

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



April 2021

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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10th, 2021

Annual Meeting With Elections
Lure Bar & Grill - 10:00 am

May 8th, 2021

Club Meeting & Road Pickup
Lure Bar & Grill – 10:00 am

June 12th, 2021

Club Meeting
Lure Bar & Grill – 10:00 am

June 19th, 2021

Rome Classic Car Show
Rome Town Center Park

August 14th, 2021

Club Picnic
Time & Location TBD

September 11th, 2021

Club Meeting
Time & Location TBD

October 9th, 2021

Club Meeting & Road Pickup
Time & Location TBD

November 13th, 2021

Trail Brushing, Signing
Chili Dump & Club Meeting
Groomer Shed

December 4th, 2021

Christmas In Rome

December 11th, 2021

Club Meeting
Informal Safety Class

January 22nd, 2022

1st Annual Sno-Bandit Fisheree
Lure Bar & Grill

January 27th – 30th, 2022

Club Trip – St. Germain, WI
Rustic Manor Motor Lodge



Message from the President Tom Warner

The time really seems to be flying, some have started to pull trail signs, spring cleanup is getting underway and before we know it the Annual Rome Sno-Bandit's Car Show will be here! I know I sure missed being able to have the car show last year. It will be great being able to get out and enjoy some beautiful machines, have a delicious sandwich and a cool beverage with everyone!

At our last meeting, the membership voted to purchase a newer to us tractor for trail grooming. We are very excited for the delivery of the machine soon. With that being said, we need to start our fundraising push now. The best way to do this is by selling lots of car show raffle tickets. The car show and raffle is our biggest fundraiser for the club and is a lot of fun. We will need volunteers for the day of the show also. We will have a volunteer signup sheet and raffle tickets available at the April meeting.

Don't forget elections will take place at our April meeting also. The positions for VP, Secretary, Director, Trail Boss and Membership Chair are open. If you are interested in one of the positions please come to the meeting at the Lure on April 10th at 10 am.

SELL THOSE CAR SHOW RAFFLE TICKETS!!!

Tom Warner
President



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Message From Vice President Bryan Meyer

Spring has sprung? We all know it is early yet but I would have to assume everyone has the itch to get outside and enjoy the great weather we are having for this time of year. Don't forget to get your sleds summerized before you get in full summer mode! Calendars are starting to fill up already!

Lots happening with the Sno-Bandits, help us raise some money for the new to us groomer tractor. Keep thinking of fundraising ideas and bring them to a member of the board. If you know of anyone that has or can get donations for door prizes we are collecting both for the car show and fisheree. If you can help with ideas for prizes and entertainment we could use your talent!!

We also could use some volunteers for the up and coming Rome Classic Car, Bike and Snowmobile show on father's day weekend. It really isn't that far off. We will have signup sheets at this month's meeting. It is going to be a busy and fun summer for sure!

Your Vice President
Bryan Meyer

CAR SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers for our Saturday June 19th Car Show. We will have a signup sheet at our April meeting or you can contact Melissa to sign up.

Friday Set Up: 3:00 Groomer Shed

Saturday Set Up: 7:00 – 9:00

Parking: 7:30 – 10:00

Parking: 10:00 – Noon

Registration: 7:30 – Noon

Raffles: 9:00 – 3:00

Food Ticket Sales: 8:30 – Noon

Food Ticket Sales: Noon – 3:00

Concessions: 8:30- Noon

Concessions: Noon – 3:00

Kids Face Painting: 11:00 – 1:00

Wear Mascot Costume: 11:00 – 1:00

Tear Down/Clean Up: 3:00 - ?

Contact:

Melissa Rhodes (715) 459-8001

RomeSnoBanditsSecretary@gmail.com

CAR SHOW COMMITTEE

We are looking for club members to help on the committees below. If you would like to be on a committee, please contact the chairperson.

Food/Concession: Melissa Rhodes, Tom Warner, Gary Gevers

Raffles, Door Prizes & Silent Auction: Cathy Steinke

Advertising: Jerry Wiessinger **Sponsors:** Jerry Wiessinger

Volunteer Organization Signup: Melissa Rhodes

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

Sound & Entertainment: Larry & Kathy Halverson

Trophy and Dash Plaque: Larry & Kathy Halverson

Parking: Larry & Kathy Halverson



We are excited to announce:

We will be holding our 1st Annual Rome Sno-Bandit's Fisheree & Raffle on January 22nd, 2022 at the Lure Bar & Grill on Lake Petenwell. More information coming soon!



Message From Trail Boss Larry Halverson

I would like to extend my thanks to the Rome Sno-Bandit board and membership for showing the grooming crew that we have the confidence of the members by allowing us to upgrade our grooming equipment. If you are not aware, we have traded our 2003 John Deere tractor for a 2017 New Holland. We do not have the New Holland here yet but it will be here in the near future. I am sure the grooming crew will do their very best operate and maintain the new addition to the best of their ability so we can continue to provide the best possible trails that we can.

SAVE THAT DATE. No there is no wedding that I am aware of, but the club has decided to go ahead with our annual car show on June 19, 2021. Please be prepared to help out with one of our major fund raisers.

Larry

NOTICE

The Rome Sno-Bandits Annual meeting of the membership will take place on April 10th, 2021 at 10:00 am at the Lure Bar & Grill. Elections will be held for the following positions: Vice President, Secretary, Trail Boss, Membership Chair and one Director. If you or someone you know would be interested in being nominated for one of the positions, please let a board member know or nominate them prior to the start of voting.

**Thank you to our
Trail Boss Larry Halverson
and our grooming crew:
Gary Gevers, Jim Fisher,
Scott Murphy, Mark Kalata,
John Steinke, Jerry Wiessinger
& Tom Gabriel**

**You did an awesome job keeping our
trails in great shape.**

Your hard work is appreciated!!!!

**Thank you to Tom Gabriel for
plowing snow at the groomer
shed. Tom is a club member
and owner of Papa Bear's
Mini Golf located in The
Rome Town Center.**





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Rome Sno-Bandits Club Trip

January 27th – January 30th, 2022

Rustic Manor Motor Lodge
6343 State Highway 70 East
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<https://www.rusticmanor.com>

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Rome Classic Car, Bike & Snowmobile Show

Saturday, June 19th, 2021

9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Rome Town Center Park



SAVE THE DATE!
MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON!

Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting March 13th, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 am with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 7 officers present. There were 32 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Mark Kane, Division Chief/Paramedic & Nick Spanske, Fire Fighter, from the Rome Fire Department brought the Fire Department UTV with tracks to our meeting to show club members the newly installed Medlite Transport apparatus that our club donated. The new equipment was used four hours after it was installed for a UTV accident. They thanked us for our donation. They would like to work with our club on another mock crash.

Secretary's Report

There were no changes to the Secretary's report. A motion was made by Willy Sandfox to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Ray Glenn seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Steinke reported on the checking & savings account balances. Jim Fisher made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Willy Sandfox seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trail Boss Report - Larry Halverson

We had a short season. Trails are now closed for the season. Section leaders can pull signs as soon as the ground is thawed.

Thank you to our groomer operators. They did a great job keeping our trails in good shape. Jim Fisher, Gary Gevers, Scott Murphy, John Steinke, Mark Kalata, Jerry Wiessinger, Tom Garbriel and Larry Halverson.

Membership

No report

Social Committee Report

No cards were sent out this past month. After donuts, there is a balance of \$159.60 in the kitty.

Activities Report

The car show is a go and will be held June, 19th 2021. Raffle tickets will be available at the April meeting. We will use the same committee chairs that we had lined up for the 2020 car show. Please let a board member know if you would like to be on a committee. We can use the help and talent of our members.

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Set Up and Take Down – Chairperson 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 Sound & Entertainment- Larry & Kathy Halverson

Trophy and Dash Plaque – Larry & Kathy Halverson Parking – Larry & Kathy Halverson

Our club trip will be held on January 27th – 30th, 2022 at the Rustic Manor Motor Lodge in St. Germain. Make sure to mention you are with Rome Sno-Bandits when you make your reservations. You can start making your reservation at any time.

Club Members Gunnar Anderson, Bryan Meyer, Melissa Rhodes and Scott Fitzgerald presented the idea of a fisheree as a fundraiser for our club. We are going to give this a try. We will hold our 1st Annual Fisheree on January 22, 2022 at the Lure Bar & Grill. We will be setting up committees for this event after the car show and will be looking for help from our members.

We are looking for a way that club members can make anonymous suggestions. We found you can do this on our website, <https://www.romesnobandits.com/contacts.php>. Go to CONTACT US. Put your suggestion in the message area and use anonymous as your name and anonymous@gmail.com as your contact info!

We will hold our future club meetings at the Lure Bar & Grill through June 2021. This spot works well for our club. The Lure has been great to us. If anyone has any other ideas or suggestions for a meeting location, please let a board member know.

A member asked if we could get more vintage sleds at the car show. Bryan Meyer is going to look at ways to do this. If anyone has any ideas, please let a board member know.

We will have Adopt A Highway road pickup after our May 8th meeting. The more volunteers we have, the quicker it goes. Last fall it took less than an hour.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

Darrien spoke about the SNARS program. There are issues with it.

Brent York gave an Adams County statistics report. There were no snowmobile related fatalities this season.

There were two accidents, one in Rome and one in Leola. There were 8 complaints in the entire county.

The bylaw committee continues to make progress on the updating of the bylaws.

Nominations will be held in April and elections will be held in May. The Association donated to the family of Howie Berg, from the Jack Pine Savage club and Monroe Center Winter Pals.

Old Business

Snowmobile Club of the year committee will meet after our meeting.

Nominations were held.

Melissa Rhodes made a motion to nominate Bryan Meyer for Vice President. Jim Fisher seconded the motion.

Willy Sandfox made a motion to nominated Larry Halverson for Trail Boss. Ted Sorenson seconded the motion.

Kathy Halverson nominated Melissa Rhodes for Secretary. Tom Warner seconded the motion.

Willy Sandfox nominated John Steinke for Director. Jeff Parmeter seconded the motion.

Bev Sweet nominated Suzanne Kostreva for Membership Chair. Brian Baker seconded the motion.

New Business

The board met after our last meeting. It was brought to our attention that our tractor is in need of repairs estimated at around \$10,000. Jerry Weissinger did some research on the cost to replace the tractor. He presented what he found and suggested trading our 2003 John Deere Tractor with 100hp for a 2017 New Holland with 155 hp. The added hp would help in severe grooming conditions. The New Holland has approximately 1,000 less hours than the John Deere. An engine oil and hydraulic oil analysis will be done before we agree to the purchase. The company will give us \$38,000 trade in value for the John Deere. The cost to purchase the New Holland is \$67,500 before trade in. Four front weights at \$100 a piece will also need to be purchased. We would pay for this out of our checking & savings account. Insurance will run approximately \$403.00 a year more than what we are paying on the John Deere. Willy Sandfox made a motion to trade in our 2003 John Deere tractor for the 2017 New Holland with four front weights with the purchase price not to exceed \$29,900.00 after trade in. Greg Enzenroth seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The board is looking at a tractor that can be used for cleaning up driveways along Alpine Drive & 15th Ave. With new subdivisions going in on Alpine Drive, there will be more driveways in the future. To add a blade to the New Holland was over \$30,000. We have had to hire local excavating companies a few times to do this. This would be good public relations with homeowners in keeping their driveways cleaned up. This would allow operators to get behind mailboxes that we now can't get behind. We can eventually add a brush cutter to the front of it. We have a line of credit that we can use and Cathy Steinke will also look at other financing options. Ted Sorenson made a motion to spend up to \$20,000 on the purchase of a used tractor. Ray Glenn seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Our club has applied for a grant through Visit Rome for the purchase of the 2017 New Holland Tractor. We will not know for a few months if we will receive anything and if we do how much the grant will be for. This money can be used to pay down the purchase of the second tractor.

The pull tab machine is doing well. We are on our 4th box of pull tabs. We make approximately \$478.00 per box.

A motion to adjourn at 11:19 am was made by Brian Baker and seconded by Willy Sandfox. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Carl Hasdal. \$80.00 for the club and \$80.00 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Rhodes
Secretary





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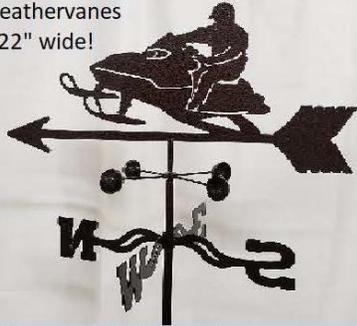
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