Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

May 13th, 2023 Club Meeting 9:00 am – Groomer Shed

June 10th, 2023 Club Meeting 9:00 am – Groomer Shed

June 17th, 2023 Rome Classic Car Show Rome Town Park 9 am – 3 pm

January 13th, 2024 Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree Lure Bar & Grill

> February 1st - 4th, 2024 Club Trip The Lodge at Crooked Lake Hotel in Siren, WI

PLEASE JOIN US!

Message From President, Tom Warner

Welcome to May everyone time sure is flying by!

We held elections at the last membership meeting, and I would like to welcome our newest board member (Director) Warren Starner. Warren has been an active member for years, helping out whenever asked. I would also like say a big thank you to Jeff Hoffmann for serving as Director for the past 9 years. With Jeff on the board, the Sno Bandits have grown to the national level and that is due to Jeff's excellent ideas and input. Jeff is still helping the Sno Bandits on the car show committee as well as other things around the club. Again, thank you for your years of volunteering!

Don't forget that we will be meeting at the groomer shed for our May and June membership meetings (9:00 am) due to Town Hall not being available. Please bring a chair.

Please plan to help with roadside pickup on May 13th after our regular monthly meeting. It goes quick with many helpers!!

The car show committee is finalizing a lot of things for the big day on June 17th. The show should be another great day for the club. Lots of things happening the day of the show, cars, snowmobiles, and lots of food and refreshments as well as the big raffle! We could always use more volunteers. We always have so much fun even though we are working! I would love to see you there!

PLEASE SELL THE CAR SHOW RAFFLE TICKETS!! There are a lot of very nice prizes and the money raised directly supports the club and our trails!!

Hope to see everyone at the May membership meeting!!

As always, THINK SNOW!

Tom Warner President





CAR SHOW VOLUNTEERS

We need a few more volunteers for the day of the car show. We are looking for help with parking cars in the morning and with the concession stand. Please contact Melissa if you can help or sign up at our next meeting.

Message From Trail Boss, Jerry Wiessinger

This is a sad time when we must pull all the trail signs signaling the end of another snowmobile season. Time to trade the white for green if Mother Nature ever quits sending us the snow that we needed three months ago. Thanks to our section leaders and volunteers the signs are out and stored in the sign barrels that have been well organized in the groomer shed and the extra signs that need repair have been separated so they can be worked on. Please remember that we have this work that can be done anytime of the day, any day of the week, whenever you have time available. We would like to get this done before fall when we will need some of these signs.

Sand Valley has advised us that they would rent the New Holland tractor again this summer to give us some additional revenue. This has been a good revenue source for the Club's treasury, but it will not last forever.

Remember now is the time to SELL, SELL, SELL CAR SHOW RAFFLE TICKETS!!!

Jerry Wiessinger Trail Boss

Message From Vice President, Bryan Meyer

May, is that right? Buckle up as summer is coming fast!! First of all, last month was our elections and I want to take a moment to say thank you all for letting me be a part of this Nationally recognized club. The Sno Bandits are doing great things here and it is a wonderful honor to be a part of it behind the scenes. I hope to continue to perform and meet or exceed your expectations during the next 2 years. Now if we just can have mother nature give us that dumper of a season, we are so overdue for!!

Classic Car and Snowmobile Show!! Sell sell sell those tickets. Everyone is working hard bringing the show together. Please keep selling tickets! Every ticket counts. If you are available for a little bit, please sign up to help out. If you just want to get out of the house, stop by and say hi and maybe grab some lunch and look at some hot cars, trucks and snowmobiles! It's going to be a great event!

Hope to see you there!

Brap!!

Bryan Meyer Vice President

Rome Sno-Bandits 1st Annual AWSC Scholarship

Our club's first annual \$1,000 scholarship was awarded to Chloe Lustila at the AWSC Spring convention in Green Bay. Chloe is a member of the Near North Trail Riders of Athelstane, Marinette County and will be graduating from Southern Door High School in May of 2023. Chloe plans to attend University of Wisconsin-Green Bay in the fall majoring in Accounting. Chloe is the daughter of Duane and Rachel Lustila.

I am beyond grateful for this opportunity. Receiving the phone call of the great news was a highlight of my year (especially because I was snowmobiling when I got the call)!



April 17th, 2023

Rome Sno-Bandits Snowmobile Club Rome Sno-Bandits Scholarship 302 13th Avenue Nekoosa, WI 54457

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude and honor for being selected as the recipient of the Rome Sno-Bandits Scholarship for 2023. I received the phone call of my award while I was snowmobiling at my cabin, which made receiving this scholarship extra special and memorable to me.

I am a senior at Southern Door High School in Door County with full intent to attend the University of Wisconsin - Green Bay in the fall and major in accounting. I was fortunate enough to land an internship at Therma-Tron-X in Sturgeon Bay, WI for the summer and hope to work my way up at the company during and after college.

In my free time, I love going to my cabin to snowmobile, boat, sit by the campfire, and spend time with my family. I also love playing sports, especially softball, and decided to volunteer as an assistant coach for our youth softball program this summer. I also intend to continue my volunteer work as an instructor for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources snowmobile and ATV safety classes in the fall.

This scholarship will help me with my college expenses and aid in my career goals for after college. I cannot express my thankfulness enough and want you to know your generosity will never go unnoticed. Your support is helping me achieve my dreams and make the most out of my post-secondary education.

Furthermore, thank you for everything your club does to continue my love and others' for the sport of snowmobiling. As someone who is adamantly involved in our local snowmobile club, I am well aware of the hard work and dedication needed to operate and take care of our trail systems. Thank you for the countless hours spent in doing so.

Sincerely,

Chloe Lustila

AWSC Miss Snowflake Rachyl Burzinski

Rachyl surprised our club by attending our meeting on Saturday, April 8th. Rachyl spoke about getting girls ages 16 - 22 interested in running for Miss Snowflake. Rachyl will be attending our car show in June where she will present the AWSC Miss Snowflake Best of Snow Award to her favorite classic snowmobile attendee. Thank you Rachyl for joining us. You are doing an excellent at representing the AWSC!!





Youth Member Fletcher Daun





The Rome Sno-Bandits sponsored Fletcher Daun the past two years, supporting him, and assisting him with his expenses for snowmobile racing. Fletcher raced with the Wisconsin Kids Snowmobile Racing Association (WKSRA) based out of northern Wisconsin. Fletcher's Papa, Reg Videgar, was his crew chief for both seasons and put in a ton of time on his sleds to do what he could to make sure they were in proper working order for our favorite racer - #999. Fletcher attended eight races, racing in 120 Improved and 206 Semi-Pro.

When Fletcher began the 2023 season, he was nervous and scared after running his 206 on hot laps and didn't want to race the sled. Through encouragement and support, Fletcher improved each race. By the sixth race, he was seen passing kids and no longer coming in dead last. At the very last race in Minocqua, WI, upon a sea of spectators, Fletcher showed confidence and determination, and made it to the finals placing sixth! It was an incredible "win" for Fletcher, something he worked extremely hard for. For the 120 improved class, overall, Fletcher placed fifth for the season.

Also at the Minocqua race, Fletcher was given the chance to race a teammate's Champ sled. The Champ is a modified sled, sits very low to the ground, and can go 30+ miles per hour. While this scared his mama, Fletcher was ready and excited to give it a try. Despite a couple spills, he did amazing for his first attempt and was thrilled to have been given that incredible opportunity.

Fletcher will be turning 12 in January 2024 and ready to ride the trails. Thus, we made the decision to retire him from racing. Fletcher learned what true sportsmanship is like, gained confidence, and life-long friends through the WKSRA. Any child, ages 4-14 can race in this circuit. The racing families are extremely welcoming, helpful, and want to see everyone succeed. If you or anyone you know has any interest, please reach out to me. We will miss our racing family greatly, but plan to support them by watching them from the sidelines.

We greatly appreciate the Sno-Bandits support of Fletcher and his racing the last two seasons. This isn't the end of us - we look forward to many more continued opportunities to have fun with and support our fellow Sno-Bandits.

Jenny Daun





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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:

<u>ON-LINE</u>: Through our website: <u>www.RomeSnoBandits.com</u>. Click on <u>Membership Application</u> 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

<u>CLUB MEETINGS</u>: 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 2023-2024 season will be available to order from the AWSC beginning July 1st, 2023.

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 <u>https://www.awsc.org/About-Us/Member-Lookup</u>. Your membership number never changes.

Membership Contact: Donna Bohn <u>RSBMembership@gmail.com</u>

Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting April 8th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 7 officers present. There were 31 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Miss Snowflake, Rachyl Burzinski, surprised us by attending our meeting. Rachyl will be attending our car show in June. She encourages girls ages 16-22 to run for Miss Snowflake.

Congratulations to Lori Heideman for being elected AWSC President.

Fletcher Daun thanked our club for our sponsorship of him over the past two years.

Tom Warner thanked Bryan Meyer for running the last two meetings in his absence.

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 Glenn 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. Linda Randall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trails Boss Report

Scott Murphy joined the trails committee. Trail signs should be able to come out at the end of this week. Make sure to fill out a maintenance report and turn it in to Jerry or leave it at the groomer shed. Make sure any damaged signs do not go back in the barrels. Get replacements or leave a note that they need to be repaired. Our club can get informational signs made from old signs through the County for \$36 each.

Social Committee Report

A sympathy card was sent to Scott Fitzgerald for the loss of his girlfriend, Laurie Garrett. Get well cards were sent to Marci Wiessinger and Melissa Rhodes

The balance in the fund is \$264.82.

Activities Report

Car Show: Dash plaques are done. Registration forms are going out soon. Letters went out to a few body shops for sponsorships. Please sell raffle tickets. Dawn & Cyndee will come up with a shirt design for the car show.

Club Picnic: KAOS is the second weekend in August so we will investigate moving the picnic to Sunday on the 1st weekend of August. Donna and Mike Bohn will organize the picnic.

Fisheree: The fisheree will be held January 13th, 2024 at the Lure Bar & Grill. Prizes are being purchased at deep discounts. A concession stand will be held July 15th at the Wisconsin State Trapshooting Grounds. Please let a committee member know if you can help.

Club Trip: The club trip will be held on February 1st - 4th, 2024 at Crooked Lake Lodge in Siren. More information to come.

Adopt A Highway Road Pickup: Garbage pickup will take place after our next meeting. Please stay and help for an hour if you can.

CMN Radiothon: The club will do this again in December. Let Jim Fisher know if you would like to help.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

CDAC Meeting regarding the holiday hunt will be held April 24th at the Adams County Community Center. Steve MacIntosh is the new president of the association. All other positions remained the same. Adams County Chamber of Commerce has 4 pages on snowmobiling in the new magazine.

AWSC Report

The spring convention was held in Green Bay on March $24^{\text{th}} - 26^{\text{th}}$.

Elections: President- Lori Heidemen, Vice President- Greg Roscizewski, Secretary- Sue Smedegard Treasurer- Lauren Levey, Executive Director- Mike Holden

Safety Report- 18 Deaths in Wisconsin. All but 2 were over the age of 40. 11 were over the age of 50. Faster machines and less agile riders. Speed and alcohol were factors. Longer season this year in many areas. Many icy conditions this year.

Safety and Trespassing – More Law Enforcement needed on the trails. Rec Council is working on getting more money to local Law Enforcement budget. Trying to increase the amount from \$396,000 to \$800,000. The Legislative Committee is also trying to keep the \$1.2 million from tribal gaming in the budget for DNR law enforcement. Everyone needs to talk to their legislators about this.

Legislation- There are two bills in Madison.

SB105 and AB98 - Signs on Public land and State-owned property. To keep informational signs leading to businesses on state trails.

SB136 and AB130 - Is to raise the cap on Supplemental grooming from \$900-\$1500. Many clubs are grooming past their funding. The money is there, we just need to get it into their hands.

Get to know your legislators!!!! Call or email them and let them know that these things are needed for our sport to continue.

Senator District 24 – Patrick Testin - 608-266-3123 - sen.testin@legis.wisconsin.gov Legislator District 72 - Scott Krug- 608-237-9172 - rep.krug@legis.wisconsin.gov

Governors Snowmobile Council- They approved 73 projects for a total of \$5.9 million. Approximately \$900,000 in grants were also approved for storm damage.

Snowmobile Friendly- The application process helps the clubs create a greater bond between your club, Police, Fire and Rescue and your community. It is a process to help create better and safer trails.

Scholarships – There were 44 applications for scholarships. There were 13 awarded for a total of \$10,000 to 13 students in 11 different counties.

The AWSC ran out of non-resident trail passes -25,000 sold this season. 10,000 students graduated from safety classes -234 "in person" classes held. 26,000 hours of snowmobile enforcement in 2022 between the DNR and 40 sheriff's departments. 1,175 snowmobilers were "contacted" in 1 weekend.

There are over 600 clubs with 41,000 members and 25,000 miles of trails in Wisconsin

There were 10 million page views of Travel Wisconsin this season.

1.6 million page views of the snow report. 1.4 million page views of the snowmobile page.

This was a 28% increase over last year. There were 338,000 unique users between November and March

Old Business

Elections:

Vice President – Bryan Meyer and Gunnar Anderson were nominated. There were no other nominations. Scott Murphy made a motion to close nominations. Jim Fisher Seconded the motion.

Secretary – Melissa Rhodes was nominated for secretary. There were no other nominations. Jim Fisher made a motion to close nominations. Scott Murphy seconded the motion.

Director – Jeff Hoffmann and Warren Starner were nominated. There were no other nominations. Linda Randall made a motion to close nominations. Jeff Parmeter seconded the motion.

Trail Boss – Jerry Wiessinger was nominated. There were no other nominations. Kathy Halverson made a motion to close nominations. Terry Miller seconded the motion.

Membership – Donna Bohn was nominated for membership chair. There were no other nominations. Gary Gevers made a motion to close nominations. Jim Fisher seconded the motion.

Voting was held by ballot. Election results:

Vice President: Bryan Meyer Secretary: Melissa Rhodes Director: Warren Starner Trail Boss: Jerry Wiessinger Membership Chair: Donna Bohn

The Capital Gains Committee met after our last meeting. Equipment and storage were discussed along with future needs.

The Farmers Market will be held next Friday. Warren Starner will sell raffle tickets at the event.

New Business

Kathy Halverson spoke about the Grand Affair Car Cruise. Warren Starner made a motion to sponsor a trophy for \$35. Mike Chamber seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jerry Wiessinger will look into grants for road crossing signs or rubberized crossings.

A motion to adjourn at 10:53 am was made by Bob Sweet and seconded by Jeff Parmeter. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Wendy Hoffmann. \$85 for the club and \$85 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted Melissa Rhodes Secretary



Adams County Snowmobile Association April 6, 2023 Cedar Shack

The April 6, 2023 meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Vice President Steve McIntosh. There were 17 members present. All clubs were represented except Coloma and New Haven.

The **Secretary** read the minutes from the March 2nd meeting. A motion to accept was made by Dennis Kulwicki and seconded by Bryan Meyer. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Treasurer** reported that she had written one check with a balance of X. A motion to accept was made by Gary Gevers and seconded by Ed Stevens. All in favor, motion carried.

Darren reminded all to get their hours in for SNARS after you have removed signs this spring. He asked if anyone had any signs that need to be replaced or any other projects to be done. Let him know asap. CDAC holiday hunt discussions will be happening soon in many counties.

Gary reported on the Spring Convention and handed out notes from it. Elections were voted on and the results are Lori Heideman President, Greg Rosciezewski Vice President, Sue Smedegard Secretary, Lauren Levey Treasurer and Mike Holden Executive Director. He told of the 18 deaths this season, talked about safety and trespassing, and 2 bills in Madison regarding signing and supplemental grooming. He gave info on our senators and legislators. The Governor's snowmobile council, Snowmobile Friendly, CDAC, scholarships and Rec council. See the AWSC web page or the WSN magazine for more of this info. Melissa talked about ISC (International Snowmobile Congress) which will be in Moline Illinois on June 7-10 and the 2024 will be in Green Bay. Both are looking for sponsors for these events. This year the fall workshop will be in LaCrosse.

Graham Everyone behaved well when the trails opened in March. He is setting up safety classes for fall. Call him if interested. A suggestion was made to notify the police or sheriff's office when you will be having crews out to take down signs.

Bryan brought the Adams County Chambers new brochure. They have finally included snowmobiling in it. We actually have four pages on snowmobiling!!

Old Business: Discussion of road routes VS marked trails on ditch line and how to mark them. We are working on getting informational signs to be standardized within the county by rehabbing and using old signs. Highway department will make them for us, very reasonably. Talk to Steve if you have questions 815-222-4554. Opening and closing of trails discussed. So hard to anticipate the weather.

New Business: Election committee presented the names of those running for office. Steve running for President and Gordy for Vice President, Secretary Kathy Halverson, Treasurer Melissa Rhodes, AWSC Director Gary Gevers, AWSC Representative Melissa Rhodes and Adams County Director Jim Schnolis. No other nominations were made. Motion to unanimously vote for these people. Motion by Mary York, seconded by ??. All in favor. Brat frys at County Market this summer. Watch for date for ACSA's day. Motion to adjourn at 8:09pm by Gary Gevers, seconded by Bryan Meyer.

Next meeting will be on September 7, 2023 at Cedar Shack. Have a wonderful summer everyone! If your club has an event that you would like advertised, send the info to Kathy and she will send it out to our ACSA email list. Her email is k4thy@wctc.net.

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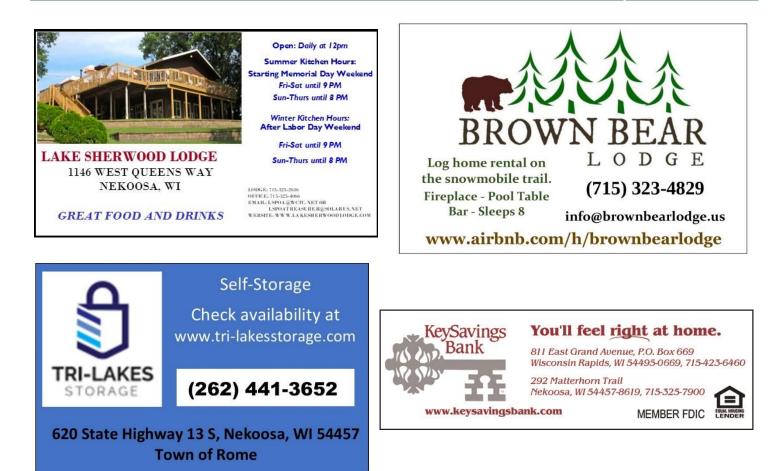
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