

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 13th, 2021

Club Meeting With Nominations
Lure Bar & Grill
10:00 am

April 10th, 2021

Club Meeting With Elections
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



Message from the President Tom Warner

What a difference a few weeks makes!! We've had a few great weeks of riding and our groomers have done an unbelievable job of making great trails for us with what snow we have had! I know the past weeks were pretty chilly but we snowmobilers can handle a lot. I hope everyone has gotten a chance to get out and ride. Unfortunately, warmer weather has started to come in. Hopefully we can get through this warm spell and still have some good trails for riding into March!

Please remember to attend the March membership meeting as we do have nominations for the positions of Vice President, Secretary, Trail Boss, Membership Chair and one Director position. If you or someone you know would be interested in being nominated, please let a board member know or nominate them at the March meeting.

Make sure to thank a groomer operator as they have put in a lot of volunteer hours the past several weeks!!

As always, THINK SNOW!!

Tom Warner, President



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Message From Vice President Bryan Meyer

It sure took a bit to get mother nature fired up but she did and the snow is here! Not often can you look at the Travel Wisconsin map and see the whole state in all blue! Outstanding!

I hope you all have been able to get out and ride. I also hope you have been able to ride in Adams county! I have heard lots of good stories of people riding local. That is a great thing for us and our supporters! One thing to keep in mind when riding our trails, if you see something you don't think is right, or broken, or missing, or misleading or have a suggestion, please let someone know and we can get that information to the right people at that club. We always have room for improvements.

We are looking for suggestions for future fundraisers. We have a few ideas we are thinking about but would love to hear what you, our members, would like to see. Please let us know your ideas.

Most importantly keep doing your snow dance!! I don't think the season is over just yet!! Think snow!!

Oh yes one more thing, be sure to keep your eyes open for this month's WSN Magazine. The Sno-Bandits should be in it!!

Your VP
Bryan Meyer

NEXT CLUB MEETING March 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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Message From Trail Boss Larry Halverson

We had a very late start for our riding season this winter. I hope you have had an opportunity to use the trails even though weather conditions have been a little tough. I was hoping that our warm up was going to be short termed but I am afraid our season is over. That does not mean that Rome Sno-Bandits are done for the year. Keep your eyes and ears open as we continue to make the best of these trying times. Please plan on attending the membership meeting on March 13th as there are going to be many discussions and decisions that need to be made for the future of the club.

Larry

NOTICE

Nominations for Vice President, Secretary, Trail Boss, Membership Chair and one Director will take place at our March meeting. If you or someone you know would be interested in being nominated, please let a board member know or nominate them at the meeting.



CLUB RIDE

If you were unable to join us on our club ride after our February meeting, you missed an eventful day. We received a dusting of snow that morning. It was windy and the temperature didn't reach above zero. The cold temps & wind kept the fresh snow from packing and created snow dust. This made for poor visibility and a very cold ride.

Gary Gevers, club member and DNR Snowmobile Safety Instructor, gave a safety talk before heading out on our ride. He had a route planned out with stops for fuel and rest along the way. Gary was the leader and another member was the sweeper (last person). Both wore high visibility safety vests.

A short time into our ride, Gary's sled wasn't running properly so he decided to turn around and head for home. A new leader took over and our group continued on our way. We stopped for lunch at Ponderosa Pines. While there, we were told that a sled was on fire on a trail in Rome. Soon after we found out it was Gary's sled. Gary was uninjured but his sled was a total loss.

Our group then decided to head to Pop A Top in Almond/Bancroft. When leaving Pop A Top, we decided to take a different route home that we thought would be quicker. We ended up heading in the wrong direction. We turned around and the group got out of order. Shortly after, with poor visibility and a sharp corner, Linda Randall lost control of her sled and ended up in the creek. When the person behind her came around the corner, Linda was below eye level and they did not see her. We continued on with poor visibility from the snow dust and a cold group wanting to get to our next stop. We didn't notice we had lost Linda until we arrived at our next stop. Linda walked 45 minutes in wet gear back to Pop A Top. She was covered in ice from head to toe by the time she arrived. The nice people at the bar helped Linda by giving her dry clothes and then pulled her sled out of the creek.

We had the perfect storm of weather and mechanical issues that contributed to these events. We are very fortunate that no one was hurt. We learned that no matter how prepared you are things can still happen. If you have never taken a snowmobile safety class, you should consider it. Our club assists with DNR safety classes and we hold an informal adult safety class each year.

Safety Tips: Never ride alone. Tell someone where you will be going and when you will return. Carry your cellphone on you and do not store it in your sled. When riding in a group, always keep an eye on the person behind you. Stop and wait or turn around if you lose sight of them. Always stay in the same order. Buddy up with another rider. Always carry proper survival gear. Link for what to carry: <https://www.romesnobandits.com/Safety-Tips.php>. Stop at all stops sign. You are responsible for only yourself when crossing roads. Do not wave anyone across the road. Everyone must come to a complete stop. The fine is over \$200.00 if you get caught not complying. Always put your least experienced riders toward the front of the group. The lead and tail person should periodically take a count of people in the group to make sure no one is missing.

Melissa Rhodes
Secretary

CLUB RIDE PHOTOS



Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting February 13th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 am with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 8 officers present. There were 32 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. Ray Glenn 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. Jim Fisher seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The pull tab machine is making money. We have gone through 2 boxes of pull tabs and a third box has been delivered.

Trail Boss Report - Larry Halverson

The trails in Zone A opened on February 5th at 4:00 pm. Zones B & C were open earlier as they had more snow in that area. Our trails were rolled before they were groomed. We are trying to groom twice a week weather permitting.

Please read the article from the AWSC about grooming. It is a great article. It is on our Facebook page.

Caution near the recycling center. Their entrance has changed and our trail crosses that road so please be careful. There is also a new sign on Apache Ave on the trail. Be on the lookout for it.

Larry has maps. If you need one please see him.

Groomer operators will get together for a short meeting after our club meeting.

Membership

We currently have 167 memberships. We welcomed new members Dennis and Amanda Laack.

Social Committee Report

Sympathy cards were sent to Sally Spletter and Charles Hassel. After stamps and donuts, there is a balance of \$177.60 in the kitty.

Activities Report

Our club trip fell apart due to poor snow conditions in St Germain. Melissa will reserve the same place for next year for the last weekend in January 2022.

Please bring your suggestions for new fundraising ideas to our meetings or contact a board member. Ideas that were mentioned were poker run, ice fishery and raffling off a big item like a snowmobile.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

The gun raffle raised approximately \$3,800.00.

Make sure you are properly using trail blazers when signing trails. They are not to be used to mark dangerous spots, only to where you are to ride on the trail.

The Coloma Radar Run will be held on Saturday February 20th on Pleasant Lake.

There have been several trespassing complaints already this year. Please stay on the trail.

Progress is being made on the bylaws. The 1st of three meetings was held and suggestions were discussed.

Old Business

The Rome Fire Department has installed the equipment that our club donated. It was used shortly after installed for an ATV accident. There was an article in the Wisconsin Rapids Buyers Guide.

Snowmobile Club of the year committee will meet after our March monthly meeting.

Our club received a thank you card from the Angle Tree program. We made a donation of \$100.

New Business

Nominations for Vice President, Secretary, Membership, Trail Boss and 1 Director will be taken at our March meeting. Elections will be held at our April meeting.

A decision on if we should proceed with the car show will take place at our March meeting.

We will have a club ride after our meeting. Please keep track of the person riding behind you. Everyone must stop at stop signs. Do not wave the next rider through a stop sign.

AWSC Report

Gary Gevers replaced Bill Hick as the Adams County AWSC Director. Bill passed away back in December. Elections will take place through mail in ballots this year. Gary briefed us on the people running for elections. Our club voted for the following: President: Dave Newman, Vice President: Lori Heideman, Secretary: Sue Smedegard Treasurer: Lauren Levey. Ballots will be counted at the March directors meeting.

A motion to adjourn at 10:43 am was made by Bob Sweet and seconded by Ray Glenn. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Jerry Wiessinger. \$85.00 for the club and \$85.00 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Rhodes
Secretary



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