

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

June 10th, 2023

Club Meeting

9:00 am – Groomer Shed

June 17th, 2023

Rome Classic Car Show

Rome Town Park

9 am – 3 pm

August 6th, 2023

Club Picnic

11 am – 3 pm

Rome Town Center Park Gazebo

January 13th, 2024

Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree

Lure Bar & Grill

February 1st - 4th, 2024

Club Trip

The Lodge at Crooked

Lake Hotel in Siren, WI

PLEASE JOIN US!

Message From President, Tom Warner

I hope everyone had great Memorial Day weekend!

The Car Show is quickly approaching and the car show committee has been hard at work to put together an awesome car show. I hope everyone has been selling raffle tickets!! They bring in a lot of money for the club if they get sold. The prizes are really good this year. Volunteers are still needed for the day of the show. If you have a few hours to spare I/we sure would appreciate it! It is always a great time! I HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE THE DAY OF SHOW! Stop by and see some beautiful cars and snowmobiles and then slide over for great food and a refreshing beverage!

Our roadside pickup was delayed last month due to inclement weather. Thanks to Gary Gevers for setting up the new pickup day and a huge thank you to the fabulous 5 that showed up to get it done! It looks great!

Please make plans to attend the club picnic at the town park on August 6 from 11am – 3pm. Mike and Donna Bohn are planning the picnic this year and it should be a fun day. The Sno-Bandits will provide the food and beverages. All we ask is everyone bring a favorite dish to share or a favorite dessert. Yours truly will be grilling up burgers and brats for everyone! The picnic is the club's way of saying THANK YOU to all of our members and volunteers for all your hard work throughout the year.

Please remember that the last Sno-Bandit club meeting of this season will be held at the groomer shed at 9:00 AM June 10th. Meetings will resume in September where will start getting ready for a great season of sledding!!!

I would also like to send get well wishes to past president and friend Jim Fisher after his mishap last month. We are all wishing you the best and can't wait for you to get to being able to be mobile!!

As always, THINK SNOW!

Tom Warner
President



CAR SHOW VOLUNTEERS

We need a few more volunteers for the day of the car show. We are looking for help with parking cars in the morning and with the concession stand. Please contact Melissa if you can help or sign up at our next meeting.

Message From Trail Boss, Jerry Wiessinger

While there is not much work to be done on the trails this time of the year, there is always work behind the scenes to be done before next season. We have a bunch of old trail signs that need repair or recycling if someone is looking for a rainy-day project. We are working on a new way finding signs for all the intersections.

Gary recovered a bunch of the old, old trails signs that were stored by Hoffman's barn. These are 30 plus years old. These were built out of steel all welded together. They are in very good condition for their age and are on display in the Groomer Shed. We are looking to display some on the trails. See photos below.

The Trail Committee has put together a plan to complete the Groomer Shed building project that was started in 2015 when we built the building. We would like to finish the project with a concrete floor, insulated ceiling, insulated paneled walls, additional lighting, and a heating unit. The plan with estimated costs of \$58,000 was presented at the May meeting to be considered as a 2024 capital investment. We have funds available to cover the cost without financing. This may be voted on at the June meeting. Copies of the detailed estimates were handed out for members to review. They are also in the minutes. If you would like a copy, please contact me.

With the Car Show coming up fast on June 17th, all efforts are now on the Car Show.

We need to SELL, SELL raffle tickets!

Jerry Wiessinger
Trail Boss



Message From Vice President, Bryan Meyer

I hope you all had a safe and warm holiday. The car show is almost here and I am sure it will be the theme of this newsletter, SELL THOSE RAFFLE TICKETS. If you can help at the car show, please let us know. Even if you don't help, please come down and enjoy the beautiful cars and sleds. Grab some food cooked by the Club President and wash it down with an ice-cold beverage. Setup will start Friday June 16th in the afternoon. Teardown will happen Saturday after the show.

If you haven't booked already, it is a good idea to get your reservations in for the club trip February 1st-4th at The Lodge at Crooked Lake Hotel in Siren, WI. Have a safe and fun summer

Brap!!
Bryan Meyer
Vice President



Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup

Thank you to those that helped with road pickup this past month. Five people did the work of what is usually ten to fifteen people. Your hard work is much appreciated.



Club Picnic Sunday, August 6th, 2023 Rome Town Center Park Gazebo 11 am – 3 pm

Join us for our club picnic! Meat and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass, any yard games that you may have, and a lawn chair. Contact Mike & Donna Bohn with any questions.

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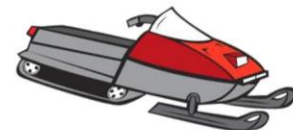
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Annual Membership Renewal

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

CLUB MEETINGS: 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 2023-2024 season will be available to order from the AWSC beginning July 1st, 2023.

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.

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Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting May 13th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 7 officers present. There were 28 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Announcements

Highway pickup will be postponed due to rain. It will take place on Monday May 15th at 10 am. Meet at the Rome Town Hall.

Jim Fisher is in rehabilitation due to a broken bone in his leg. Hopefully he will return home in June.

Mike & Donna Bohn gifted the club a refrigerator. Thank you to Mike & Donna.

Happy 70th birthday to Gary Gevers!

Secretary's Report

There were no changes to the Secretary's report. A motion was made by Jerry Wiessinger to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Scott Murphy seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Trails Boss Report

Fire Inspection of the groomer shed was done and passed.

Jerry has been in contact with the owner of the second solar plant. Routes are being discussed. We can run on easements if we stay away from towers.

Gary picked up old steel trail signs from Hoffman Trucking that were in storage in their old barn. Gary had them on display for everyone to see at the meeting.

Trail signs need work. Jerry will set up a work date for this project.

Social Committee Report

A get-well card was sent to Jim Fisher. Jim is at Edgewater in Port Edwards.

The balance in the fund is \$247.85.

Activities Report

Car Show: New banners are in. Jerry needs help putting up flyers. We are in need of car parkers for the car show. Sell those raffle tickets, please!!

Club Picnic: Picnic will be Sunday, August 6th from 11 am – 3 pm at the Rome Town Park gazebo. Donna and Mike Bohn will organize the picnic. Let them know if you would like to help out.

Fisheree: No updates

Club Trip: The club trip will be held on February 1st - 4th, 2024 at Crooked Lake Lodge in Siren. More information to come.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

No report

AWSC Report

No report

Old Business

Snowmobile Friendly Community application will need to be worked on after the car show. We will be looking for people to be on the committee.

Warren Starner will pick up 4 outlet adapters for the car show.

New Business

Cyndee Lewis brought two t-shirt designs for the car show to be voted on. Melissa Rhodes made a motion to order the minimum of 36 decals of each design. Gary Gevers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jeff Parmeter brought a sample of thermal cups designed by Awards N More. Allison Young made a motion to order 50 of the cups at a cost of \$12 each. Warren Starner seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The board had a zoom meeting on May 3rd. We discussed having a reserve fund to cover 2 years of operating expenses. Cathy Steinke will look into interest bearing options and we will set aside \$20,000 in this fund.

Melissa Rhodes, Bryan Meyer, Linda Randall and Sue Krueger will work on the donation committee. They will review how much money the club has to donate and where these funds would best be donated.

An audit needs to be done. The directors will do this audit. John Steinke will not be involved in the audit since he is married to our treasurer. Jerry Wiessinger will take his place for the audit.

An AWSC Convention & Workshop attendance policy has been set up so we have guidelines and structure to follow. This will also save the club money.

POLICY:

1. The club will pay for 4 rooms for 2 nights, convention and banquet tickets for those attendees (up to 8 people) who are staying in the Sno Bandit rooms. No per diem. Attendees must be members of the Rome Sno bandits in good standing.
2. The board (President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer, Directors) get first choice at attendance in the order listed from our bylaws (above). The directors will get a choice based on seniority as a director.
3. The next opportunity goes to the Trail Boss, then the Membership Chair.
4. If there is still an open room, we would then open it up to primary membership to attend. If we have more that would like to attend, then we will draw from the names of those interested. If we still cannot find members to go, we will offer it to secondary members.
5. If the board chooses, we could add an additional 2 workshop/conference and banquet tickets to be given out in the same order as proposed above for local AWSC events. (Optional)

With this set of guidelines, I would also like to ask any person holding a board position in another snowmobile club or a county snowmobile association to consider exploring having that entity sponsor your AWSC attendance if possible. This would afford Sno- Bandits wishing to attend an event that opportunity.

These guidelines serve as a fair and equitable way for Members of the Rome Sno bandits to be able to attend AWSC Spring and Fall conventions/workshops.

The groomer shed project started in 2015. Club equipment and belongings were stored all over the place. The goal was to get everything under one roof with the funds we had available at the time. The property was purchased from the Town of Rome at a low cost.

The trails committee submitted a request to the Capital Gains/Planning Committee to update the groomer shed. The planning committee reviewed our clubs' future needs and recommends the trails committee idea. A vote will be taken at the next meeting to decide if we should proceed with the updates with or without a grant.

INVESTMENT TYPE	DESCRIPTION	VENDOR	ESTIMATED COST	PROJECTED ETA
Grooming Equipment	We are proposing to take the McCormick tractor to Service Motors, Stevens Point to have the clutch problem, transmission shifting problem, leaking fuel lines replaced, a complete inspection & service done. We will receive an estimate after they inspect the tractor before we authorize any repairs.			PHASE 1 - 2023
		Sub Total	?	
Building Improvements				PHASE 2 - 2024
	Pour complete 4" concrete floor with 20' trench drain	MSH Concrete	\$14,184	
	Remove 4" gravel from building, add to rear parking lot	Hoffman Trucking	\$720	
	Install steel ceiling with 6" insulation	MPB Builders	\$14,600	
	Option for additional 6" insulation, 12" total	MPB Builders	\$1,800	
	Reinforce trusses with 2x6's and steelplates	MPB Builders	\$1,350	
	Install 100,000 btu natural gas heater	Premium Services	\$3,274	
	Install natural gas to NW corner of building	WE Energies	\$300	
	Install wiring for 6 additional overhead LED fixtures and circuits for heater, door opener, and pull down outlet.	Current Technologies	\$3,168	
	Six LED fixtures and pull down outlet	Vevor & Menards	\$825	
	Install overhead door opener on NW door	Door Works	\$980	
	Rent two 40' storage container to store RSB equipment and material during construction for two months including delivery & pickup	North Central Utility	\$1,250	
	Rome building permits		\$435	
	Insulate & enclose walls with steel panels	MPB Builders	\$15,100	
	Note: We should factor in at least a 5% escalator for 2024	Total	\$57,986	SPRING 2024
Additional Operating Costs	Estimated annual additional real estate taxes-		\$520	
	Estimated annual natural gas usage for occasional heating		\$300	
	Estimated annual electric service (lights and heater)		\$120	
	Property Insurance		?	
		Total Annual Expense	\$940	
	OTHER FUTURE IMPROVEMENTS			
	Install 2" driven water well, pump, & pressure tank	?	Est \$3,000	PHASE 3 - 2025
	Install septic system	?	Est \$6,000	
	Build 8'x8' Uni-sex bathroom with electric heat inside existing building. Rough in plumbing before floor is poured		?	
	Construct an additional 24'X36' storage building on the property to provide protection for the additional Club materials.		\$50,500	PHASE 4 - 2026

The McCormick tractor needs to be fixed this year. The cost will be \$2,000 - \$3,000. A garage door opener will also be needed this year.

Bryan Meyer brought up the idea of having a Tech or Maintenance Day. The membership was interested in the idea. Bryan will look into holding this in the fall.

A motion to adjourn at 10:24 am was made by Melissa Rhodes and seconded by John Steinke. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Mike Bohn. \$40 for the club and \$40 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Rhodes
Secretary



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