

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 9th, 2022

Club Meeting
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

May 14th, 2022

Club Meeting, Road Pickup &
Groomer Shed Organization
Meeting 9:00 am-Rome Town Hall
Followed by Adopt-A-Highway Road
Pickup & Groomer
Shed Organizing

June 11th, 2022

Club Meeting
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

June 18th, 2022

Rome Classic Car, Bike &
Snowmobile Show
Rome Town Center Park

August 13th, 2022

Club Picnic – Noon - 4:00 pm
Rome Town Center Park

September 10th, 2022

Club Meeting
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

October 8th, 2022

Club Meeting & Road Pickup
9:00 am – Meeting Followed By
Rome Town Hall

November 12th, 2022

Club Meeting
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

December 3rd, 2022

Tentative Date Christmas in Rome

December 10th, 2022

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

April already?! I can't believe our season is over already!! I hope everyone was able to do at least a little riding.

As I sit here writing this I am reflecting on the season, and I am thinking of the places we were able to see this year and the wonderful people I was able to do it with. As beautiful as all the scenery was, I think of the friends I was able to ride with and the great new friends I was able to make this year, and of course getting to spend time with family doing what I just love to do. That's what being in a snowmobile club is about, meeting new people and enjoying time and many laughs with friends. Thank you all for helping me make so many memories every time we are together, whether it's on a sled, at a meeting, or having fun helping out at an event.

The Rome Sno-Bandits Car Show is quickly approaching. It will be held on the Saturday of Father's Day weekend! Please make sure to sell lots of raffle tickets! We also could use help the day of the event. This is a great event and is always a lot of fun! Can't wait to see you all there!!

We are going to plan a few Atv/Utv club rides this summer since we weren't able to do any club rides on our snowmobiles. We thought this would be a great way to get members together in the off season to have some fun. Watch for announcements on that in the near future.

As always, THINK SNOW!

Tom Warner
President



Indoor Farmers Market Volunteers Needed

Visit Rome has asked our club to serve lunch at the Indoor Farmers Market on April 8th from Noon until 3:30. All proceeds will go to our club. Larry & Kathy Halverson are looking for a few volunteers to help. Please contact them if you are interested in helping!



Message From Vice President Bryan Meyer

Spring cleanup time!! Get those sleds cleaned up, maintained, and put away so they are ready for next season. Push em back in the corner and bring out the summer toys! Mother nature will figure this out soon enough.

As the snowmobile talk slows down, we still have plenty going on. Roadside garbage pickup and clean up at the groomer shed on May 14th, Car Show on June 18th and club picnic on August 13th. There are plenty of things to keep the club busy.

Please keep in mind, we are looking for raffle items that can be donated for the car show or fisheree. We are looking for everything from our main raffle ticket prize to basket raffle items for the fisheree. If you find discounted items that are popular, please let us know.

Bryan Meyer
Vice President



Message From Trail Boss Larry Halverson

This is a sad time of the year for us snowmobilers, but it is time to put our snowmobile stuff away and move on to a new season. Just remember you are a member of a 12 month club. There many activities being planned for the summer months so keep your eyes and ears open.

Reminder that our annual car, bike, and snowmobile show will be coming up June 18th. Plan on attending as it is always a good time with good food and drinks plus some great vehicles to admire and prizes to be won.

Larry Halverson
Rome Sno-Bandits Trail Boss

Car Show Raffle Tickets

Hi, All! It's Cathy Steinke, Rome Sno-Bandit Treasurer with an update! Cash raffle tickets for the 2022 Car Show are now available! Tickets will be available at the monthly club meetings and the day of the car show. Postal regulations forbid the mailing of raffle tickets. Since I have no desire to get arrested for a job that I do on a volunteer basis, we will no longer be mailing blank tickets to club members. If you do not pick up raffle tickets at the April meeting, I will be mailing an order form for raffle tickets to active club members. Feel free to send address labels to complete your raffle tickets. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. We hope that every family will buy at least \$25 in raffle tickets. In order to avoid additional postage expenses, I will be happy to email copies of your completed raffle tickets after I receive your order form. The cash raffle at the car show is one of our main fundraisers for the club. With a \$2 investment, you could win \$500! So, we hope you will continue to support the club by buying and/or selling Car Show cash raffle tickets. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at csmith@wctc.net or 715-213-1582. Thanks!

YOUTH MEMBER FLETCHER DAUN



Shared From Fletcher's Facebook Page:

1 year ago I had my dream come true! I got my first racing sled! Thanks to my mom Jenny 'Videgar' Daun for getting me my sled. Thanks to papa Reg Videgar for constantly working on my sled and ensuring it's in working shape.

Thanks to all my visitors and the Rome Sno-Bandits for coming and spending time watching!

Hope all of you guys and some more can come watch next year!

Can't wait!



AWSC SPRING CONVENTION

The AWSC Spring Convention was held on March 25th - 27th in Green Bay. Several club members were able to attend. The General Session Meeting was held on Saturday morning and included excellent guest speakers. Preston Cole, Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, spoke about the need to reduce snowmobile accidents in Wisconsin. Most accidents are the result of drinking and or driving too fast. He has funds to use for promoting safety and would like to hear our ideas on how to get the word out. Jillian Steffes, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Grant Manager, spoke about grant application for special projects and how are trails are funded through registration, gas tax and trail pass funds. Andrew Nussbaum, Wisconsin Department of Tourism, spoke about promoting the State of Wisconsin. There is a new Wisconsin slogan: **Here's to those who Wisconsin!** He also touched on how important our landowners are to our sport. Please make sure to thank a landowner whenever possible and always respect the land they allow us to use for our trails. It was exciting to see these speakers supporting snowmobiling in Wisconsin.





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Election of Officers

Election of officers will be held at our April 9th, 2022, club meeting. Positions open are President, Treasurer and one Director.

If you are interested in one of these positions, please let a board member know or have someone nominated you at the meeting.

We encourage members to get involved and share their talents and ideas with us. If you don't have time to run for a position but are able to help in other ways, please let us know.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



The fisheree committee will be holding a concession stand at the Wisconsin State Trapshooting Grounds in Rome on April 30th & May 1st from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you would like to help for a few hours on either of those days, please contact Melissa, Bryan or Gunnar.

We always have a great time doing these events. Please join us and have some fun or stop out and check out the awesome trapshooting grounds and have a beverage and tasty food.

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Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting March 12th, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:02 am with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 7 officers present. There were 25 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 Bob Sweet to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Suzanne Kostreva 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. Kathy Halverson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trail Boss Report - Larry Halverson

We don't have any snow so not much to report. Sections Leaders must leave signs up until April 1st. We will have a groomer shed clean up on May 14th, 2022 following road pickup. We will organize the signs and contents of the shed. Sand Valley will be giving us a new trail. Solar Plant area is uncertain at this time.

Social Committee Report

No cards were sent out this month. We wished Warren Starner a speedy recovery after knee replacement surgery.

After purchasing donuts, the balance in the kitty is \$245.32.

Activities Report

Car Show: June 18th, 2022 Rome Town Center Park. Jeff Parmeter has agreed to take over the car show. A zoom meeting was held after the last car show to review the event. A meeting will be held soon to fine tune areas that were discussed in the zoom meeting. Kathy Halverson is looking for someone to take over the mailing list for the car show. Raffle tickets will not be mailed. An order form will be sent to members instead. Prizes will stay the same on the raffle ticket. \$500,\$400,\$300,\$200,\$100,\$50,\$50,\$50.

Club Trip: Melissa will be in touch with Northern Lights Snowmobile Club in Three Lakes and work on planning our trip.

Club Picnic: Bryan Meyer will look into having our club picnic at Dyracuse Recreation Park. Would like to have a membership drive with our club picnic.

ATV/UTV Rides: Jerry Wiessinger brought up the idea of having summer club rides on our ATV/UTV's. Possibly hold them once a month and pick a different club supporter location to have lunch each time.

Visit Rome Indoor Farmers Market: Visit Rome has asked our club to serve lunch at the Indoor Farmers Market on April 8th from noon – 3:30. All proceeds will go to the club. Larry & Kathy Halverson are looking for a few volunteers to help.

Trap Range Concession Stand: The Trap Range was happy with our fall concession stand and has asked us to come back on April 30th/May 1st & September 24th/25th. The Fisheree committee will handle the concession stand and use the money to purchase raffle basket & other prizes for the fisheree. Please contact Melissa, Bryan or Gunnar if you can help with any of these dates. We have also been offered a couple spots in June & July.

AWSC Spring Conventions: March 25th – 27th, 2022 in Green Bay. Gunner Anderson, Tom & Cathy Warner, Melissa Rhodes, Terri & Scott Kaskin and Gary Gevers will attend and represent the Rome Sno-Bandits.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

Adams County Recreation Officer, Caleb Herrin, reported two snowmobiles went through the ice on Castle Rock Lake. Same spot but at different times. Another Safety Class was held and 13 students graduated.

Nominations were made:

President: Gordy Carlson

Vice President: Steve McIntosh

Secretary: Kathy Halverson

Treasurer: Melissa Rhodes

Director: Ed Stevens

AWSC Director: Gary Gevers

AWSC Representative: Melissa Rhodes

Elections will be held at the April 7th meeting. These positions are open to anyone that is a member of a club in Adams County.

Old Business

Apparel: The club is looking for someone to handle apparel. They would be the correspondent between the Club and Dawn at Here's Ur Sign. They would help come up with ideas & designs. They would bring stock to meetings & events.

We will be placing an apparel order in the next week or so. Please get your orders to Melissa or Dawn Kalata.

Membership

We currently have 248 members. Membership will start to be processed every 2 weeks.

New Business

Nominations were held and are as follows:

Gary Gevers nominated Tom Warner for President

Kathy Halverson nominated Cathy Steinke for Treasurer

Bev Sweet nominated Jerry Wiessinger for Director.

Larry Halverson made a motion to close nominations. Suzanne Kostreva seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

The board met prior to our meeting and decided to keep membership dues the same. \$35 for Family, \$30 for Single and \$20 for Secondary Membership.

Following the May 14th meeting, we will have garbage pickup followed by organizing at the groomer shed.

Our club received \$300 from Lake Arrowhead from their Snow Blast Event. Thank you to Lake Arrowhead.

The date for the 2023 Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree & Raffle will be January 14th. Our club meeting is also that day so we might look at changing our club meeting date. Please keep your eyes open for clearance fishing and outdoor items that can be used for raffle baskets and prizes.

A motion to adjourn at 9:50 am was made by Bryan Meyer and seconded by Warren Starner. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Suzanne Kostreva. \$65 for the club and \$65 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Rhodes
Secretary



Adams County Snowmobile Association March 3, 2022 Cedar Shack

The March 3, 2022 meeting of the Adams County Snowmobile Association was called to order at 7:00pm by President Gordy Carlson. There were 22 members present. All clubs were represented except Coloma, Grand Marsh and New Haven. The Secretary read the minutes from the February 3rd meeting. There were no changes. A motion to accept was made by Dennis Kulwicki and seconded by Bryan Meyer. All in favor, motion carries. The **Treasurer** was not in attendance, but it was reported that no checks had been written, so the balance remains at \$5831.38.

Sheriff's report: Caleb reported that second safety class had 13 kids who passed. There will be an ATV/UTV safety class the end of March, the 22nd from 5-7 and the 26th from 9-3. It seems that people from out of our county have been attending these classes, so they will be advertising it differently. He reported that two different through the ice incidents had happened in the same place.

County Trail coordinator report: Darren reported on a land transfer in the county. He also said that checks had been sent out to clubs.

County Director report: Gary was not there, so Kathy read what he sent. The spring convention will be in Green Bay on March 25-27. He reminded everyone that voting for the AWSC executive board will be taking place. He also said that a vote on the changes to the AWSC by-laws to address the issue of being able to continue business during a pandemic will happen. There are other changes that are listed on the AWSC website. Every club's membership chair should have received a voting delegate form from the AWAC office. These need to get back to the office by March 10th with the names of the voting delegates for your club.

If you or your club have any questions or concerns that you would like him to bring up at the convention, let him know.

Chamber of Commerce report: Bryan was still waiting to hear from the Chamber on a report

Old Business: Steve McIntosh talked about the fundraising committee that was formed. He reminded everyone to start thinking about map ads for the new map. Bring this info to the September meeting. All map route changes must be finalized by the October meeting. We will be looking into a gun raffle to run from Sept 2022 to March 2023.

New Business: Larry took nominations for all offices to be voted on at the April meeting. There were no new people added to the nominations. Please plan on attending.

The next meeting will be on April 7th at Cedar Shack.

A motion to adjourn at 7:28 was made by Larry Halverson, seconded by Jim Smith.

Kathy Halverson, Secretary



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