Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

August 13th, 2022

Club Picnic Noon - 4:00 pm Rome Town Center Park

September 10th, 2022

Club Meeting 9:00 am Rome Town Hall

October 8th, 2022

Club Meeting & Road Pickup 9:00 am Rome Town Hall Road Pickup to Follow Meeting

November 12th, 2022

Club Meeting 9:00 am Rome Town Hall

December 3rd, 2022

Christmas in Rome Tentative Date

December 10th, 2022

Club Meeting 9:00 am Rome Town Hall

January 14th, 2023

2nd Annual Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree & Raffle Lure Bar & Grill.





Message From President Tom Warner

Wow what an unbelievable few week the Sno-Bandits have had!! If you haven't heard, we were awarded the ACSA Snowmobile Club of the Year on June 11th at International Snowmobile Congress! After receiving the ACSA Award, it was announced that we had won the International Snowmobile Club of the Year award also!! It was so cool to have almost our entire board there to accept the award! The Sno-Bandits will now be inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in Eagle River the weekend of September 16th, 2022. You all should be extremely proud of all the hard work and dedication you have put into making this club what it is! Now the whole world knows what I have known for a long time, the Rome Sno-Bandits are the best Snowmobile Club in the WORLD!

The Saturday of Father's Day weekend was our annual car show, and it was a perfect day for a car show. There were so many cars and snowmobiles and so many people. It was great to see everyone having so much fun and enjoying themselves. Thank you so much to all our volunteers that made this day go smooth. It takes a lot of people to make it happen.

Also, this was Larry and Kathy Halverson's last year running the show. I am so grateful for all they do for our club. I hope everyone takes a moment to thank them for all the years they have given to make the Car Show what it is today!

I hope to see all of you at the picnic in the town park on August 13th. Our picnic committee has a fun day planned!!

As always, THINK SNOW!

Tom Warner, President









Message From Vice President Bryan Meyer

Hi everyone,

Wow, a lot has happened since our last meeting! I feel that there is a HUGE amount of thanks that is needed to be shared with the club! As a member of the club, we all do our part and strive to be the best! We ARE the International Club of the Year! Great job everyone! Amazing!

We also had our Annual Car Show which was another successful show! If you didn't make it, you missed a beautiful Wisconsin day with some really nice cars, trucks, and snowmobiles! Thanks again to ALL the volunteers who make this happen. Also, a very special thank you to Larry and Kathy Halverson for heading this fundraiser up for all these years. Amazing job guys!

I think this also is a good time to mention our sponsors. They are the ones who help us do what we do! Remember when you are out to patronize our sponsors, let them know you are a Sno-Bandit and we appreciate everything they do for us!

Reminder that we have the club picnic August 13th. Please attend if you can! If you want to head up an ATV/UTV club ride let one of us know. We would be happy to assist in putting something together.

The days are getting shorter, and we are overdue for a good season! Happy 4th of July everyone, be safe and think snow!

Bryan Meyer Vice President



Message From Trail Boss Larry Halverson

The Rome Sno-Bandit Car, Bike & Snowmobile show is in the books and from early indications it was a success. It was a success because of all the volunteers that worked so diligently before, during and after the show. A big thank you to all of you. I also want to thank the participants and spectators that attended the event. Even though it is a lot of work, I hope you enjoyed the day and may have met some new friends. I would personally like to thank the Rome Sno-Bandits for the beautiful plaque that Kathy and I received.

Larry



Club Picnic August 13th, 2022 ~ Noon - 4:00 pm Rome Town Center Park Pavilion



Please join us for our club picnic. Meat & beverages will be provided by the club. Please bring a dish to pass, any yard games you would like to share, and a lawn chair. If you have any friends that are considering joining our club, please bring them along to show them what our club is all about.



Is this Heaven? No - It's ISC in IOWA!

Every year during the second week of June, snowmobile enthusiasts, manufacturers, suppliers, and representatives from state, provincial and national snowmobile organizations from around the world meet to celebrate the sport and to do the business of snowmobiling at the International Snowmobile Congress. Individual participants include representatives from snowmobile and groomer manufacturers; state and federal administration, national, regional, and state snowmobile associations, local state snowmobile clubs, recreational motorized enforcement agencies; tourism and media. Leaders meet at this conference for education, collaboration, networking, and fun! Representatives at this event form the International Snowmobile Council (ISC), which meets annually at the International Snowmobile Congress (also called ISC). The International Snowmobile Council is dedicated to promoting safe and responsible snowmobiling. It provides a communication forum and a means of addressing issues that are common from an international perspective.

Several of the Rome Sno-Bandits boards members were fortunate to attend ICS this past June to accept the American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA), National Club of the Year Award on behalf of our club members. ACSA is a national organization uniting the snowmobile community and promoting snowmobiling as a safe, fun and environmentally friendly family sport. Our application was submitted to ACSA by the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Club (AWSC) after winning **AWSC Club of the Year** at the State level. Our club was notified in May that we won this prestigious National award.

While accepting our National Club of the Year Award from ACSA, our club was surprised with being presented with the International Club of the Year and the news that we will be inducted into the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame in September at an awards banquet.

Iowa was heaven for our club representatives in many ways. Dubuque is a beautiful city on the Mississippi River and if you get the chance, I suggest visiting this city. We enjoyed touring the area and eating good food. We visited hospitality rooms and all of our club attendees were initiated into the Thirsty Dogs Club! We also attended educational classes and general session meetings. We brought back a lot of knowledge to share with our club and many great memories!

All the hard work of our club members has paid off by making us the best club in the nation and we have a lot to be proud of!!!

Melissa Rhodes Secretary







INTERNATIONAL SNOWMOBILE CONGRESS PHOTOS













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Rome Classic Car Show Photos

















THANK YOU LARRY & KATHY HALVERSON

Larry & Kathy have been heading the Rome Classic Car Show since the Rome Sno-Bandits took it over from the Lions Club over 20 years ago. Larry & Kathy made the decision to make this their last year running the show. Our club appreciates all the hard work they have put into the show over the years. It has become a well attended and well organized event.

President, Tom Warner, presented Larry & Kathy with a plaque at our car show on June 28th.













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Annual Membership Renewal

Rome Sno-Bandit & AWSC memberships both expire on June 30th annually.

We process membership with the AWSC monthly in the summer and weekly in winter to minimize processing fees. We encourage you to renew your membership in July or August to avoid delays in receiving your trail pass. Membership applications can be found on our website along with trail pass information.

Ways to renew your membership:

ON-LINE: Through our website: www.RomeSnoBandits.com. Click on Membership Application under the Membership Page and pay with SECURE on-line payment with credit/debit card or PayPal.

MAIL: Send completed membership application with check to: Rome Sno-Bandits, 302 13th Ave, Nekoosa, WI 54457

<u>CLUB MEETINGS</u>: Bring your membership application to a meeting with your check or cash payment.

Applications are available at all meetings.

Your Club Membership Includes:

- You automatically become a member of the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs. (AWSC)
- You will receive seven issues each year of the Wisconsin Snowmobile News (WSN) magazine. It includes articles of interest to snowmobilers, activities of clubs across the state, reports of legislative events and snowmobile product information.
- You will be eligible for a discount Wisconsin Trail Pass through the AWSC.
- Monthly club newsletter.
- Membership to the Adams County Snowmobile Association.
- *Great way to meet and socialize with other snowmobilers.*

Trail Passes

Discount Wisconsin Trail Passes for the 2022-2023 season will be available to order from the AWSC beginning July 1st, 2022.

Go to: https://awsc.org/Trail-Pass-Registration to order your trail pass.

Trail passes are purchased through the AWSC and are available after your membership has been processed. If you provide your email address with your membership application, you will receive an email from the AWSC confirming your membership has been processed. This email will include your membership number and directions for ordering your trail pass.

You can also find your AWSC Membership number on the mailing label of your WSN Magazine or at https://www.awsc.org/About-Us/Member-Lookup. Your membership number never changes.

Membership Contact: Suzanne Kostreva RSBMembership@gmail.com

Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting June 4th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 7 officers present. There were 25 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 Larry Halverson to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Suzanne Kostreva seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Steinke reported on the checking & savings account balances. Kathy Halverson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Linda Randall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trail Boss Report - Larry Halverson

Larry will investigate the possibility of land next to the trap range being sold/used for the police department practice range. Nothing new on solar plant area. Hard to get answers from anyone.

Social Committee Report

A get-well card will be sent to Marci Wiessinger. The balance in the kitty is \$219.34.

Activities Report

Car Show: Need a few more people to help with parking & 50/50 raffles. A map will be available of where everything is going to go. We are in need of door prizes. Please sell raffle tickets. No fire department fun house.

Club Picnic: Our club picnic will be held August 13th, 2022, at the Rome Town Center Park pavilion. This is the same place that we hold the car show. The club will provide the meat and beverages. Please bring a dish to pass. If you have any yard games you would like to share, please bring them as well. We will look into inviting Town of Rome officials including the police department and board members, Visit Rome, and other local people. Let Melissa know if someone should be added to the invite list.

Club Trip: We are in the early planning stages but are hoping to have our trip on January $26^{th} - 29^{th}$, 2022. Melissa will continue to work with Reg from the Northern Lights Snowmobile Club in Three Lakes and will keep you updated. Lodging at Camp Luther was presented. Melissa will look into other options in the Eagle River area. If anyone has lodging suggestions near Three Lakes, please let us know.

Club ATV/UTV Rides: Put on hold for now unless someone would like to organize a ride.

Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup: Held after our May meeting. 20 bags of garbage was picked up. 19 people volunteered their time to help.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

No report. Next meeting will be held August 4th.

AWSC Report

Our club will donate a basket to the International Snowmobile Congress silent auction. Proceeds for to the defense fund.

Old Business

A thank you plaque was made for Tom & Joni Koran of the Lure for all they do for our club and was dropped off at the Lure. The pull tab machine is doing well.

Groomer shed cleanup will take place after todays meeting.

We received a thank you note from the Alex Dove foundation for our donation to their fundraiser.

New Business

Kathy Halverson made a motion to purchase \$100 worth of raffle tickets from the Rome Fire Department. Jim Fisher seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 9:53 am was made by Larry Halverson and seconded by Suzanne Kostreva. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Jeff Hoffmann. \$50 for the club and \$50 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted Melissa Rhodes Secretary



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