Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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302 13th Ave, Nekoosa, WI 54457

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 12th, 2021

Club Meeting

Groomer Shed - 9:00 am

June 19th, 2021

Rome Classic Car, Bike &

Snowmobile Show

Rome Town Center Park

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

August 14th, 2021

Club Picnic

Lure Bar & Grill Patio

Noon – 3:00 pm

September 11th, 2021

Club Meeting

Time & Location TBD

October 9th, 2021

Club Meeting & Road Pickup

Time & Location TBD

November 13th, 2021

Trail Brushing, Signing Chili Dump & Club Meeting

Groomer Shed

December 4th, 2021

Christmas In Rome

December 11th, 2021

Club Meeting

Informal Safety Class

January 22nd, 2022

1st Annual Petenwell Palooza

Fisheree & Raffle

Lure Bar & Grill

January 27th - 30th, 2022

Club Trip - St. Germain, WI Rustic Manor Motor Lodge

Please Join Us!



Message From President Tom Warner

Don't forget the Car Show June 19th!!

SELL THOSE CAR SHOW RAFFLE TICKETS!!!

Tom Warner President







Message From Trail Boss Larry Halverson

First of all, I would like to send out a big THANK YOU to Susan and John Krueger for donating a zero-turn lawn mower and a snow blower to be used on the groomer shed grounds.

The annual Sno-Bandit Car. Bike, and Snowmobile show scheduled for June 19th is just days away. There are still open areas where volunteers are needed, so please sign up with Melissa to help out where needed.

There are still raffle tickets that need to be sold so we can continue to operate our club as we have in the past. If you need more tickets contact Cathy Steinke and I'm sure she will be able to help you out. If you have something you would like to donate for a door prize, I am sure we can use them.

Larry

Beautiful Sunsets · Friendly Atmosphere · Great Food & Drinks Boat Launch · Gas · Oil



Town of Rome On Lake Petenwell **Open Daily at** 11:00 am

Closed Mondays Labor Day-Memorial Day

Stop in and try your luck on the pull tab machine!! All proceeds benefit the Rome Sno-Bandits! Thank you, Tom & Joni, for supporting our club!



Message From Vice President Bryan Meyer

Hello Sno-Bandits!

I found an interesting read and thought I would share. Everyone, keep doing what you can for the sport of snowmobiling. The article below came from snoriderswest.com.

Your VP Bryan Meyer

You want club support? Here are some surefire ways to get things rolling.

- 1. Be effective. A stagnant club is worse than no club at all, for if your club fails to make a difference in your community or in the sport in general, it is absolutely ineffective. Many have turned away to the concept of club involvement when they see no value in it. Meetings for the sake of meetings and committees that make nothing happen are a waste of everyone's time. Focus and concentrate your club's efforts on what truly matters: maintaining land, education, maintaining trail systems and cabins, and contributing to the sport in general are some of the reasons clubs exist. If you want a social club, join a quilting club or bridge club. if you want to contribute to the sport, ensure your club's effectiveness by pitching in and making change happen.
- 2. Be a presence in your community. Through outreach within the community, attendance and support of local events and media releases, show your community what your club's accomplishments and goals are. Some may have little insight into the purpose of a snowmobile club, so it is your job as club members to set a positive example and represent the positive face of today's rider. Participate in celebrations. A well-represented parade float may be more powerful than you think. Who are the faces of today's rider? Don't leave them wondering. Show the world the men, women, children, husbands, wives, grandmas and grandpas who are riders. We are many and we are thankful for the right to ride.
- 3. Be fun! Events are a huge attraction for newbie club members. Ultimately it can't all be land rights and caribou battles. Petty politics amongst ourselves and nitpicking does not help the sport we all love and cherish. There has to be an element of fun. Poker runs, hill climb events, youth activities, movie premiere fund raisers, the list goes on. Bring some woo-hoooo in to your club and you'll see yourself celebrating with many. Advertise and network your events well. It does more harm than good to give an event with a pathetic attendance than no event at all. Who wants to be seen as pathetic or unpopular? Social networking, media, word of mouth and a positive attitude from club members are all ways to ensure your event's success. Fun matters!
- 4. Be understanding. Some simply will not join; this is a fact of life. As much as you'd like to reach out and high five them in the forehead, don't. More people have been turned off by aggressive, demanding club members than have been strong-armed in. While numbers are important, active, engaged, positive numbers are more important. Horror stories of club members behaving badly plague many clubs, as riders were threatened and chastised publicly for not joining. I shudder when I hear these stories. If your club follows along a productive path, you will build value and spark membership.
- 5. Be encouraging. Club numbers are a wonderful way to give presence politically and bring the funds necessary to maintain and grow our ride areas. Encourage people to join by explaining what your club has to offer. You'll see groups of people eager to join your club when you meet them with an encouraging, positive attitude.

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- 6. Network with other clubs and try to support their efforts and events. Again, the goal is strength in numbers. Sharing of clubs and events on Facebook is a great way to use social networking to your advantage.
- 7. Grow your riders. Reaching out and mentoring youth in skill and education is a wonderful way to ensure the longevity of not only your club but your sport. Encourage shredding kids to attend meetings and help them to feel like they belong and have a voice. Our youth riders are so incredibly eager to excel. Let's help them do so.
- 8. Respect other winter enthusiasts. Knowing that some non-motorized recreationists want to shut us down completely can create feelings of resentment, especially if we are in the same winter play zone. Encourage your club members to be the bigger person and respect the space and attitude of others. Trust me, I've had to resist the urge to give well timed roosting when I was given the stink eye by a hiker or backcountry skier who obviously loathed my existence. In one situation I was actually snowmobiling up to my home after work. A lady was on the trail walking her dog and started to give me the disgusted stink eye face, letting me know how she felt about my two-stroke smoke and sport in general. I stopped and sparked a conversation about her dog, then through conversation let her know that I was going home to my family after a hard day of work. She looked shocked. I saw her several times after that and we developed a friendship, which eventually led to her participating in the Take a Newbie Shredding activity on Facebook. She has yet to go riding, but she now has a new perspective on our sport and the people who enjoy it. There is enough room for all of us—respect everyone out there, and try to find common ground. We all appreciate the ability to enjoy our winter wonderland.
- 9. Be extra responsible with land stewardship and long term relations. Although not an officially closed area, some cutblocks need a little bit of time for their seedlings to become strong, so avoid newly planted blocks. Dialogue with your local logging companies so you know where they are at all times and what their special needs may be. Some locals may have been infringed upon by snowmobiles in the past. Identify their concerns and work hard to get the word out so they no longer will be affected negatively by snowmobiles.
- 10. Keep on keepin' on. Sometimes it's not the easiest road to take. Sometimes it means extra unpaid hours of volunteering for those who seem to not care. Trust me, it all makes a difference. Your club involvement is a way to secure our sport and grow it for generations to come. The hip, fly and cool guys may be too cool for clubs, but they will seem kind of silly sending it on a GT snow racer when motorized usage is banned. It takes all of us to have a voice and to be involved. If you can make a difference, do so. It does matter.

Mailbox Issues



As many of you know, we closed our P.O. box at the end of last year. All mail should be sent to our groomer shed address (302 13th Avenue, Nekoosa, WI 54457). Our actual mailbox is in the Rome Town Center Park. We have had some issues with our mail being put in the wrong slot. We have also received mail for other businesses in the park. Recently, we were informed by a member that their mail was returned to sender, no mail receptacle, unable to forward. If this happens to you, please let us know. The issue has been brought to the attention of the Nekoosa Postmaster. If the problem persists, we will follow up again.

Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup





Our club participated in Adopt-A-Highway road pickup after our club meeting on May 8th. 17 club members volunteered their time picking up garbage along Highway 13 from County Road D to the Adams-Wood County Line. Our club will do this again after our October 9th club meeting.

Our club takes pride in helping keep the Town of Rome looking great!

Thank you to the club members that volunteered. ~ Jim Fisher



Car Show volunteer signup sheet below. Yellow highlighted areas indicate where volunteers are still needed. Please contact Melissa (715) 459-8001 or RomeSnoBanditsSecretary@gmail.com to sign up.

2021 Rome Classic Car, Bike &	Snowmobile Show – J une 19 th 2021
Friday Set Up 3:00 pm Groomer Shed	Registration 7:30 – Noon
1 John Krueger	1 Jerry Wiessinger
2 Brian Baker	2 John Steinke
3 Carl Hasdal	3 Tom Warner Sr
4 Rich Pergande	Raffle Tickets/Door Prizes 9:00 – 3:00
5 Duane Geyer	1 Cathy Steinke
6 Rick Price	2 Sherry Janizewski
7	50/50 Raffles 9:00 - Noon & Noon - 3:00
8	1 Jerry Janizewski 9:00 – 3:00
Saturday Morning Set Up 7:00 – 9:00	2 Deb Parmeter 9:00 – Noon
1 Bryan Meyer	Noon – 3:00
2 Warren Starner	Food Ticket Sales 8:30 – Noon
3 Jeff Parmeter	1 Candice Heinecke
4 Mike Bohn	2 Dennis Laack
5 Brian Baker	Food Ticket Sales Noon – 3:00
6	1 Tim Kane
7	2 Chris Johnson
8	Food/Beer Concessions 8:30 – Noon
9	1 Needed
10	2 John Krueger
Saturday Afternoon Take Down 3:00 - ?	3 Sue Krueger
We can use everyone's help with	4 Randy Spranroff
take down and clean up.	5 Mike Chambers
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Rome Classic Car, Bike & Snowmobile Show

- Food & Refreshments
- Music by Franco
- 50/50 Raffles
- Door Prizes
- Apparel Sales
- Over 100 Beautiful
 Vehicles
- Kids Face Painting
- Appearance by Ms. Snowflake
- Rome Fire
 Department
 Kids Fun House
- Papa Bear'sMini Golf in Park

Hosted by The Rome Sno-Bandits Snowmobile Club

Saturday June 19th, 2021 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

> Rome Town Center Park

See RomeSnoBandits.com or Facebook for more information

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Rome Sno-Bandits Club Trip

January 27th - January 30th, 2022

Rustic Manor Motor Lodge 6343 State Highway 70 East St. Germain, WI 54558

https://www.rusticmanor.com

RESERVATIONS: Toll Free: 1-800-272-9776

Room Rates

\$ 93.00 Two Queen Room Outside Traditional Building \$ 99.00 Two Queen Room Main Building \$ 119.00 Poolside King with Sofa Sleeper \$ 135.00 King Whirlpool Room Main Building

We have 25 rooms blocked. Rooms will be released eight weeks prior to our trip. There is a 72-hour cancellation policy.

Check in is 3:00 pm. The lodge is very busy this time of year. Early check in is unlikely. You will need to reserve your room for the night prior to your arrival if you want an early check in.

Main Lodge Swimming Pool and Hot Tub Complimentary Continental Breakfast Large Heated Garage for Snowmobile Repairs Snowmobile Trail Access



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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am with Vice President, Bryan Meyer, as the chair and 6 officers present. There were 18 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 Gary Gevers to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Tom Warner Sr. seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Steinke reported on the checking & savings account balances. Jim Fisher made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Jerry Wiessinger seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trail Boss Report - Larry Halverson

There will be changes coming to the trails with all the land sales taking place. The Town of Rome Board will try to slow down the land sales.

Membership

No Report as Suzanne was not at the meeting due to surgery. Get well soon Suzanne!

Social Committee Report

No Report as Bev was not at the meeting due to having surgery. Get well soon Bev!

Activities Report

The car show is on June 19th. The car show committees are moving ahead with plans. We still need volunteers to help at the car show. A volunteer signup sheet was passed around at the meeting. Contact Melissa if you would like to sign up. Sponsorship money is coming in. Posters are being put up. Jerry Wiessinger could use help putting up posters. Cathy S would also like club members to ask for door prizes at establishments they frequent. Sell those raffle tickets. Cathy S has more if needed.

Club Picnic is August 14th. Suzanne was not at the meeting so we don't have an update.

Fisheree Committee met in May. The event was named "Petenwell Palooza". Gunnar has been very helpful with this committee as he has contacts in this area.

Road side pickup will take place after today's meeting.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report – Larry Halverson

Darrien talked about snars and grants that are being worked on.

The by-laws were finally passed.

Our club needs to let Steve M know by September if we need any more maps.

Street signs will be added to the trails. Funded trail signs will be paid for through the state. Unfunded trail signs will be paid out of the map money.

The Association is looking into getting insurance.

Elections were held. Result: President-Gordy Carlson, Vice President Steve-McIntosh,

Treasurer-Melissa Rhodes, Secretary-Kathy Halverson, Director-Ed Stevens.

AWSC Report – Gary Gevers

Sen. Petrowski and Rep. Swearingen have begun circulating the 40' rule bill for co-sponsors. Please contact your local state Senators and Representatives and ask them to sign on as co-sponsors to **LRB 1907**. The deadline is Wednesday, May 12. This bill will eliminate the 40' nighttime restrictions for two way travel on snowmobile trails located adjacent to roadways. It also requires dimming of headlights when within 500' of another vehicle and allows the use of an updated version of the stationary sound test.

Old Business

The New Holland tractor has arrived. The club also purchased a 2007 GX50 McCormick tractor with 1,100 hours on it. It has rear hydraulics. The purchase price was \$20,000. There was a \$1,000 purchase fees that the board approved. \$16,000 came from the savings account and \$5,000 came from the line of credit.

We should hear on the Visit Rome grant this month.

Snowmobile Club of the Year application is almost complete. We will have one more meeting before submitting the application to the board to review. We will then submit it to the AWSC before the June deadline.

New Business

Melissa will look into getting cheap or free fill for filling in alongside the driveway. Now that we have the tractor, we can get this project done. The drop off is too steep and can be an issue in the winter time.

Larry will talk to Dawn Kalata about getting our club name and or logo on the side of the tractors.

Carl Hasdal is working with the Jami at the Town of Rome on getting channel 300 updated. They can run any announcement we come up with from our club or the AWSC.

A motion to adjourn at 9:30 am was made by Gary Gevers and seconded by John Steinke. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was John Paulson. \$48.00 for the club and \$47.00 for the winner. John kindly donated his winnings back to the club. Thank you, John!!!

Thank you to Kathy Halverson for filling for me as Secretary at the May meeting as I was out of town. Your help is much appreciated!

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Rhodes Secretary



We are excited to announce:

We will be holding our 1st Annual Rome Sno-Bandit's Fisheree & Raffle on January 22nd, 2022 at the Lure Bar & Grill on Lake Petenwell. More information coming soon!



Please stop and visit our AWSC Commercial Sponsors.

Take the time to thank them for being a snowmobile club sponsor.

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