Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

October 6th, 2022 Adams County Snowmobile Association Meeting 7:00 pm – Cedar Shack

October 8th, 2022 Club ATV Fun Ride 1:00 pm – Meet At Rome Town Hall

October 8th, 2022 Club Meeting & Road Pickup 9:00 am - Rome Town Hall Road Pickup to Follow Meeting

November 12th, 2022 8:00 am Trail Brushing Noon – Chili Dump Meeting to Follow Chili Dump

> December 3rd, 2022 Christmas in Rome

December 10th, 2022 Club Meeting 9:00 am - Rome Town Hall

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

Welcome to Fall! Hard to believe its October already but here we are! There is lots of things to do to get ready for the best season of all, WINTER!!

We attended the International Snowmobile Hall of Fame induction ceremony the weekend of September 16th and what a weekend it was. On Friday night, we were presented our award by the grandson of the founder of Woody's Traction, who sponsor the International Club of the Year Award. We were recognized again on Saturday evening when the individual inductions took place. On Sunday we were able to coordinate with the International Dealer of the Year, Trackside from Eagle River, to tour their dealership and get pictures taken together. Everyone I spoke with is thoroughly impressed with our club, from our ability to fundraise to the way our members volunteer tirelessly to better our club all while having fun doing it! As I've said since we won the AWSC Club of the Year Award in 2021, you all are amazing and should be very proud of your club!

Reminder, roadside pickup is after our October 8th meeting. If we get a good turnout, it will go very quick and it keeps Rome looking beautiful!

Don't forget to get your membership renewed if you haven't done so. The process to get your membership in to AWSC and have them processed takes several days. You don't want to get caught having to wait to order your trail pass. Your membership must be current to get your discounted trail pass.

It is also time to start checking out your sled and trailer. Dealers will be busier than normal this year due to employee shortages and parts shortages.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the November 12th trail brushing and famous chili dump! Meet at the groomer shed on 13th Ave at 8am! The monthly meeting will be held after the chili dump.

Jerry Wiessinger, our new Trail Boss, has been very busy getting things ready for the season. He has made up a trails committee that exists of John Steinke and Gary Gevers. This committee is getting ready for the mad rush that is preparing the trails for the season from mowing all the trails to reroutes to making sure we have all the signs as well as landowner permission just to name a few things! Jerry will be utilizing volunteers for various tasks. If interested in getting on the volunteer list, please talk with him at a monthly meeting.

I hope to see all of you at our October meeting, and as always, THINK SNOW!

Tom Warner President





<u>Message From Trail Boss, Jerry Wiessinger</u>

Normally you would be hearing from Larry Halverson in this article. Unfortunately for us, God had another job for him and took him from us. Hopefully, he is working with Mother Nature to give us a lot of snow this year.

The Trail Committee consisting of John Steinke, Gary Gevers, and myself are attempting to fill the big shoes that Larry left behind. We have divided up the area of responsibility that Larry took care of so each of us will be able to concentrate on a portion of the work necessary to provide excellent trails for you to ride on. I accepted the position of Trail Boss so that there is a "go-to" person, but the job is being managed by the Committee. We will need volunteers to help so let us know if you are interested in helping.

I have been working on getting the Country Sports trail opened back to the original trail. Alliant Energy that owns the Solar Project in Saratoga has been very cooperative and I am optimistic that we will be able to open that trail again. Currently, I am only aware of one other reroute which is on the Lure trail that needs to be handled. Details are being worked out. Let me know if you hear of property ownership changes that could affect a trail.

One of the ideas that came out of the Committee meetings was to store the small 8 foot drag outdoors with proper protection to free up desperately needed room in the groomer shed. This drag is not used often, but if the large drag developed a major issue, we need to be able to put the small drag in to service quickly. Cary Hoffman, Hoffman Trucking & Excavating has offered us an area in his yard at virtually no cost to store the unit where it will be readily available when needed. By doing this, we have eliminated the need to expand the groomer shed in the foreseeable future. Thank You Cary!!

REMEMBER, Trail Brushing and Signing on Saturday November 12th, 8:00 am at the Groomer Shed.

THINK SNOW! Jerry Wiessinger Trail Boss

Message From Vice President Bryan Meyer

We aren't making ice out there yet but we are in full Fisheree mode! Every day we get a little closer. We just had another concession stand at the Trapshooting Range to help offset the costs of the fisheree. Thanks to all that volunteered their time to run it and thanks to those who supported it by stopping by. Much appreciated! If you have any resources for items that we can use in our raffle baskets, every donation helps. Last year we have approximately 35 baskets to fill. We plan on doing that again this year. We also need door prizes. Booze is another big thing we could use for the raffles. Keep us in mind. If you can't help with donations, we plan to sell a lot of raffle tickets this year. We will have them at the meetings and at trail brushing. We need your help selling these. Last year we sold 3000 tickets. We are shooting for 5000 this year! Lastly, but just as important, if you can't donate or sell raffle tickets, please mark that calendar with January 14th as the day you are going to the Lure for a day of adventures!

If you want to help out with this event just let Melissa, Gunnar, or myself know and we would be happy to have you.

Bryan Meyer Vice President

Club ATV/UTV Ride October 8th, 2022 – 1:00 pm

The ride will be on the Rome portion of the trails. Meet at the Rome Town Hall. Bring a map and a phone. You'll be given GPS coordinates of 10 spots on the trails with hidden letters. Locate all of the letters to unscramble the bonus word. Once the ride is complete, meet at Cal's Corner for dinner and drinks. Please RSVP to the Facebook event so that we can get an idea of how many people will be attending. Reach out to Casey <<u>casey.shilling@gmail.com</u> or (414) 852-0903 or Dan (608) 354-5634 or <u>danlyman80@gmail.com</u>> if you have any questions.

International Snowmobile Hall of Fame





Open Director's Position

Nominations will be taken at the October 8th meeting to fill the remaining term (a little over 2 years) of the vacant Director's position that Jerry Wiessinger held. Following nominations, we will be voting on that position. Nominations can also be made by contacting a board member prior to the meeting.

Christmas In Rome

Our club is working with the Romemakers to bring the kids and our community another fun Christmas in Rome. We are looking for people that would like to help with this event. We can use help with tree set up and judging, decoration setup and creative people to come up with festive ideas. We are also looking for people to volunteer a few hours on the day of the event. Please contact Melissa if you are able to help!



Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup October 8th ~ Following Club Meeting

Our club is part of the Adopt-A-Highway Program. Adopt-A-Highway was initiated by the Wisconsin Department Transportation many years ago. It was an opportunity created to allow organizations to help in beautifying our state's highways by picking up trash two to three times a year. This is an all-volunteer program and there is no cost to our club. The Department of Transportation in each County provides bags, signs, vests, and flags to be used during the pickup. The Rome Sno-Bandits applied to adopt the section of Highway 13 from County Road D to Adams Ave (County Line) in August of 2012. We conduct pick up in the spring and fall of each year. As a club, we feel that it is important to give back to our community for the support they have provided us over the years. We take pride in helping to keep The Town of Rome looking great. Please help represent the Rome Sno-Bandits by volunteering for an hour after our club meeting. The more volunteers we have, the quicker the job will go. Please wear gloves and dress appropriately

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!!!





2nd Annual





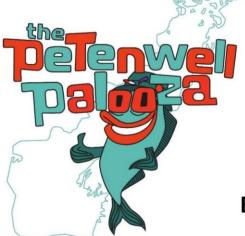
Saturday, January 14th, 2023 Lure Bar & Grill

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



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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:

<u>ON-LINE</u>: Through our website: <u>www.RomeSnoBandits.com</u>. Click on <u>Membership Application</u> 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 <u>https://www.awsc.org/About-Us/Member-Lookup</u>. Your membership number never changes.

Membership Contact: Suzanne Kostreva <u>RSBMembership@gmail.com</u>

Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting September 10th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 5 officers present. There were 44 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 Jerry Wiessinger to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Jim Fisher seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Trails Committee Report

With the passing of our Trail Boss, Larry Halverson, we will be taking nomination for a trail boss during new business.

Jerry Wiessinger gave the report. The committee met on September 6th. They would like to make more room in the groomer shed. Jerry will look into moving the 8' drag outside. There is outdoor storage restriction in the Town of Rome so a fence would be needed. A heavy tarp to cover it for protection from the elements would needed. Some stumps and brush might need to be removed as well. Fencing would run around \$1,200 and a tarp would cost \$60 - \$80 each.

Ted Sorenson made a motion to sell the $6\frac{1}{2}$ disc that is no longer being used. Jeff Parmeter seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. Jerry will advertise the disc for sale. The committee would like to replace it with a box scraper with an estimated cost of \$900.

Help is needed after the meeting to move sign barrels at the groomer shed.

Thank you, Dawn Kalata, for making and donating a memorial banner for Larry. It will be placed above the door at the groomer shed.

Alliant Energy approved use of land outside the fence area.

Sand Valley is working with Jerry to reroute the trail to the Lure.

November 12th is Trail Brushing.

The board agreed to sell the brush guard that can't be used with our current tractors.

If anyone is interested in being on the Trail Committee, please contact Jerry Wiessinger. We are looking for several people to help fill Larry's duties.

Social Committee Report

A get-well card was sent to Marci Wiessinger and Larry Halverson. A get-well card will be sent to Debb Schmarje. A sympathy card was sent to Maria Klasinski for the passing of her father and to Kathy Halverson for the passing of her husband Larry.

The balance in the kitty is \$188.80.

Activities Report

Car Show: Raffle ticket sales were down. Registration was good. Jeff Parmeter did a great job transitioning to take over as car show leader. The event was a fun day and the weather was great.

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. Melissa will continue to work with Reg from the Northern Lights Snowmobile Club in Three Lakes about doing a trail ride with their club. Melissa is also looking into meeting up with Patty Berghauer and her other club as they will be staying in Mercer. We are hoping to get all three clubs together at some time over the weekend.

Fisheree: Our 2nd Annual Petenwell Palooza Fisheree will be held on January 14th at the Lure Bar & Grill. Raffle tickets have arrived. Prize for the raffle are:

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: Full Day Pontoon Rental on Lake Petenwell
6th Prize: Sundolphin 8' SS Fiji Kayak - 7th Prize: Bose Sound Bar w/Bluetooth

We are asking members to help us sell tickets as the more we sell, the more money the club makes. If anyone would like to be on the fisheree committee, please let Melissa, Gunnar or Bryan know.

Due to the fisheree falling on the day of your January meeting, we will move our club meeting up to January 7th, 2023.

Club Picnic: Our club picnic was held August 13th, 2022, at the Rome Town Center Park pavilion. Despite the rainy weather, we had a great turn out and nice time.

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.

Christmas in Rome: The event will be help on December 3rd. John & Julie Stohr will help Santa out 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. Willy Sandfox made a motion to spend up to \$800 on the event. Ted Sorenson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Club ATV/UTV Rides: Casey Schilling and Dan Lyman will host a club ATV/UTV fun ride on October 8th at 1:00 pm. 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.

Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup: Pickup will be held after our October 8th meeting. Ted Soreneson will supply the trailer.

CMN Phonathon: Jim Fisher is working on this event. We will need around 6 volunteers. This is usually held the first Thursday and Friday in December. Lori will look into putting something in the AWSC magazine.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

Recreation Officer position is open again. Caleb left to take another job. Trails on the map will need to be updated at the October meeting. Gary & Jerry are taking care of this. All of our club map advertisers have turned in their ads.

AWSC Report

Make sure you apply for your trail pass early. They can take up to 21 days to receive.

The Lori Report (AWSC VP)

The fall workshop will be held in Schofield October 22nd & 23rd. Workshops will include Snowmobile Friendly & Women's Snowmobile Maintenance. A new Miss Snowflake will be crowned. Of The Year Awards will be given out. There will be a costume contest.

Know your candidates and make sure to vote.

Old Business

Groomer shed cleanup took place after our June meeting. Thank you to all that helped.

\$1,000 for the AWSC Scholarship will be sent in.

The fisheree committee will hold a concession stand at the Wisconsin State Trapshooting Grounds on September 24th & 25th.

New Business

Trail boss nominations were taken. Willy Sandfox nominated Jerry Wiessinger. Melissa Rhodes seconded the nomination. There were no other nominations. Jerry was appointed Trail Boss for the remainder of the term. Jerry will decide if he wants to give up his director's position. He will let us know before the next meeting. If he decides to step down then an election to fill that spot will take place at our next meeting.

Jerry will have a trails committee. John Stienke and Gary Gevers will help him out.

The board approved the purchase of a Zoom account. Our board has used it already. It can be used by any committee.

Bryan Meyer will take over as the Adams County Club Rep for our club and Gary Gevers will be the alternate. Bryan Meyer will be Zone A leader.

Sand Valley gave the tractor back so it could be used at Larry's funeral. They returned it cleaned and detailed. The board agreed to give Sand Valley a free week of rent. The tractor will be back the last week in October.

Will Sandfox made a motion to spend up to \$1,500 on fencing and tarps for the storing the drag outside. Greg Enzenroth seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Will Sandfox made a motion to dedicate a section of trail in Larry Halverson's name. The entire membership seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. A memorial trail will be done in the Beaver and Badger Ave area. 4 nice signs will be placed in a 2-mile stretch.

Cindy Lewis is taking apparel orders today. Another order will be placed in the spring.

Cathy Steinke made a motion to renew our American Council of Snowmobile Associations (ACSA) membership. Suzanne Kostreva seconded the motion. All were in favor. Cathy Steinke will renew our membership.

Fall AWSC workshop registration are due by October 5th. Let Cathy Steinke know if you are interested in attending.

Town News – Carl Hasdal

Brush pickup will take place this fall. The dates are on the Town of Rome's website. Tri-Lakes held their annual meeting. A treatment will be used on Lake Sherwood to see how it works. Mad Dog & Merrill episode taped in Rome will be televised on Solarus.

A motion to adjourn at 10:26 am was made by John Stohr and seconded by Willy Sandfox. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Allison Young. \$96 for the club and \$95 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted Melissa Rhodes Secretary





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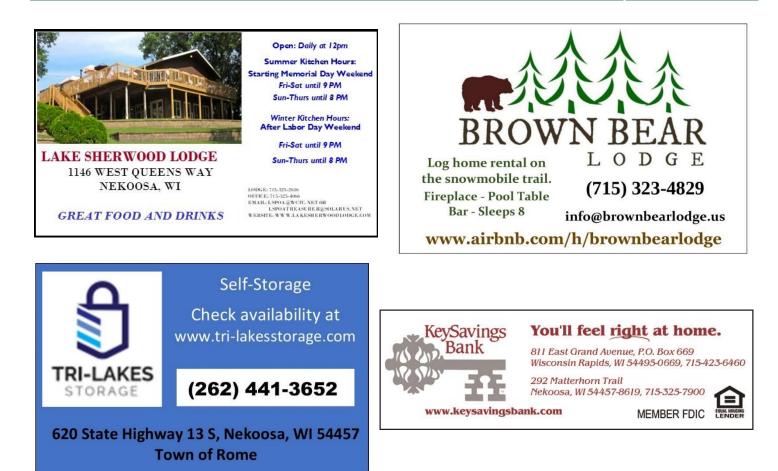
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