



# Trailblazer News

MWR's Fort Hood Trailblazers

A Mountain Bicycling Club

1 December 2001

## Return of the Trailblazers' Club

CLUB REFORMED AS IT OBTAINS PRESIDENT

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After a seven and one-half month absence of organized mountain biking on Fort Hood, TMBRA racer and Ft Hood soldier Cliff Mead stepped up and volunteered to be president of the Fort Hood Trailblazers.

Cliff is very proactive; he is in close contact with the director of Ft Hood's Outdoor Recreation in regard to the post's mountain biking park. As many of you know the park's continuance had been in question due the lack of a club and upkeep of the trails. Cliff has many exciting activities planned to include rides, meetings and trail-work. These areas encompass the initial focus but other fun things like picnics will be added as the club grows.

Pete Kutheis has developed the website. URL is <http://members.tripod.com/forthoodtrailblazers/>  
Watch the scrolling banner at the bottom for the latest.  
To be added to the email list:  
Contact Cliff at TestA29@ aol.com

## The "Return" Ride

DAMP AND SLICK

12 November 2001

On a gray, misty veterans' day morning the newly reformed Trailblazers met at the park at BLORA for a kick off ride. 6 riders braved the slick leaves and singletrack for a fun filled 9 mile loop. Cliff reminded riders of an upcoming trail work day. Shortly after, the rain arrived for real.

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### **Trail Work Happenin's**

On Saturday morning, 17 November the Trailblazers conducted trail work at BLORA. 4 folks arrived and work began at 1015 with a perusal of what tools were left in the clubhouse from when the last time the club was active.

Within an hour a portion of trail with improper water flow was corrected with a series of breaks and well placed rocks. This section of trail was along the Sparta Ascent.

From there the crew ganged up in vehicles and rode the park boundary past the paintball course to the open field area near Apaches' Run and before the rollers. Luckily in the vicinity is a large dirt/gravel pile; the crew adeptly made use by filling pickup beds with the gooey mess. Also in the area were several large dilapidated logs. In about an hour good headway was made filling in a badly rutted length of trail.

Thanks to Clifford, Chris, Pete, and Jean. Jean comes to us from San Antonio where he was a member of the STORM. Jean teaches in the Killeen schools.

A few pictures from this successful morning of trail work can be found on the website's photo page. Remember, Pay dirt is available (see the TMBRA web site); 10 hours and more of qualifying work is a good way to earn points toward the Texas spring racing series' standings as well as you being entered into a cool raffle (and you really don't hafta race to be entered into the raffle). Please join us on our next announced workday.

### **RECRUITING EFFORT UNDER WAY And we don't just mean new members**

So around 60 annual mountain bike park passes were sold by BLORA since 1 April of this year—not bad since there hasn't been a club solely dedicated to mountain biking. The Central Texas Wheelmen did a fine job of coordinating a trail workday and assuring the mountain bike park remained an asset during the dark months at the beginning of Spring when all was really in doubt.

Now the Trailblazers have arisen to form a club again! All those with paid annual passes should be getting a letter emailed or mailed to them explaining the club and that there is no additional cost in the way of "dues".

Additionally, an informative flyer will be emailed to all in-boxes (email) on Ft Hood by utilizing the Phantom Distribution method. We are actively seeking Ft Hood soldiers and families that have or even think they may have an interest in trail riding to contact us about becoming active Trailblazers.

Likewise, flyers are to go up in local bike shops and perhaps the paper. The end state is to have an on going group of people that enjoys mountain biking to come together and share their time with each other riding, working toward common goals, and having fun.

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