



Message from the Trail Boss Larry Halverson

We receive a lot of questions about opening & closing of our trails. The opening and closing of snowmobile trails is not a simple process. The final decision is in the hands of the Adams County Trail Coordinator. Adams County has 11 snowmobile clubs in the Adams County Snowmobile Association. Each club representative must report the condition of their trails to the Association President. The Association President will then make a recommendation to the Adams County Trail Coordinator. The decision is then made between the two parties.

There are several things that are taken into consideration before a decision is made. Are the trails marked properly? Are there fallen trees on the trails? Are the wet spots frozen solid or is the trail detoured around the wet spots? Are crops out of the fields? Are the trails groomed? A problem that can arise is snow showers can be like summer rain showers. Some areas can get hit fairly hard and a short distance away there is hardly any snow at all. Another problem is wind. Wooded areas may have several inches of snow and the open fields could have all the snow blown off of them. Adams County is a long and narrow county therefore conditions can be considerably different from the north end to the south end and that is why sometimes only part of the county will have trails open or closed.

Please do not go on the trails before making sure they are OPEN! When you do snowmobile, please stay on the trails!

For trail information, please call Adams County Parks at **608-339-4230** or <https://www.co.adams.wi.us/parks/snowmobiletrails-recreation>.

Larry

UPCOMING EVENTS

February 8th, 2020

Monthly Club Meeting
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

February 20th -23rd, 2020

Sno-Bandits Club Trip
Rustic Manor Motor Lodge
St. Germain, WI

March 14th, 2020

Monthly Club Meeting
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

March 20th - 22nd, 2020

AWSC Spring Convention
Middleton, WI

April 11th, 2020

Monthly Club Meeting
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

May 9th, 2020

Monthly Club Meeting
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall
Adopt-A-Highway Road
Pickup Following Meeting

June 20th, 2020

Rome Classic Car, Bike &
Snowmobile Show
9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Rome Town Center

January Club Meeting Guest Speakers

Thank you to our January club meeting guest speakers, Adams County Recreation Officer, Shaun Long (Pictured to Left) and Wisconsin DNR Warden, Wade Romberg (Pictured to Right). They shared useful information with our club regarding regulations and safety.





Message from the President Jim Fisher

As I write this letter, I am reminded of just how fragile and frustrating it is to be a snowmobiler and President of the Rome Sno-Bandits. If it isn't enough that Mother Nature must be on our side, hopefully depositing the type of snow that we can work with to get the base set, but then have the grooming crews hard work trashed by those who are thoughtless or don't have any regard for whether the trails are open or not. They just want to ride. Come on, give us a break!

The trails did open on Friday the 24th. Hopefully there were some of you who were able to get out and ride. As of Wednesday, the 29th, the trails were in pretty good condition but for those who rode to the south of our trails, it became apparent that other trails in the county were not as good. As of 8:00 am on February 1st, both Wood County to the north and Adams County will close in the expectance of warmer weather. Part of the rational is to save what snow we have and use it as a base for the future. They could keep them open and watch as the warmer weather and heavy traffic take their toll, leaving us with nothing to work with. I think you get the idea.

Thank you, Gary, for taking the reins at the last meeting. I was informed that you conducted yourself as if you had never been away from the office. This brings me to the point of reminding everyone that elections are coming up in the near future.

In closing, I would like to thank all club members who attend meetings and sit thru all that we as a snowmobiling club have to contend with each and every year.

President Jim Fisher



Message from the Vice President Tom Warner

As I write this it's 42° in Rome today. Definitely a depressing sight for us snow lovers! I hope everyone got a chance to enjoy the trails while they were open and hopefully they open up soon!!

Thank you to all the volunteer groomer operators for giving us beautiful trails and thank you to all the behind the scene volunteers that work so tirelessly to make this club what it is!!!

Think snow and cold!!

Tom Warner
Vice-President



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Our club roller hit the trails for the first time this season on January 17th.



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Rome Sno-Bandits Club Trip

February 20th – February 23rd, 2020

Rustic Manor Motor Lodge

6343 State Highway 70 East, St. Germain, WI 54558

RESERVATIONS: 1.800.272.9776 or 715.479.9776

Main Lodge Swimming Pool
Complimentary Continental Breakfast
Large Heated Garage for Snowmobile Repairs
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We no longer have rooms being held. If you did not make your reservation and would like to join us, call the Lodge to see if they have rooms available.

If you have any ideas for fun games or activities while on our trip, contact Nikki or Melissa:

Nicole Stritesky
nstritesky@gmail.com

Melissa Rhodes
RomeSnoBanditsSecretary@gmail.com

More information at our
February meeting!

NIGHTLY SPECIALS

Mondays
Broasted Wings 50c each

Tuesdays
Three-Piece Broasted Chicken

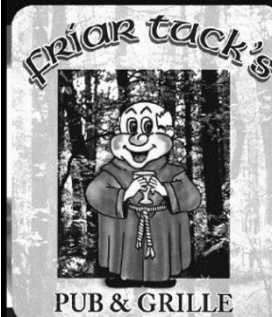
Wednesday Night
BBQ Rib Night

Thursdays Steak Night
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•Stay on the Trail! •If you Don't know - Don't Go.

Trespass to Private and Public Property

It is illegal to operate a snowmobile on a private property without the owner's or lessee's consent. Landowners are not required to post signs on their property.

- The most common violation is cutting corners on trails crossing private property. Always follow the trail markers. Trespassing closes trails, creates hardships for clubs and HURTS EVERYONE.
- It is illegal to operate a snowmobile on forest nursery planting areas or public lands which are posted or reasonably identified as an area of forest plan reproduction.
- It is illegal to operate on a ski area, slide or skating area except at marked locations or after stopping and yielding the right of way.
- It is illegal to operate on or across a cemetery, burial ground, school or church without the consent of the owner. You may not operate a snowmobile on an operating airport or landing facility without consent. You may not operate a snowmobile on Native American lands without the consent of the tribal governing body.

<https://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/le/LE02>



Liability of Landowners


Landowners who allow snowmobile trails to cross their property are not required to keep the premises safe for recreational activities, to inspect the property, or to give warning of an unsafe condition: Be mindful of your actions at all times while riding a snowmobile. Private property owners provide most of the trails you ride on free of charge. Their continued support keeps YOUR trails open!

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*If you are sick or have lost
a loved one, please let us know.
We are all family and we
care about you!*

**Happy Birthday or
Happy Anniversary**
to all our
February Celebrators!




**Do you know anyone who loves
to snowmobile? Maybe they do
not belong to a club. Ask them if
they would like to join our club.**

**Applications are available at club
meetings, on our website and at:**

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Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting January 11th, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am with former President, Gary Gevers, as the chair and seven officers present. President, Jim Fisher and Vice President, Tom Warner were unable to be at the meeting. The board asked Gary Gevers to chair the meeting. There were 31 members in attendance and two guests. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

We had two members that attended a meeting for their first time. The club welcomed Debbie and Jeff Parmeter.

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. 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. Ray Glen seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trail Boss Report

We are missing one thing, the white stuff. There is not much new to report since the last meeting due to not having snow. Everything is ready to go. All we need is the snow.

Social Committee Report

A get-well card was sent out to Larry Halverson. A sympathy card was sent to the Sandfox family. After donuts were purchased, there is a balance of \$105.60 in the kitty.

Activities Report

Melissa reported that the club trip will be February 20th – 23rd at the Rustic Manor Motor Lodge in St. Germain. We have 21 rooms booked by club members at this time. We are no longer holding rooms but if you are interested in going, contact the lodge. Last time we checked; they only had a couple rooms left.

Adams County Report

All trail prep work and signing hours needs to be turned in by January 15th. Our club has this done. Re-routes due to issues with water in the southern part of our area are going to be quite extensive and might not happen at all in some areas. Heavy snow and winds have caused a lot of trail damage. Our trails should be in good shape but if you get out and see something let Larry know right away and we will get it taken care of.

Adams County Snowmobile Alliance will be holding a raffle at the Grand Marsh Pathfinders antique snowmobile show on February 1st. They have asked all clubs to donate a basket and our club will be donating. Jerry Wiessinger made a motion for the value of our basket to be roughly \$50.00. John Steinke seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried. The Alliance will also hold a gun raffle in the near future.

The Adams County Snowmobile Alliance will be donating \$500.00 to Nancy Carlson for the annual MS ride. This is the 35th year Gordy and Nancy have participated in the MS Ride. Kathy Halverson made a motion for our club to donate \$100.00 to Nancy Carlson. Jerry Wiessinger seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AWSC Report

610 miles of new trails have been applied for. Agreements have been written for 134 of those miles. It is a lengthy process getting these trails assigned and written into county contracts.

Trail pass numbers sold through the AWSC office at the end of December is 51,914.

Cathy Steinke is selling American Council of Snowmobile Association raffle calendars. They are \$20.00 each. Our association gets \$5.00 for each calendar we sell. See Cathy if you are interested in buying one. Wisconsin competes with Michigan to see who can sell more calendars. Last year Wisconsin won.

Dead line for Snowmobile Friendly Community applications was Friday January 10th. Our club's application was submitted.

Legislation is still working on the 40' rule. At night, 2-way trails have to be 40' off the road. Issue of new miles requested cannot be approved unless they are legal trails. They are trying to get it reduced. Probably won't change this year.

Due to trail passes, the AWSC has more money than the transfer/usage allows. There is a cap of 2.475 million dollars that the department can use for funding for trails. They are asking to raise that to 5.475 million dollars. There is money in the kitty. They always try to carry a reserve over each year. They want to free up more money to get some of the new trails open. AWSC works on this on our behalf. This has to go through the assembly. All county directors have been asked to contact their local legislature.

SB349 – dispensing of ethanol fuel, now Act64 did pass with some amendments. Pumps have to be labeled and has to be numbered, not just say contains ethanol. Provision that if you buy E15 you have to take at least 4 gallons of it if it is out of a dual use pump.

State wide memberships are at 38,118. We have 1,242 commercial sponsors for a total of 39,370.

AWSC is running a membership prize. If your club increases their membership by 10%, they can be entered in a drawing for \$500.00.

There were three fatalities in the last week. Two were due to going through the ice. Please be careful and try to stay off the lakes. If you do ride the lakes, make sure you follow the marked trails and stay close to the barrels.

Old Business

Our club's Snowmobile Friendly Community application was completed and turned in this past week. It was a joint effort by many club members including Kathy & Larry Halverson, Jerry & Marci Wiessinger, Jim Fisher, Gary Gevers, Cathy Steinke, and Melissa Rhodes. A big thank you to AWSC Vice President, Lori Heideman for helping us with this. We all met at Melissa's house this past week and finalized the application. We will find out in the next couple month if our club is awarded this recognition.

Melissa created a club brochure and it is back from the printers. Visit Rome is going to distribute these at sports shows and to new residents. Gary Gevers added a spot on the side of our trail map boxes and we will be placing the brochures and club application in this spot. This will get our club more exposure.

New Business

Lake Arrowhead has asked our club to operate the hay ride at Snoblast again this year. Last year Lake Arrowhead donated \$300.00 to our club. It was decided we will do this again this year.

Thank you to everyone that showed up to take down the Christmas decorations this past week. Be careful if you go to the groomer shed. The ice is terrible.

June 20th is the date for the 2020 car show. Mark your calendars. We will be needing volunteers. Ms. Snowflake has been invited and she has agreed to attend. The cash prizes for the raffle ticket will be the same again this year. \$500 \$400 \$300 \$200 \$100 \$50 & \$50. Raffle tickets will be ordered soon.

February 5th & 6th is the groomer show in St. Germain. Let Larry know if you are interested in going.

Guest Speakers

We had two guest speakers. Adams County Recreation Officer, Shaun Long and Wisconsin DNR Warden, Wade Romberg spoke on safety and answered questions.

Snowmobile safety class was taught in December with Shaun Long, Gary Gevers, and Jim Fisher at the Grand Marsh Groomer shed. There were eleven kids that attended the class and graduated. More Freakin Power donated brand new helmets to all graduates along with other safety equipment.

40' rule is at night time if there is a trail within 40' of a road, it has to have a headlamp barrier or the trail has to be on both sides of the road riding in the same directions of traffic.

The OWI violations right now are all separate. Snowmobile is separate from ATV and boating OWI's. The legislation is trying to tie all recreational vehicle convictions together.

Trespassing is a big issue. Make sure you stay on marked trails and inside the markers. Stay out of fields. Clubs can lose their trails if this continues to happen. The fine for trespassing is \$232.00. An OWI on a snowmobile is over \$700.

When you are adjacent to a road way on a trail or in the ditch the speed limit of the road apply to snowmobiles.

You must stay 10' off a County or State highway. You can cross bridges but must be on the right side of the road going with traffic.

You must ride on the right side of the road on road routes.

If you see a trail that doesn't look signed right, contact that club.

Be careful on lakes and rivers. Ice conditions are not good at this time. If we get snow on top of the ice it could make things worse. Also be aware of the river draw down that should happen in February. That will affect the ice conditions and can cause ice heaves. When on lakes or rivers, if you're within 100' of a person, vehicle, or ice shack, you must go 10 mph or less.

Make sure and read your regulation books. Gary Gevers has copies if you need one and you can also find it online. https://dnr.wi.gov/files/PDF/pubs/le/LE0201_2016.pdf

Our club really enjoyed our guest speakers. We are hoping to make it a yearly event and are kicking around the idea of having a safety and regulation class for adults.

A motion to adjourn at 10:45 am was made by Jerry Wiessinger and seconded by Kathy Halverson. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Debbie Parmeter. \$70.00 for the club and \$70.00 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Rhodes
Rome Sno-Bandits Secretary