



March 16, 2010

Greetings Friends,

It was great to see the 25 club members present at our March 10th meeting at **Judy's Drift Inn**. Our club made a big decision at that meeting as you can see by the meeting minutes. Even though I, as president, didn't get to vote, I felt the club would benefit greatly by upgrading our tractor. I would like to thank all of the people that came to the meeting to help make that decision. But the special thank you I would like to convey is to the many club members, previous and present, that volunteered their time and worked so hard to save the funds that made it possible for us, as a club, to better our selves. I can see that in 5 years or less when this tractor is paid for, our club could be financially in the position to not only make our trail system better, as we are doing now, but also help our community in big ways.

Thank You All!!

Our club membership drive is progressing but as of today, we are only half way to meeting our last year's membership numbers. If you haven't sent your membership in, I would encourage you to do so now. Our April newsletter and minutes will be sent only to members in "Good Standing", so please sit down right now and get your 2010 membership application and dues filled out and sent in. We not only need your support, but by having the club minutes you can keep up with what's happening with our club and trail system. If you have lost the application you can download one at our website at www.trailsnorthatv.org or give me a call at (715) 372-5969 and I'll see that you get another one. We look forward to hearing from you.

As I'm sure most of you know by now, club member Harry Hultman passed away on February 24th. Harry, a dear friend of mine, will be sorely missed by me and his other friends. His wife Jeanne, our club vice president, and his 3 daughters and their families I'm sure would appreciate our thoughts and prayers.

April is our club officer election month. Holding an office in Trails North ATV Club not only means giving up a little of your free time, but it also has it's rewards. The people in our club are good, fun loving people and they look up to you for organization and guidance. Yes, sometimes it is a pain in the, well you know, but most of the time it is a lot of fun and it gives you a feeling of accomplishment. As this last year's president, I feel proud that our club not only ran smoothly, but members of our club generally supported me and the club functions. When volunteers were asked for they came forward and were willing to help. And for that I Thank You All. Now I have just one more favor to ask of you. Please consider being an officer in our club. With the passing of Jackie LaBelle this last year the office of treasurer, a very important office in our club, was left open. I have tried to fill that position along with holding down the duties of president. But now I am looking forward to doing either one or the other if elected. I guess what I am trying to say is the club needs volunteers to run for an office. It doesn't matter if you have or haven't held an office before. I've found it doesn't matter if you have to leave Iron River for a month or two in the winter or summer and miss a meeting or two. There will be someone to cover for you and the club will survive. So when I ask for nominations for Trail Boss, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President or President at our April meeting, please don't hesitate to volunteer. Be willing to give a little time to better our club. And be ready to feel good about yourself and what you have done for **your** club. Thank you.

Well, this may be the last newsletter that I write, so I want to thank you all for reading my ramblings. I hope some of them were interesting and some of them made you smile. Anyway, I'll look forward to seeing you at our meetings or on the trail. Don't forget our meeting at the **Kro-Bar** on April 14th. And please remember, **ride right and ride safe!!**

Sincerely,

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

Rod Abbas
President