



## Message from the Trail Boss Larry Halverson

The calendar says that the first day of winter is Sunday December 22nd. Unfortunately we have not had the snow conditions needed for us snowmobilers.

Our grooming equipment is all checked out and ready to go. All we need is SNOW!! Please do your snow dance!! Keep abreast of the media to be sure when the trails have opened. If you have any questions feel free to contact me and I will do my best to help you.

Larry

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Monthly Club Meeting  
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

**February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Monthly Club Meeting  
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

**February 20<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020**

Sno-Bandits Club Trip  
Rustic Manor Motor Lodge  
St. Germain, WI

**March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

Monthly Club Meeting  
9:00 am – Rome Town Hall

**Please Join Us**



## Message from the President Jim Fisher

To all!

I hope everyone had a Blessed and Merry Christmas as well as a safe New Year's Eve. I wish you all a happy and prosperous New Year.

Hopefully by the time you receive this, the trails will be open. Keep in mind that although the trails are scheduled to open on December 16<sup>th</sup>, they will not open until there is sufficient snow to properly groom and set the trails. Before you ride, be sure to contact either Larry Halverson, our trail boss, or Adams County Parks & Recreation (608-339-4230) to verify snow conditions, as well as opening and closing.

There is still time to register for our club trip. It is February 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 in St. Germain. Call Melissa if you need information.

Congratulations to the eleven students who passed their safety certification class that was held in Grand Marsh. A big thank you to Gary Gevers and Shaun Long for giving me the opportunity to renew my snowmobile safety education certification. I enjoyed spending time with the students as they learned a lot in regards to snowmobiling and especially the safe practices that are essential to our sport.

President Jim Fisher



## Message from the Vice President Tom Warner

Merry Christmas! I hope everyone is enjoying their holidays with family and friends and I hope everyone wished for lots of snow for Christmas!! Christmas in Rome was a huge success and thank you to all that came out to help with this fun event!! Please don't forget to order your trail passes and to give your sleds a once over before the snow does fly!! Remember when we do get to ride to always stay on the trail and ride right!!

THINK SNOW!

Tom Warner  
Vice-President



Congratulations to the eleven students that passed their Snowmobile Safety Course on December 21st! Safe riding! Thank you to the Grand Marsh Path Finders for hosting the class. Thank you to the Adam's County Sheriff's Department and the Gary Gevers of the Rome Sno-Bandits for instructing the course. Each student was supplied with a new fitted helmet compliments of More Freakin Power!

### Next Meeting

**Saturday, January 11th, 2020**

**Please Join Us!**

Club meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of  
the month

September – June

at the **Rome Town Hall** at **9:00 am**

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

Mark & Dawn Kalata

*Heres We Sign*

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Apparel

**920-740-6753**  
Email: husdesigns@gmail.com

There will be meat raffles, basket raffles, and gun raffles at this event. Proceeds from the raffles to benefit the Adams County Snowmobile Alliance. Our club will be donating baskets.

## Grand Marsh Pathfinders Snowmobile Club Annual Antique Snowmobile Review



Saturday,  
February 1<sup>st</sup> 2020

at Cedar Shack  
2248 Hwy 13 Adams, WI

Plaque for Original  
and Restored in  
Each Class:

Class A: 1981 - 1994  
Class B: 1970 - 1980  
Class C: 1969 - Older

Plaque for Each:  
Best Cutter  
Best Mini Sled  
Best Racing Sled  
Junker Sled  
Oldest Sled  
Best of Show

Registration starts at 9am til Noon  
Trophy Presentation at 2pm  
There will be a Silent Action



Like us on  
**Facebook**

Read all about our club at  
[www.romesnobandits.com](http://www.romesnobandits.com)

If you would like to see anything else on the site,  
email Chris or Gary at  
[RomeSnoBandits@gmail.com](mailto:RomeSnoBandits@gmail.com)

## Rome Sno-Bandits Club Trip

February 20th – February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

### Rustic Manor Motor Lodge

6343 State Highway 70 East, St. Germain, WI 54558

RESERVATIONS: 1.800.272.9776 or 715.479.9776

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

We no longer have rooms being held. If you did not make your reservation and would like to join us, call the Lodge to see if they have rooms available.

If you have any ideas for fun games or activities while on our trip, contact  
**Nikki or Melissa:**

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More information to come closer to  
the trip date!

## CLOTHING AVAILABLE!

Check out our

[“Sno-Bandits Apparel Link”](#)

on our website:

[www.romesnobandits.com](http://www.romesnobandits.com)

*Sno-Bandits apparel is also  
available at most meetings  
or can be ordered anytime from  
Dawn Kalata of*

*Here's Ur Sign*

*(920) 740-6753*

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## Christmas In Rome



1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Tree decorating competition went to the Rome Fire Department. Thank you to the local businesses that participated!



2019 CHRISTMAS IN ROME	
CHILI CHALLENGE ENTRIES	PLACED
PATTI BARTMAN	FIRST
CATHY CORBIN	FOURTH
LAKE ARROWHEAD	THIRD
LAKE SHERWOOD LODGE	SECOND
LAKE SHERWOOD PROPERTY OWNERS	

THANK YOU TO ALL OF THE PARTICIPANTS  
AND TO  
NEKOOSA PORT EDWARDS STATE BANK FOR THE TROPHY



Thank you to the volunteers that helped with this event. It was one of the biggest Christmas In Rome events we have had. We are going to make next year even bigger and better. A special thank you to Jerry & Marci Wiessinger, Kathy & Larry Halverson, Gary Gevers and the Romemakers HCE. This event would not happen without them! **THANK YOU!**



# Safety Tips Speed & Alcohol



## Zero alcohol keeps you safe on the trail

Drinking alcohol before snowmobiling or during your ride slows your reactions, impairs your judgment, and is a leading contributor to snowmobiling deaths. Last winter, alcohol was involved in 70 percent of the 23 snowmobiling fatalities.

Join DNR in the international zero alcohol campaign that urges every snowmobiler to take personal responsibility for reducing alcohol-related crashes. Wisconsin conservation wardens will be handing out zero alcohol stickers to snowmobilers and asking you to display it.

See why zero alcohol is the answer

Here's what you can do to help:

Display the sticker on your helmet, snowmobile, trailer, or vehicle.

Choose to be 100 percent alcohol-free until after your ride is over and you're safely home.

Commit to riding only with other snowmobilers who are alcohol-free.

## Slow down

Speed is a contributing factor in nearly all fatal snowmobiling accidents. Drivers should proceed at a pace that will allow ample reaction time for any situation. Drive at moderate speeds, and drive defensively, especially after sunset.

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/Snowmobile/snowSafetyTips.html>

**HAVE FUN  
ON YOUR  
RUN**

**BUT DON'T  
DRINK 'TIL  
YOU'RE DONE**

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**SPEED BLURS  
YOUR VISION**

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STAY IN CONTROL.**

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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  
January 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 are available at club meetings, on our website and at:**

[Camelot on the Lake](#)  
[Country Sports](#)  
[Evensons Marine](#)  
[Friar Tucks](#)  
[Sherwood Lodge](#)  
[Lure Bar & Grill](#)  
[Donahue Super Sports](#)

**BEING PART OF  
A CLUB IS  
THE RIGHT THING  
TO DO!**

Please stop and visit our **AWSC Commercial Sponsors** as you are out riding (or driving) around. Take the time to thank them for being a snowmobile club sponsor.

These businesses are:

[CAMELOT ON THE LAKE](#)

[COUNTRY SPORTS](#)

[EVENSON'S MARINE](#)

[FRIAR TUCKS](#)

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[LAKE SHERWOOD LODGE](#)

[LURE BAR AND GRILL](#)

[PONDEROSA PINES](#)

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**NIGHTLY SPECIALS**

**Mondays**  
Roasted Wings 50¢ each

**Tuesdays**  
Three-Piece Broasted Chicken

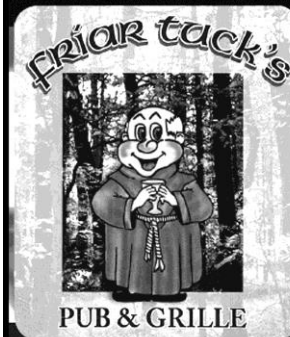
**Wednesday Night**  
BBQ Rib Night

**Thursdays Steak Night**  
16oz Ribeye On The Grill  
8oz Tenderloin On The Grill

**Friday Night Fish Fry**

**Saturdays Prime Rib**

**Sundays Steak and Shrimp**

**NOW OFFERED EVERY NIGHT OF THE WEEK**

Friar's Famous BBQ Ribs  
Hand Dipped Beer Battered Shrimp

Friar Tuck's Pub & Grille  
382 State Hwy 13  
Nekoosa, WI 54457

**715-325-3338**



**NEW OWNERS, NEW HOURS, GREAT FOOD & DRINK**



## Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting December 14th, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am with the president in the chair and seven officers present. There were 39 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 Gary Gevers to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Kathy Halverson 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.

### Social Committee Report

No cards were sent out this month. After donuts were purchased, there is a balance of \$123.60 in the kitty.

We had four new members in attendance. The club welcomed Joe Bellocchio, Al Kraft, Tim Kane and Chris Johnson.

President Jim Fisher thanked everyone that helped run Christmas in Rome. Marci & Jerry Wiessinger did a great job organizing the chili challenge and Melissa Rhodes and Suzanne Krostreva helped run it. Jerry Wiessinger, Gary Gevers, & Larry Halverson ran the sleigh rides. Santa and his Elf, Kathy Halverson entertained the children. We had over 130 kids in attendance. This was one of our biggest turnouts. Visit Rome helped with advertising our event.

### Trail Boss Report

The fall was tough as far as extra work. High winds raised havoc in some areas. Signs were twisted or blown over and the wet ground didn't help. Hopefully we have most of that taken care of. If you see a problem with signs or trees down, let us know and we will get it taken care of. Jim Fisher and Scott Fitzgerald took care of a tree on Archer that was down. John Steinke, Gary Gevers & Larry Halverson took care of two trees that were down over the trail on Archer and 16<sup>th</sup> area.

There are still water problems in a lot of areas. We are not in real bad shape except for the one on Beaver where we always have problems. Some clubs to our south probably will not be able to open this year. Be aware of that as you are out riding.

Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> is the date we can officially open the trails but unless something drastic changes, it doesn't look like that will happen. Check the website for trail reports. Adams County Parks & Recreation is the official phone number and website for opening and closing reports. We share their information on our website and Facebook page. Adams County updates their information when the trails open and close and try to update conditions on Wednesdays. Feel free to call Larry if you have any questions. There is a new procedure for opening and closing trails. Club representatives report the Adams County Alliance President to give trail conditions.

On Monday, Jim Fisher, Tom Gabriel, Gary Gevers, Tedd Sorenson, John Steinke, Jerry Wiessinger, and Larry Halverson meet at the groomer shed. They serviced the John Deer and went over the drag. 800 lbs. of new weights were added to the front of the tractor and new chains were put on the front of the tractor. GPS unit was installed. This will make it much easier on the groomer operators. No paper work is need. There was a problem with the alternator. It cost just over \$200.00 to get it fixed. Tractor should be in good condition and ready to go for the season. All we need now is that white stuff.

## **Activities Report**

Melissa reported that the club trip will be February 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Rustic Manor Motor Lodge in St. Germain. We 20 rooms booked by club members at this time. We are no longer holding rooms but if you are interested in going, contact the lodge to see if they have rooms available. Contact Melissa if you have any questions.

## **Adams County Report**

Larry Halverson, Gary Gevers, and Melissa Rhodes attended the Adams County meeting along with Lori Heideman, AWSC Vice President.

All trails need to be marked and signed. All our maintenance hours need to be turned in before the end of the year.

Adams County Snowmobile Alliance is teaming up with Grand Marsh Pathfinders. On February 1<sup>st</sup> the Pathfinders are holding an antique snowmobile show at the Cedar Shack south of Adams on Highway 13. The Adams County Snowmobile Alliance is going to have meat raffles, basket raffles, and gun raffles at this event. All clubs are asked to donate baskets for this event. Our club will donate one or two baskets.

The first half of the Snowmobile Safety Class was held on Tuesday December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Marsh groomer shed. Jim Fisher helped Gary Gevers teach the class. There were 11 kids that showed up. The second half of the class is Saturday December 21<sup>st</sup>.



Lori Heideman, AWCS Vice President, spoke about the number one complaint being trespassing. Warn people if you see them trespassing that it can be a costly fine and could mean a trail closure. Trails have been closed when people have gone off trails or been on them when they are not supposed to be. She also spoke on the E10 and E15 gas issue. Gas companies are trying to pass a bill so all gas would run through one nozzle. The problem being, you might get a gallon or two of the wrong gas before you get what you want. AWSC is not backing this bill, just making you aware of it.

## **New Business**

Tom Koren of The Lure Bar & Grill approached Jim Fisher about the possibility of having a radar run at their location in January or February. Insurance costs were discussed. It is also hard to get help for these events. Larry is going to talk with Kellner Knights to see what they pay for insurance for their radar run. This would have to be a 2021 event if we do anything. More information is needed and this will be discussed in the future.

Larry Halverson made a motion to buy a \$25.00 gift card from Pritzl's for Fran, the Town of Rome custodian. She cleans up after us and arranges everything. She always goes out of her way to help us out. It was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Gary Gevers. All in favor. Motion passed.

Kathy Halverson and Melissa Rhodes are working on the Snowmobile Friendly Community application. Kathy has meet with the police department to discuss safety and is going to meet with the Town of Rome to get copies of our ordinances. Kathy will submit the application within the next couple weeks. There is a lot of work involved in the application. If our club is awarded, we will have this for four years. We will be given signage to place in our town. Lori Heideman, Vice President of the AWSC, has been very helpful with this process.

Melissa has made a brochure about our club to be submitted with our application and it will also be distributed by Visit Rome and at locations throughout our community.

The Town of Rome has a tourism division called Visit Rome. They have been very helpful in promoting our club. They have a section for our club on their Visit Rome website. They also have a Facebook page.

A motion to adjourn at 9:45 am was made by Wayne Mikrut and seconded by Ted Sorenson. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Steve Ottowitz. \$85.00 for the club \$85.00 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted  
Melissa Rhodes  
Rome Sno-Bandits Secretary