

Rome Sno-Bandits

Club News



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**December's meeting date is this Saturday the 10th,
see you there!!**

From the Prez: We can't thank you enough, everyone that came out to brush trails on our big brushing day and chili dump. We had 55 people show up to brush trails. That is an outstanding show of support! I have had the opportunity to speak with many different clubs in the last year at the state conventions and when I mention the support we get from our club members and they are amazed and a little jealous. They ask me how we do that. My response is that we have the best group of club members anyone could ask for and I thank you all for that. Even when we are working we try and have fun doing it. That brings me to my next big thank you and that is to all that helped with the chili dump. There is a lot of work that goes into the chili dump and everything is always so good. We had almost 100 members in attendance..all I can say is WOW! Nice job!

There are a couple of changes that everyone should be aware of as we head into the riding season. First: Adams County trails will be opening and closing the trails according to trail conditions this year. In order to protect some of the farm fields to our south and to preserve the trails when conditions are deteriorating the County will close sections of the county trail system when conditions warrant it. Before you make a trip to the area call the Adams County trail conditions number at 608-339-4230 or check the County web site. I will also maintain a trail report on our Sno-Bandit web site as I have in the past. This will be more work for Larry and the crew as we will have to place 'Trail Closed' signs and then take them down where the trails enters Adams County on our portion of the trail.

Second: We have placed emergency locator signs at many of the road crossings and some trail intersections. They are a red and white sign with the GPS coordinates and the cross road identification where it is located. Anyone can use these signs when having to call 911 to assist emergency services in locating your position. Please familiarize yourself with them. Third: The trail to the Sherwood area is in and signed. You can now access Cruisers by the Lakes, Friar Tucks and the Sherwood Lodge area via the trail. We are working on additional informational signage to help assist riders to that location. Please share these changes with the people you ride with. The trails are set and ready for snow. Unfortunately the snow event that went through our area this weekend stayed north and we just got a dusting. Keep up the "snow dance" and THINK SNOW!!!

Finally, there is an article on our club history in the December issue of Lake Country Snapshots. You can pick up a free issue of it at Pritzl's and many of the stops on the trail.

Gary

From the Trail Boss: Over 50 workers for trail brushing and cleanup, WHAT A CLUB, that was awesome!! Final touches are being done on the grooming equipment in preparation for the season. The signing has been done, and rechecked. We are ready for snow.

You are going to see a big change in the trail when you get near Country Sports at the north end of our trail system so be alert and be careful. The new trail from the Arrowhead area to Sherwood Lodge, Friar Tucks, and Cruisers by the Lakes is prepared for the season. Also new this year will be the closing and opening of the trails depending on snow conditions. Keep up to date by checking our web site or calling Adams County Park and Recreation office at 608-339-4230 or checking their web site. Do not get caught on closed trails as it is considered trespassing and the ticket could be very expensive. Again I would like to thank all those that have volunteered their time and equipment so far this year to make our trails as good as we possibly can make them.

Larry

Membership renewal forms are now late. The deadline was November 30th. Please return them promptly!! If your name is not on the following list, we have not received your renewal. If you have recently sent it in, it still may be at the Post Office. Remember, we have just started our new 2011/2012 season.

Renewals have been received from: Ozz & Peg Ausloos, Kevin & Theresa Ballweg, Kevin Bennett, George & Vanessa Britts, Jeremy & Kaja Brockman, Mike & Maribeth Brown, Tom & Sue Deckow, Dale & Carol DeSloover, Deanna Dhein, Paul & Brenda Dreher, Jim & Marilynn Dudovick, Ron & Ann Dutcher, Rod & Patti Ebbe, Joe & Cyndi Eberlin, Bruce & Sheila Forsberg, Shawn Freeland, Shad & Mary Gevers, Ray & Jeanette Glen, Dave & Linda Greenway, Lennie & Robyn Greenland, Doug & Ruth Greenlee, Charles & Carol Haasl, Larry & Kathy Halverson, Dennis & Laurie Hanser, Carl & Donna Hasdal, Tim & Lauri Heffron, Carson & Candy Heinecke, Mark Hoffman, Yvonne Hoffman, Jeff & Wendy Hoffmann, Jerry & Sherry Janiszewski, Bob & Tory Johnson, Richard & Kathleen Kertis, Dennis & Maria Klasinski, John & Karen Kolinski, Tom & Joan Koren, Mike & Ann Kraemer, Paul & Heidi Krause, Peter & Kelly Krause, Jake & Marion Lovinus, Mark & Marge Lubecke, Leo & Kelly Maney, Todd & Mary Jo Mantes, Greg & Cherylanne Marx, Bill Matthews, Bobbi Mihalko/Joe Deering, Wayne & Jean Mikrut, Philip & Jo Morehead, Scott & Kathy Murphy, Scott & Mary Nelson, Paul & Maryann Neuman, Don & Alicia Nowack, Ed & Judy Olson, Bob & Liz Oriole, Roland & Karen Pauwels, Randy & Wendy Podolsky, Rick & Janet Price, Phil & Nancy Schaecher, Frank & Marlene Soborowicz, Randy & Angela Spanroff, Wayne & Sally Spletter, Jerry & Thelma Strasser, Bob & Bev Sweet, Joe & Cindy VanderMeer, Marty & Kathy Verdev, Mike & Faye Voight, Tom & Cathy Warner, Tom Warner, Jay & Peg Weidman, and Jerry & Marci Wiessinger. Thank you for sending your club renewal in!!

We also welcome back secondary members Jeff & Jan Chase, Don & Lynette MacLagan, Shane Price and Tom & Barb Wipperfurth. Thanks for supporting our club!!!

We would like to welcome new club members: Kevin & Theresa Ballweg, Black Earth, WI., Mark & Colleen Kane, Arkdale, WI., Bill & Connie Noltemeyer, Aurora, IL., Chase Parr, UW Platteville and Rome, WI., Rich & Jodi Pergande, Fond du Lac, WI., Mike & Cristy Rhodes, Machesney Park, IL., Mike & Vicki Sharpee, Rio, WI., and John & Cathy Steinke, Rome, WI.

Thanks for joining the Sno-Bandits!!

We welcome new youth members, who passed their snowmobile safety class this fall: Devon Addis, Emma and Tanna Dorshorst, Ashley Engel, Damien Joslin, Katelin Kerkman, Devyn Koch, MaClay Marzofka, Devin and Dylon Reitz, Matthew Rich, Darian and Hannah Smith, Kailye Warczytowa, and Tyler Winters. Congratulations and enjoy the trails!! As a club, the Sno-Bandits give a one year membership in the club. These students receive a one year subscription to Wisconsin Snowmobile News magazine.

Things going on in our area.....

- * **Mondays** from 5-7:30, **BINGO** at Trails End. Win money, lots of fun!
- * **Karaoke** every Friday at Camelot on the Lake
- * Camelot on the Lake meat raffle, second Saturday of the month 2pm
- * Several weekly drawings, check with your bartenders!
- * Trails End meat raffle, every Sunday at 3pm
- * Camelot on the Lake new web site: camelotonthelake.com
- * Many New Year's Eve parties in Rome
- * The Rome Idol singing contest begins in January. Camelot on the Lake Jan. 6th, Trails End Jan. 14th, Lake Arrowhead Jan 21st, Sherwood Lodge Jan. 28th, Romano's Feb. 3rd, the Lure Feb. 18th, Cruisers by the Lakes Feb. 25th.
- * The Rome Sno-Bandit poker run starts January 1st and continues until February 4th.
- * SnoBlast/Winterfest, Lake Arrowhead, February 11th/13th

Club Meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month.

Next Regular Meetings:

December 10th @ 9:00 AM

January 14th @ 9:00 AM

February 11th @ 9:00 AM

Club meetings are held at Trail's End Bar and Grill, official home of the Rome Sno-Bandits!

Do you have something for sale?? Or are you looking for a particular item that maybe another club member may have? It doesn't have to be snowmobile related. We can advertise for you. Just email Kathy at k4thy@wctc.net with all the info and it will be in next month's newsletter.

For Sale: 2000 Ski Doo Grand Touring 2-up 600cc, 6600 miles, reverse.
Maintained by Donahue Super Sports, asking \$2300. Call Ken at 715-451-0021

SAME OLE STUFF EACH MONTH:

Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary to all of you December celebrators! Best wishes to you! If you are sick, or have lost a loved one, please let us know because we are all family, and we care about you!

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 meeting and at Trails End, near

the entryway. Being part of a club is the right thing to do.

Read all about our club at www.romesnobandits.com. If you would like to see anything else on the site, email Chris or Gary at SnoBanditGary@solarus.net.

Another important and informational web site is www.awsc.org. This is the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs, the parent of all of the individual snowmobile clubs in Wisconsin. Their new and improved site is really nice. You can click on their map and find where different clubs are. It will also get you to another club's website.

CLOTHING AVAILABLE:

'LET'S RIDE' SNO-BANDIT TEE SHIRTS

Adult Tees and Youth Tees will be \$6.50 s-xl and \$8.75 xxl-xxxl

Fleece is also available

We are also going to bring in a few Embroidered Tees with our regular Sno-Bandit logo, as some have requested them...They will be \$7.50 s-xl and \$10.00 xxl-xxxl

We encourage you to give us your e-mail address, so you can receive the club newsletter and any last-minute reminders and events on line! You must have either Microsoft Word or be able to open a PDF file to receive Newsletters. Please forward your e-mail address to Kathy at k4thy@wctc.net or Sno-Bandits PO Box 43 Nekoosa WI 54457

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Please stop and visit our **club's AWSC sponsors** as you are out riding (or just driving) around. These businesses are the ones whose info gets printed in the Wisconsin Snowmobile News magazine. Take the time to thank them for being a snowmobile club sponsor. These businesses are:

Camelot on the Lake

Holden's Hideaway

The Lure Bar and Grill

Evenson's Marine

Lake Arrowhead Golf Club

Pritzl's Trading Post

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm, with the President in the chair, three officers and three directors present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. There were a total of 73 club members in attendance. Gary welcomed new members Rich and Jodi Pergande of Fond du Lac and Richmond Way in Rome, and Bill and Connie Noltemeyer of Aurora, IL and Juniper Trail in Rome, and returning members Mark and Colleen Kane of Arkdale.

We drew the first and second door prizes of the day, Bev Sweet and Marilyn Dudovick.

Secretary's Report

Kathy read the minutes from the October meeting. A motion to accept was made by Jerry Wiessinger and seconded by Vanessa Britts. All in favor, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

George reported on balances in checking and savings.

Trail Boss Report

Larry thanked the 55 people who showed up to do the trail brushing. That is the most people we have ever had!! He also thanked the 16 club members who helped with the horrendous job of cleaning up the Saratoga trail going north to Country Sports. They removed 6 truck or trailer loads to the dump.

The trap shooters land owners have signed an easement for us to go through their land. Logging will be done along the trail between Akron Dr. and Akron Ave.

If you see something wrong along the trail, please let us know and we will take care of the problem.

He also reported that the gate before Country Sports will not be opened until January 9th as of right now. We are trying to work around that.

The new trail from Lake Arrowhead to Cruisers, Friar Tucks and Sherwood Lodge is now complete and will be open this season. It will continue north on 13th after the Arrowhead clubhouse. It will then follow Apache Ave. and cut through on the north side of Rome Realty's property and follow Hwy 13 to the Nekoosa Port Edwards Bank. You will then cross Hwy 13 at West Queens Way.

Adams County Snowmobile Association is still trying to figure out how to close trails due to poor conditions. There will be a meeting in December that Gary and Larry will attend to find out more information.

Social Committee

Bev reported that she had sent out a sympathy card to Chuck Kolstad who lost his wife Jean, a long-time member had died. Our sympathies go out to Chuck and his family.

After buying donuts, there is a balance of \$187.12 in the fund.

Activity Report

* Our annual club trip will be February 16th to the 19th in Phillips. All of the rooms at The Timber Inn have been reserved. There is a waiting list, so you can still call to be put on that list. Their phone number is 715-339-3071. Todd reported that the Super 8 in Phillips has 5-6 rooms left also.

* All of the apparel that is left is for sale at the chili dump. Next season we will have something new, maybe a jacket. Watch the newsletter for more details.

* The upcoming poker run, to be held Jan 1-Feb 3, will need about 24 members to run it. A signup sheet will be at the December and January meetings. Watch the newsletter for more info. We will have many door prizes plus multiple 50/50's on Feb 3rd.

Adams County Report (ACSA)

* Ed attended the November county meeting.

* Part of the trail in the Grand Marsh area has been closed by a new owner.

* The 2012 County dance date will be March 10th at the Cedar Shack. Raffle tickets are available. The club gets

50% of the sales back.

* Adams County hosts an Angel Tree program, which gets gifts for those less fortunate. 469 kids got gifts last year. A motion from Alicia Nowack to give \$100 to that program, it was seconded by Bev Sweet. All in favor.

* Gary explained how our club gets paid by the State and the County. We get a flat (one time) \$250 for each mile of the funded trails. We have 21 miles of funded trails and 14 miles of unfunded. After administrative fees,

we receive \$231 for each mile. We do not get paid for the return trip, only one way. The snowmobile clubs have not gotten an increase in this rate in over 10 years, in spite of the increase of everything related to snowmobiling. Snowmobiling in Wisconsin is the only recreational sport that does not use taxpayer money. It is strictly funded through snowmobile registration monies. The AWSC gets the gasoline tax on 50 gallons of gas per registered snowmobile. We know that we put much more than 50 gallons of gas in our sleds!! Everything else a club does is funded by the dues that each club family pays for membership. THAT is why we have fund raisers!! The CAP step program that the AWSC wants and is trying to pass, would allow the AWSC to handle and process all snowmobile registrations. This process has been in the works for multiple years, but has not passed yet. They will try to introduce it in Madison again. There are over 240,000 snowmobiles registered in WI, but only about 20,000 are members of clubs. This CAP program would have two steps: those sleds whose owners are members of a snowmobile club will not notice any change in your registration. Those sleds whose owners do not belong to a club will see an increase in the registration fee, about \$20 higher, you will have a choice, if you belong to a club, your registration fee is less than those who do not belong to a club. The one-time \$250 per mile payment usually does not cover any grooming after January 1st. This is where our fund raising dollars let us continue to groom our trails throughout the season. The supplemental money, which we do not receive until well after the season ends, amounts to about \$55 per hour to groom the trails with the groomer. We actually only receive about 50% of this money. That is why this CAP program is SO important.

- * The official trail opening date is Monday, December 12th.

Old Business

- * Gary is still working on our club history book. He is putting photo albums together. He brought them to the chili dump for all to look at.
- * Sally Spletter brought her Mia Bella candles to sell at the chili dump. She donated \$62 to the club from the sale of the candles.
- * Our club snowmobile safety class had 16 students. Our club gives each kid a one year membership to the club upon completion of the class. Congratulations!!
- * Bob Sweet asked about the new snowmobile bridges in Adams County. They are located in Moundview (Friendship) and Oxford.

New Business

- * Don MacLagan brought raffle tickets for the Monroe Center Winter Pals Fisheree. The cost is \$10 per ticket. Only 350 will be sold. Prizes are money.
- * Gary reported on the AWSC fall workshop.
- * Alicia Nowack made a motion to donate \$100 to the Angel Tree Program in Adams/Friendship. It was seconded by Bev Sweet. All in favor, motion carries.
- * Christmas decorations for the corner at the town hall will be put up on either November 26th or 27th, watch for emails.
- * E15 gasoline is bad for our sleds. Pritzi's will be putting in a gas pump for ethanol free gas.

A motion to adjourn at 2:25 PM was made by Jerry Wiessinger and seconded by Vanessa Britts.

The 50/50 winner was Randy Spanroff who went home with \$140. Sorry Randy, I had to put it in the newsletter. I hope he took Angie out for dinner!! There were many door prize winners.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Halverson
Secretary