Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 13th, 2021

Trail Brushing, Signing, Chili Dump & Club Meeting 8:00 am Groomer Shed Noon Chili Dump at Rome Town Hall Followed by Club Meeting

November 24th, 2021

Decorating for Christmas

Meet at Groomer Shed 10:00 am

December 4th, 2021

Christmas In Rome

December 11th, 2021

Club Meeting 9:00 am Informal Adult Safety Class To Follow Meeting Rome Town Hall

January 8th, 2022

Club Meeting 9:00 am Rome Town Hall

January 22nd, 2022

1st Annual Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree & Raffle Lure Bar & Grill Ice Fishing 7 am – 3 pm Meat Raffle 1 pm Raffle Drawings Start at 4 pm

January 27th - 30th, 2022

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



Please Join Us!



Message From President Tom Warner

Wow, what a busy month it has been! The Sno-Bandits received the AWSC Snowmobile Club of the Year award at the AWSC Fall Workshop Banquet on October 23rd in the Wisconsin Dells! The banquet was attended by the Sno-Bandits board as well as several club members. Jami Gebert, Town of Rome Administrator, Haley Sorbo, Visit Rome Representative and Laura Hook, Executive Director Adams County Chamber of Commerce also attend the banquet. The AWSC has submitted our application to ACSA (American Council of Snowmobile Associations) for National Snowmobile Club of the Year. These are very exciting times for the Rome Sno-Bandits. This award is a product of the hard work of our members. You should all be very proud of yourselves. I know I am extremely proud of all of you!! Without you we would not be AWSC Snowmobile Club of the Year!!

Please don't forget about our famous trail brushing and chili dump on November 13th! We will meet at the groomer shed at 8 am. I hope to see all of you there!!

Please don't forget to renew your membership. Memberships expired on June 30th, 2021! You can't get your discounted trail pass without your renewal. The renewal process takes several weeks once received by our club. Also check those sled registrations and make sure they are up to date!!

As always, THINK SNOW!

Tom Warner President







WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

Please plan to attend our Annual Trail Brushing, Chili Dump & Club Meeting

Saturday, November 13th, 2021

AWSC Fall Workshop & Club of the Year Award

The AWSC Fall Workshop was held at the Wilderness Resort in Wisconsin Dell on October 22nd & 23rd, 2021. The workshop was full of great information and plenty of fun.

The Adams County Snowmobile Association hosted a hospitality room. Members from our club assisted with managing the room and spent time socializing and making connections with club members from around the state.

On Saturday morning the general session meeting was held. Guest speakers, Jillian Steffes from the DNR and Andrew Nussbaum from the Wisconsin Department of Tourism, gave great presentations. At this meeting, President, Tom Warner, received our 2020 Snowmobile Friendly Community recognition certificate from the AWSC Executive board and Andrew Nussbaum.

A banquet was held Saturday evening where our club proudly received our Snowmobile Club of the Year award from Jeff Schwaller, head of the club of the year committee. Rome Town Administrator, Jami Gebert, Visit Rome Tourism Representative, Haley Sorbo, and Adams County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director, Laura Hook, attended the banquet along with several club and board members.

Our club not only brought back two awards but we learned useful information and made new friends & great memories.



Below: Trail Boss, Larry Halverson, visits with Visit Rome Representative, Haley Sorbo, and Town of Rome Administrator, Jami Gebert, in the Adams County Snowmobile Association Hospitality Room.







Above: The Rome Sno-Bandits receiving our AWSC Snowmobile Club of the Year Award at the AWSC Fall Workshop Banquet.

Below: Tom Warner, Club President, accepting our 2020 Snowmobile Friendly Community Certificate at the AWSC Fall Workshop General Session Meeting.

Pictured Below from Left to Right: Dave Newman, AWSC President, Lauren Levey, AWSC Treasurer, Tom Warner, RSB President, Lori Heideman, AWSC Vice President & Club Member, Sue Smedegard, AWSC Secretary, Andrew Nussbaum, Wisconsin Department of Tourism.





Message From Vice President Bryan Meyer

Hi everyone,

Lots of positive excitement for the Sno-Bandits! I am sure everyone will be talking about it in this newsletter as we just got back from the AWSC Fall Workshop. Finally, it was able to happen, and we were able to accept the 2020 Snowmobile Friendly Community Award in addition to the 2021 Snowmobile Club of the Year Award! Each and every one of us members should be proud of our club! Exciting times!

**************Coming up fast!*********

ROME SNO-BANDITS Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree & Raffle at the Lure Bar & Grill on January 22, 2022

We are asking for your help with the fisheree by buying and selling raffle tickets. Each ticket sold raises more money for the club! Please help make this event a success!

TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT TRAIL BRUSHING/CHILI DUMP EVENT You can't win if you don't play!!!

Stay safe and happy November folks!!

Bryan Meyer Vice President



Message From Trail Boss Larry Halverson

Easements have all been completed, so we are ready to go with trail preparation for the upcoming season. Several changes have been made to the trails so be sure you are up to date on these changes. Unfortunately, last year's maps will not be correct therefore more signing will be necessary. More signs mean there is more work to be done. We have added new equipment to help with the brushing but manual labor will still be needed, therefore volunteers are a must for the trail brushing on November 13th. Please plan on attending on this very important day for our club. If you have any questions or suggestions feel free to contact me at any time.

Larry Halverson (Cell 414-587-6833)



Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup

Just a note to thank all the 16 members of our club who volunteered their time for road pickup on October 9th.

Our first Adopt-A-Highway road pickup took place on October 25th & 26th, 2012 where five club members volunteered their time and picked up 30 bags of garbage.

Since then, over 172 club members have donated over 300 hours and picked up over 300 bags of garbage. Today, we average 15 - 20 club members volunteering their time on road pickup day.

This event is one of the many reasons why we are Snowmobile Club of the Year!

Jim Fisher, Past President

Thank You Volunteers!!





Early morning fog caused a potato truck to overturn prior to us arriving for road pick up on October 9th. Thankfully no one was injured. We always find interesting things on road pickup which makes our task entertaining and fun.

Our club takes pride in helping keep our community looking beautiful.

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.

Annual Trail Brushing, Chili Dump, & November Club Meeting



Saturday, November 13th, 2021

8:00 am - Trail Brushing & Signing

Meet at the Groomer Shed located at 302 - 13th Ave. (Off Alpine Drive)
Bring gloves and any trimming equipment you might have. Lobber shears, chainsaws, and pole saws are helpful. We have Section Leaders and will split up in to groups to sign and brush each section. This usually takes 3 - 4 hours to complete.

If you have any equipment that might be useful and would like to volunteer your services, please contact Larry Halverson @ (414) 587-6833 or 14rry@wctc.net.

12:00 Noon – Chili Dump

When the work is completed, we will **meet at The Rome Town Hall** for our chili dump. Please bring a half gallon or so of chili to be mixed together in a Nesco. You are welcome to bring other goodies like snacks, breads, desserts, or anything you would like to go along with the chili dump. Please drop off your unfrozen chili at the Groomer Shed at 8:00 am or at The Rome Town Hall before 10:00 am so we have time to heat it up! Ziploc bags work the best. Less dishes to wash.

We need volunteers to help the day of chili dump with set up, kitchen help, & clean up. Please contact **Kathy Halverson (414) 750-1966 or <u>k4thy@wctc.net</u>**

1:00 pm - November Monthly Club Meeting

Following our chili dump, we will have our monthly club meeting at **The Rome Town Hall** along with a 50/50 raffle.

This event has turned into a Sno-Bandits tradition kicking off the snowmobile season.

It is a great time to help your club while having fun and getting to know fellow club members.

Come Join The Fun!!!

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 completed 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 2021-2022 season will be available to order from the AWSC beginning July 1st, 2021.

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.

Our club has discontinued mailing of AWSC membership cards. You can print one from the AWSC site.

Membership Contact: Suzanne Kostreva RSBMembership@gmail.com



Rome Sno-Bandits Ice Fisheree & Raffle

Saturday, January 22nd, 2022 Lure Bar & Grill – Town of Rome

Ice Fisheree

7 am – 3 pmAdults \$10
Kids 12 & Under \$5

Meat Raffle
Starting at 1:00 pm



50/50 Raffles

Basket Raffles

Door Prizes

Raffle Tickets Available

1st Prize: 7 Nights Lodging with Fishing Boat and Gas at Indiaonta Resort, Calm Lake, Atikokan, Ontario Canada

2nd Prize: 10' Kayak with Paddle & Life Vest

3rd Prize: Full Day Pontoon Rental on Lake Petenwell with 1st Tank of Gas

4th Prize: Blackstone Flat Top Grill - 5th Prize: \$200 -

6th Prize: \$100 - 7th Prize: \$50

Tickets: \$5/each 3 Tickets/\$10 7 Tickets/\$20

For More Information See Our Website: www.romesnobandits.com/Petenwell-Palooza-Fisheree.php
Or Our Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/RomeSnoBandits



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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 October 9th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 6 officers present. There were 23 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 Jim Fisher to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Ray Glen seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Trail Boss Report - Larry Halverson

The tractor should be back from Sand Valley next week. Sand Valley had it for 4 months and one week.

All new trails are approved by landowners. There will be considerable changes around the new solar project. Trail will go around it. Larry was not able to connect with anyone to get permission to have trails on the property.

For trail brushing, people will need to be moved around to new areas to get trail brushing done. You might not be in your regular area.

Maps will not be up to date this year. There will be no gas at Pritzl's during the months of January and February due to sale to Kwik Trail. Larry will contact a few people in the next couple weeks to get together to come up with ideas on how to redo the existing map.

Signage is needed at Sand Valley to help discourage trespassing. Bev Sweet made a motion to get 6 outdoor AWSC No Trespassing signs made by Dawn Kalata at a cost of \$32.00 each. Town Warner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Other signs are needed that state the property is owned by Sand Valley and trespassing can cause the loss of the trail.

Membership

There are currently 86 AWSC Memberships. No update on secondary memberships.

Commercial sponsors are at 22. DCM Landscaping, Servant Electric & Visit Rome are new commercial sponsors. Renewing sponsors are: Camelot on the Lake, Chasing Sunsets, Country Sports, Evenson's Marine, Hoffman Trucking & Excavating, Hoozels at the Lakes, KeySavings Bank, Lake Arrowhead Association, Lake Sherwood Lodge, Lakewinds Online, Lure Bar & Grill, MSH Concrete, Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank, Papa Bears Mini Golf, Ponderosa Pines, Pritzl's Trading Post, Rome Realty, Tri Lakes Storage and Williams Construction.

Social Committee Report

Sympathy cards were sent to Greg Enzenroth for the loss of his Mother and to Denny Berg for the loss of his Mother.

There is a balance of \$103.60 in the kitty.

Activities Report

Bryan Meyer gave a Fisheree update. Everything is on track. Raffle tickets are being sold. All club money that was used has been paid back. The committee is working on finishing up the rules and regulations. A signup sheet for volunteers needed the day of the event should be available at the next meeting. Raffle tickets are available to purchase. Help selling raffle tickets would be greatly appreciated. The more tickets sold the more successful the event will be which will benefit our club.

Make sure you have your reservations made for our club trip. Rooms are filling up fast. Melissa will get a count on the number of rooms that are reserved to date. Anyone interested in helping with activities for the trip please let us know.

Adopt-A-Highway road pickup will take place after today's meeting.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

Darren is working on getting road signs ordered for each club. Hopefully they will be ready in time for trail brushing.

The Association purchased a liability insurance policy.

The Association donated \$200 to the Adams County Sheriff's Department for their K-9 fundraiser.

AWSC Report

KAOS will be holding an animal shelter drive at the fall workshop. Donations can be brought to the fall workshop or given to a club member that will be attending.

The Association will be holding a hospitality room at the Fall Workshop. Anyone that would like to help please let Melissa know.

Our club will be presented with Snowmobile Club of the Year at the banquet. Anyone wishing to attend, please let Cathy Steinke know ASAP.

Old Business

We received a thank you letter from ISHOF for our donation.

Cathy Steinke renewed our American Council of Snowmobile Associations membership.

Brian Palmer thanked our club for our donation to the charity ride he will be doing this winter.

New Business

Larry Halverson received a quote of \$2,000 to purchase a sickle bar brush cutter attachment for the small tractor. Willy Sandfox made a motion to purchase the cutter for \$2,000.00. Bob Sweet seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jerry Wiessinger will take care of the Halloween booth on October 30th at the Rome Town Park. If someone is interested in wearing the Rome Sno-Bandit's costume, please contact Jerry. Candy will need to be purchased. Larry Halverson made a motion to purchase \$100 worth of candy. Brian Palmer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Christmas in Rome was discussed. Trees will need to be purchased. Larry Halverson made a motion to spend \$500 on trees. Jim Fisher seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed. Decorating of the corner in front of the Rome Town Hall will take place on Wednesday November 24th. Meet at the groomer shed at 10:00 am.

Melissa updated the club brochure and insert. Neumark is no longer in business so a quote was obtained from Quality Plus Printing. Greg Boening made a motion to order 500 brochures and inserts at cost of \$185.00 and \$65.00. Willy Sandfox seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Melissa will order 500 brochures and inserts.

Cathy Steinke received a request for a donation from the Angel Tree Program. Kathy Halverson made a motion to donate \$100 to the program. John Stohr seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Fisher thanked the fisheree committee and their helpers for working the concessions stands at Dyracuse and the State Trapshooting grounds. \$985.00 was raised. This money will be used to obtain raffle basket items for the fisheree.

A motion to adjourn at 10:03 am was made by Willy Sandfox and seconded by Kathy Halverson. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was John Paulson. \$60.00 for the club and \$60.00 for the winner. John donated his winnings back to the club. Thank you, John!

Respectfully Submitted Melissa Rhodes Secretary







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