



February 16, 2010

Dear Fellow Club members,

Hope this February newsletter finds you all in good spirits. If you are feeling cabin fever, there is hope. In about 2 months you'll be cleaning up your ATV and getting ready to enjoy the warm temperatures, spring rains, muddy trails, dust in your eyes, wood ticks and mosquitoes! I guess every season has its good and bad.

A couple of our club members have recently been hospitalized and need to be remembered in our prayers. Harry Hultman is at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. The last I heard is he is not quite up to chasing the nurses around yet, but he is in good spirits. The other member is "Cowboy" Tom Sanderson. As of this writing Tom is out of the hospital and I'm sure he is up to chasing the nurses around! I know they would both like a thought from all of you fine people. We wish you both a speedy recovery. It's a good thing that Richard wasn't hospitalized. I wouldn't want people to think it was just any **Tom, Dick** and **Harry** that we were thinking of!

As you can see by this month's minutes, our club has some important decisions to make concerning our finances. I hope as many members as possible will attend this meeting as it is important that we all have a chance to voice our opinions and vote on the option that you feel will be best for our club. I look forward to seeing you there.

The Iron River EMS asked me to convey to all of our club members their "Thanks" for the GPS unit the club bought for them. I haven't talked to Gary Victorson, the EMS Director, since the unit was installed but if they are half as satisfied as the paramedics in Cable are with their GPS, it will be a definite asset to our ambulance service and our community. We discussed the possibility of using hand held GPS units this summer and mapping trails with longitude and latitude waypoints so in the event of an ATV accident emergency personnel would be able to find the closest access to the site. I'm sure we will be looking for volunteers later on. About all it would entail would be a ride in the woods and pushing a button when you come to a road intersection. We'll talk more about this in the future.

As the 2010 memberships come in we have had a lot of cash donations sent with them. I personally want to thank all of you that have responded so quickly with your memberships and especially I want to thank those who were so generous with their donations. Please keep the memberships coming so they don't get forgotten. Thank you all.

Well it's time to go for now. As always, ride right and ride safe!

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rod Abbas".

Rod Abbas
President