

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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302 13th Ave, Nekoosa, WI 54457

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

February 12th, 2022

Club Meeting
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

March 12th, 2022

Club Meeting
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall



Please Join Us!

OFFICIAL TRAIL CONDITIONS/CLOSINGS

**Adams County Parks
(608) 339-4230**

www.travelwisconsin.com/snowreport/snowmobile/

**Always Check To Make
Sure Trails Are Open
Before Riding!**



Message From President Tom Warner

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas!! As I write this there isn't much of the white stuff that we love to see this time of year. The good news is that we have had some cold temperatures to help freeze things up. I know I am ready to ride now!!

Please remember the Rome Sno-Bandits 1st Annual Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree & Raffle at the Lure Bar & Grill on January 22nd. There will be a meat raffle and basket raffles as well as a lot of neat prizes that can be won if you've bought your raffle tickets!!

The club trip to St. Germain is the last weekend of January and rooms are going quick! We always have such a fun time. If you have any questions on the trip or what we do please contact me or our Secretary, Melissa.

I would like to thank Gary Gevers, the Adams County Sheriff's Department and the Town of Rome Police and Fire Departments for helping to put on our annual adult safety class. They did an awesome job. There were over 40 people who attended and a lot of great information shared and questions asked.

Hope to see everyone at the January meeting at the Rome Town Hall.

When we get SNOW please remember to ride to the right and stay safe!!

As always, THINK SNOW!

Tom Warner
President



Happy New Year!!!!



Message From Vice President Bryan Meyer

Hello Sno-Bandits!

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year! If you were lucky maybe you were able to get out and ride.

January is here! Fisheree month! Please plan on attending! We are sitting pretty good with volunteers but if you have interest in helping, please get a hold of one of the Fisheree committee members. Any questions please ask!

Bryan Meyer
Vice President

Fisheree Committee

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Ice Riding Safety Tips

Drowning is one of the leading causes of snowmobile fatalities. Wherever possible, avoid riding on frozen lakes and rivers because ice conditions are never guaranteed. Ice conditions can change in a period of several hours. If you must cross ice, stay on the packed or marked trail. Don't stop until you reach shore. If you hit slush, don't let off the throttle. If you are following someone who hits slush, veer off to make your own path. If you must travel over lakes and rivers then consider using a buoyant snowmobile suit which will help you reach the closest ice surface. Also consider carrying a set of picks that will help you grip the edge of the ice more easily. As a rule of thumb, "If you don't know, don't go."

If you do break through the ice, don't panic. Follow these self-rescue tips:

- Kick vigorously into a horizontal position and swim to the nearest ice edge.
- Place hands/arms on unbroken ice while kicking hard to propel your body onto the ice, like a seal.
- Once clear, stay flat and roll away to stronger ice.
- Stand, keep moving and find shelter fast.

<http://snowtracks.com/snowmobile-safety/>



Message From Trail Boss Larry Halverson

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

This has been a rough year on our trails after our big brushing and signing day. We had a couple of wind storms that caused considerable damage to some trees on our trail system. A big thanks to the dozen or so volunteers that got those problems all resolved.

Please be aware of the trail changes that we have this year. Unfortunately, some of these changes do not show up on the maps so watch the signage.

If you have a question regarding the trails feel free to reach out to me and I will be happy to try and help you out.

Larry Halverson
Rome Sno-Bandits Trail Boss
414-587-6833 or larry@wctc.net

P.S. We will be looking for some help to remove the Christmas decorations at the town hall after our January 8 meeting.

Instructions For Making Ice Claws

- 1) Get two 4" pieces of wooden doweling the size of a broom handle or a little larger. Whatever material you select, it should float in case you drop the claws while struggling.
- 2) Drive a stout nail into one end of each dowel. This should be a hardened 16 penny or larger concrete nail.
- 3) Use a file to sharpen the nail heads to a point.
- 4) Drill a hole into the dowels (in the end opposite the nail) and tie a length of strong cord through the hole so a pick is on each end "jump-rope" fashion. You may also drill a hole in the ends alongside the nails so the nail on the other pick can nest in the hole, keeping both points covered. Keep the picks in your pocket for quick emergency access if you or a companion does break through.

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/outdoorrecreation/activities/icesafety.html>

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Always check local ice conditions

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1st Annual

Rome Sno-Bandits Ice Fisheree & Raffle

Saturday, January 22nd, 2022

Lure Bar & Grill – 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

RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE

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

2nd Prize: 10' Angler Kayak With Paddle & Life Vest

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

4th Prize: 36" 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: <https://www.romesnobandits.com/Petenwell-Palooza-Fisheree.php>
Or Our Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/RomeSnoBandits>

Club Apparel Order

Our club will be placing an apparel order with Dawn & Mark Kalata of Heres Ur Sign.

The top right picture is a new design that they created for us to recognize our Snowmobile Club of the Year award.

Heres Ur Sign also has approximately twenty decals of the bottom right design available.

Please indicate if you would like a t-shirt, sweatshirt, color and size. We will not have prices until we know how many orders we have, but they always give us great prices.

Orders can be brought to the January meeting or emailed to Melissa.



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December Safety Class





Christmas in Rome Celebration

Thank you to the Romemakers HCE, Jerry Wiessinger and Santa and his Elf for making this a great event. Your hard work is appreciated!





Christmas In Rome 2021 Tree Decorating Contest



1st Place-Rome Fire Department

TREE #	DECORATED BY	PLACED
1	DCM LANDSCAPING	
2	LAKE ARROWHEAD	
3	CAMELOT BY THE LAKE	
4	HOOZELS AT THE LAKES	FOURTH
5	LAKE SHERWOOD LODGE	THIRD
6	ROME FIRE DEPARTMENT	FIRST
7	VISIT ROME WI	
8	LAKE CAMELOT PROPERTY OWNERS ASSN	SECOND
9	FIRST WEBER REALTY	
10	BISON TRADING CO, LLC	
11	PAPA BEARS GOLF	
12	ROME POLICE DEPARTMENT	





Thank you to the Rome Businesses that participated in our tree decorating. You helped make the Town of Rome look great for Christmas!



Rome Sno-Bandits -

Thank you so much for your generous sponsorship/donation to Fletcher. The money will help greatly, likely going toward his racing fees. Fletcher loves the Rome Sno-Bandits and looks forward to helping out wherever he can. The gear you gave him is worn often. He is literally a walking beard at least 3 times a week!

We look forward to the start of the season and will keep you updated on how Fletcher does.

Again, thank you so much for your support of Fletcher.

Jenny Taun

Thank you Rome Snow-Bandits for sponsoring me through your donation. I appreciate it very much!!

Fletcher
DUM

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 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.

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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>

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\$ 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.

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Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting December 11th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 pm with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 8 officers present. There were 32 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

We had three new members with us today. Allison & Bob Young and Michelle Peterson. Welcome to the club!

Secretary's Report

There were no changes to the Secretary's report. A motion was made by Kathy Halverson to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Bob Sweet seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Trail Boss Report - Larry Halverson

We have snow! A decision was made not to roll the trails because it is going to be 56 degrees on Wednesday and if rolled, people might think the trails are open and ride them. Thank you to DCM Landscaping. They donate 10 hours of time leveling logging areas near Adams Ave & Hwy 73 that were rutted up. Trails are ready to go once we get snow. Governor Evers signed the 40' rule. Make sure you dim your lights when approaching an oncoming vehicle or snowmobile. Gary Gevers, Susan Krueger and Larry & Kathy Halverson marked changes on our trail maps. The new solar plant had damage over the deer season from trespassers and might shut our trail down to County Sports. We are trying to work this issue out and looking into alternative routes. Sand Valley requested the use of our tractor in 2022. This past year they paid us \$13,000 and used it for 28 hours. Gary Gevers made a motion to rent the tractor to Sand Valley in 2022. Brian Palmers seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Social Committee Report

A sympathy card was sent to Gene & Lisa McLellan for the loss of Lisa's Mother and to Brian Palmer for the loss of his Grandfather. Get-well cards were sent to Carl Hasdal, Brian Baker, Nicole Stritesky and Tom Gabriel.

After purchasing cards and donuts, there is a balance of \$78.32 in the kitty. Kathy Halverson made a motion to replenish the kitty with \$200. Suzanne Kostreva seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Activities Report

Bryan Meyer gave a Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree update. A volunteer signup sheet was passed around. We are looking for booze donations. Raffle tickets are available. Posters are available to be put up.

Club trip is the last weekend in January. Linda Randall, Suzanne Kostreva, Melissa Rhodes and Lori Heideman will work on activities for the trip.

Christmas in Rome was held on Dec 4th. The hayrides were well attended. Santa handed out 28 bags to the kids. A discussion will be had at a later date of possibly moving the event to the second weekend in December so it is not the same weekend as Nekoosa's Christmas parade and fireworks.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

At our Adams County Snowmobile Association meeting, Sheriff Brent York, introduced new Recreation Officer, Caleb Herrin. Darren Tolley asked that everyone look over their trails after the strong winds. New maps will be made in 2022-2023. All ads and trail changes will need to be turned in at the September Association meeting. Bryan Meyer has been working with the Chamber of Commerce. We will have a page in their brochure and links to all the clubs on their website. We have 3 county zone coordinators. Each club is to report to their zone coordinator. Rustic Ridge is holding the Ribbon Ride for cancer. The Association donated \$200 to this event. Kathy Halverson made a motion to donate \$100 from our club to this event. Brian Palmer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. December 13th is the trail opening date if we have enough snow.

AWSC Report – Lori Heideman

AWSC Vice President, Lori Heideman, spoke about the ISMA and ACSA no trespassing pledge. Scholarships are available and due in January. Lori has ACSA calendars for sale for \$20. Melissa Rhodes made a motion to purchase a calendar for \$20. Kathy Halverson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business

Club membership is at 236 people. The AWSC site is extremely busy processing trail passes so please be patient. Make sure to order your trail pass now so you have it in time for trail opening.

We will have a safety class after our meeting

New Business

Dawn & Mark Kalata designed a Club of the Year T-shirt. They also have 20 decals left from the car show. A shirt and sweatshirt order will be placed by order only. Let Melissa know if you would like to order any apparel.

Two club of the year banners were made and they look great. Melissa will contact Dawn about ordering a couple no trespassing signs to be put up at a couple establishments in Rome.

The Lure will be holding the Children's Miracle Network fundraiser. Brian Baker made a motion to donate \$250. John Steinke seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Fisher brought up the idea of a few club members volunteering time to radio station 106.5 next December for their phone marathon fundraiser. Jim will look into this more.

A motion to adjourn at 9:51 am was made by Larry Halverson and seconded by Warren Starner. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Jim Fisher. \$68 for the club and \$72 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Rhodes
Secretary



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