

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

December 2nd, 2023

Christmas in Rome

December 7th, 2023

CMN Radiothon

December 9th, 2023

Club Meeting

9 am – Rome Town Hall

January 6th, 2023

Club Meeting

9 am – Rome Town Hall

January 13th, 2024

Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree
Lure Bar & Grill

February 1st - 4th, 2024

Club Snowmobile Trip
The Lodge at Crooked
Lake Hotel in Siren, WI

February 10th, 2024

Club Meeting
9 am – Rome Town Hall

**PLEASE
JOIN US!**



Message From President, Tom Warner

Happy December!!

The time to ride is getting closer! Trail work is almost done and hope fully it will be time to start grooming!!

I have to give a HUGE shout out to all the volunteers that showed up to the trail brushing and signing day last month! We were able to get so much done. Thank you to all that helped and to all that helped to make the Chili Dump a perfect time! Food was great and so were all the people that attended!! The Sno-Bandits ROCK!!

Remember to get those memberships in if you haven't already. You will not be able to get your discounted trail passes without a current membership on file with the AWSC!

As always, THINK SNOW!!!!!!

Tom Warner
President



Club member, Brooklyn Wolfe, is the new Adams County AWSC KAOS (Kids and Adults on Snowmobiles) representative. Brooklyn is a Senior at Nekoosa High School and will be attending Mid-State Technical College in the fall of 2024 to study nursing. Brooklyn recently assisted with teaching a Trail Side Safety Class at the AWSC Fall Workshop! Brooklyn is Town of Rome volunteer firefighter and working to become and EMR. Our club is lucky to have Brooklyn as a member.
Brooklyn's Email: adamscoyouthrep@gmail.com



Message From Trail Boss, Jerry Wiessinger

The ground in Rome is white with a couple of inches of snow as I am writing this article. This will get everyone in the Christmas spirit and the Snowmobile spirit. With the very cold weather this week and in the forecast, the ground will be frozen, and any snow that we get should hang around. A great way to start the season. The trails will open December 15th, weather permitting, except the Country Sports trail which will open January 1, 2024.

We had a Great Turnout for the trail brushing/signing workday with 43 workers signed in. A lot of work was accomplished with most of the trails signed. Everyone enjoyed some great chili, snacks, and refreshments afterwards. **THANK YOU TO THE TRAIL AND CHILI DUMP WORKERS!!!**

Most of the trails were marked before the deer season which was early this year. We don't sign any trails during deer season, so any signs yet to be installed will be a challenge with the frozen ground. We are planning to install the intersection way finding signs this week. Gary has scheduled a groomer operator work afternoon this week to remove the mower from the New Holland tractor, hookup the drag, and remove the brush cutter from the McCormick to get them ready for snow.

We have a couple more new Groomer operators this season. Steve Ottowitz has completed an equipment familiarization training with Gary Gevers. Steve has already been out mowing some of the trails this fall. Jeff Grimm recently joined the Sno-Bandits as a full member after being an associate member previously and has previous experience grooming trails. **Thank You Guys for Volunteering!!!**

THINK SNOW!!!

Jerry Wiessinger
Trail Boss

Message From Vice President, Bryan Meyer

As I reflect on last month, I just want to say thanks again to all the volunteers who helped us out on trail signing and brushing day. It is amazing how much we get done in a short period of time! THANK YOU!!

Ice Ice Baby, lol! Just wondering how many will be singing this song later. My point here is we are making ICE. That means the Fisheree is just around the corner! If you haven't signed up to help, please do so. If you can't help during the event, it would be a big help if you could sell some raffle tickets. This is one of our biggest fundraisers. Let's keep that momentum going and have another great Fisheree!! January 13th at the Lure!!

The Club trip is also coming fast so if you haven't already RSVP'd your room, get it done!

Hope to see you soon and if not, have a safe and fun Christmas / New Years!

Do that snow dance!! Brap!

Bryan Meyer
Vice President



Christmas in Rome

~December 2, 2023~



2:00-5:00pm
Rome Town Hall

Santa Visits
Hotdogs/Popcorn/
Cookies/Hot Cocoa
Holiday Crafts for Kids/
Facepainting
Cookie Decorating



5:00-8:00pm
Rome Town Center

Hot Cocoa &
S'mores
Enjoy the Holiday
Light Displays
Horse & Wagon Rides



Come for some Holly Jolly Fun!





3rd Annual



Rome Sno-Bandits Ice Fisheree & Raffle

Saturday, January 13th, 2024

Lure Bar & Grill

Lake Petenwell ~ Town of Rome

**Ice Fisheree
7am - 3pm**

Adults \$15

Top Cash Prize \$1,500

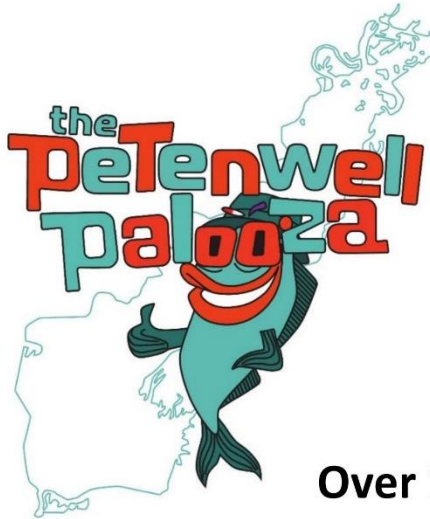
Five Cash Prizes of \$550-\$180

All cash prizes based on 250 Entrants

Kids \$5

(12 & Under)

1st 2nd & 3rd Place Prizes



**Meat Raffle
1:00 pm**

50/50 Raffles

Basket Raffles

Over 150 Door Prizes

For More Info See: www.romesnobandits.com or Our Facebook Page

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

1st Prize: 7 Nights Lodging with Fishing Boat at

Indiaonta Resort, Calm Lake, Atikokan, Ontario Canada

2nd Prize: Traeger Pro Series 22 Electric Wood Pellet Grill and Smoker

3rd Prize: Milwaukee M18 7-Tool Combo Kit (\$1,140 Value)

4th Prize: \$500 - 5th Prize: Coleman Inflatable Hot Tub

6th Prize: Ooni Wood Pellet Pizza Oven

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

A volunteer sign-up sheet & raffle tickets will be available at our next meeting. Please help our club by selling raffle tickets and signing up to help the day of the event. We always have a great time!

TRAIL BRUSHING 2023



Merry Christmas



Check out the Rome Sno-Bandit's Christmas display in the Rome Town Center Park. Area businesses and organizations are participating in a friendly decorating competition as part of the Christmas in Rome event.

Thank you Rome Sno-Bandit's youth member, Nikki Young for creating the Whoville sign for our display (left).

Nikki and her cheer team will be doing face painting for the kids at the December 2nd event. It is great to see our youth get involved.



ANNUAL CLUB SNOWMOBILE TRIP

February 1st – 4th, 2024

The Lodge at Crooked Lake Hotel & Conference Center

24271 WI-35 Siren, WI 54872

715-349-2500

**Join us for our club trip!
When making reservations, call and ask for
the Rome Sno-Bandit's block.**





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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

CLUB MEETINGS: 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 2023-2024 season will be available to order from the AWSC beginning July 1st, 2023.

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: Donna Bohn
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Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting November 11, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 12:28 pm with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 7 officers present. There were 37 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Make sure to get your memberships renewals in so Donna can process your membership with the AWSC. AWSC membership processing is not automatic so please allow time to get your trail pass.

Thank you to all our Veterans. You are appreciated!

Secretary's Report

There were no changes to the Secretary's report. A motion was made by Gary Gevers to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Jerry Wiessinger seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Steinke reported on the checking & savings account balances. Jeff Parmeter made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Linda Randall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer, Cathy Steinke, opened and transferred money into a CD.

All donations that were approved at the last meeting were completed except for the Rome Police Department and Rome Fire Department. Those will be done at the December meeting.

Trails Boss Report

43 people helped with trail brushing and signing. Directional signs are in from Adams County. Jerry W and Scott M took the SNARS training that was offered online. If you have extra signs, make sure to put them in the extra barrel for others to use.

Social Committee Report

A get-well card was sent out to Debb Gevers.

No report on fund balance.

Activities Report

Trunk or Treat: Thank you to all that helped with the Trunk or Treat.

CMN Phone-A-Thon: Will be held on December 7th at 1:00 pm. Please let Jim Fisher know if you would like to answer phones at this event.

Christman in Rome: The event will be held on December 2nd from 2 pm – 5 pm at the Rome Town Hall and from 5 pm – 8 pm at the Rome Town Center Park. There will be crafts, cookie decorating, food and hot chocolate during the day and horse drawn wagon rides during the evening along with portable firepits for making s'mores. Rome Town Center will have decorations and light display throughout the holidays and will be part of the Let it Glow event and map.

Fisheree: Raffle tickets are available for sale. Please take some to sell. A sign up sheet is available for the event. Please sign up to help. The fisheree will be held on January 13th.

Club Trip: The club trip will be held on February 1st - 4th, 2024 at Crooked Lake Lodge in Siren.

KAOS Report

Brooklyn Wolfe is the new Adams County KAOS Representative and a club member. We are excited that she has joined this amazing group. Brooklyn is a Senior at Nekoosa High School. She will attend Mid State Technical College for Nursing in the fall of 2024. Brooklyn helped with a safety presentation at the AWSC Fall Workshop and helped distribute blankets and stuffed animals to our local Police Department and Gunderson Hospital on behalf of KAOS.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

Adams County Snowmobile Association paid for the informational signs for any clubs that requested them. They had the signs done through the Adams County Highway Department for a low cost. They are hoping to make all signs uniform across the County.

A Power Sports Show will be held the 1st weekend of October 2024. Our club will be participating.

The Adams County Sheriff's Department will be holding a snowmobile safety class on December 4th & 9th at the Community Center. Food and beverages will be provided by the Adams County Snowmobile Association.

AWSC Report

The new Ms. Snowflake, Brianna Cottreau from the Chetek Snow Flyers was crowned at the Fall Workshop. Kathy Halverson will reach out to her to see if she would like to attend the Car Show.

The Wisconsin Town's Association is working with the AWSC on a bill for leaving snow on the low maintenance road routes.

A new Power Point about the AWSC is available on the AWSC website and in PDF format.

A Power Point about Commercial Sponsors and the benefits and importance will be done.

The AWSC is working on by-law changes.

A young group of 21 – 35 year-olds that are no longer KAOS age are looking to form an AWSC Committee called the Next Gen Riders. They would help with events. They will attend the January directors' meeting.

ISC will be held in June in Green Bay. They are looking for Wisconsin Businesses to be sponsors.

Melissa Rhodes made a motion to purchase a \$500.00 sponsorship and to place the registration that comes with the sponsorship in a drawing and club members that will be attending can enter for a chance to win. Allison Young seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

The audit committee has received the paperwork from Cathy Steinke and will get started on the audit soon.

On the last weekend in April of 2024, help will be needed at the groomer shed to put everything in storage to prepare for concrete.

The Snowmobile Friendly Committee is halfway through the application and will be meeting again soon.

New Business

Cyndee Lewis has the new apparel in. There was an error in ordering, and she has extra items available. Jeff Parmeter has club tumblers available.

Kurt M. from the Adams County Snowmobile Association will be doing the MS Ride. Warren Starner made a motion to donate \$100 to the MS ride. Jerry W seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn at 1:30 pm was made by Gary Gevers and seconded by Bryan Meyer. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle was Marge Lubke. \$97 to Marge and \$98 to the club.

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Rhodes
Secretary

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Adams County Snowmobile Association

November 2nd, 2023, at Cedar Shack

The November 2nd meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Steve McIntosh. There were 23 members present. All clubs were there except New Haven.

The Secretary read the minutes from the October meeting. There were no changes. A motion to accept was made by Jerry Wiessinger, seconded by Gordie Carlson. All in favor, motion carries.

Steve read the Treasurer's report. A few checks were written. There is approximately \$xxxxx in the checking account. A motion to accept was made by Kurt Mikolite, seconded by Bob Schmidt. All in favor, motion carries.

County report: Darren said it was hard to get into the DNR's website to see the Snow Councils info. He will help if you have problems. Make sure you get your landowner permissions completed. Do your trail reports as soon as your trails are ready. Let's hope for a decent winter this season.

Gary Gevers was unable to attend. Lori Heideman reported on the Directors meeting. There will be a power point on the AWSC website with lots of info about AWSC, and another on commercial sponsorship, both are in PDF format. 'Of the year' awards will have a score sheet next year. We have a new Miss Snowflake, her name is Brianna Cottreau, from the Chetek Snow Flyers. She talked about what ifs, a snowmageddon, and what clubs can do to help out. Director's meeting will be in January. Scholarships are available for students. We are located in the Central Sands Region of Wisconsin. Cash prize for clubs whose membership or commercial memberships increases by 10%. Submit articles to the WSN magazine. Next year's fall workshop will include a session on trail signage. A group of 21 to 35 year olds want to start a committee and who are willing to help out clubs who do not have younger members wants to be started. A great idea!! Clubs have been complaining about how roads are plowed in wintertime. AWSC is working with the Legislature to fix this problem, so roads are not plowed bare.

Sheriff's report: Graham talked about a safety class to be held in Adams at the Community Center on December 4 th from 6-9pm and on December 9 th from 9 to noon. Everyone born after 1-1-85 must take this class. A motion made by Todd Stammen to have the Association provide refreshments for the students up to \$200 was seconded by Gordy Carlson. All in favor.

Chamber report: Bryan asked if any clubs had events they want posted on the County Chamber website. Let the chamber know.

Old Business:

Steve talked about county wide info signs, Only 3 clubs have submitted information so far.

Some clubs have not paid their \$1 per member dues. Monroe Center (\$16) and New Haven (\$38) have not paid as of now.

We are still looking for someone to assist for the Treasurer at the monthly meeting. Bryan will fill in until a new treasurer is appointed.

Steve talked about the Power Sports Show in October 2024 at the fairgrounds. Seven clubs have offered to help out for this event. Committee will plan the event.

New Business: Lori introduced Brooklyn Wolfe from the Sno-Bandits who will be Adams County's first KAOS representative. Gordy made a motion to have Brooklyn be our KAOS rep, seconded by Jerry Wiessinger. All in favor. If you would like her to attend one of your club meetings, you can email her at brooklynwolfe122@gmail.com.

Kurt talked about the MS ride. He took over from Nancy Carlson who used to lead this project. They need donations from the county clubs. ACSA donated \$200 last year. A motion made by Bob Schmidt, seconded by Jim Krahn to donate the same amount again. All in favor.

Events coming up are Feb 3 rd Grand Marsh will hold their antique snowmobile show at Cedar Shack. A motion to adjourn was made by Gordie Carlson, seconded by Jim Krahn. The next meeting will be on December 7th . See you then!!

Kathy Halverson
Secretary

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