

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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UPCOMING EVENTS

February 13th, 2021

Club Meeting
10:00 am - Lure Bar & Grill

March 13th, 2021

Club Meeting
Time & Location TBD

April 10th, 2021

Club Meeting
Time & Location TBD

May 8th, 2021

Club Meeting & Road Pickup
Time & Location TBD

June 12th, 2021

Club Meeting
Time & Location TBD

June 19th, 2021

Tentative Date For Car Show

OFFICIAL TRAIL CONDITIONS/CLOSINGS

**Adams County Parks
(608) 339-4230**

www.travelwisconsin.com/snowreport/snowmobile

**Always Check To Make
Sure Trails Are Open
Before Riding!**



Message from the President Tom Warner

Where's our SNOW?! It has been a tough winter so far as snow depth goes. We are still waiting to open our trails as people are riding to the north and to the south of us!! I can't remember a year that we have been snubbed so bad on snow!! Keep doing your snow dance because we are ready when it finally comes!

For those of you that had not heard, we did a mock snowmobile accident scene with the Rome Fire Dept on January 16th. Our very own VP Bryan Meyer was the accident victim during this drill. The fire dept filmed the drill with several cameras, including one placed on Bryan's head. This footage will be very good for the FD to use for training. We will also have a copy of this drill to use for any safety classes we have.

After the drill the Sno-Bandits board met back at the Fire Station and presented a check to the Rome Fire Department Fund for the purchase of a Medlite Transport Deluxe (MTD 103) that will be mounted in the back of their tracked Polaris Ranger and used for snowmobile accident rescues. The club voted on this donation at our last meeting and everyone was very excited to be able to do this!

Lastly, I would just like to say Thank You to all of our club members for the continued support and all the volunteer time everyone puts in!! We truly do have one of the best clubs in the state and our members are the ones responsible for that!!

As always, THINK SNOW!!
Tom Warner, President



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Message From Trail Boss Larry Halverson

I don't know what we did to Mother Nature that she is not providing us with the much-needed snow that we need to get the trails up and going.

Even though we have not been able to trail ride, please do not take chances by riding off of the marked trails. It is not worth taking a chance and getting in trouble with the law or worse, getting involved in a crash. Keep the faith! There is still time to do some good riding. We just need snow!

Larry



Message From Vice President Bryan Meyer

Hi, Everyone! Hard to believe it is February already and I only have a mile or so in the yard on the snowmobile. Maybe next year will be my first club trip! Mother Nature is finally waking up though. Hopefully, everyone is still doing their snow dance and we can get the trails open soon. Be safe everyone and think snow!

Your Sno-Bandits VP
Bryan

NEXT CLUB MEETING February 13th, 2021 Lure Bar & Grill • 10:00 am

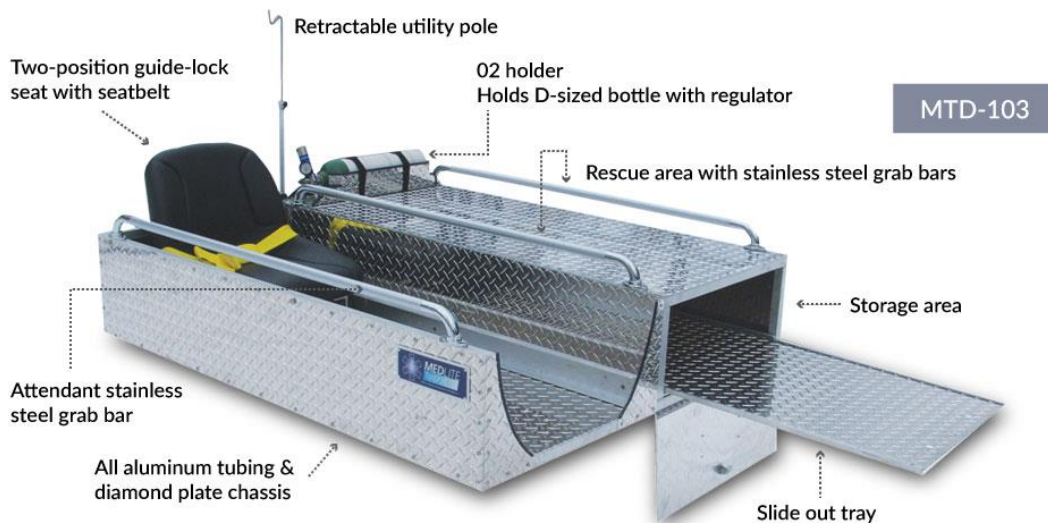
Our meeting will be held in the backroom of the Lure. Please stay after the meeting for lunch and play the pull tab machine. Please wear a mask when not eating or drinking!



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Mock Snowmobile Crash & Fire Department Donation

On Saturday, January 16th, the Town of Rome Fire Department partnered with our club to stage a mock snowmobile accident. The snowmobile was provided by President Tom Warner. Vice-President Bryan Meyer, who came up with the mock crash idea, played the crash "victim". The fire department used this staged accident as a training exercise for real life challenges of remote rescue. They used their UTV with tracks to haul the victim out. This UTV is effective to travel to accident scenes, however, it is not currently outfitted to easily transport an accident victim out from the crash site. After the conclusion of the training exercise, the fire department and the Sno-Bandits returned to the fire station. It was there that our board presented a check to the Town of Rome Fire Department that will allow them to purchase a Medlite Transport Deluxe MTD-103. This apparatus will be permanently attached to the UTV. It will allow the fire department to strap a patient on a backboard and transport them with an IV and oxygen tank while an EMT tends to them. Without this apparatus, the patient on the backboard is placed in the box in the back of the UTV and the EMT must walk alongside the vehicle. As an added bonus, this equipment will not be limited to snowmobile only use. This also can be used in the summertime for ATV/UTV type accidents.





Be Prepared For Your Ride



First-Aid Kit: Carry a well-stocked first-aid kit, and take a first-aid course so that you'll know how to respond in an emergency.

Carry Emergency Repair Equipment For Your Sled

- Operator's manual
- Tool kit
- Spare drive belt
- Spark plugs
- Tow rope
- Starter rope
- Duct tape or Electric Tape
- Extra Oil
- Extra Ignition Key

Survival Kit

- Emergency blanket
- Emergency food and water (enough for one or two extra days)
- Flashlight
- Hand axe or saw
- High-energy snacks such as candy bars
- Knife
- Nylon rope
- Plastic whistle
- Pocket mirror
- Signal flares
- Snowshoes
- Sunglasses
- Tarpaulin
- Waterproof matches
- Water purification tablets
- GPS unit
- Mobile phone
- Radio for weather reports

Locate the area where you'll be riding.

- Secure a map and familiarize yourself with the area. If the area is remote, purchase a topographic map and familiarize yourself with the terrain.
- Take a GPS unit if you own one. If you don't own one, consider purchasing one.
- Notify someone about where and with whom you're riding and your expected return time. Leave a specific plan with a family member or friend.

Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting January 8th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 8 officers present. There were 31 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Secretary's Report

There were no changes to the Secretary's report. A motion was made by Willy Sandfox to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Jim Fisher seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Steinke reported on the checking & savings account balances. Bev Sweet made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Willy Sandfox seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trail Boss Report - Larry Halverson

Stay off the trails. They are not open yet. Some clubs are already having trouble with trespassing. The decision was made not to groom what snow we do have so people don't think they are open.

Reminder of the trail change south off 15th Ave. Be cautious around Badger Ave & Beaver Ave as they are logging in this area.

Our trails do not cross any lakes and we always encourage you to be cautious if you need to cross a lake. A UTV went through the ice on Lake Arrowhead this past week. The weather has not been good for making ice.

The new Adams County maps are available and they turned out nice. The map committee did a great job. Intersections are numbered on the map and trails. Each club's trails are identified by color. There is a sponsor key at the bottom of the map so you don't have to flip the map over to identify a business. Make sure to thank the map sponsors when you stop at their business. The county is now split into three zones, A, B & C. Each zone has a coordinator to report to and then they will report to the county coordinator.

Thank you to Greg & Suzanne for the new map kiosks on Beaver Ave. & Highway 13. They look very nice. The new map is in the kiosks. The roofs will need some work in the summer and we will look into having a wooden sign with our club name added to the kiosks. Greg donated all his labor.

Social Committee Report

Bev sent out get-well cards to Kathy Halverson & Kevin Ballweg. Sympathy cards were sent out to Jeff & Deb Parmeter for the loss of Deb's brother and Marcia Hicks for the loss of her husband Bill Hicks. There is a balance of \$206.60 in the kitty.

Activities Report

The club trip will be held January 28th – January 31st, 2021 at Rustic Manor Motor Lodge in St. Germain. We have approximately 23 rooms booked by club members. With Covid restrictions, we might run into some issues with being able to use the common area. We will not know what restrictions will be in place until closer to our trip. Melissa will send an email out to all members that are signed up for the trip so we plan activities.

Please share your fundraising ideas at a meeting or with one of our board members. We would like to see another fundraiser added to our events. A decision will be made at the March meeting about if we will proceed with the June car show.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

The bylaws are being worked on. They are outdated and hard to understand. Bryan Meyer, Melissa Rhodes, Gordy Carlson, Larry & Kathy Halverson, Steve McIntosh and Kurt Mikolite are on the committee. They are hoping to have them ready to be voted on at the February meeting.

Darrien should have checks ready next week. SnoTrax attended the January meeting.

Rustic Ridge Riders will host the Pink Ribbon Ride at Moundview Golf Course on January 16th. The money stays in the county to help cancer patients. The association will be donating \$100.00 to the event.

Grand Marsh Pathfinders will be holding their antique snowmobile show at Cedar Shack on February 6th.

Bill Hicks, AWSC Director and past Vice President of the Association passed away around Christmas time. Gary Gevers will replace him until the May elections.

The County was split into three zones.

Zone A Clubs: Rome Sno Bandits, Jack Pine Savages, Monroe Center

Zone A Coordinator: Larry Halverson (414) 587-6833

Zone B Clubs: Dellwood Moundview, Easton, Grand Marsh, Rustic Ridge, Coloma

Zone B Coordinator: Kurt Mikolite (920) 358-3695

Zone C Clubs: New Haven, Twin Valley, Oxford

Zone C Coordinator: Dave Cook (608) 254-6540

The gun raffle was held after the meeting. There were no winners from our club.

Old Business

The pull tab machine is doing well. Tom from the Lure is doing the majority of the work and making this very easy for us. We have sold almost a full box of 3,600 tickets in 1 ½ months. A second box was purchased. We should easily see a profit of \$3,000 for the year. Please make sure to thank Tom.

We are considering contacting a tax advisor to make sure we are doing everything properly.

The mock snowmobile crash will take place on January 16th on the trail off 15th Ave. This will be a good training experience for our fire department. Our club will provide a victim and a snowmobile

Snowmobile Friendly Community Signs are up at the three entrances to our town.

New Business

The Rome Fire Department has a track UTV from snowmobile rescue. At this time, someone needs to walk beside the machine to secure the victim. We would like to donate a piece of equipment that will slide into the back of the UTV that will allow a transport board to be secured to it and a rescue person to ride beside them. Bryan passed around pictures of the UTV and proposed equipment. Gary Gevers made a motion to donate up to \$4,000 to the Rome Fire Department for the purchase of rescue equipment. Jim Fisher 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

New trail maps need to be given to the Rome Fire Department. Intersection numbers and emergency locaters are at each intersection.

The Rome Fire Department will host a snow golf event on Feb 13th. Please let a board member know if you are interested in representing the SnoBanidts with a team.

Our club will be applying for Snowmobile Club of the Year through the AWSC. A committee will start working on this application. Committee members are: Larry & Kathy Halverson, Warren Starner, Gary Gevers, Carl Hasdal, Bryan Meyer, Cathy Steinke and Melissa Rhodes.

Tom Warner made a motion to donate \$100 to the Pink Ribbon Ride. Larry Halverson 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Tom Warner made a motion to donate a basket to the Grand Marsh Pathfinders for their antique snowmobile show with around a \$50 value. Larry Halverson 2nd the motion.

Kathy Halverson made a motion to donate \$100 to Kurt Mikolite for the MS Ride fundraiser. Larry Halverson 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The club will be taking Christmas decorations down after the meeting. Please help if you can.

A motion to adjourn at 10:52 am was made by Willy Sandfox and seconded by Bryan Meyer. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was John Steinke. \$ 73.00 for the club and \$ 72.00 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Rhodes
Secretary

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