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Many thanks to these renewing members.

Next month will begin the renewal of the addresses to which Trail Tales is sent. If a "Complimentary Copy" is your donation, be sure to send free copies to everyone. We must be responsible to those whose contributions are paying the bills. To assume you want to do your share.

THANKS

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