

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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NOTICE FROM THE BOARD

Due to restrictions placed by Wisconsin Governor, Tony Evers, the board has canceled our April 11th, 2020 meeting. Elections for President, Treasurer, and one Director will be held on May 9th, 2020 at 9:00 am at the Rome Town Hall during our club meeting. Nominations for these positions will remain open until our May 9th, 2020 meeting.

AWSC Spring Convention

The AWSC Spring Convention has been rescheduled for May 29th - 31st, 2020. The location will remain the same: Madison Marriott West Hotel & Conference Center, Middleton, WI.

Our club will receive the AWSC Snowmobile Friendly Community Award on Saturday morning, May 30th following the annual meeting. You must be registered to attend. If you were signed up for the March convention and are no longer able to attend due to the date change, or would like to attend and are not registered, please contact Cathy Steinke no later than May 10th.

Link for convention details:

<https://www.awsc.org/About-Us/2020-Spring-Convention>

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2nd, 2020 Canceled
Adams County Snowmobile Association Meeting

April 11th, 2020 Canceled
Club Meeting & Elections

May 7th, 2020
Adams County Snowmobile Association Meeting - 7:00 pm
Connell's Cedar Shack Adams

May 9th, 2020
Club Meeting & Elections
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall
Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup
Following Meeting

May 29th – 31st, 2020
AWSC Spring Convention
Middleton, WI

June 13th, 2020
Club Meeting - 9:00 am
Rome Town Hall (**Board Room**)

June 20th, 2020
Rome Classic Car, Bike &
Snowmobile Show
9:00 am–3:00 pm
Alpine Village Town Center

August 8th, 2020
Club Picnic – Time &
Location To Be Announced

September 12th, 2020
Club Meeting - 9:00 am
Safety Class – 10:00 am
Rome Town Hall

October 10th, 2020
Club Meeting & Road Pickup
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall
Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup
Following Meeting

November 14th, 2020
Trail Brushing, Chili Dump &
Monthly Club Meeting
8:00 am - Groomer Shed
12:00 Noon - Rome Town Hall



Message from the Vice President Tom Warner

I hope this finds everyone healthy and happy during this crazy time. As I'm sure everyone knows the April meeting has been canceled. The meeting in May is still on and we hope to see lots of members there. We are still in need of volunteers for the car show and with us being in our "safer at home" situation now it will be nice to get outside when it ends!

Don't forget to help out our sponsors as they are on modified hours and ability to do business!!

Tom Warner
Vice President



Message from the President Jim Fisher

To All,

As I write this message, I hope and pray that all of the members, family and friends are still in good health and not caught up in the clutches of this present challenge to our health. If you are in self quarantine, please do as you are instructed.

As you might have already guessed or heard, the stay at home policy has been lengthened until the end of April. We will not be having a club meeting this month. We have tentatively set it for the 2nd Saturday in May. We will have elections for new club officers and a director. Nomination will be held open until the meeting day. If you have someone to nominate, please send their name(s) to any of the club officers or directors. In the event that our stay at home policy is still in place or lengthened, the board will then decide how voting will take place.

Stay Home & Stay Safe!

President
Jim Fisher



Message from the Trail Boss Larry Halverson

I hope that this finds you all in good health. This pandemic has changed our world as we were used to previously. The sheltering at home is a boring and trying experience but hang in there everyone and we will make it through this together.

This time of year is normally when I wrap up my trail boss functions and move heavily into the car show planning. Not necessarily so this year due to the uncertainty of the immediate future, therefore planning is very difficult. We still need to make tentative plans for the show because as you know this is our major money maker for the club for the year. If we can get this pandemic cleared up we need to proceed with the raffle and show as planned. Please keep your eyes and ears open for more information as we move forward, we will do our best to keep you informed as decisions are being made. We may end up putting on a show with a lot less preparation time than what we are used to. We will need a lot of help to make all the connections come together. Again please be prepared to move quickly when the time comes up.

Larry Halverson
Trail Boss

Below is the volunteer signup sheet for our June 20th, 2020 car show. We are also looking for someone to chair the Set Up & Take Down portion of the car show. Duties: Organize and prepare car show items at shed and put them away. Determine layout of tents at show grounds.

Please contact Jeff or Wendy Hoffmann to sign up!

We always have fun while working to raise money for our club! Please join us!



2020

Volunteer List

Friday Set Up – 3:00 pm Groomer Shed	
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Saturday Morning Set Up 7:00 – 9:00	
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Saturday Afternoon Take Down 3:00	
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Parking 7:30 – 10:00	
1	
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Parking 10:00 – Noon	
1	
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3	
4	

Registration 7:30 – Noon	
1	Tom Warner Senior
2	
3	
Raffle Tickets/Door Prizes 9:00 – 3:00	
1	Cathy Steinke
2	Sherry Janiszewski
3	Jerry Janiszewski 50/50
4	50/50
Food Tickets 8:30 – Noon	
1	
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Food Tickets Noon – 3:00	
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2	
Food/Beer Concessions 8:30 – Noon	
1	Mike Bohn
2	Donna Bohn
3	Tom Warner
4	Randy Spranroff
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7	
Food/Beer Concessions Noon – 3:00	
1	Tom Warner
2	Randy Spranroff
3	Jeff Hoffmann
4	Wendy Hoffmann
5	Gary Gevers
6	
7	
Apparel – Mark & Dawn Kalata	
Kids Activities/Facepainting 11:00 – 1:00	
1	Suzanne Kosterva
2	
Wear Club Mascot Costume 11:00 – 1:00	
1	

Contact Jeff Hoffmann at 608-516-9062 or Wendy Hoffmann at 608-516-9072 for questions and to signup for a time slot.



Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup Up May 9th, 2020 Following Club Meeting



Our club is part of the Adopt-A-Highway Program. Adopt-A-Highway was initiated by the Wisconsin Department Transportation many years ago. It was an opportunity created to allow organizations to help in beautifying our state's highways by picking up trash two to three times a year. This is an all-volunteer program and there is no cost to our club. The Department of Transportation in each County provides bags, signs, vests, and flags to be used during the pickup.

The Rome Sno-Bandits, seeing a need to take over for the Rome Lions Club, applied to adopt the section of Highway 13 from County Road D to Adams Ave. (County Line) in August of 2012. We conduct pick up in the spring and fall of each year. As a club, we feel that it is important to give back to our community for the support they have provided us over the years. We take pride in helping to keep The Town of Rome looking great.

Please help represent the Rome SnoBandits by volunteering for an hour after our May 9th club meeting. The more volunteers we have, the quicker the job will go. Please wear gloves and dress appropriately.

Rome Classic Car, Bike & Snowmobile Show

Saturday, June 20th, 2020

9:00 am - 3:00 pm ~ Rome Town Center Park

Hosted by The Rome Sno-Bandits Snowmobile Club



Food & Refreshments • Music By Mobile Music Productions • 50/50 Raffles

Door Prizes • Apparel Sales • Kids Activities • Splash Pad & Playground

For Questions/Registration Contact Larry Halverson (715) 325-6833 or larry@wctc.net

Membership Dues

As most of you know, when you pay your annual membership dues, you are paying for membership in the Rome Sno-Bandits as well as membership in the AWSC. Up until last year, the AWSC portion of your annual dues was \$10. However, last year, the AWSC raised the annual dues from \$10 to \$12.

To speed up processing, the AWSC prefers online submission of memberships. These online submissions must be paid with the club debit card. There is a \$1.50 processing fee every time we submit memberships. It doesn't matter if it is 1 membership or 100 - we pay \$1.50 for that submission. So, if you have an individual membership and we only have your application to submit, we would be sending more than half of your membership fee to the AWSC.

These increased costs to the club have caused our net membership funds to decrease year over year – even though our membership has remained consistent. Because of this, the Sno-Bandit board has made the decision to increase dues starting with the 2020-2021 season. Individual memberships will increase from \$25 to \$30. Family memberships will increase from \$30 to \$35. Secondary memberships will increase from \$15 to \$20.

Since the car show has been our only fundraiser for the last few years, we felt that an increase in dues was necessary to maintain the club at the level that we have all come to expect from the Rome Sno-Bandits. When Chris sends out membership renewals this summer, the application will reflect the new dues. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any member of the Sno-Bandit board.

Cathy Steinke
Treasurer

Next Meeting

**Saturday, May 9th, 2019
9:00 am**

Please Join Us!

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

There are **NO MEETINGS** in **July or August**

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Trip

January 28th – January 31st, 2021

**Rustic Manor Motor Lodge
6343 State Highway 70 East
St. Germain, WI 54558**

<https://www.rusticmanor.com>

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\$ 93.00 All Rooms In Outside Traditional Building
\$ 99.00 Two Queen Room In Main Lodge
\$ 115.00 King Poolside Room In Main Lodge
\$ 135.00 King Whirlpool Room In Main Lodge
\$289.00 Three Bedroom/Two Bath House

We have 25 rooms blocked. Rooms will be released eight weeks prior to our trip. There is a 72 hour cancellation policy.

Check in is 3:00 pm. The lodge is very busy this time of year. Early check in is unlikely. You will need to reserve your room for the night prior to your arrival if you want an early check in.

Main Lodge Swimming Pool and Hot Tub
Complimentary Continental Breakfast
Large Heated Garage for Snowmobile Repairs
Snowmobile Trail Access





Using Courteous Trail Etiquette

- Ride only where permitted. Don't cut corners, and stay within the trail markers.
- Be courteous to other riders and hikers on the trail.
- Ride on the right side of the trail.
- When riding downhill, yield to uphill traffic. Uphill traffic may have difficulty starting again after stopping.
- When you see others coming towards you, slow down and proceed with caution.
- If you meet skiers, horses, or hikers on snowshoes coming from the opposite direction, slow down, pull over, and yield the right-of-way.
- If you stop to talk to others on the trail, be polite and remove your helmet. A helmet masks your features and can be intimidating.
- Be safe and considerate when you stop along the trail. Never stop side-by-side, in the middle of the trail, at the crest of a hill, or around a corner on the trail. Also, never block an intersection. Remember to shut off your engine.
- Leave gates as you find them.
- Report downed trees and trail maintenance needs to land managers or snowmobile clubs.
- Report illegal riding.
- Carry out what you carry in.

Snowmobile Code of Ethics

1. I will be an ethical rider. I recognize that people judge all snowmobile operators by my actions. I will use my influence with others to promote ethical conduct.
2. I will not litter or pollute streams or lakes.
3. I will not damage living trees, shrubs, or other natural features.
4. I will ride within my limits and within the limits of the least experienced rider in my group.
5. I will lend a helping hand when I see someone in distress.
6. I will make myself and my snowmobile available for search and rescue.
7. I will not interfere with or harass hikers, skiers, bicyclists, ice fishermen or other winter sports enthusiasts. I will respect their rights to legally enjoy Wisconsin's great outdoors.
8. I will know and obey all federal, state and local rules regulating the operation of snowmobiles.
9. I will not harass wildlife. I will avoid areas where wildlife is known to gather and slow or stop my snowmobile when I see wildlife nearby.
10. I will stay on marked trails or marked roads open to snowmobiles.
11. I will avoid cross-country travel unless specifically authorized.

Mark & Dawn Kalata
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NIGHTLY SPECIALS

- Mondays: Broasted Wings 50¢ each
- Tuesdays: Three-Piece Broasted Chicken
- Wednesday Night: BBQ Rib Night
- Thursdays: Steak Night, 16oz Ribeye On The Grill, 8oz Tenderloin On The Grill
- Friday Night: Fish Fry
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Director	Jerry Wiessinger	(920) 360-6704
Director	John Steinke	(715) 459-1361
Sunshine Club	Bev Sweet	(715) 325-6549
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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
April 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 & brochures are
available at club meetings,
on our website and at:**

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CLUB IS THE RIGHT
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LURE BAR AND GRILL

PONDEROSA PINES

PRITZL'S TRADING POST

Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting March 14th, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 9:09 am with President, Jim Fisher, as the chair and seven officers present. There were 30 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

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. Susan Kostreva 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. Gary Gevers seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trail Boss Report

Section leaders can start picking up signs at any time. Please use the proper barrels to help keep everything organized.

As always, if you hear of any property up for sale or changing hands on our trail system, please let Larry Halverson know as soon as possible. It is easier to address any possible issues early.

There is a solar farm going in Saratoga and could be an issue for our trails.

Larry thanked all of our groomer operators. They did a great job keeping our trails maintained.

Landowners are able to use trails on their land at any time. If you see a vehicle on the trails, it could be a landowner. Please keep that in mind before confronting someone.

Social Committee Report

No cards were sent out this month. \$200.00 was added to the kitty last month. After donuts were purchased, there is a balance of \$265.60 in the kitty.

Activities Report

Melissa reported on the club trip to St. Germain in February. It was a huge success. We had 22 rooms booked by club members. All reports were positive so we booked the same place for next year. We have 25 rooms blocked for January 28th – January 31st, 2021 at The Rustic Manor Lodge. Details are in the newsletter. The rates listed include up to four people per room. If anyone is interested in going to a different location in the future, please let Melissa know. Places fill up fast. There are five weekends in January 2021 and that is probably the reason we were able to get this spot. The only other open weekend at this location was the last weekend in February. There is plenty of room for trailer parking and a heated garage that was used by members to work on their sleds. There are several restaurants, bars, gas stations, and stores in walking distance.

Suzanne Kostreva is working on the club picnic. We have set the date of August 8th, 2020. Suzanne will contact local establishments and get prices and report back at the next meeting. We enjoyed the Lure Bar & Grill but we want to be fair and give other establishments that support our club consideration.

Adams County Report

There were eight citations issued for various violations like OWI, registration, and safety certificates not being carried with the operator. There was one accident in the southern part of the county. No major injuries were reported. There were twelve warnings issued. There was a complaint at Lake Camelot for riding to close and fast to an ice shack. State Law: You must yield the right of way and slow your snowmobile to 10 mph or less

when you are riding a snowmobile within 100 feet of a person who is not on a snowmobile, or in or on a vehicle, and when you are riding within 100 feet of an ice fishing shanty, except when you are operating on a privately owned raceway facility.

Adams County Snowmobile Information Page on Facebook had several derogatory comments. The page is not for that. It is an information page. Please keep all comments positive.

Adams County Snowmobile Association is in the planning stages of a brat fry to be held in the Adams/Friendship area. Please support them.

Elections are in May for Adams County Snowmobile Association positions.

Kathy Halverson and Gary Gevers have Adams County Snowmobile Association gun raffle tickets for sales. The drawing is in May and you need not be present to win. This is the Associations main fund raising activity. Our club pays the Association \$1.00 per club member. Part of this money is used for legislation and travel needed to attend meetings at the county level.

Old Business

Jim Fisher announced that our club received the Snowmobile Friendly Community Award from the AWSC. Thank you to our past members that helped us as club attain this and to those that worked on the application process. We cannot rest on that though, we need to make sure we demonstrate to the public why we received it. Let's put our best foot forward. We were to receive the award at the convention next weekend but it is postponed until the end of May. Along with the recognition, we will receive two signs to be placed in our town. We ordered a third sign at a cost of \$100 and are purchasing the art work/logo at a cost of \$200.00. Jerry Wiessinger submitted a grant application to Visit Rome and it was approved. Visit Rome will be covering the cost for this. We have a supportive Town Administrator and Public Works Director. Visit Rome has been very helpful and supportive of our club. We have come a long way with getting support from our town.

New Business

Nominations for President, Treasurer, and Director were held.

Tom Warner was nominated for President by Kathy Halverson.

Cathy Steinke was nominated for Treasurer by Gary Gevers.

Jeff Hoffmann was nominated for a Director (Three Year Position) by Larry Halverson.

Nomination will remain open until our April meeting. Please let board members know if you would like to nominate someone. You may also nominate someone at the start of our April 11th meeting.

A board meeting was held before today's meeting. We discussed raising membership dues. Membership dues currently are \$30.00 for a family membership, \$25.00 for a single membership, and \$15.00 for a secondary membership. The AWSC raised dues \$2.00 last year. There is a \$1.50 transaction fee for each debit card transaction. Jerry Wiessinger made a motion to raise our membership dues by \$5.00 in each category. Gary Gevers seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried to raise membership dues by \$5.00. The new membership rates will be \$35.00 family membership, \$30.00 single membership, and \$20.00 for secondary membership.

We will have a car show committee this year to help lessen the burden for Larry & Kathy Halverson. We don't want to burn them out. We have a lot of skilled people in our group. Please contact Larry Halverson if you would like to chair a committee or contact the chairperson if you would like to help on that committee. Jeff & Wendy Hoffman are handling the volunteer list for the day of the event. Please contact them if you would like to sign up to volunteer the day of the show. A sign up sheet will also be passed around at our next meeting.

The following is a list of committees & committee chairperson:

Food and Concession- Melissa Rhodes, Tom Warner, Gary Gevers

Raffles, Door Prizes & Silent Auction – Cathy Steinke

Advertising – Jerry Wiessinger

Sponsors – Jerry Wiessinger

Volunteer Organization – Jeff & Wendy Hoffmann

Set Up and Take Down – **Chair Needed!!!** Duties: Organize and prepare car show items at shed and put them away. Determine layout of tents at show grounds.

Registration and Judging – Larry & Kathy Halverson

Entertainment- Larry & Kathy Halverson

Trophy and Dash Plaque – Larry & Kathy Halverson

Parking – Larry & Kathy Halverson

Our June 13th meeting will not be in the community room at the Town Hall as there is a wedding booked that day. We are looking into having it in a board room at the Town Hall. The location of our meeting will be announced at our next meeting and in the newsletter once we have it set.

We will hold a safety class after our September 12th meeting. Adams County Recreation Officer, Shaun Long, has been invited to speak. Gary Gevers and Jim Fisher will teach the class. Jerry Wiessinger is looking into videotaping the class so we can share it on our website and Facebook page. Jerry is going to contact to the Town of Rome to see what they can do to help us and possibly broadcast the class on the town cable channel. We are going to open this up to anyone that would like to attend and will invite the public.

Visit Rome has offered their booth at the Rome Farmers Market to our club free of charge. Gary Gevers and Kathy & Larry Halverson have volunteers to each take a Friday shift. If anyone is interested in taking a Friday shift, please let Melissa know. Our volunteers will promote our club and invite the public to join us at our September safety class. The Farmers Market runs from 9 am – 2 pm each Friday from May 22nd until October 2nd.

The Shermalot Ski Team requested a monetary donations and volunteers to help out for a few hours for a fundraiser event they are holding on June 27th at Lake Sherwood Lodge. As a club we decided to decline and will only be donating to charitable organizations and not to other clubs. If anyone would like to volunteer their time, please contact the ski team.

Lake Arrowhead donated \$300.00 to our club from their Snowblast event. Larry Halverson drove their tractor and supplied a wagon for hay rides. Thank you for volunteering Larry!

We received a thank you card from the MS Society for our \$100 donation supporting Nancy Carlson.

A motion to adjourn at 10:30 am was made by Warren Starner and seconded by Bob Sweet. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Wendy Hoffman. \$65.00 for the club and \$65.00 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Rhodes
Rome Sno-Bandits Secretary