

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



November 2020

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302 13th Ave, Nekoosa, WI 54457

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5th, 2020

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

November 14th, 2020

Trail Brushing, Chili Dump & Monthly Club Meeting
Groomer Shed - 8:00 am
Chili Dump - 12:00 Noon
Meeting to Follow Chili Dump

December 3rd, 2020

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

December 5th, 2020

Christmas in Rome
Rome Town Hall

December 12th, 2020

Club Meeting – 9:00 am
Location TBD

January 7th, 2021

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

January 9th, 2021

Club Meeting – 9:00 am
Location TBD

January 28th -31st, 2021

Club Snowmobile Trip
Rustic Manor Motor Lodge
Saint Germain, WI

**All Event Dates
And Locations Are
Subject To Change**



Message from the President Tom Warner

Thank you to all that helped with the roadside pickup we did after our October meeting! It went quick!

Please stop into the Lure and try your luck on our new pull tab machine once it is delivered! All proceeds will go to the Rome SnoBandits!

Snow is falling in some parts of the state already and that means we should be getting those sleds ready! Make sure your registrations are up to date and your trail pass is current. If you haven't already, please get your membership renewals in so we can get them to the AWSC. Remember you can't get your discounted trail passes if your membership isn't up to date!!

Our annual trail brushing and chili dump is November 14th. It's always a fun time and great food! Please bring a friend whether they are a club member or not! We need as much help as possible. This is the day that we get much of the brushing and signing ready for the season! I hope to see all of you at the groomer shed at 8am!

As always THINK SNOW!!

Tom Warner
President



REMINDER

Our club had discontinued mailing of AWSC membership cards to save on postage. Your AWSC number can be found on your Wisconsin Snowmobile News Magazine label or you can look it up on the AWSC website by clicking on the link below. Your membership number never changes. <https://awsc.org/About-Us/Member-Lookup>

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

Please plan to attend our Annual
Trail Brushing, Chili Dump, & Club Meeting

Saturday, November 14th, 2020

(Details On Page 5)

**We have a new
mailing address.
302 13th Ave,
Nekoosa, WI 54457
We will no longer
use the PO Box.**



Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup

Our club participated in the Adopt-A-Highway road pickup after our club meeting on October 10th. Ten club members spent an hour picking up garbage along Highway 13 from County Road D to the Adams/Wood County Line. We will do this again in May.

Pictured are John and Cathy Steinke. They continuously help the club with this event. Thank you to John and Cathy and all the volunteers. The Rome Sno-Bandits take pride in helping keep the Town of Rome looking great!



Message From Trail Boss Larry Halverson

Mother Nature is teasing us, we received about 1 inch of snow just to get us all in the mood for the upcoming season.

One of our most important days for our club is coming up on November 14th. Brushing and signing is absolutely necessary for our club to function. This work cannot get done without the help of you volunteers. If we can get you all to help out like you have in the past, we can get these projects done in a short time. This is a great time to meet old friends and make new ones also.

Please plan on meeting us at the groomer shed, located at 302 13th Ave, at 8 A.M. on Saturday November 14th. At that time, you will be assigned to a portion of our trail system to work on. Bring your favorite tools for brushing; saws, loppers, etc. Boots and gloves are recommended.

Due to the pandemic, the chili dump and the meeting will be held at the heated shed. Please bring your share of the unfrozen chili when you come in the morning and there will be volunteers working there to get things prepared for our get together after our trail work. We should all be back by noon. The club will have the condiments and refreshments available. We will have our fill of chili and then the meeting will be held.

Looking forward to seeing you all on November 14th.

P.S. Bring a friend or friends, not necessarily a club member, as everyone is welcome.

Larry



Message From Vice President Bryan Meyer

Happy November folks! What better way to enter November than with a little end of October snow! Hopefully this is a sign of a great snowmobile season coming up!!

We are going to try some of that out of the box fundraising thinking. Once we are set up with the pull tab machine, we will let you all know. Then we ask you all to stop on down to the LURE and play some pull tabs and thank Tom for letting the Sno-Bandits put this machine in his place! I really hope this to be a great opportunity for the club to make some money.

I have some personal goals I am working on. More to follow on that as the months go on. Stay safe out there in these crazy times. Brap!

Your Sno-Bandits VP
Bryan



Larry Halverson accepting a check from Cameryn of Visit Rome to cover the cost of paving our club's groomer shed driveway. Thank you so much Visit Rome for helping our club through these trying times!!

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Rome Sno-Bandits & AWSC Memberships both expire on June 30th annually. We encourage you to renew your membership now to avoid delays in getting your trail pass. Memberships must be renewed before you can order your discount trail pass through the AWSC. We send memberships to the AWSC twice a month to minimize processing fees.

Ways to renew your membership:

ON-LINE:

Through our webpage: www.RomeSnoBandits.com. Click on [Membership Link](#) at the top of the page and pay with SECURE on-line payment with credit card or PayPal.

MAIL:

Send completed [membership application](#) with check to:
Rome Sno-Bandits, 302 13th Ave, Nekoosa, WI 54457

CLUB MEETINGS:

Bring completed membership application to a meeting with your check or cash payment. Applications are available at all meetings.

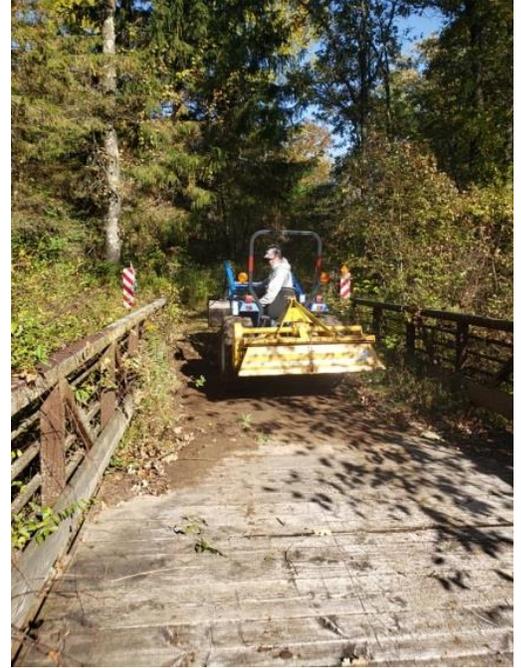
We will no longer mail membership renewal applications, newsletters, or AWSC membership cards to save on postage.

Information on membership and trail passes can be found on our website:

<https://www.romesnobandits.com/>

TEN MILE CREEK BRIDGE WORK

Larry Halverson & John Kolinski did some much needed work on the bridge over Ten Mile Creek. Through the years sand and dirt has washed down the hill and there was over a foot of dirt on the north end of the bridge. The weight was an issue along with rot due to it being wet all the time. John and Larry removed the dirt and inspected the bridge. Thank you to Larry & John for your hard work.



Trail Passes

Discount Wisconsin Trail Passes for the 2020-2021 season are available to order from the AWSC.

Make sure your renewal has been received and processed by our club then go to

<https://awsc.org/Trail-Pass-Registration>

to order your trail pass.

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We have a link to ordering [Trail Passes](#) on our website. Check out the new look of our website and find trail pass information at:

<https://www.romesnobandits.com>

CLUB APPAREL

Club apparel will be available at our November meeting. We need to reduce our t-shirt inventory before we order winter apparel.

If you are interested in ordering a jacket, please let Melissa Rhodes or Dawn Kalata know. We will be placing a jacket order after our November 14th meeting.



Annual Trail Brushing, Chili Dump, & November Club Meeting

Saturday, November 14th, 2020



Groomer Shed

**302 13th Ave, Nekoosa, WI 54457
(Off Alpine Drive)**



8:00 am Trail Brushing & Signing

Bring gloves and any trimming equipment you have. Lobber shears, chainsaws, and pole saws are helpful. We have Section Leaders and will split up into groups to sign and brush each section. This usually takes 3 - 4 hours to complete.

If you have any equipment that might be useful and would like to volunteer your services, please contact **Larry Halverson @ (414) 587-6833** or larry@wctc.net.

12:00 Noon Chili Dump

When our work is done, we will return to the groomer shed for our famous chili dump. There will be a portable toilet, hand wash station and heaters available. Bring a chair and a half gallon or so of chili to be mixed together in a Nesco. You are welcome to bring other goodies like snacks, breads, desserts, or anything you would like to go along with the chili dump. Have your **unfrozen** chili at the groomer shed at 8:00 am so we have time to heat it up! Disposable containers like Ziploc bags work the best as we do not have a way to wash dishes.

We need volunteers to help with chili dump set up & clean up.

Please be at the Groomer Shed between 9:00 am - 10:00 am.

If you have any question, please contact

Melissa Rhodes @ (715) 459-8001 or RomeSnoBanditsSecretary@gmail.com.

1:00 pm Monthly Club Meeting

Following our chili dump, we will have our monthly club meeting along with a 50/50 raffle.

This event has turned into a Sno-Bandits tradition kicking off the snowmobile season. It is a great time to help your club while having fun and getting to know fellow club members.

Come Join All The Fun!!!



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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
\$ 99.00 Two Queen Room In Main Lodge
\$ 115.00 King Poolside Room In Main Lodge
\$ 135.00 King Whirlpool Room In Main Lodge
\$289.00 Three Bedroom/Two Bath House

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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Check out our

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on our website:

www.romesnobandits.com

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

Here's Ur Sign

(920) 740-6753

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 6 officers present. There were 16 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. Kathy Halverson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Steinke reported on the checking & savings account balance. Tom Warner Sr. made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Kathy Halverson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trail Boss Report - Larry Halverson

Land owner agreements are being worked on. Section leaders make sure you have permission from landowners before you go out on the trails. Trails look to be the same for this year. Next year we might have drastic changes around Sand Valley.

Some trails are shared with the ATV club. It is the ATV clubs responsibility to get those trails leveled off before the start of the snowmobile season.

Larry & John Kolinski did some much needed work at the bridge over Ten Mile Creek. Through the years sand and dirt has washed down the hill that is north of the bridge. There was over a foot of dirt at the end of the bridge. The weight was an issue along with rot due to it being wet all the time. John and Larry removed the dirt. There is a wet spongy spot to the north of the bridge. Groomer operators be aware so you don't get stuck.

There are a lot of parcels for sale along Alpine and County Road D. They are being turned from forest management to residential. So far this has not affected our trails.

Social Committee Report

A sympathy card was sent to Brian Baker for the loss of his brother. A get-well card was sent to Don & Alicia. There is a balance of \$229.60 in the kitty.

Activities Report

The club trip will be held January 28th – January 31st, 2021 at Rustic Manor Motor Lodge in St. Germain. Reservation information is in our newsletter, on our Facebook page and website. At this time our club members have 14 rooms booked. There are 12 rooms still available. Get your reservations made if you plan to attend. This is always a good time.

Adopt-A-Highway road pick will be held after our meeting. Please stay and help out if you can.

We need volunteer for trail brushing and chili dump set up at our next meeting on November 14th. Be at the groomer shed at 8:00 am. We will be back at the groomer shed at noon for our chili dump followed by our meeting. Everything will be held at the groomer shed.

A date will need to be set for setting up Christmas decorations. We will set that date and make a decision on what we will do for activities at our next meeting.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report from Larry Halverson

Elections were held at the October meeting. Results are:

President - Gordy Carlson, Vice-President - Steve McIntosh, Secretary - Kathy Halverson, Treasurer - Nancy Carlson, ACSA Director - Bryan Meyer, AWSC Director - Bill Hicks, AWSC Representative - Melissa Rhodes.

The By-Laws are old and need to be updated.

Darren Tolley had a funding meeting. They discussed road routes and the 40' rule. This affects us. Alpine to 15th and to Lake Arrowhead are all unfunded due to the 40' rule. We are hoping this will get changed to 10' so they can be funded trails. SNARS is making some progress. A category has been added for brush saws. GPS units will be mandatory in November 2021. Some clubs don't have computer access. They will need to get up to date.

Shaun Long, Recreation Office thanked the Rome Sno-Bandits for allowing him to speak at our training session. There was a lot of good information.

ACSA is holding a gun raffle. Three guns are on the raffle ticket. Kathy Halverson, Melissa Rhodes, and Gary Gevers have tickets if you would like to purchase some. The drawing will be at the January 7th meeting.

Steve McIntosh (Dellwood), Bryan Meyer, Melissa Rhodes and Gary Gevers are working on the new county map. We are hoping for some good improvements to the map.

Holiday hunt will not affect us as there is not one in Adams County. Opening date for the trails will be set at the November meeting.

Old Business

Memberships are due. At this time, we have 98 membership renewed which is approximately 180 members. When the snow flies, you are going to want your trail pass and this is not a quick process. If you are not sure if you renewed your membership, go to our website under trail passes. There are directions on how to check your membership status with the AWSC. You can also renew your club membership at our website.

Our September Safety Class was very informative. Gary Gevers, Jim Fisher and Shaun Long did a great job covering many topics. A wealth of knowledge was shared. We are hoping to do this annually in December.

We are waiting to order new winter apparel until we sell what we have. We will have apparel at our meetings. A jacket order will be placed after our November meeting. Contact Melissa or Dawn if you would like to place a jacket order.

The new driveway has been installed. Visit Rome covered the cost of the paving with a grant. Thank you to Visit Rome. Your generosity is much appreciated.

The board set up a sign board committee. Suzanne Kostreva is the head of the committee. She needs people to help with this. Please contact her if you are willing to help.

New Business

Bryan Meyer came up with the idea of putting in a pull tab machine as a new way to make money. Tom Koren of The Lure Bar & Grill on Lake Petenwell, generously offered us a spot to put a machine. 100% of the profit will go to the club. The machine company will give us the machine free of charge as long as we buy the pull tabs from them. This idea came from a club to the north. It has been a great money maker for them. There is no guarantee on what the club will make but it looks like a good deal with no risk for the club. The board has discussed and researched this extensively. This will require someone to stock and balance the machine. Cathy Steinke has volunteered to do this with Melissa Rhodes as a backup. The larger box of pull tabs has a \$500.00 winner and the smaller box has a \$250.00 winner. Profits from the large box is \$ 350.00 and the small box \$225.00. Tom Koren of the Lure is trying to help promote the club and he doesn't want anything from the profits. This will add work for the Lure. In return we hope to have an event each February at the Lure. The club will put our logo on the machine and message that states the funds are going to the Sno-Bandits and will be put back into the trails and community. A motion was made by Kathy Halverson to approve going forward with the pull tab machine with up front expenses not to exceed \$2,000.00. Linda Randall 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jerry Wiessinger is looking into having the mailbox changed from a PO Box in Nekoosa to a mailbox in the Rome Town Centre Park. Running to Nekoosa to get the mail is time consuming.

Cathy Steinke received a request from Angel Tree for a donation. Larry Halverson made a motion to donate \$100 to the Angel Tree program. Brian Baker 2nd the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Larry will look into putting up the old information box at Hoozel's. It used to be up at Trails End.

A motion to adjourn at 9:56 am was made by Larry Halverson and seconded by Jim Fisher. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Linda Randall. \$38.00 for the club and \$37.00 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Rhodes
Secretary

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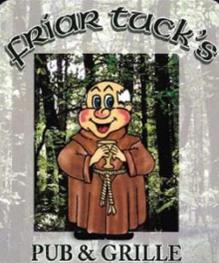
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