

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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302 13th Ave, Nekoosa, WI 54457

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 7th, 2021

Adams County Snowmobile Association Meeting – 7:00 pm
Connell's Cedar Shack

January 9th, 2021

Club Meeting – 10:00 am
Lure Bar & Grill Backroom

January 28th - 31st, 2021

Club Snowmobile Trip
Rustic Manor Motor Lodge
Saint Germain, WI

February 13th, 2021

Club Meeting
Time & Location TBD

March 13th, 2021

Club Meeting
Time & Location TBD

OFFICIAL TRAIL CONDITIONS/CLOSINGS

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

www.travelwisconsin.com/snowreport/snowmobile

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



Message from the President Tom Warner

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and you are enjoying the new year healthy and happy! There is snow on the ground and more is falling. The season is starting slowly, but that allows the ground to freeze up and hopefully give a great base for the whole season!

Please make sure you stop by the Lure and get a couple pull tabs from our new pull tab machine. 100% of the proceeds go to the Sno-Bandits. A big thanks goes out to the Lure for letting us put the pull tab machine in!!

Our club trip will be at the end of the month in St Germain. I hope you all have made your reservations. I am really looking forward to seeing everyone and getting to spend time on the trails putting in plenty of miles with everyone. It will be a very fun time! We will have a mixer Saturday evening in the meeting room to share stories and some refreshments.

Please make sure to thank all of our sponsors when you visit them for supporting the Sno Bandits and make sure to pick up a new Adams Co trail map that several members of the Sno- Bandits along with other clubs in the county worked so hard to put together. It really has turned out great!!

As always, THINK SNOW!!

Tom Warner, President



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Message From Vice President Bryan Meyer

Hi Sno-Bandits! It is very nice to enter the new year with some snow on the ground! I know I have been spending some time getting the sleds all ready for the club trip (and hopefully sooner than that)! Don't forget to take a look at that trailer of yours too! Tires get old and bearings get dry. Make sure you have working lights etc. Much more enjoyable working on these things on your time versus the side of the freeway!

Pull Tab update!! We just loaded the rest of the first box in the machine! We are selling tickets and making some money for the club. It seems like it is going to work out nicely. Please stop in the Lure and try your luck! Be sure and tell Tom we are very happy for him to help us with this fundraising machine. Tom and his crew have really been doing much of the work involved with the machine. Also make sure to thank Cathy Steinke for her help with keeping everything moving smoothly.

Fire Department / Rome Sno-Bandits mock snowmobile crash training will take place on Jan 16th at 10am. Setup will be at 9am and we are looking for a victim volunteer! (aka crash dummy). Please contact me if you would like to help. We will have the crash site near the bridge on the trail to Country Sports. The Fire Department will be videoing this exercise for future use. We might be able to take some of the video and use it in our snowmobile safety classes. We would like to continue to work closely with the Fire Department and hopefully donate some equipment to help with future rescues. The board will be discussing this and see what we can do and what the timing would be to make something happen.

Your Sno-Bandits VP
Bryan

Mark Kane, Town of Rome EMS Coordinator, gave Bryan Meyer, Tom Warner and Melissa Rhodes a tour of the Fire Department. Pictured on the left is the UTV they use for snow rescue.



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Message From Trail Boss Larry Halverson

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to everyone. I hope you had a safe, healthy, and enjoyable holidays.

Mother nature continues to play tricks on us. The weather forecasters predict big snow events and we end up with little or nothing. Keep the faith we will get some good riding in yet this year.

The new trail maps for Adams County are finished and they look very good. Thanks to the Association map committee as they did a great job in a short amount of time. Maps are out at the local businesses and we will have some available at the next Sno-Bandit's meeting on January 9th. The maps are also available on our Facebook homepage.

Please be aware of the trail changes on Corridor 21 at 15th Ave. and Apache Ave. Also be careful on Corridor 21 between Badger Ave. and Beaver Ave. as there is some logging activities happening in that area.

The grooming equipment has been all checked out and setup, ready to go as soon as we get some more of the white stuff. Keep working on your snow dance so we can get things going here.

We will be taking the Christmas decorations down after the meeting. Please stay and help if you are able.

Larry

NEXT CLUB MEETING

January 9th, 2021 Lure Bar & Grill • 10:00 am

Our meeting will be held in the backroom of the Lure. Please stay after the meeting for lunch and play the pull tab machine. Please wear a mask when not eating or drinking!



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CLUB TRIP

Donna Bohn, Melissa Rhodes, and Lori Heideman are working on games and food ideas. If you would like to help plan the club trip, please contact them. We will discuss trip activities at the January club meetings. As of the end of December, our club members have booked 23 rooms. This is always a great time and a great way to get to know fellow club members. Please join us!



Club Trip

January 28th – January 31st, 2021

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

<https://www.rusticmanor.com>

Toll Free: 1.800.272.9776

Room Rates

- \$ 93.00 All Rooms In Outside Traditional Building
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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. An early check in is unlikely. You will need to reserve your room for the night prior to your arrival if you want an early morning check in.

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Safety Tips

Ice Riding

Drowning is one of the leading causes of snowmobile fatalities. Wherever possible, avoid riding on frozen lakes and rivers because ice conditions are never guaranteed. Ice conditions can change in a period of several hours. If you must cross ice, stay on the packed or marked trail. Don't stop until you reach shore. If you hit slush, don't let off the throttle. If you are following someone who hits slush, veer off to make your own path. If you must travel over lakes and rivers then consider using a buoyant snowmobile suit which will help you reach the closest ice surface. Also consider carrying a set of picks that will help you grip the edge of the ice more easily. As a rule of thumb, "If you don't know, don't go."

If you do break through the ice, don't panic. Follow these self-rescue tips:

- Kick vigorously into a horizontal position and swim to the nearest ice edge.
- Place hands/arms on unbroken ice while kicking hard to propel your body onto the ice, like a seal.
- Once clear, stay flat and roll away to stronger ice.
- Stand, keep moving and find shelter fast.

<http://snowtracks.com/snowmobile-safety/>

Instructions For Making Ice Claws

- 1) Get two 4" pieces of wooden doweling the size of a broom handle or a little larger. Whatever material you select, it should float in case you drop the claws while struggling.
- 2) Drive a stout nail into one end of each dowel. This should be a hardened 16 penny or larger concrete nail.
- 3) Use a file to sharpen the nail heads to a point.
- 4) Drill a hole into the dowels (in the end opposite the nail) and tie a length of strong cord through the hole so a pick is on each end "jump-rope" fashion. You may also drill a hole in the ends alongside the nails so the nail on the other pick can nest in the hole, keeping both points covered. Keep the picks in your pocket for quick emergency access if you or a companion does break through.

<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/outdoorrecreation/activities/icesafety.html>

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Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting December 12th, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 10:09 am with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 7 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 Larry Halverson to accept the report as it was presented in the newsletter. Scott Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Steinke reported on the checking & savings account balances. Gary Gevers made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Bob Sweet seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trail Boss Report - Larry Halverson

Thank you to John Steinke, Tom Gabriel, Jim Fisher, Scott Murphy and Ted Sorenson for servicing the John Deere and drag. We are ready to go. We just need some of that white stuff.

Reminder of the trail change along Apache Ave. Do not trespass on Sand Valley's land. The workers are in there working on the new golf course. The fine for trespassing is almost \$300.00.

Social Committee Report

We are happy to have Bev back! The club sent out a get-well card to Bev Sweet. Sympathy cards were sent out to the Romano family and to Gary Gevers & Deb for the loss of Deb's mother. After purchasing cards, there is a balance of \$224.60 in the kitty.

Activities Report

There was a good turn out for Christmas in Rome. Santa and his Elf handed out over 50 bags of goodies to the kids. The corner looks great as always. There were several compliments from the community on how things were done.

The club trip will be held January 28th – January 31st, 2021 at Rustic Manor Motor Lodge in St. Germain. We have approximately 23 rooms booked by club members. With Covid restrictions, we might run into some issues with being able to use the common area. We will not know what restrictions will be in place until closer to our trip. We are going to plan activities and members can decide if they would like to participate. Melissa Rhodes, Lori Heideman and Donna Bohn will work on food and games. Please let one of them know if you would like to help with this. Melissa will send out an email to all club members that have signed up for the trip with details and a sign up sheet for snack and meals. Bring any ideas to the next meeting.

Thank you to everyone that helped with trail brushing and set up for the chili dump. It was nice to see everyone show up and help. We got a lot of work done.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

Bryan gave an update on the Adams County Snowmobile Map. The trails will be color coded by clubs. Intersection will be marked and the signs will be provided with the map proceeds. The county will be split into three sections. A pdf of the map will be available to post on our website and Facebook. The new map should be available after the first week in January.

The Association is holding a gun raffle. Kathy Halverson, Melissa Rhodes, and Gary Gevers have tickets if you would like to purchase some. Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$20.00. The drawing will be at the January 7th meeting at the Cedar Shack. Need not be present to win.

1st Prize: Winchester XPR 30-06 w/scope

2nd Prize: Benelli 12 GA. 3-1/2 Camo

3rd Prize: Marlin 22 Auto Model 795

Old Business

Make sure to get your membership renewals in. You are going to need your trail passes soon and this process takes time. To date we have 142 memberships and approximately 245 members.

The new address for our club is 302 – 13th Ave. Nekoosa, WI 54457. Cathy Steinke will close the PO Box at the end of December.

The new pull tab machine is here. Thank you to Tom and Joanie for allowing us to put this machine in their establishment. The Lure is giving all the profits to our club.

Suzanne Kostreva and Greg Enzenroth gave an update on the sign board committee. They are working on new designs for our map kiosks out on the trails. Greg is going to place plexiglass over it and wrap it with a rustic looking material.

Snowmobile Friendly signs are not up yet. We have been waiting for the Town of Rome to replace their signs first. Larry will get the SF sign up on County Road D. He will hold off on putting the signs up at the two locations on Highway 13 until the town has upgraded their signs.

New Business

We will discuss having a sponsorship committee after the first of the year. Bring your ideas to the next meeting and if you would like to be on this committee, please let Tom Warner know.

Bryan, Tom and Melissa met with the Rome Fire Department prior to our meeting. We wanted to see what they had for snowmobile rescue equipment. We had a tour of the department and got to see all their equipment. They have outfitted a Polaris UTV with tracks so they are able to access the trail. At this time, they have no way to carry anyone out on the UTV besides walking beside the UTV. We would like to use the pull table machine to purchase a box that goes into the back of the UTV so they are able to carry a rescue worker and secure a backboard on it. Bryan also brought up the idea of having a training exercise with fire department. We will need one or two people to play the victim and will possibly need a snowmobile. The fire department will take care of the rest. We are looking to video tape it for the fire department and for our club. We need someone that has a video camera to video tape it.

Our next meeting will be at the Lure on January 9th.

A motion to adjourn at 10:46 am was made by Melissa Rhodes and seconded by Ray Glenn. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Carl Hasdal. \$ 53.00 for the club and \$ 52.00 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Rhodes
Secretary



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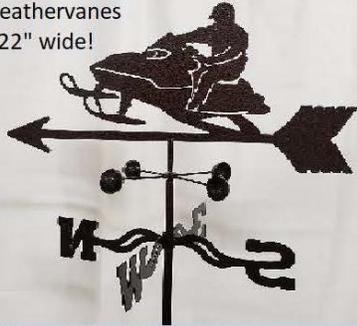
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