

Rome Sno-Bandits Club News



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Message from the Trail Boss – Larry Halverson



Larry & Kathy are on vacation enjoying themselves in the nice warm sun in Mexico along with some other fine Camelot folks.

There really is little to report on since we have not received any real amount of snow here in the area. It's not over yet ... We do have the month of March for riding if Mother Nature decides to bless us with a nice big Snowstorm ☺

*Chris Gevers for
Larry Halverson*



Upcoming EVENTS

March 10th
Monthly club meeting
Rome Town Hall 9:00 am

April 14th
Monthly club meeting
Rome Town Hall 9:00 am

May 12th
Monthly club meeting
Rome Town Hall 9:00 am

June 9th
Monthly club meeting
Rome Town Hall 9:00 am

June 16th
Rome Sno-Bandits
Car Show 9 - 3

August 11th
club picnic at Trails End
(15th & Alpine Dr).

Happy Birthday or Happy Anniversary to all our March celebrators!

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 meetings and at:

*Camelot on the Lake
Country Sports
Evensons Marine
Friar Tucks
Sherwood Lodge
Trails End
The Dirty Oar
The Lure*

Donahue Super Sports

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 RomeSnoBandits@gmail.com

Next Meeting- Saturday, March 10th Rome Town Hall 9:00 am

Club meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of the month September – June at the **Rome Town Hall** at 9:00 am.

Note: there are NO MEETINGS in July or August

Things going on in our area ...

To find out what is going on in our area go to the Rome Sno-Bandit website:

<http://www.romesnobandits.com/>

and check out our **Supporters** page where we have "**hot links**" to our Supporters web pages or Facebook pages to find out what is going on around town.

All you have to do is click on the logo and you will be sent to their page.

A Message from the President-

Our **2018 Club Trip** was a huge success. Big thanks go out to Mike & Cristy Rhodes and Greg Enzenroth & Suzanne Kostreva for all the work they did in putting it together. There were almost 60 of us that converged on the Hayward area. Everyone had a great time and we all came home safe. The social on Saturday night was so much fun and a ton of laughs. We are planning to go back to the Hayward area again next year so mark your calendar for Super Bowl Weekend.

It looks like our area here in central Wisconsin is getting ripped off again this year for snowfall. We got one decent snow and the groomers were out panning the trails in preparation for some additional snow. Unfortunately we never got the additional snow. However, I see the ditches and lakes had plenty of snowmobile tracks on them. It is *very frustrating* for not only the snowmobilers that want to get out and ride but also all of us that spend so much time preparing and signing the trails each year. We can only hope that Mother Nature will be kinder to us next year. We will always be ready for that blanket of white when it does arrive.

I announced at the February Board Meeting and at the Club Meeting that I will be stepping down as President with the upcoming elections in April. I have been on the board for **11 years** and as your President for the last **8 years**. It is time to let someone else drive the boat so to speak.

We have accomplished so much together during this time. The club is in great shape right now. We have newer grooming equipment and a nice Groomer Shed to store everything in. The best part is that we are completely debt free and have a nice balance in our bank account. The club has grown to over 250 memberships and is going strong. I feel comfortable turning over the keys to the boat at this time. This is a great opportunity for the next person to lead the club. I will work with whomever takes over to make sure it is a smooth transition. I am not running away. I will still be active and helping out in many areas.

We have **elections coming up in April for these club officers**. We will be taking nominations for President, Treasurer, and one Director at the March and April meetings with elections being held at the April meeting. These important offices are available for young, old, new members, old members, and business members, female and male. This is your opportunity to volunteer some time to our club. This is a great club, please volunteer your time.

Gary Gevers, President

I am sad to report that we have lost a Club Member this week. Kevin Annonson passed peacefully in his sleep this week. Many of you met Kevin as he was on several of our club trips. Our condolences go out to Kevin's family.

CLOTHING AVAILABLE - Sno-Bandit apparel available at the meetings...

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 Chris cag1954@wctc.net or Rome Sno-Bandits PO Box 43 Nekoosa WI 54457

Club Officers and how to contact them:

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Secretary - Chris Gevers	715-325-6711	cag1954@wctc.net	
Trail Boss - Larry Halverson	715-325-6833	l4rry@wctc.net	
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Sunshine Club – Bev Sweet 715-325-6549

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	The Lure Bar and Grill	Lake Sherwood Lodge
Donahue Super Sports	Pritzl's Trading Post	Ponderosa Pine
Evenson's Marine	Trails Bar & Grill	
County Sports	Lake Arrowhead	

Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandit Meeting January 13, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:03 am with President Gary Gevers as the Chair and 5 other board members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. There were 25 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report

There were no corrections to the Secretary report. A motion was made by Jerry Wiessinger to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Suzanne Kostreva seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Cathy Steinke reported the checking & savings account balances. Suzanne Kostreva made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Kathy Halverson seconded. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trail Boss's Report

Not much to report – **NO SNOW !!** Whoever is in charge of the "Snow Dance" isn't doing a very good job ! The groomers were out panning once in hopes of the trails opening with some additional snow fall.

Social Committee

Bev was absent. Several cards had been sent out.

Activity Report

ROME SNO-bandits club trip – February 1st – 4th Hayward

We had 50 + people on the club trip this year. Great time ! We got a surprise visit from Miss Snowflake **Lynsey Burzinski**.

Everyone came home safe & sound. Thanks to Mike & Cristy and Suzanne & Greg for a great job on the planning.

Adams County Report

Adams County Snowmobile Association

Feb 2, 2018 - Jerry W.

Adams county Snowmobile Alliance Report

Darren Tolley reported that he has been working getting the groomer equipment information updated in SNARS. He will be inspecting the groomers of some clubs to get the needed information.

Shawn Long reported that he issued 4 citations in January despite there was no snow, 2 for no registration, 1 for trespassing, and 1 for illegal operation.

Bill Hicks discussed some of the proposed changes from AWSC such as requiring clubs to have a minimum of ten members to be a recognized club. Will it apply to new clubs only?

A motion was approved to reimburse Bill Hicks \$140 for his VIP Ride expenses.

Nancy Carlson reported that there were 157 participants in the **MS ride** at Carter WI. Not all were on sleds, as many participated by bus. They raised about \$250,000. Two riders had almost \$20,000 each.

Nominations for the officers will be at the March meeting.

There was discussion about a fundraiser for the Alliance. One suggestion was for a raffle during the summer with the drawing at hospitality room at the Fall Workshop.

Old Business

We sent out Pritzls gift cards to the land owners.

New Business

- Shout out to More Freakin Power - OPEN on weekends Grand Marsh – online – nice people Gave us stickers & discount cards towards merchandise.

- We had a Board meeting prior to the club meeting today – see notes

Blue Ribbon Coalition – Kathy Halverson made a motion to donate \$100 to Blue Coalition, Suzanne Kostreva seconded. Motion carries.

- Gary announced he would be stepping down as President with the upcoming elections in April.

A motion to adjourn was made at 9:43 by Kathy Halverson. Ray Glen seconded. All were in favor. Motion passed. Kathy Murphy won the 50/50 She won \$57. Club gets \$58.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Gevers