

Rome Sno-Bandits

Club News



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November's meeting date is this Saturday the 12th, see you there!! Don't forget that this is the trail brushing day followed by our world famous chili dump!!

From the Prez: As I sit here on the first of November, I wonder what happened to the fall. September and October just whirled right by. We still have a lot of things to get ready for the upcoming snowmobile season. As I mentioned in the last newsletter we had found piles of garbage, appliances and chunks of concrete on the trail. I would like to thank the group of 15+ people that came out on Wednesday October 19th and helped clean up the garbage from the trail. I also thank Lenny Greenland for the use of his tractor and Don MacLagan for the use of his dump truck for the cleanup. The group made short order of a large task. We removed 4 trailer loads of garbage and 2 truckloads of concrete from the trail.

The next big date is the Brushing and Chili Dump on November 12th. We look forward to as large of a turnout as we had last year. We would be happy to have any of the youth of our club come and join us for the brushing day. They are the future of our club. We would also like to see the youth of our club at the Chili Dump.

We would like to get the youth of our club more involved in our activities. We would like to hear from them as to what they would like to see our club do. To our Youth Members: Feel free to let any of our officers know what activities you would like to see or how you think you can help our club. All of our contact information is on our website.

I hope everyone had a chance to get their Skidoo Promo cards. If you have not already handed your cards in, bring them to the Chili Dump and we will take them down to the dealers on the following Monday.

Is your snowmobile ready to go? Don't wait until the snow flies to see if your sled will start and run. The dealers will tell you that as soon as the first snow flies they get swamped with repair work. If you wait until then your sled might be sitting for a while waiting to get repaired. Dig out your owner's manual and see what all needs to be done before you take off on that first ride.

Gary

From the Trail Boss: It is still over a month until the trails open on December 12th but it's cooling down and the weather forecast is for measureable snow. That means that the snowmobiling season will be upon us soon. We have been working on our trails and grooming equipment to get ready for the upcoming season. Saturday November 12th is our yearly trail brushing day.

We can use all the help we can get on that day. Please meet us at Trails End at 8 A.M. and we will proceed from there.

If this is your first time to be involved with the brushing project and have questions, feel free to give me a call. This day will not be all work and no play as we will get together at the Rome town hall after brushing for our famous chili dump and some refreshments. Hope to see all of you on Saturday. Larry

Membership renewal forms will be mailed to your home in the next couple of weeks. Please return them promptly!!

Let's Kick Off the season right with our annual Chili Dump



And Trail Brush Clearing Day !

Mark your Calendar for **NOVEMBER 12th**

The Club could use *YOUR* help for a few hours in the morning. Let's meet at **Trails End** at **7:30 am** (if you want to eat breakfast), or at **8:00 am** and we will break up into small teams to ride and walk sections of your trails, clearing out debris, sticks, etc. so that the groomers and the sleds will have a **CLEAN** and **SAFE** trail to ride!

Followed by the "**CHILI DUMP**"

Rome Town Hall - 1156 Alpine Drive 1:00 - 3:00 pm ??

The November Club meeting will take place at the Chili Dump.

We will have **Sno-Bandit** apparel to sell, 50/50 raffles, beverages and other surprises!

So, please makeup a small batch (1-2 quarts) of your Favorite Chili Recipe to add to the dump.

Chris and Mary Jo will be at **Trails End** at **8:00 am** if you want to drop off

your Chili early ... or at the **Town Hall** starting at **11 am**.
We could use some help with set up and in the kitchen – contact Chris or Mary Jo.

If you want to bring a dessert or a dish to pass we will not turn you down.
Last year was a lot of fun and a great success.

Any questions, email Gary or Chris at SnoBanditGary@solarus.net
or call us at 715-325-6711

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE AND **BRING A FRIEND** TO JOIN OUR FUN CLUB!

www.romesnobandits.com

We would like to welcome new club member Chase Parr, Town of Rome. Thanks for joining the Sno-Bandits!!

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
- * **Karaoke** every Thursday at Cruisers by the Lakes
- * 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 pot luck Packer party, Nov 20th and Dec 4th
- * Camelot on the Lake new web site: camelotonthelake.com
- * Christmas in Rome Saturday, December 3rd. Events at Lake Arrowhead and at the Rome Town Hall. Santa comes at 6pm, come visit with him, have cookies and lots of fun!!

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

Next Regular Meetings:

November 12th @ 1:00 PM - Our annual trail brushing and chili dump

December 10th @ 9:00 AM

January 14th @ 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 November 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 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	Evenson's Marine
Holden's Hideaway	Lake Arrowhead Golf Club
The Lure Bar and Grill	Pritzl's Trading Post
Cruisers by the Lakes	Trails End Bar and Grill
Sherwood Lodge	

Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandit Meeting October 8, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 AM, with the President in the chair, two officers and two directors present. The Pledge of Allegiance was said. There were a total of 30 club members in attendance.

Secretary's Report

Kathy read the minutes from the September meeting. A motion to accept was made by ?? and seconded by ?. All in favor, motion carries.

Treasurer's Report

Gary reported for George. Our tractor payment was made last week. We should be getting supplemental money from last season. A motion to accept was made by Wayne Spletter and seconded by Jim Fisher. All in favor, motion carries.

Trail Boss Report

Larry reported that there was snow in September in Canada, so winter looks encouraging!!

There is rust on the fenders of the tractor, so we will be working on that.

We will be doing mowing along the trails soon. The Saratoga trails need lots of work.

We will be selling our Kertis drag. We will put it on line.

The garbage along the trails is unbelievable. There are huge piles of household stuff dumped along the trail going up to Country Sports.....couches, recliners, mattresses, kids play equipment, tires, a truck bed liner, a refrigerator and .4 miles of chunks of concrete.

As club members, if you see someone who looks suspicious driving on our trails or on the fire lanes, please call the police and report them. It is really getting out of hand. We end up getting rid of all of this trash at our town transfer site, which is not fair to the Town of Rome.

Please let Larry know if you have been out on our trails and what work you did and for how long.

We are still working on getting the new trail to Cruisers, Friar Tucks and Sherwood Lodge. We are working on the details right now.

We will be sending an easement agreement to the Trap Shooters Association who purchased the land between Akron Dr. and Akron Ave. They say that they will not stop us from using that part of the trail. Plum Creek is selling off a lot of their land in the Rome vicinity. If you hear of any land that has been purchased along our trails, please let us know as soon as possible. We sure would not want to reroute our trail because of this. The planned golf course around 15th and Badger is not yet affecting our trail there.

Social Committee

Bev reported that she had sent out a get well card to Hank Sandfox who has been in the hospital for a long time. 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. The Timber Inn has 19 rooms for our club at a rate of \$48 per night. Their phone number is 715-339-3071. If that motel is filled, we need to find another motel to use.

Adams County Report (ACSA)

- * Ed attended the 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.
- * The tentative trail opening date is Monday, December 12th.

Old Business

* Gary is still working on our club history book. We have received all sorts of old club information from former club member Bob Carlson. Gary shared this with Yvonne Hoffman, who said 'I did not remember how much partying we did'!!

New Business

- * Our snowmobile safety class will be held on Oct 29/30 at the town hall.
- * Club renewals will be sent out soon.
- * We will need to repaint the big sleigh this fall.
- * Kathy asked the club for more money for our Christmas decorations at the corner of Alpine and Hwy 13. Fish made a motion to set aside \$150 for any new decorations we will need. Yvonne Hoffman seconded. All in favor
- * Our annual trail brushing day followed by the Town Famous chili dump will be on November 12th. Meet at Trails for breakfast at 7:30 am and leave to do the brushing. Groups will be assigned that morning. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass for the chili dump at 1 pm.
- * Bring a friend along to help.....if they use our trails, they should help!!!!
- * You can drop off the chili at Trails before 9 am or at the town hall after 11 am (please do not bring frozen chili. If you could, please bring it warm/hot, as we will be mixing it all together in the Nescos).
- * We will have club apparel for sale also.
- * Fish suggested that our mascot the raccoon should come to the chili dump.
- * Kathy reminded everyone of things happening in Rome today. The fire department is having an open house today. Also, the Room to Roam Dog Park is having its 5th anniversary party. Bring your dog, or not, and have lunch at the park. Hot Barkers (dogs), chips and soda will be available to buy. At 2pm, the Adams County K-9 will put on a demonstration.

A motion to adjourn at 9:42 AM was made by Don Nowack and seconded by Bob Sweet.

The 50/50 winner was **no one** as Kathy had forgot to bring the raffle tickets.....she's getting old!!
The door prize winner was Larry Halverson.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Halverson
Secretary