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Happy New Year Friends!

I hope this newsletter finds all of you in good health and good spirits. I also hope all of you are keeping up with your New Year's resolutions. If anybody needs a good resolution, how about to go on more club rides and attend more club meetings this year!

As you can see, we are sending out the 2010 membership applications early this year. We're doing this because there will be a vote for a by-laws change in April. This will require a vote of the members in good standing and your membership dues need to be paid up to make you a member in good standing. The vote will take place at our April 14th meeting at the Kro-Bar which will also be the night that we elect new officers. So please, regardless if you plan on being at the April meeting or not, get the membership applications and the appropriate dues back to us as soon as possible. And please fill out the application completely and legibly. It would be great if I could report to the club at that April meeting that we had 100% response to our membership appeal. Thank you.

The year 2009 was good to the club. Our grooming operation was successful as was our fall fund raiser. The reason these things and others were successful is our community. When we have asked for help from our sponsors and other local businesses, they have given freely. At our fall fund raiser we saw people there that weren't members but still they came and bought raffle tickets and refreshments. I guess what I am trying to say is thanks to all of them. At the last meeting our club decided to give some back to the community. As you can see by the meeting minutes we have decided to help our community by giving the Iron River Emergency Medical Service a GPS unit for their ambulance. Hopefully this will aid them while doing their job which is taking care of our community. With all of the out of the way roads Iron River has, this should help speed up response time to any call they may have. Also the EMS goes out on all fire calls with the fire department so again this should help our community.

As most of you know, our dear friend Jackie LaBelle passed away last month. Jackie was treasurer for Trails North ATV Club for the past few years. She was instrumental in setting up our club treasury and book keeping on the computer which has made all the facets of book keeping and payroll much easier. Jackie always volunteered to help with the ATV certification classes our club held. When my wife Sue and I came to this community, Jackie was one of the first to befriend us and truly made us feel at home here. Last year Jackie bought herself a new ATV and shortly after became sick and was hospitalized until she died. So please say a prayer for Jackie as she will be truly missed.

One last thing before I go. I talked about resolutions earlier. Well I've decided to make one right now and that is to try harder to get out the monthly newsletters. And if I am not your president after April, I promise I will hound the new president (or secretary) to get them out! Take care and be sure to ride right!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rod Abbas".

President, Trails North