

Rome Sno-Bandits

Club News



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NEW MEETING PLACE: IN THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER/MARCH WE WILL BE MEETING AT THE ROME TOWN HALL. WE JUST DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH SPACE FOR THE NUMBER OF MEMBERS WHO WANT TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS. WE WILL STILL HAVE DONUTS AND COFFEE. DON'T GO TO TRAILS END FOR THE MEETING!!

From the Prez: As you can see by the notice at the top of the newsletter, we have moved the Sno-Bandit monthly meeting location to the Town Hall this month. The board met recently to discuss the overcrowding situation we experience at some of our meetings. We are blessed with the fact that we have very involved club members and it is great seeing everyone at these meetings. Our club has grown a great deal in the last several years. The board was aware of the overcrowding last year and looked for a resolution to solve the problem then. The last thing we want to do is keep members away from meetings because there is not enough room to participate. We have involved Trails End in our discussions both last year and presently. They understand we are trying to do the best thing for the club. Trails End will always remain the "Home" of the Rome Sno-Bandits. We will still hold some of our meetings there as well. Based on attendance records, the Dec-March meetings are the most attended and that is when we see the overcrowding. So for this year we will hold those meetings at the Town Hall and see how it goes. We will have coffee and the donuts set up as always. The remaining meetings throughout the year will be held at Trails End as we always have. We will do our best to communicate the information on meeting locations.

At the board meeting we also approved the 2011 financial report. We will cover the remaining board meeting minutes at the January meeting on the 14th.

The weatherman has not been our friend so far this year. Most of us

Nowack, Craig & Mariann Noyes, Steve & Maureen Olker, Ed & Judy Olson, Bob & Liz Oriole, Roland & Karen Pauwels, Randy & Wendy Podolsky, Rick & Janet Price, Randy & Karen Richter, Hank & Gayle Sandfox, Will & Ruth Sandfox, Phil & Nancy Schaecher, Todd & Angela Sietmann, Frank & Marlene Soborowicz, Randy & Angela Spanroff, Wayne & Sally Spletter, Jerry & Thelma Strasser, Bob & Bev Sweet, George & Laura Treul, Joe & Cindy VanderMeer, Marty & Kathy Verdev, Mike & Faye Voight, Tom & Bev Walther, Tom & Cathy Warner, Tom Warner, Jay & Peg Weidman, Kevin & Jennifer Wickwire 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: Duane & Jill Geyer of Mt Pleasant, WI and Rome, Mark & Dawn Kalata of Rome, Victor & Barb Tomczak of Arkdale, and Rodney Tubbs of Nekoosa. Thanks for joining the Sno-Bandits!!

We welcome new youth members, who passed their snowmobile safety class this fall: Alison Schwaegler. 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!
- * Tuesdays BINGO at Sherwood Lodge
- * **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
- * The Rome Idol singing contest begins in January. 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:

January 14th @ 9:00 AM at the Rome Town Hall

February 11th @ 9:00 AM at the Rome Town Hall

March 10th @ 9 AM at the Rome Town Hall

Club meetings in April, May, June, September and October 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.

SAME OLE STUFF EACH MONTH:

Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary to all of you January 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

Lake Arrowhead Golf Club

Cruisers by the Lakes

Evenson's Marine

The Lure Bar and Grill

Trails End Bar and Grill

Pritzl's Trading Post

Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandit Meeting December 10, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am, with the President in the chair, three officers and three directors present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. There were a total of 40 club members in attendance. Gary welcomed Bev Sweet back after her surgery.

Secretary's Report

Kathy read the minutes from the November meeting. A motion to accept was made by Wayne Spletter and seconded by Don Nowack. All in favor, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

George reported the balance in our checking and savings account. A motion to accept was made by Jim Fisher and seconded by Jerry Wiessinger. All in favor, motion carries. We had some new informational signs made.

Trail Boss Report

Larry told about the change in the trail to Country Sports. The trail does not go as far as the gate, but instead turns right about 400 yards before the gate. The trail goes through woods and then will come out where Frank's Automotive is, follow the road north past two houses and arrive at Country Sports. The gate will be locked and it will not be possible to go through it. We had 12 volunteers who showed up to clear the trail and they were done in 1 ½ hours.

The repairs on all of our equipment are done and ready to go. Pray for snow!!
The informational signs need to be put in today before the ground freezes.

Social Committee

Bev wished all members a very Merry Christmas.

After buying donuts, there is a balance of \$177.64 in the fund.

George asked that a card be sent to Don MacLagan who was hospitalized with pneumonia.

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.

* The upcoming poker run, to be held Jan 1-Feb 4th, 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 4th. 300 poker run cards have been printed. One new stop is the R-Bar in Plainfield, who's owners live on Lake Camelot.

* Todd reported they had new hats available.

Adams County Report (ACSA)

* Ed attended the December county meeting.

* He reported that road routes will be open on Dec 12th, but not the state funded trails.

* 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.

* When our trails will be closed, we have signs to put at the start of our trails to let riders know the trails are closed.

* Supplemental payments will be coming soon.

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.
- * The Rapids Tribune published our club history, and it is also in the Country Snapshots Winter article.

New Business

- * The orange trail signs are being phased out. The new yellow with black lettering signs will be replacing them.
- * **Larry reported on the new trail closing rules for Adams County. The County Snowmobile Assoc. decided that all county trails will be closed at the same time. So if there is good snow here in Rome but not down near the Dells, the County trails will still close. We totally disagree with this procedure, as do most establishments who cater to the snowmobilers. You will be ticketed if riding on the trails when they are closed.**
- * The Adams County trail condition website does not give up-to-date information. Our club will keep the trail conditions on our website, and they will be updated when conditions change.
- * Larry said that our car show raffle tickets will be available at the Poker Run.
- * Fish made a motion that the Sno-Bandits do road clean-up along Alpine Dr. The motion was seconded by Paul Dreher. All in favor, motion carries. Jim will do the follow-up on this.

A motion to adjourn at 10:07 PM was made by Jerry Janiszewski and seconded by Don Nowack.

The door prize winner was Gary Gevers.

The 50/50 winner was Sherry Janiszewski, who got \$72.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Halverson
Secretary