



***Tri-County Mountain Biking Association
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Press Release

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Ridgeland, MS, Wednesday, January 31, 2007 - The City of Ridgeland has shown yet again its support of the cycling community. Through the support of Mayor Gene McGee and the Board of Aldermen, the City of Ridgeland and the Tri-County Mountain Biking Association (TCMBA) reached an agreement last year for the use of a parcel of land owned by the City off North Livingston Road for mountain biking and trail running/hiking. The trails have been designed to offer paths for all skill levels, from beginner to advanced level riders.

To date, approximately six and one-half miles of trails have been constructed by members of the club, in accordance with the standards of the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA) with which the club is formally affiliated. It is anticipated that another two miles of trails will be constructed during the next few months to finish the project. Anyone interested in biking or running the trails must join TCMBA, but membership is merely a process of completing an application and paying a small annual fee.

Boy Scout Chris McNally (Troop 9) was in search of a project for an Eagle Scout badge, and learned that a kiosk was needed for the trails, to display the trail map and other club information. The City of Ridgeland supplied a detailed design for a kiosk and Chris McNally and his fellow Scouts built it. This structure enables the club to display a detailed map of the trails that shows the different difficulty levels of the trails. Copies of the application, maps for each member, and club announcements, can also be easily displayed.

TCMBA is a family-oriented club, and memberships are available for families and individuals with a discount rate for students. Weekend passes are also available by completing the application and paying a weekend rate. Anyone interested in joining may obtain a form from Indian Cycle or The Bike Rack, the new on-site kiosk, or send a query to <http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/TCMBA>.

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Please see photo attached to this e-mail.

PHOTO CAPTION: A kiosk constructed by Chris McNally was installed for the Tri-County Mountain Biking Association on land provided by the City of Ridgeland. Shown are TCMBA board members and Scouts, (left to right): Ridgeland Mayor Gene McGee, Renee' Coleman, Chris McNally, Joe McNally, Jr., Thomas Short, (standing) Don Potts, Ty Hardy, Edley Jones, and Joe McNally, Sr.