If you see new members at the races, please try to make them feel welcome with a friendly smile and a hello. I always tell people how friendly TRH'ers are and I want everyone to feel right at home.

I've been talking with the guys at MSRA and Cycleland about having a combined family race series. There's a good possibility we can work something out in the near future that would make our club stronger. I think this is a step in the right direction for everyone and it will help increase family race series attendance.

Caney Creek will be here before you know it and former TRH President Lynn Bailey is helping layout and mileage the track -- many thanks to Lynn for stepping up and helping out with this big job. Danny McMillan is going to help with Caney Creek but we still need a official chairman to take the lead. If you'd like to chair it please contact me ASAP. We need trail prep help too, contact Danny for details.

For vintage MX fans, there are two great movies out on DVD that you should really see. They are "One Chance to Win" and "1980 Carlsbad USGP" with Marty Moates. I've recently seen them both and they

really bring back memories for anyone there for the early days of MX.

Have a happy and safe 4th of July! Hope to see you at the race on the 11th and at the General Meeting on the 12th. Remember get there early for the free pizza and movies.

See you there! Your Prez. Tommy Fabregas

2010 Family Enduro Series Schedule

<u>Round</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
#1 Hare Scramble	April 18th	Skull Creek	Juliet Peters
#2 The Who Dat Enduro	June 6th	National Forest - East Side	Chris Gilbert
#3 Lumberjack Enduro	Canceled/ Postponed	National Forest - West Side	Robert Applegate
#4 Mingo Hare Scramble	July 11th	Skull Creek	Tommy Fabregas
#5 Family Enduro	August 29th	TBA	TBA
Caney Creek Enduro	September 12	Caney Creek	Sam Stacy


NOTICE: CATFISH PONDS

Ken Owens has sold the acreage along side 90A which includes the Catfish Ponds. Please do not trespass by riding around the ponds. The owner is in the process of fencing it off & there may be wire. Stay at the base of the levee & you will end up in some woods that take you to the NW Section. Be careful crossing the road at the miners entrance.

National Anthem Etiquette

171. Conduct during playing

During rendition of the national anthem when the flag is displayed, all present except those in uniform should stand at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart. Men not in uniform should remove their headdress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart. Persons in uniform should render the military salute at the first note of the anthem and retain this position until the last note. When the flag is not displayed, those present should face toward the music and act in the same manner they would if the flag were displayed there.



Editor's Corner

Hey, everyone...

Don't forget to register for the TRH Terlingua ride this year. The registration form is on the TRH website, and Sam Stacey has mailed everyone a copy as well.

Also, area motels are taking reservations, so if you want your favorite place to stay, you'd better reserve soon.

This is a unique and outstanding ride that you never want to miss. Interesting trails, people, and TRH camaraderie make this the most fun you can have on two wheels.

ODDBALL AND VINTAGE BIKES

Check out some interesting, unusual bikes at the web page linked below...

<http://dirtbike.off-road.com/dirtbike/voice/strange-bikes-you-probably-never-saw-before-16149.html>

May General Meeting Minutes

TRH Meeting Minutes June 7, 2010

Minutes of the May meeting approved.

Wes McKnight and Bob McKnight are our special guest speakers tonight. Farris Fain will assist them in presenting their program about their adventures with ISDE.

Chris Gilbert talked about the Family Enduro he chaired yesterday in the National Forest. The route was on last year's canceled Caney Creek course with three miles added to get back to the trailhead. The trail was fun and the dirt was perfect because we have had some rain recently. It's just a shame only 38 riders showed up for this great day in the woods. We really need to have more participation in the Family events. Also, Chris said any member should consider chairing an event. There is a large body of "institutional knowledge" in the club and the guys who possess it are available to share their expertise with "newbies".

Robert has had to cancel the Lumberjack Enduro scheduled for June 27th, so the next Family Race event will be the Mingo Memorial at Skull Creek on July 11.

Julie has proposed a Dual Sport ride hooking up Skull Creek, Bruner Mill, and Hefley Ranch. She also suggested some of the experts teach an enduro school. Danny said he could ask Marty Smith to do a motocross school.

Six Board of Director nominees were unopposed and elected by acclamation:

- Vice President - Jeff Wilson
- Secretary – Rena Townsend
- Legislative Representative – Chris Gilbert
- Events Coordinator – Toby Landry
- Newsletter Editor – Luke McElroy
- Park Director – Juliet Peters

Danny Erdeljac said Rio Bravo now has 800 members. The swimming pool is ready for use and other improvements are continuing.

Marcus has taken the Skull Creek lawnmowers home to work on them, but anyone is welcome to bring out their own mower and work on the campground.

Jack reported on the cook-out he and Ed did at Wild West Honda to show our appreciation for the support they have always given TRH.

Chris again questioned the wisdom of limiting Skull Creek membership. The board has debated this question and may revisit it.

The meeting was adjourned and then we had a very entertaining program presented by Wes and Bob McKnight. They were assisted by Farris Fain in a slide show and talk about their adventures participating in the International Six Day Enduro.

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)

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

Goe Kawasaki, Harley-Davidson

Mark Sherrill
1350 S. Hwy. 288B
Angleton, TX 77515
800-460-8274

Houston Motorcycle Exchange

Tommy Fabregas
1326 N. Durham
Houston, TX 77008

Honda of Houston

12655 West Rd.
Houston, TX 77041
713-467-2426
www.hondaofhouston.com

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

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
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! Tommy Fabregas @ 713.818.6458</p>	<p>1982 Husky WR250 - \$1200 - Ready to go, fresh top end piston & rings (maybe 4-5 hours run), Ohlins were rebuilt about 2 years ago new rubbers stoppers, oil and seals etc.</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>Perfect seat, good plastic, no leaks, new knobbies, hand guards, this is a nice bike (no junk). Has clean Title but expired plate, (you can plate it again if you add horn, brake switch, etc. with a little effort.) Includes Husky parts manual and some spare parts. Runs like a champ 1-2 kicks to start always even cold. Current 09 SERA annual sound check sticker (will need new TX OHV sticker at end of Aug.) Pictures @ http://s524.photobucket.com/albums/cc321/EnduroRdr_photos/Husky/?albumview=slideshow</p>
	<p>Contact Mike @ 281-960-6395 or farrismike@yahoo.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.

July 12th, General Meeting!

Please come to the July 12th 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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