

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



December 2025

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Upcoming Events

December 13, 2025

9 am - Club Meeting
Rome Town Hall

December 13, 2025

Christmas in Rome
3 pm – 5 pm Rome Town Hall
5 pm – 7 pm Rome Town Park

January 3, 2025

10 am - Club Meeting
Lure Bar & Grill
Cash Bloody Mary Bar

January 10, 2026

Petenwell Palooza
Lure Bar & Grill

February 7th, 2026

9 am - Meeting
Rome Town Hall

February 12 – 15, 2026

Club Snowmobile Trip
Lakewoods Resort
Cable, WI

March 14, 2025

9 am - Club Meeting
Rome Town Hall

April 11th, 2025

9 am - Club Meeting
Lure Bar & Grill

11 am - Hillbilly Run
UTV/ATV Event
Lure Bar & Grill

Message From President, Tom Warner

Welcome to December!! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving! I know I ate way too much, but we enjoyed having family around us.

It has been a busy few weeks for the Sno Bandits. Our annual Trail Brushing/Signing day was amazing! We had over 70 volunteers show up to help and enjoy the day. We had an amazing potluck afterwards with club provided refreshment and meat and some great door prizes. We also had a quick meeting after we filled our bellies! I know you hear me say it all the time, but we have the best volunteers you can find! Thank you all!!!!

A group of us met the Sunday before Thanksgiving to decorate the corner at the Town Hall. The weather was perfect and the decorations were put up quickly. The corner looks great! As always there was so many laughs had by all! Our club sure does know how to have fun!

Friday December 5th, a group of members will be headed to Marshfield to do the Children's Miracle Network telethon. Watch for us between 2-3 in the afternoon.

We have received the one thing that all snowmobilers wait for all year, SNOW! Make sure your sleds registrations are up to date as well as make sure the current year trail passes are displayed! Hopefully the cold sticks around, the ground freezes up quickly and the snow continues to fall. Please stay off the trails while our groomer operators get the trails ready. Remember to stay off the trails until the official announcement has been made that they are open! Thanks for your patience!

Please get your membership renewals in if you haven't yet. Please don't wait for the trails to open to do so. It does take a few days to get everything processed.

December 13th is Christmas in Rome. Please come out and enjoy the day/evening events. This is always a fun day!

December 13th at 9:00 am is our next Club meeting. It will be held at Town Hall. I hope to see you all there.

Lastly THANK YOU to all of you, our members/volunteers!! You are what makes the Rome Sno Bandits one of the best snowmobile clubs there is!! You all are truly amazing!!

As always, THINK SNOW!!

President,
Tom Warner



Message From Trail Boss, Scott Murphy

Well, we are finally seeing some good snowmobile weather. We will need some more cold to freeze the ground before we get more snow.

Thanks to all the volunteers that showed up for our brushing day. There were 65 people at the 8:00 sign in. What a great turn out and we were able to accomplish all the many jobs that needed to be done. Thanks also to the section leaders that got all our signs installed. There were very few changes that needed to be made. Great job!

Just a reminder, just because there is snow or we're grooming, doesn't mean the trails are open. Always check the Adams County report for up-to-date opening times. Everyone, tell all your riding buddies to stay away from the new bike trail bridge and tunnel. This is important to maintain good relations in the town.

The week after the December meeting, I will be holding an evening or weekend groomer seminar for all the groomer operators already trained and I am asking anyone interested in learning to groom to please contact me and we will help get you up to speed. We are down a couple of operators and the more we have trained when we get a heavy snow the easier it gets to groom more often and keep the trails smooth. Always remember ride right and safely and do the snow dance.

Trail Boss,
Scott Murphy

Message From Vice President, Bryan Meyer

Hello Sno Bandits!

Who has started their snowmobile? Mother nature wants to ride! Let's hope so! The good thing is there is enough snow to go somewhere!

Please remember that Travel Wisconsin is the official site for trail openings and closings. Be sure and share that information.

Are you out selling raffle tickets for the Fisheree? Have you bought any? Don't forget to put it on your calendar!! It is going to be another fun event!

Hopefully with a little luck, we can be talking about riding the Rome trails at the January meeting.

Keep doing the snow dance!

Vice President,
Bryan Meyer

CHRISTMAS IN ROME

DECEMBER 13, 2025

ROME TOWN HALL 3:00-5:00PM



SANTA VISITS
COOKIE DECORATING
COOKIES | HOT COCOA | CIDER
COMPLIMENTARY FOOD AND BEVERAGES
KID'S HOLIDAY CRAFTS | FACEPAINTING



ROME TOWN CENTER 5:00-7:00PM



WAGON RIDES
FREE HOT COCOA
BEER & WARM BEVERAGES (CASH BAR)
ENJOY THE HOLIDAY LIGHT DISPLAYS AND
VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE!





Rome Sno-Bandits Ice Fisheree & Raffle

**Saturday
January 10, 2026**

**Ice Fisheree
7am - 3pm**

Adults \$15

**Top Cash Prize
\$2,000**

Five Cash Prizes of \$750-\$250
All cash prizes based on 334 Entrants

Kids \$5
(12 & Under)
Three Cash Prizes

**Meat Raffle
Noon**

**Basket
Raffles**

**50/50
Raffles**

**Over 100
Door Prizes**



1735 Archer Lane, Nekoosa, WI 54457
Lake Petenwell - Rome

**Friday
January 9, 2026**

Event Registration Opens at 11 am!

The first 75 people to register for the
event receive a **FREE TICKET**
for a chance to win a
Garmin LiveScope Ice Bundle!

EVENT RAFFLE TICKETS

1st Prize: Fun 'N The Sun Houseboat Vacation on the Mississippi River
(Design & Book Your Own Trip with \$1,700 Gift Certificate)

2nd Prize: 7 Nights Lodging with Fishing Boat at
Indianta Resort, Calm Lake, Atikokan, Ontario Canada

3rd Prize: Garage Ready Upright Convertible Freezer-Refrigerator
with \$300 Rome Country Meats & Deli Gift Card

4th Prize: 27in Skylight Cal Max Touchscreen Smart Calendar

5th Prize: Turtlebox Gen 3 Waterproof Outdoor Bluetooth Speaker

Tickets: \$10/each 3/\$20 10/\$50 30/\$100



Bonus Raffle



Garmin LiveScope Ice Bundle!

Tickets Sold Friday & Saturday Only!

Stop at the Lure Bar & Grill from 11 am - 8 pm on Friday and
register for the Ice Fisheree and get your Garmin LiveScope
raffle tickets. Any remaining tickets will be available
on Saturday starting at 7 am.

Tickets \$10 each

ONLY 1,000 TICKETS AVAILABLE

DRAWING SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 2026
FOLLOWING FISH PRIZE PRESENTATION
Need not be present to win!



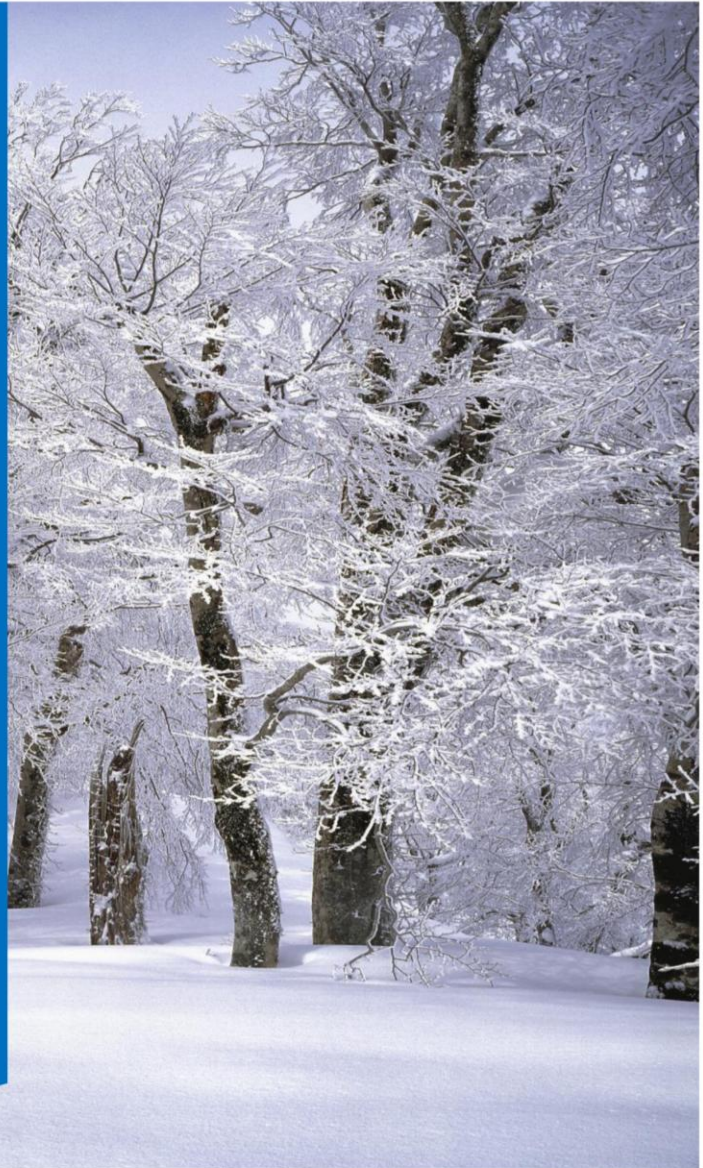
For More Info See: www.romesnobandits.com or Our Facebook Page



2026
ROME SNO-
BANDITS
CLUB TRIP

FEB 12TH – FEB 15TH

Lakewoods Resort & Lodge
21540 Co Hwy M, Cable WI 54821
Lakewoods Resort & Lodge



Please book by contacting the Lakewoods Reservations directly at: **(715) 794 - 2561**. Anyone who makes an online reservation will not be able to get the group rate.

If rooms are not booked by **December 14, 2025**, the room block will be released.

We have reserved a total of 20 rooms so call and book ASAP!

Room Rate: \$149 plus tax

- 2 or more nights lodging, 10% off winter rack rate
- 1 night, standard winter 2026 rack rate

We hope you can make it and as always, **THINK SNOW!** If you have any questions, please reach out to Tom Warner at (224) 715-2350.

TRAIL BRUSHING FUN





CHRISTMAS DECORATING





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Annual Membership Renewal

Rome Sno-Bandit & AWSC memberships both expire on June 30th annually.

We process membership with the AWSC monthly in the summer and weekly in winter to minimize processing fees. We encourage you to renew your membership in July or August to avoid delays in receiving your trail pass. Membership applications can be found on our website along with trail pass information.

Ways to renew your membership:

ON-LINE: Through our website: www.RomeSnoBandits.com. Click on [Membership Application](#) under the Membership Page and pay with SECURE on-line payment with credit/debit card or PayPal.

MAIL: Send completed membership application with check to:
Rome Sno-Bandits, 302 13th Ave, Nekoosa, WI 54457

CLUB MEETINGS: Bring your membership application to a meeting with your check or cash payment. Applications are available at all meetings.

Your Club Membership Includes:

- You automatically become a member of the Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs. (AWSC)
- You will receive seven issues each year of the Wisconsin Snowmobile News (WSN) magazine. It includes articles of interest to snowmobilers, activities of clubs across the state, reports of legislative events and snowmobile product information.
- You will be eligible for a discount Wisconsin Trail Pass through the AWSC.
- Monthly club newsletter.
- Membership to the Adams County Snowmobile Association.
- Great way to meet and socialize with other snowmobilers.

Trail Passes

Discount Wisconsin Trail Passes for the 2025-2026 season will be available to order from the AWSC beginning July 1st, 2025.

Go to: <https://awsc.org/Trail-Pass-Registration> to order your trail pass.

Trail passes are purchased through the AWSC and are available after your membership has been processed. If you provide your email address with your membership application, you will receive an email from the AWSC confirming your membership has been processed. This email will include your membership number and directions for ordering your trail pass.

You can also find your AWSC Membership number on the mailing label of your WSN Magazine or at <https://www.awsc.org/About-Us/Member-Lookup>. Your membership number never changes.

Membership Contact: Cathy Warner
RSBMembership@gmail.com

Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting November 8, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 12:25 pm with President Tom Warner as the chair and 7 officers present. There were 67 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Secretary's Report

There was a correction to the secretary's report. The club receive \$60 in the 50/50 raffle at the October meeting. Willy Sandfox made a motion to accept the report with the corrections. Bob Sweet seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Steinke presented the treasurer's report. Bob Sweet made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Warren Starner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trail Boss Report

Scott thanked Gene Gostomski and Jon O'Keefe for mowing.

Let Scott know if you need signs.

Please help spread the word to keep snowmobiles off the bike trails.

Landowner easements are done and turned in. Country Sport trail to the North will not open until January 1st or when hunting is. Please be careful in this area as logging will be underway.

Social Committee Report

A get-well card was sent to Jerry Weissinger.

The balance in the fund is \$181.00.

Activities Report

Club Picnic: The club picnic and wagon ride was a lot of fun. We will do this again in the future.

Kids Halloween Party: Lori Pritzl, Cyndee Lewis and Melissa Rhodes organized the club booth and took 1st place in the decorating competition.

Fisheree: The Petenwell Palooza is scheduled to take place on January 10, 2026. A volunteer schedule was passed around. Please sign up to help. Raffle tickets sales have started. Please sell those tickets.

Christmas in Rome: The event is scheduled for December 13, 2025. Melissa and Lori P will attend a planning meeting on Wednesday, November 13. Anyone interested in helping decorate or help the day of the event, please let either Melissa or Lori know.

Club Trip: The club snowmobile trip is scheduled for February 12–15, 2026, at Lakewoods Resort, Cable, WI. Get your reservations made now.

Children's Mircle Network: The event will be held December 4th and 5th. Please reach out to Jim Fisher if you are interested in answering phones for the event.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

The Power Sports Show was discussed at the last meeting. Not all expenses have been turned in yet. There is talk about making it a two-day event next year.

AWSC Report

The AWSC Fall Workshop was recently held in Stevens Point. Solar Farm, Railroad Crossings and DOT projects need to be watched. Legislation to change traveling over a 1,000 bridge is being worked on. The funding bill to increase fees is done and looking for co-sponsors. The Cup Tour Ride will be held in January. A grant was issued to the AWSC for introducing the first-time riders to snowmobiling. Sleds will be rented, safety will be reviewed, along with lunch. This event will be held in Mercer on January 24th.

Old Business

Casey Shilling covered the donation committee.

Melissa Rhodes made a motion to donate \$200 to the Angel Tree Program. Sue Krueger seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Fisher made a motion to donate \$500 to the Children's Miracle Network. Ray Glenn seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Please bring any of your donation requests to the committee.

New Business

The February meeting falls on the day of the club trip. Cathy Warner made a motion to move the club meeting up to February 7th. Casey Shilling seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Cathy Steinke Has AWSC Calendars for sale.

Warren Starner recommended we update our club by-laws. The board will work on the update and present them to the membership.

A motion to adjourn at 1:11 pm was made by Warren Starner. Gary Gevers seconded the motion. All were in favor. Meeting adjourned.

50/50 winner was Paul Flogel. \$180 for Paul and \$181 for the club.

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Rhodes

Secretary



Adams County Snowmobile Association

Nov 6, 2025 ACSA meeting minutes

The ACSA meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm starting with the pledge of allegiance. The secretaries report was approved with a motion by Gordy and Dennis, motion passed. Treasure was absent so no report was read. Dues owed yet from last year are Monroe \$13, New Haven \$27, Oxford \$29, and Coloma \$65.

Directors report: Last year there were 5 ATV/UTV deaths and 1 snowmobile death in water. There were 9 deaths all total involving snowmobiles in WI. and 16 in Michigan. Report traffic counters if you come across any at railroad crossing. The railroad is working on closing crossings. There is a bill in assembly and senate to raise fees, with members paying \$20.00 non members \$50.00, out of state will pay \$70.00. In state registration goes to \$45.00 and out of state to \$75.00 in three years. New snars rates. Apply for county scholarships.

Darren reported that he has snars information sheets. Equipment time also needs labor time. Update faded and non reflective signs.

Steve reported that the powersports show still has bills coming in. The dealers are requesting a 2 day show since it takes a lot of time and effort to get all their stuff there. Looking at the hours of Sat. 9-5 and Sunday 10-4. Dealers need to have special pricing for show days. A TV was suggested for the beer tent. We need an advertising committee so we can reach further out. The decision on a 2 day show will need to be made by June. A Thankyou was received from Miss Snowflake and her sister.

The MS ride was brought up, and a request from the ADS of Adams County was received to donate to their Angle tree for seniors and veterans. Motion by Stacy and Kurt to donate \$200.00 to the Angel tree, Motion passed.

Next meeting Dec. 4, 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:56pm by Gordy and Stacy, motion passed.

Submitted by Secretary Joy Krahn