

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

March 9, 2024

Club Meeting
9 am – Rome Town Hall

April 13, 2024

Club Meeting
9 am – Rome Town Hall

April 27, 2024

Groomer Shed Workday
8 am – Groomer Shed

May 11, 2024

Club Meeting
9 am – Rome Town Hall

June 8, 2024

Club Meeting
9 am – Rome Town Hall

June 15, 2024

Rome Classic Car, Bike &
Snowmobile Show

September 14, 2024

Club Meeting
9 am – Rome Town Hall

October 5, 2024

Adams County Snowmobile
Association Power Sports Show

October 12, 2024

Club Meeting
9 am – Rome Town Hall

November 9, 2024

Trail Brushing & Signing
Chili Dump, Meeting

Message From President, Tom Warner

It almost feels like winter forgot about us this year. I hope everyone got to ride at least once this year! I am already thinking about getting the sleds cleaned and serviced for the summer. It makes me even more sad this year to start this routine.

Our renewal for the Snowmobile Friendly Community was accepted by the AWSC and renewed. Warren has been working with the AWSC to finalize all the details. The committee put together an outstanding renewal. Thanks for all the hard work on this!

The workday for the groomer shed clean out will be next month, April 27th, 2024. Jerry will be leading us in getting all the equipment, event supplies, tools, decorations, signs, shelving and anything I can't think of out of the groomer shed and into containers for the work on the groomer shed to be started. I hope everyone will be able to lend a hand!

Remember, we will be taking nominations for elections in April at the March 9th membership meeting. The positions up for nominations this year are President, Treasurer, and Director (John S). Anyone interested in running can be contacted Warren Starnar or any of the board members.

Again, I cannot begin to tell our volunteers how appreciated you all are!! Without your continued sacrifice of time, our club would not be where it is today! Snowmobiling is a passion that's for sure and being part of a snowmobile club is a rewarding passion!!

As always, THINK SNOW!!!!!!

Tom Warner
President



NOTICE

The Rome Sno-Bandits **Annual Meeting of Members** will be held on April 13, 2024 at the Rome Town Hall at 9:00 am. Election of Officers & Directors will take place. Positions open for nominations are President, Treasurer, and one Director. Nominations can be made by contacting the nominating committee or from the floor at our March or April meeting. Nominating Committee Chair:

Warren Starnar (262) 255-5292 Email: wstarnar@wi.rr.com

Message From Trail Boss, Jerry Wiessinger

In March I should be writing about all the grooming that was done in February and the condition of our trails, but not this year. The trails are ready, but with the warm weather we are experiencing and is in the forecast, I doubt we will be able to open the trails again this year. We do need to be thankful for the ten days that our trails were open, which is more than the northern clubs experienced.

We will be removing the signs before the end of March which is earlier than usual because there is little or no frost in the ground. We will store the barrels of signs outside the groomer shed in a designated area when they are returned by the Section Leaders, so we don't need to move them when we empty out the groomer shed on April 27th.

I am working to confirm all the construction bids for our Groomer Shed Completion Project which we plan to start May 1st providing we have moved all the "stuff" out. We have a lot of "stuff" in that building so it will be very important to have a good turnout on Saturday April 27th to get this done. A lot of hands make for little work! We also need a warm, dry day. We will have snacks and refreshments that you can enjoy while getting the work done. We have rented two 40-foot storage containers for weather sensitive things. We are proposing clearing an additional area on the southeast corner of our lot for storage and future expansion. We will be asking for additional help when the construction is done in late June to move the "stuff" back inside and get it organized.

I expect that your finished Groomer Shed will be something that you will be proud of as it functions not only as an improved workshop, but also as a gathering place for occasional Club meetings, Club rides, both winter and summer.

REMEMBER APRIL 27TH WORKDAY.

Jerry Wiessinger
Trail Boss

Message From Vice President, Bryan Meyer

Hi all,

I hate to say it, but this season looks to be over! To me it feels like it never started! Some clubs are pulling signs early so their landowners (farmers) can get in to the fields early this year. The next 15 day forecast all looks above freezing. It would take an extreme storm at this point to get the trails back open this season.

With that said, it's car show time! If anyone has ideas for our raffle or suggestions or wants to help out, please let the committee know. Car show meetings have started! Let's hope for a great summer to help ease the pain of one week of SNOW!! We will be back in action next season with a new map and hopefully lots of SNOW!!

See you at the meeting next Saturday!

Bryan Meyer
Vice President



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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 February 10, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 7 officers present. There were 36 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 Jim Fisher to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Kathy Halverson 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.

Trails Boss Report

The trails are ready. We just need snow. The trails were open for 10 days. Thirty-two grooming hours were turned in with 48 hours of run time which came to \$2,500 being turned in for reimbursement.

The roller is a Hoffman trucking for repairs. Weights were added to the tractor and mirrors were ordered along with a new power socket for the strobe light.

Jerry will follow up with Sand Valley to see if they will need the tractor this summer as he has not heard from them yet.

Jerry has been in touch with Nextera Energy regarding the proposed solar farm. Jerry will be meeting with the Nextera team on March 13th to discuss where we could run trails.

Jerry will be confirming bids with contractors for the upcoming groomer shed project.

25 Ride Right signs are on the trails and an additional fifteen signs were ordered and received.

Melissa Rhodes made a motion to give our twenty-five landowners a \$75 Kwik Trip gift card. Kathy Halverson seconded the motion. Motion carried. Last year \$50 was given to each landowner.

April 27th is the workday at the groomer shed to prepare for the upcoming project. Please mark your calendars.

Social Committee Report

A sympathy card was sent to Jeff Hoffman for the loss of his brother.

A card of encouragement was sent to Chris Johnson.

Keep Ted Sorenson in your prayers as he will be having surgery in March.

The balance in the fund is \$72.65.

Activities Report

Fisheree: Thank you to all the volunteers that helped with the fisheree. We could not have done it without you. Despite the lack of snow, the event was a success and people enjoyed themselves. The committee is always

looking for people to join. Please contact Melissa Rhodes, Gunnar Anderson, Bryan Meyer, Casey Shilling, or Lori Pritzl if you would like to join our committee.

We will be holding a meat raffle at the Lure in the future to raffle off a grill and raise funds for future events. We are hoping to do an ATV/UTV run in the spring also.

Club Trip: The club trip was cancelled. We are hoping to return to Siren next year. Please reach out to a board member if you are interested in organizing the club trip.

Car Show: It is time to start planning the car show which will be held on June 15th. Jeff Parmeter is the organizer. Please reach out to him if you have ideas or would like to help. (414) 207-3543 or jeffpingd@yahoo.com.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

The Adams County Snowmobile Association needs board members, an AWSC Director, and AWSC representative as several members are stepping down. Elections will be held in April with nominations in March. Reach out to Bryan Meyer or anyone with the County Association if you are interested in helping. They meet the first Thursday of the month at Cedar Shack in Adams at 7 pm.

The Association has a busy year ahead with it being a map year, holding a Sports show, and hosting a hospitality room at the fall AWSC Workshop.

SNARS had a few glitches that are being worked on.

Adams County Recreation Officer, Graham McFarland, had a couple trespassing issues. Our area had lots of outside activity while the trails were open.

AWSC

Gary Gevers attended his last Director's meeting as the Director of Adams County. He will be stepping down.

The Gaming Commission was checking club raffle licenses.

ACSA has calendars for sale. Melissa Rhodes made a motion to purchase an ACSA calendar for \$20. Ray Glenn seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The AWSC requires that anyone sitting on a board of an AWSC Club be full member of that club and have an AWSC membership through that club. Secondary memberships will not be accepted.

The AWSC Fall Workshop will have a signing workshop.

Contact your local representatives regarding bill LR3730 which would allow Townships to not lose funding if they do not plow low maintenance roads.

The AWSC will have a new Vice President and Treasurer. Elections will be held at the Spring Convention.

Next Gen Riders

Josh and Tegan from Nex Gen Riders spoke at our meeting. Nex Gen Riders is a group of 21 – 35-year-olds. They are a committee within the AWSC. They are split into six regions. An Ambassador and Administrator lead

each region. They currently have fifty-two members. They will help clubs with trail maintenance and events, teach safety classes, lead group rides and much more. Please like them on Facebook & Instagram.

Old Business

Mark your calendar for April 27th. We will have a workday at the groomer shed starting at 8 am.

Nominations for President, Treasurer, and one Director are being taken. Please reach out to Warren Starner if you would like to run or would like to nominate someone.

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New Business

None.

A motion to adjourn at 10:15 am was made by Melissa Rhodes and seconded by Willy Sandfox. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Steve Olker. \$85 for the club and \$85 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Rhodes
Secretary

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