

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

MARCH 8, 2024

Club Meeting
9 am – Rome Town Hall

April 12, 2025

Club Meeting
9 am - Lure Bar & Grill

April 12, 2025

Club ATV/UTV/ Car Fun Ride
Lure Bar & Grill
Registration 10 am – 11 am
Ride Leave at 11 am

May 10, 2025

Club Meeting
9 am – Groomer Shed

June 7, 2025

Club Meeting
9 am – Groomer Shed

June 14, 2025

Classic Car & Snowmobile Show
Rome Town Center Park

August 9th, 2025

Club Picnic Tentative Date

September 13, 2025

Club Meeting
9 am – Groomer Shed

October 11, 2025

Club Meeting
9 am – Groomer Shed

PLEASE JOIN US!

Message From President, Tom Warner

I hope everyone was able to get out and enjoy our trails for the short time they were open! Our Groomer operators sure did a great job working with the little bit of dry fluffy snow we had. The couple days I was out on our trails they were fantastic! Unfortunately, the whole state has taken a hit with the warmer than usual temps and rain! Let's hope there is a chance for one more ride this year!

The club trip to Siren Wisconsin was an awesome time! The Lodge at Crooked Lake was a fantastic place for a club trip and the trails were pretty good for the snow year we have had. There was so much fun had by the 22 club members that attended on and off the trail! The stories of the days adventures as well as stories from other rides were plentiful in our own meeting room at night, and the talk of the days adventures to come were planned every morning at breakfast. It was so much fun watching members of our club build new friendships, as well as strengthen old ones! Thanks for all the great memories.

Remember that we have elections at the April 12th Club meeting. The positions up for election are Vice President, Secretary, Director (Gary G), Trail Boss, and Membership Chair. Nominations will be accepted at the March 8th club meeting. If any of those positions interest you, please get ahold of a Warren Starner who is our election Chairman or anyone else to be nominated at the March meeting.

Our next big fundraiser is the Car Show that is the Saturday of Father's Day weekend. We are always looking for volunteers to help plan as well as work the day of the show. We always have so much fun planning as well as working the day of the show! Please reach out to Jeff Parmeter, our Car Show Director, if you would like to help out! We sure would be super appreciative of any help!!

I just want to finish by saying THANK YOU to all our club members for continuing to make the Rome Sno Bandits the BEST snowmobile club you can find!!

As always, THINK SNOW!!

President,
Tom Warner



NOTICE

The Rome Sno-Bandits **Annual Meeting of Members** will be held on April 12th, 2025, at the Lure Bar & Grill at 9:00 am. Elections of Officers & Directors will take place at this meeting. Positions open for nominations are Vice President, Secretary, Trail Boss, Membership Chair and one Director. Nominations can be made by contacting the nominating committee or from the floor at our March or April meeting.

Nominating Committee:

Warren Starner (262) 255-5292 Email: wstarner@wi.rr.com

Message From Interim Trail Boss, Scott Murphy

We began rolling trails on the 10th of February hoping for more snow and got six inches more a few days later. Steve Ottowitz and Jon Okeefe did the first rolling and Tom Gabriel helped out on short notice on Saturday as we were all out of town. We opened on Sunday morning and had a week of riding before Mother Nature pulled the snow from under our sleds.

Thanks again to Jon, Tom, Steve, and Gary for filling in while I was gone and for helping get the tractors ready to groom.

Jerry and I have a meeting with the Saratoga solar project this month to discuss trail routing in the future. Rome's solar project is going to be a work in progress going forward.

Interim Trail Boss
Scott Murphy

Message From Vice President, Bryan Meyer

Hi Sno Bandits,

I hope you were one of the lucky ones who got to get out and enjoy some Adams County Snowmobile Trails! Another short season but it's great to see all the hard work show with our trails. Lots of traffic for the early season trail conditions.

April 12th we will have an ATV ride to raise some money and support some of our sponsors! Please get it on your calendar if you are interested in going. It will be a fun day. Details to follow as plans get made.

Car show planning is in full force. We need volunteers. It would be great if you were able to help. Always looking at ways to improve and make better. This year we have some challenges with some core people stepping back. Please contact Tom W, Jeff P, or me if you can help. June 14th is the date. Hope to see you there!!! Also, another great event to support the club and community with!

Vice President,
Bryan Meyer

Nekoosa High School Tech Ed Class



Note from Nekoosa School District: Our high school Advanced Transportation students had an awesome chance to learn about careers in powersports, thanks to Country Sports of Wisconsin Rapids, their technician Jacob, and a generous donation from the Rome Sno-Bandits Snowmobile Club! ❄️ Jacob from Country Sports, along with Scott Murphy from the Rome Sno-Bandits, shared valuable insights on career paths in powersports, the latest snowmobile technologies, and how to get involved with local businesses and snowmobile clubs. Our students got a close-up look at everything from suspension systems to high-tech features in snowmobiles!

👏 Shoutout to Country Sports of Wisconsin Rapids and Rome Sno-Bandits Snowmobile Club for supporting our Nekoosa Tech Ed programs and helping our students explore some exciting career opportunities! Thank you! 🍷

Note From Country Sports: This week, we had the honor of working with the **Rome Sno-Bandits** snowmobile club and Nekoosa High School to speak to the Advanced Transportation students about powersports technology and careers. Jacob, a technician from our team and Scott Murphy of Rome Sno-Bandits, spoke to the students about career options in powersports, the newest tech in snowmobiles and how to get involved with local businesses and snowmobile clubs. Safe to say the future is bright for these kids! Thank you to the Sno-Bandits and Nekoosa Highschool for involving us. We LOVE the opportunity to help the next generation of skilled workers learn about their options with small engines.



Hillbilly Themed UTV/ATV/CAR Fun Run Saturday April 12th, 2025

Starts & Ends at the Lure Bar & Grill

Registration 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Ride Leaves at 11:00 am

We will ride as a group – Rain or Shine!

Dress in Hillbilly Costumes!
More Information Coming soon!

Community Donations

Did you know ... the proceeds from the pull tab machine at **Lure Bar & Grill** are donated back to the Rome Sno-Bandits and we distribute them within the community?

In addition to funding a scholarship through AWSC - Association of Wisconsin Snowmobile Clubs, in 2024, we were able to help sponsor or donate funds to these local events or community organizations:

- Town of Rome Fire Department
- Rome Police Department
- Adams County Kid's Day
- American Legion (Ryan Larson Post #65)
- Wisconsin Rapids Area - Best Christmas Ever
- Adams County Humane Society
- Children's Miracle Network Hospitals
- Adams County Angel Tree
- Nekoosa High School Tech Ed Program
- Christmas in Rome

Huge THANK YOU to everyone who plays pull tabs and to the Lure for hosting the pull tab machine!



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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 2024-2025 season will be available to order from the AWSC beginning July 1st, 2024.

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am with President Tom Warner as the chair and 4 officers present. There were 28 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

President, Tom Warner, congratulated the Petenwell Palooza committee on a successful event. The committee gave an overview and thanked Cathy Steinke for her great record keeping.

Don't forget to renew your membership and get your trail pass.

Secretary's Report

There were no changes to the Secretary's report. A motion was made by Jim Fisher to accept the report as presented in the newsletter. Linda Randall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Melissa Rhodes read the Treasurer's report prepared by Cathy Steinke. Melissa reported on the checking & savings account balances. Bob Sweet made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Bryan Meyer seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trail Boss Report

Scott Murphy gave the Trail Boss report. The front seal on the tractor is fixed. The cylinder on the drag is fixed. The trails committee will roll the trails if we get snow. Section leaders should check their trails for downed trees. Make sure to keep track of your hours.

Social Committee Report

A get-well card was sent to the family of Craig Halverson. Please keep Craigs family in your prayers.

The balance in the fund is \$247.00.

Activities Report

Car Show: The 1st car show committee zoom meeting was held this past week. Volunteers are needed to make this a successful event. If you are interested in cars, you can be a judge. We also need help with registration, parking, and serving food. We will not ask for monetary donations from our businesses this year. The car and snowmobile classes will be reviewed and less trophies will be handed out. Our next zoom meeting will be March 3rd. If you have ideas for adding to our car show, please let a committee member know. A sign-up sheet will be available at the next meeting.

Club Trip: The Club Trip will be held on February 13 – 16, 2025 at the Lodge at Crooked Lake in Siren Wisconsin.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

Darren attended the winter meeting. Funds are being held back as registration is down. Clubs are buying bigger equipment to get higher reimbursements, but the bigger equipment is damaging bridges. Corner markers were discussed. There have been 4 fatalities this year. The new trail maps are in. Elections for most positions will be voted on in April.

AWSC Report

Warren Starner gave the AWSC report. Warren attended the Directors meeting in January. The spring convention will be held in Green Bay at the end of March. The executive board will be elected. An AWSC dues increase will be voted on. Our club voted in favor of the dues increase. You don't have to return the insurance card you receive in the mail unless you want extra coverage. Advertising for the 2026 calendar is due July 1st. An increase in registration is being discussed. The cost of a trespassing fine is \$230.00.

Old Business

Casey Shilling gave the donation committee report. The committee is made up of Linda Randall, Jeff Hoffmann, Sue Krueger, and Casey.

A motion was made by Gunnar Anderson to donate \$500 to the Never Forgotten Honor Flight. Tom Warner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Melissa Rhodes made a motion to donate \$200 to Kids Day. Bev Sweet seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

This is the 4th year of the pull tab machine. Thank you to Bryan Meyer for coming up with the idea and thank you Cathy Steinke for tending to the machine weekly.

New Business

The Palooza Committee is planning a UTV ride on April 12th. More information is coming soon.

Scott Murphy spoke about the Nekoosa High School Tech Ed class program. Scott Murphy and a Country Sports mechanic spoke to the class about careers, snowmobile clubs, and KAOS. Country Sports brought a snowmobile. The class is about getting kids to think about power sports as a career. An Atv/Utv class might be held in the spring.

The AWSC elections will be held in March. Our club voted to vote for incumbents in all positions.

The Rome Sno-Bandits will take nominations at the March meeting for the positions of Vice President, Secretary, Membership Chair, Trail Boss and one Director. Please reach out to Warren Starner to nominate someone. Elections will be held at our April meeting.

A motion to adjourn at 10:45 was made by Warren Starner and seconded by Bryan Meyer. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Jim Fisher. \$55.00 for the winner. \$60.00 for the club.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Rhodes
Secretary



Adams County Snowmobile Association Minutes February 6, 2025

The ACSA meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm by president Steve MacIntosh. There were 18 members present with 8 clubs represented.

The minutes from the Jan. 2nd meeting were emailed out, so the reading of them was waved. Motion to accept by Bob Spiess and Bryan Meyer, all approved.

The treasurer's report was read by treasurer Lisa Glaeser. Checks were written out for the maps design and printing. Income is still coming in from map ads. Balance is x. Motion to accept by Bob Spiess and Warren Starner, all approved.

County Director Warren Starner reported that there will be a \$5.00 due increase to be voted on at the Spring Convention. Give your vote sheet to Warren if your club rep. is not going to the convention. Members do not need to send in their insurance cards to be covered, only if they want to be contacted. Please get any club activities to Stormy by July 1st, If you want them on the AWSC calendar. You can also give Stormy any events you want in the magazine. Make sure your insurance is up to date and that you are following your raffle ticket license requirements. The money needs to be going to the place listed on the ticket and staying local.

Trespassing fine is \$ 230.00.

Bills voted on were for Warren's hotel stay at the directors meeting, motion to pay by Bob Spiess and John Steinke, and renewing our raffle license, motion to pay by John Steinke and Dennis Kulwicki. All approved.

Darren suggested renewing your snowmobile registration to keep funds going into the maintenance fund even if you are not snowmobiling. Check bridge weight against your equipment weight so you are not damaging your bridges. Please check your trails for trees down. This is maintenance.

Deputy Macfarland reported that there have been 4 fatalities this year so far. Please be careful of frozen water.

Bryan Meyer reported that the Chambers new slogan is Visit Adams County.

Old Business: maps are available, 2 cases per club, and 5 laminated ones per club. Need at least 6 inches of snow to open trails.

April 3rd at 6:00 pm before the regular meeting will be our first Powersports meeting.

Kurt Mikolite talked about the MS ride and thanked us for our donation.

Coloma is having a radar run Feb 15th.

Oxford is having a pancake breakfast Feb 15.

New Business: Need a nomination committee. Dennis, Paul Jaskulski, and Brent York volunteered. Elections are in April. All officers and 1 board member, (Bryans position).

Dennis brought up the possibility of having an AWSC dinner in May. Kurt, Brent and Dennis volunteered to look into this.

Brent volunteered to try and update our Facebook Page (ACS Information) and Bryan will check with Melissa Rhodes on the web site.

Steve brought up having a Snowmobile Rescue Group, he will be looking into getting this together.

It was suggested to give maps to the police and fire departments. Bent would like a digital file of the map to put into their system.

Next meeting March 6th at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00 pm by Bryan and Jerry Henckel, all approved.

Submitted by Joy Krah