Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

November 3rd, 2022

Adams County Snowmobile Association Meeting 7:00 pm – Cedar Shack

November 12th, 2022

8:00 am Trail Brushing Noon – Chili Dump Meeting to Follow Chili Dump

November 20th, 2022

1:00 pm Set Up Christmas Trees at the Rome Town Hall

November 23rd, 2022

Christmas Decoration Setup 10:00 am Meet at Groom Shed

December 1st, 2022

Adams County Snowmobile Association Meeting 7:00 pm – Cedar Shack

December 3rd, 2022

Christmas in Rome 1:30 pm – 5:00 pm Rome Town Hall

December 10th, 2022

Club Meeting followed by Informal Safety Class 9:00 am - Rome Town Hall

January 5th, 2022

Adams County Snowmobile Association Meeting 7:00 pm – Cedar Shack

January 7th, 2023

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

It's November already!! We have already seen a little bit of snow and cool temperatures. Hopefully soon the snow will be piling up and our trails will be open all season!

Before trails can open though, we need to get them brushed and signed. We will be having our brushing and signing day on November 12th. Meet at the groomer shed on 13th Ave at 8:00 am. The chili dump will be after we are done brushing and signing. We will meet at the Town Hall around noon. This is always a great time. Beverages will be supplied by the club. I hope to see everyone there!

Mark your calendars for Christmas in Rome on December 3rd. There are lots of fun things for the kids and adults that day. Please get ahold of Melissa if you can help with the event and with tree and decoration setup on November 20th & November 23rd. It would be greatly appreciated!

We had a representative from the Children's Miracle Network at our last meeting to speak to us about the CMN telethon in December. The Rome Sno Bandits will be manning the phones for a couple hours during the telethon on Friday December 2nd. Thanks to Jim Fisher for suggesting the club participate and for handling all the logistics for us!

One last thing, please get your membership dues sent in. When sending in dues please remember to fill out the membership form. It helps get your information entered correctly.

As always, THINK SNOW!







Tom Warner President

Informal Safety Class

Gary Gevers will lead an informal safety class after our December 10th meeting. We will have law enforcement and fire and rescue there to speak and answer questions. We will cover regulations surrounding snowmobiling and what to do in an emergency. This is always a popular event. Please plan to join us!

Message From Trail Boss, Jerry Wiessinger

We had a trace of snow recently which got everyone thinking about the coming snowmobile season. The trails will be opening, weather permitting, in less than 50 days. Where did summer go?

The Trail Committee has been working hard to get the trails ready. I have been working on trail re-routes and obtaining trail easements. Things are starting to come together, but there is a lot more to do. Gary and I inspected all the trails to determine which ones needed the Brush Cutter to go through ahead of the mower, and to make note of trees across the trail or any other work needed on Brushing/Signing day which is November 12th. Gary has taken the Brush Cutter out on a couple trails to trim back the trees to widen the trails where needed. We will be mowing all the trails before November 12th.

Gary will have moved the 8ft drag to Hoffman's by the time you read this. That will make a huge difference in the room available in the groomer shed. He has also re-organized the shelving, which is a big improvement.

We will be holding a Trail Section Leader meeting soon to discuss proper signing methods, so all our trails are signed the same. We are purchasing the new yellow/black arrows to replace many of the old orange/black arrows that have faded to the point of not being legible. We have purchased a drill press and will be getting a miter saw which will make it easier for the volunteers when making up signs.

John is working on getting the equipment serviced and ready, so it is available when needed. The New Holland tractor has been returned from Sand Valley who had rented it for the summer.

REMEMBER TRAIL BUSHING/SIGNING DAY ON NOVEMBER 12th, 8:00am at the Groomer Shed. Bring your loppers, pole saws, chain saws, etc. We will need a couple trailers to haul the cut off limbs from along the road right of way to the Transfer Site.

Jerry Wiessinger Trail Boss

Message From Vice President, Bryan Meyer

November is here, wow! Not sure about you but this is my favorite time of year. Cool nights and hopefully warm days.

Lots going on with trail brushing and signing nipping at our heals. Hope to see you all there. You bet we are going to have Petenwell Palooza Fisheree raffle tickets for you to BUY and we will have tickets available for you to take and sell! Please don't spend all your money on Friday night! Save a little for the club! The sale of these tickets goes a long way for the Fisheree and help make the club some money. It also gives you a good chance to win some really cool prizes too. Definitely keep Jan 14th, 2023, open as we would like to see you at that Lure for the Fisheree.

Please check out the other events coming in the Event section of the newsletter. Get those sleds out and ready. Get your trail passes and registration! Most importantly, do the snow dance! It's almost that time! See you all soon and Thank You for being a Sno Bandit! BRAP!

Bryan Meyer Vice President

Christmas In Rome Volunteers Needed

Our club is working with the Romemakers HCE to bring the kids and our community a fun Christmas celebration. Christmas in Rome will be held on December 3rd. See flyer in this newsletter for more details.

We are looking for people that would like to volunteer with this fun event. A signup sheet will be available at our November meeting or email Melissa if you would like to help.

Sunday November 20th at 1:00 pm: Tree setup for local businesses to decorate.

Wednesday, November 23rd at 11:00 am: Set up club decorations outside at the Rome Town Hall.

Friday, December 2nd at 5pm: Judging of trees that are decorated by the local businesses.

Friday, December 2nd at 4:00 pm: Decorate the Rome Town Hall & setup for event.

Saturday, December 3rd from 1:00pm to 5:00pm: Day of Event Help!

Serve hotdogs & hot chocolate. Crafts with the children. Face Painting. Help with hayrides. Cleanup.

CMN Radiothon

The Rome Sno-Bandits will be teaming up with the Children's Miracle Network for their annual Radiothon. Our club will be answering phones for a few hours on December 2nd. If you would like to help with this event, please contact Melissa or Jim Fisher. Masks are mandatory upon entering the hospital.

More information about this event and how to donate can be found at this link: https://www.marshfieldclinic.org/giving/sp ecial-events/radiothon

More details will also be available in our December newsletter.

A big thank you goes out to Jim Fisher for organizing this opportunity for our club to give back to our community.

Coats For Kids!

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 65 is collecting for Coats for Kids!!

Drop off sites are:

- 1. Hoozels
- 2. Hoffman Trucking
- 3. Lake Arrowhead Clubhouse.

If you would like to donate, you can bring your items to the club meeting and Melissa will make sure to get them to the American Legion.



Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup

Thank you to everyone that helped with road pickup up after our last meeting. Eight people volunteered their time to clean up Highway 13 from the Wood County Line to County Road D. We appreciate your help keeping our town looking great.

Annual Trail Brushing, Chili Dump, & November Club Meeting

Saturday, November 12th, 2022

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 questions, please contact

Jerry Wiessinger at (920) 360-6701 or jerry@wiessinger.com

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 unfrozen chili to be mixed together. 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 as there are less dishes to wash.

We need volunteers to help the day of chili dump with set up, kitchen help & clean up. Please contact **Suzanne Kostreva at (262) 844-5995 or RSBMembership@gmail.com** with question and to sign up to help.

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!!!

CHRISTMAS IN ROME



Saturday, December 3rd, 2022

Rome Town Hall

HAYRIDES 1:30 – 4:00





Entertainment & Food 1:30 - 4:00

Christmas Movies • Popcorn • Christmas Crafts • Face Painting
Hot Chocolate • Hot Cider • Hot Dogs
Enjoy homemade cookies made by the Romemakers HCE!

Santa 2:00 - 4:00

Visit with Santa, Mrs. Claus, and their Elf.
Visit Rome will take family photos in our Christmas scene.
You are welcome to bring your camera.

Caroling 4:00 - 4:30

Christmas songs lead by Pastor Margo of Woodland Church!



Lighting of Trees 4:30

Children help Santa light the Christmas trees decorated by local individuals & businesses!



Hosted by Romemakers HCE & Rome Sno-Bandits with the help of Visit Rome, Rome Fire Department & Woodland Church!



Rome Sno-Bandits Ice Fisheree & Raffle



Saturday, January 14th, 2023 Lure Bar & Grill

Lake Petenwell ~ Town of Rome

Ice Fisheree 7am - 3pm

Adults \$10

Top Cash Prize \$800

Five Cash Prizes of \$300-\$100 All cash prizes based on 200 Entrants

Kids 12 & Under \$5 1st 2nd & 3rd Place Prizes



Meat Raffle 1:00 pm

Door Prizes

50/50 Raffles

Basket Raffles

For More Information See Our Website www.romesnobandits.com or Facebook Page

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

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

2nd Prize: \$500 Gift Card to More Freakin Power

3rd Prize: 18" Husqvarna Chainsaw • 4th Prize: Frabill Fortress Ice Shelter

5th Prize: Pontoon Rental on Lake Petenwell with 1st Tank of Gas

6th Prize: Sundolphin 8' SS Fiji Kayak • 7th Prize: Bose Sound Bar w/Bluetooth

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

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Trip

January 26th – January 29th, 2023

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

https://www.rusticmanor.com

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

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

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.



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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 October 8th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 5 officers present. There were 30 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Amanda, from the Children's Miracle Network, spoke about the upcoming phone-a-thon. Our club will work at the phone banks on December 2nd, 2022. If you are interested in helping, please call Jim Fisher (715) 459-3023, or sign up at our next meeting.

Secretary's Report

There was one change to the Secretary's report. \$700 was approved for Christmas in, not \$800 that was reported. A motion was made by Jim Fisher to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. John Steinke seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Steinke reported on the checking & savings account balances. Warren Starner made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Ray Glenn seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trails Boss Report

John Steinke read Jerry's trail boss report. Jerry absent due to being sick.

Disc was sold. The land agreement was received from the Solar project. Working to get agreement from American Transmission to go under the power lines. Sand Valley is working on the trail reroute to the Lure. Trails Committee met on 09/26/2022. Gary & Jerry will go out and inspect all trails prior to trail brushing to see what needs to be done. Sand Valley will be done with the tractor on Monday. Drag will get moved to Hoffman Trucking. Help is needed to move sign barrels at the groomer shed to get the drag out. All section leaders now have groomer shed keys. The groomer shed could use a drill press, vise & miter saw. Gary will take inventory on the signs. Some will need to be replaced. A section leader meeting will be held before trail brushing. Jerry with do a trail inspection with Monroe Prairie ATV club at the end of the month so they know what they are responsible for. Landowner agreements are being worked on.

Social Committee Report

A get-well card was sent to Jean Mikrut. A sympathy card was sent to Chris Gevers for the passing of her mother.

The balance in the kitty is unknow as Bev was off celebrating her birthday. Happy birthday Bev!

Activities Report

Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup: Will take place after our meeting.

Trail Brushing: Trail brushing will be held on November 12th. We will meet at the groomer shed at 8 am. Suzanne Kostreva volunteered to organize the chili dump. If anyone would like to help her, please let her know. Please bring chili and a dish to pass. Beverages will be provided by the club.

Fisheree Concession Stand: Concession stand was held at the end of September. \$698.00 was raised. This money will be used to purchase raffle basket items for our fisheree.

Club ATV/UTV Rides: Casey Schilling and Dan Lyman will host a club ATV/UTV fun ride at 1:00 pm today. GPS coordinates will be given out and you will look for letters on the trail and unscramble a word. After the ride, we will head to Cal's Corner for dinner and possibly a campfire.

Christmas in Rome: The event will be held on December 3rd. John & Julie Stohr will help out Santa this year along with Kathy Halverson! There will be hayrides and movies. We are looking for volunteers to help on the day of the event and help get things ready prior to the event. Please contact Melissa if you are interested in helping.

Club Trip: Our club trip will be January $26^{th} - 29^{th}$, 2022. We will be staying at the Rustic Manor Motor Lodge in St Germain. Get your rooms booked soon!

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

There is 7.5 million in the state fund. Not all is available. Equipment rates are going up. Arkdale bridge project has been approved. Now need to get states approval. 8,000 trail maps will be ordered. A better quality paper will be used this year. Hoping to purchase gates to close off sections and zones of the trails. The county is working on a new logo and now has a website. <u>ACSAWI.ORG</u>.

AWSC Report

Fall Workshop is October 21st & 22nd.

Old Business

Disc was sold for \$1,000. A memorial sign for Larry Halverson was shown. The memorial signs will be placed along 1 ½ mile area of the trail near Beaver & Badger Ave. A thank you card was received from the Halverson family and Kathy personally thanked everyone for their support. Jack Pine Savages sent a sympathy card and \$150.00. This will be used towards the memorial signs.

New Business

Jerry Wiessinger is stepping down from his board of directors' position so he can concentrate on the Trail Boss position. Nominations were taken to fill his spot for the remainder of his term.

Cathy Steinke nominated Mark Kalata on behalf of Jeff Hoffman who could not attend the meeting. Melissa Rhodes nominated Gary Gevers on behalf of Jerry Wiessinger who could not attend the meeting. Tim Kane nominated Warren Starner.

Voting ballots were handed out. Bryan Meyer, Vice President, and two members counted the ballots. Gary Gevers won the election and will fill the remainder of Jerry's director term.

The brush cutter repairs are done. The modification should work nicely. The cost was \$620.00.

With the rising cost of the Christmas tress and other items, Melissa asked for more money for the Christmas in Rome event. Ray Glenn made a motion to raise the amount from \$700 to \$900. Casey Schilling seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 10:15 am was made by Jim Fisher and seconded by Bryan Meyer. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Chris Johnson. \$63 for the club and \$62 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted Melissa Rhodes Secretary



Adams County Snowmobile Association Minutes October 6, 2022 - Cedar Shack

The October 6, 2022 meeting was called to order at 7:01pm by President Gordy Carlson. There were 16 members present. All clubs were represented except Coloma, New Haven and Oxford.

The **Secretary** read the minutes from the September 1st meeting. There were no changes. A motion to accept was made by Todd Stammen and seconded by Bryan Meyer. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Treasurer** reported that she received map ad money and dues. She paid the insurance and the ACSA web site. There is a balance of \$xxxx in the checking account. A motion to accept was made by Bryan Meyer and seconded by Nancy Carlson. All in favor, motion carried.

Darren told us that there was \$7.5 million in State funds. Equipment rates are going up, \$10 per machine but no per mile changes. All this information is available in SNARS. The bridge in Arkdale has been approved but not yet by the State.

Steve brought samples of map quality for us to choose from. Last maps seemed to tear easily and we needed to look at other options. Much discussion about thickness and how many maps to order. He told of the difference in price between ordering 6,000 or 8,000 maps. A motion to order 8,000 maps on the middle thickness stock paper was made by Nancy Carlson, seconded by Todd Stammen. All in favor, motion carried. He requested **all clubs** to please **bring in all their old maps to the November meeting** (from 2021-2022 seasons) for Darren and Visit Rome and the Adams Chamber to take to the events and trade shows they attend.

He also brought up the need for gates for trail closures. He asked Darren if there were signs reading 'Trail Route Changes'. Are there 'Detour' signs available. Darren will check on that.

Old Business: None

New Business: We will be changing the ACSA logo, voting at the next meeting. The fall workshop is this month in Rothschild.

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:36pm was made by Nancy Carlson, seconded by Melissa. All in favor.

The next meeting will be on October 6th at Cedar Shack.

Kathy Halverson, Secretary





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