

# Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Club Meeting  
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

### **March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Club Meeting  
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

### **March 25<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

AWSC Spring Convention  
Radisson Hotel & Conference  
Center, Green Bay, WI

### **April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Club Meeting  
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

### **May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Club Meeting & Road Pickup  
Rome Town Hall  
9:00 am – Meeting  
Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup  
Following Meeting

### **June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Club Meeting  
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

### **June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

Rome Classic Car, Bike &  
Snowmobile Show  
Rome Town Center Park



## *Message From President Tom Warner*

What a January we have had! The Sno-Bandit Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree & Raffle that was held at the Lure Bar & Grill on January 22nd was a huge success. The committee that worked so hard on this did a great job!! A big Thank You to all the volunteers and sponsors for helping to make it a success!!

The club trip to St. Germain (after no snow last year) was so much fun!! It is always great to be able to get to know our members while doing something we all love doing so much! So much good food and conversation and of course a lot of snowmobiling. The resort is really nice.

I hope those that couldn't make the club trip got out and rode the trails around Adams County while they were open. Our groomers worked hard with what we had to make them rideable. Mother Nature sure isn't cooperating this year. Keep doing your snow dance and maybe we will get lucky!!

As always, THINK SNOW!

Tom Warner  
President



## **OFFICIAL TRAIL CONDITIONS/CLOSINGS**

**Adams County Parks  
(608) 339-4230**

[www.travelwisconsin.com/snowreport/snowmobile/](http://www.travelwisconsin.com/snowreport/snowmobile/)

**Always Check To Make  
Sure Trails Are Open  
Before Riding!**

## **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

**Saturday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

**9:00 am – Rome Town Hall**



## Message From Vice President Bryan Meyer

Hello Sno-Bandits!

Wow, is all I can say! How did February get here so quick! I hope you all have been out on your snow machine(s) by now. Either with the club trip or somewhere else riding. Nice to see Adams County trails open too! I hope you all continue to do the snow dance. We need all the help we can get.

I would like to thank everyone that volunteered for the fisheriee and helped us pull off this event. We had over 150 fishermen (and women) participate in the fishing. It would have been more but the wind and cold was not in our favor Saturday morning and I think we had quite a few that rolled back over and pulled the blankets up instead of coming out to the Lure. Either way, it was still a great turnout and fun was had by all. We had 50/50 raffles, raffle baskets, meat raffles, strip cards, door prizes and the main event raffle. It was nice to see some locals win and we even had club members win some prizes.

We made money for the club but even more than that we got the Sno-Bandits name out there to the public. It's hard to believe for as long and the club has been around, there are still people that don't know about us and all we do in the community.

It was great to have random fishermen/women thank us for putting this event on. I would like to give a big thank you to the Lure Bar for giving us the perfect venue to hold this event. I also would like to say thanks to the club for taking a chance and letting us run with this Fisheriee idea.

Bryan Meyer  
Vice President

### SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASS

The Adams County Sheriff's Department held a DNR Snowmobile Safety Class in January at the Grand Marsh Community Center. The Grand Marsh Pathfinders were great hosts. They provided the center, snacks, lunch and a cake for the students along with a snowmobile for hands on demonstrations. Sheriff Brent York and club member Gary Gevers mentored Adams County Recreation office Caleb Herrin, Juneau County Recreation Officer Tom Mueller and club member Melissa Rhodes with teaching their first class. If anyone is interested in becoming an instructor, please contact Gary Gevers or Melissa Rhodes. Our club will be hosting a class in the fall.





## Message From Trail Boss Larry Halverson

As I write this little note, we have just closed all the Adams County trails due to lack of snow. 2 and 1/2 days is a very short season but keep the faith, there will be more snow coming, HOPEFULLY. I hope you had a chance to use the trails during the short time they were open but several of us did not, as we were on our club trip which was a great time. Keep your ears and eyes open as we will try to get opened up again as soon as we get some more snow.

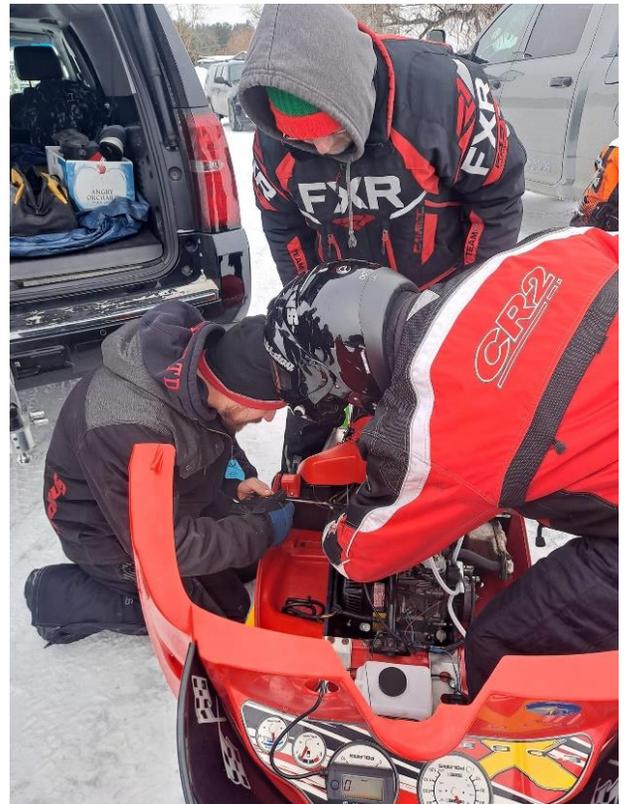
Larry Halverson

Rome Sno-Bandits Trail Boss

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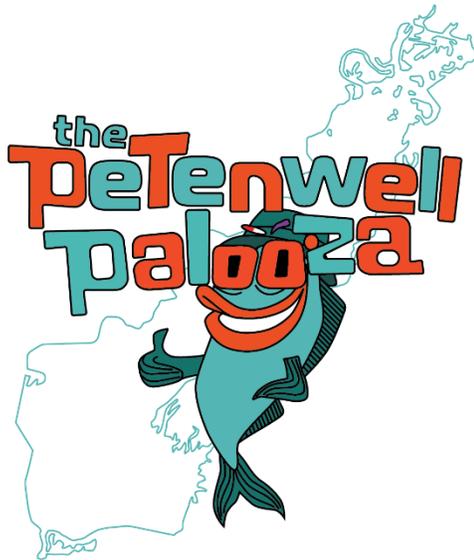
## SUPPORTING OUR YOUTH MEMBERS

A few club members were privileged to be able to ride to Minocqua to watch Fletcher Daun race. Fletcher was having issues with his sled and club member Jeff Berghauer stepped in to work on the sled. Jeff was able to get the sled running so Fletcher was able to race. Everyone had a great time at this event and enjoyed meeting Fletcher and his family and having lunch with them after the race.



## Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree & Raffle

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree & Raffle was a huge success. Thank you to everyone that volunteered. We would not have been able to do this without you. We are already working on next year's event. If anyone has any suggestions or ideas, please let one of the committee members know. We would also like to thank the Lure Bar & Grill. They were great hosts and the location was perfect for our event.



# ST GERMAIN CLUB TRIP



*Miles & Smiles  
Memories &  
Friendships Made*





## CLUB APPAREL ORDER

Our club will be placing an apparel order with Dawn & Mark Kalata of Heres Ur Sign.

The top right picture is a new design that they created for us to recognize our Snowmobile Club of the Year award.

Heres Ur Sign also has approximately twenty decals of the bottom right design available.

Please indicate if you would like a t-shirt, sweatshirt, color and size. We will not have prices until we know how many orders we have, but they always give us great prices.

Orders can be brought to the February meeting or emailed to





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# SNOWMOBILING DO'S & DON'TS

## SNOWMOBILING DO'S

- Know the local hazards and forecasted weather conditions.
- Understand the importance of protective equipment and proper clothing while riding a snowmobile.
- Be alert and constantly scan the trail or riding area for other snowmobiles, trail users, and hazards.
- Ride defensively, be courteous, and use common sense.
- Follow the rules of the road and abide by all trail signs.
- Steer clear of restricted areas and respect environmentally sensitive areas.
- Know the operational characteristics of the snowmobile, along with its capacities and limitations: vehicle's range based upon normal fuel capacity and consumption, stopping ability/distance, maneuverability/steering capability, ability in deep snow, ability on steep side slopes, etc.
- Respect the rights of all other winter recreationists.
- Obey posted speed limits.
- Know the assumed risks and potential consequences of careless or reckless behavior while riding a snowmobile, including the potential for fines or injury.

## SNOWMOBILING DON'TS

- Do not operate at high speeds, especially when near houses, buildings, livestock, wildlife, trailheads, or other recreationists.
- Do not use alcohol or drugs.
- Do not engage in reckless, careless, or inappropriate behavior.
- Do not overload a snowmobile or ride double unless the snowmobile is designed for 2 passengers.
- Do not get too close to other snowmobiles or other recreationists.
- Do not operate the snowmobile in areas with limited snow cover or on bare ground.
- Do not disturb wildlife or livestock.
- Do not ignore sudden changes in weather conditions.
- Do not disobey local, state/provincial, or federal snowmobile rules, regulations, and policies.
- Do not allow the snowmobile rental unit to be operated by anyone who has not completed the required rental orientation, training, and rental agreement documentation.
- Do not disobey rental company guidelines, instructions, or policies.

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## Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 pm with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 5 officers present. There were 25 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 Jim Fisher to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Ray Glen 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. Jerry Wiessinger seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### Trail Boss Report - Larry Halverson

President, Tom Warner, thanked everyone that helped with trail clean up after the recent storms. Some members were not aware that we were looking for help to clean up the trails. We will need to think about using email as well as Facebook to notify people.

### No County Report or AWSC Report

### Social Committee Report

A get-well card was sent to Tom Gabriel and a sympathy card to Alicia Nowack.

After purchasing donuts, the balance in the kitty is \$267.32.

### Activities Report

Bryan Meyer gave a Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree update. Food will not be served. We have enough volunteers.

Jeff and Deb Parmeter donated a spark plug snowmobile guy sculpture for the fisheree as a raffle prize.

Club Trip: All rooms are booked. If you didn't reserve one, you are out of luck at Rustic Manor unless someone cancels. Thursday night – meat and cheese trays in the activity room. Friday night – go out for dinner. Saturday – Chili, Soup and side dishes. Feel free to bring a side dish or snack. Games for Saturday night are still being developed.

### Old Business

Thank you to Gary Gevers for organizing the informal safety class last month.

The new apparel design and an old design that is available are in the newsletter. If you want to order, please let Melissa or Dawn Kalata know.

The "Stay Between The Blazers" banners from Here's Ur Sign are done. They look great. They will be hung up at the Lure, Camelot Lodge and Hoozels at the Lakes.

We received a thank you letter from the Lure for our donation to the Polar Plunge. They raised over \$18,000 at the event even though the participation was down.

Jim Fisher gave an update on his wish to have the Sno-Bandits man the phones at the next Y106.5 radiothon for the Children's Miracle Network. They would like a 3-hour commitment. Club members asked about the dates and Jim said it is usually the first Thursday and Friday in December. They also asked if they wanted us to all work the same 3 hour stretch or if they should be spread out. Jim will work on getting those questions answered.

## New Business

January is Snowmobile Safety Month. There have already been fatalities this season. Think Smart before you Start

A motion to adjourn at 9:30 am was made by Linda Randall and seconded by Jeff Parmeter. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Chris Johnson. \$55 for the club and \$55 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted  
Melissa Rhodes  
Secretary

Thank you to Bryan Meyer and Cathy Steinke for taking notes during the meeting. I was not able to attend the meeting due to being at the AWSC Director's meeting in Hayward. ~ Melissa



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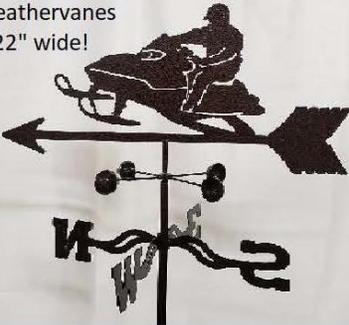
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