

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1st, 2020

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

October 10th, 2020

Club Meeting & Road Pickup
Groomer Shed - 9:00 am
Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup
Following Meeting

October 23rd – 25th, 2020

AWSC Fall Work Shop

CANCELLED

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

As I write, it would appear that fall has set in. The cool nights, and the color change of the trees is a welcome sight and should start you thinking about getting ready for snowmobile season. It's time to get the sleds out of storage and give them a once over and get your trail passes purchased once you have renewed your membership.

I would like to say thank you to Gary Gevers, Jim Fisher and Shaun Long of the Adams Co. Sheriff's Dept. for the informal safety class they held after our September meeting. There were great questions asked and a lot of information. I would also like to say a big thank you to Hoozel's for letting us hold our September meeting and safety class in their tent!

Please remember we will be meeting at our groomer shed for our October meeting and November meeting/chili dump and trail brushing. We will have heaters in the shed as well as a restroom with hand washing station available. The November trail brushing and chili dump is a great time for members and their family and friends!

Please remember to make your reservations for the club trip in January. There are still a few rooms left. As always it will be a great time!

As always THINK SNOW

Tom Warner
President



WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!

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

Saturday, November 14th, 2020

(Details On Page 5)



Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup October 10th, 2020 Following Club Meeting



Our club participates in the Adopt-A-Highway Program. Adopt-A-Highway was initiated by the Wisconsin Department Transportation many years ago. It was an opportunity created to allow organizations to help in beautifying our state's highways by picking up trash two to three times a year. This is an all-volunteer program and there is no cost to our club. The Department of Transportation in each County provides bags, signs, vests, and flags to be used during the pickup. The Rome Sno-Bandits applied in August of 2012 to adopt the section of Highway 13 from County Road D to Adams Ave. (County Line). We conduct pick up in the spring and fall of each year. As a club, we feel that it is important to give back to our community for the support they have provided us over the years. We take pride in helping to keep The Town of Rome looking great. Please help represent the Rome Sno-Bandits by volunteering for an hour after our club meeting. The more volunteers we have, the quicker the job will go. Please wear gloves and dress appropriately



Message From Vice President Bryan Meyer

Money Money Money! Snowmobiling is so much more than just the machine(s) in your garage. For those of you at last month's meeting you might have noticed I was not there. I was at the first World Champion Derby Complex Fall Motorsports Show & Swap in iconic Eagle River WI. This event was created as HayDays Swap meet (world's largest snowmobile swap meet held in MN) was canceled due to Covid 19. If you haven't been to a swap meet before it is quite the event. There is anything from a guy like me cleaning out the garage of the last 40 years of parts and pieces to sleds and sleds themselves. Or the racer that has their collection of unwanted parts. Or the Power Sports store trying to sell non-current and current stock of clothes, helmets, oil, belts, sleds, etc. You will even see the AWSC trailer, other snowmobile clubs, groomer and drag equipment and the list goes on. These swap meets, big and small, are held all over the state of Wisconsin throughout the year, mainly in fall. My point to this is the money that these events bring in is huge. Maybe the Sno-Bandit's (Or thinking big, Adams County Association bringing all the county clubs together) should be thinking of something like this in the future! At least our club should consider doing a big raffle with giving away a new snowmobile as the Grand Prize.

Money is out there! I'm asking that our members keep thinking and feel free to think outside the box for different ways to bring in money to the club and our community. Bring your ideas to the meetings or contact myself or one of the other board members with your ideas. The more the club can bring in the more we can support our area, and everyone will benefit from that!

Fall is in the air and trees are changing colors folks! Let's hope for a great and safe season!!
Brap!

Your SnoBandits VP
Bryan



Message From Trail Boss Larry Halverson

The weather is starting to turn toward fall like conditions, cool nights, leaves are turning etc. That only means one thing to me is that winter is not far behind. Snow will be here before you know it so it is time to start getting prepared. Purchasing your trail passes should be your number one priority so you have them when the snow shows up and you will be all ready to ride. Check over all your equipment so that is ready also.

I would like to thank Gary Gevers, Jim Fisher, and Shawn Long (Adams County Recreational officer) for the snowmobile operator training session they led after our September meeting. It was very helpful and informative.

Please mark your calendar for November 14, meet at 8AM at the groomer shed. That will be our annual trail brushing and signing day. We always need a lot of help for this event so we can get the work done for the season. After the work is done we will return to groomer shed for chili and refreshments.

Larry

Driveway paving at the groomer shed was completed in September. A huge thank you goes out to Visit Rome. They provided our club with a grant to cover the cost of the paving. Without being able to hold any of our fundraisings events this year due to Covid 19, this grant was enormously helpful.



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 monthly 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, PO Box 43, 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/>

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.

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 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 October meeting. We need to reduce our t-shirt inventory before we order new winter apparel.

If you are interested in ordering a jacket, please let Melissa Rhodes or Dawn Kalata know. If we have enough people interested, we will place a jacket order in November.



Informal Adult Safety Class

The Sno-Bandits held our 2nd annual informal adult safety class after our September club meeting. Club DNR Safety Instructors, Gary Gevers and Jim Fisher, taught the class. Adams County Recreation Officer, Shaun Long, assisted them. The class was very informative and covered topics from safety to rules and regulations.

Thank you to Gary Gevers and Jim Fisher for organizing this class and sharing your knowledge. Your hard work is appreciated.

We will hold this class again next year, most likely in December.

If you are interested in becoming a DNR Safety Instructor, please see Gary or Jim for more information!



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

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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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at club meetings or can be ordered
anytime from Dawn Kalata of***

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

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 7 officers present. There were 24 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Our club welcomed new members Tim & Michelle McAleavey.

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. Scott Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy Steinke reported on the checking & savings account balance. Jim Fisher made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Ray Glen seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trail Boss Report From Larry Halverson

Land owner agreements are being worked on. Larry doesn't see any problems at this time. Let Larry know if you hear of any land that is up for sale on our trail system.

Trail brushing will be held on November 14th. We will meet at the groomer shed at 8:00 am. The ATV clubs share some of our trails and have been doing brushing so some areas will be good. Section leaders please let Larry know if you are not interested in your section this year. Also please let Larry know if you want to work in a certain group for trail brushing.

The chili dump will be held at the groomer shed. Bring your unfrozen chili to the groomer shed at 8:00 so we have time to heat it up. We will not have a way to thaw it out. Have it in a disposable container like a Ziploc bag. We will have porta potties and a hand wash station. We are looking for volunteers for brushing and for help with setting up for the chili dump. Larry will be purchasing a couple heaters for the groomer shed in case it is cold. They will also be used by the guys working on the grooming equipment as we currently do not have heat for them. Please bring a chair.

Social Committee Report

A sympathy card was sent to Scott and Nicole Stritesky for the loss of Scott's mother. Get well cards were sent to Jerry Wiessinger and Wayne Spletter. There is a balance of \$247.60 in the kitty.

Activities Report

Melissa reported on the club trip to be held January 28th – January 31st, 2021 at Rustic Manor Motor Lodge in St. Germain. Reservation information is in our newsletter and on our Facebook page and website. If anyone would like to help with organizing activities, please let Melissa know. Make sure to mention the Rome SnoBandits when booking your room.

The board held a meeting prior to our club meeting. It was decided we will not hold a poker run this year due to the Covid situation. We will look at it again next year.

Adopt-A-Highway road pick will be held after our October meeting. Last fall we had 12 volunteers and it took less than an hour. Please dress appropriately and wear gloves. Vests will be provided.

Adams County Report from Larry Halverson

There was a meeting held last week. Due to Covid a lot of things have not been taken care of like elections. Elections will be held next month. The gun raffle that was scheduled to be held has been postponed until the January 7th, 2021 ACSA meeting. Anyone that purchased tickets will be transferred over to the new raffle.

A maps committee was formed. Gary Gevers, Bryan Meyer, Melissa Rhodes, and Steve McIntosh (Dellwood Club) are a part of this committee. We hope for some improvements. Darrin Tolley is working on grants.

Landowners can be on their own property with vehicles and atvs. Make sure you know who you are talking to before you confront anyone.

Trails to the south should be in better shape this year. Culverts have been put in by the county. Hopefully this will eliminate some of the water problems.

AWSC fall work shop has been cancelled.

Old Business

Memberships are due. Last year we had over 200 members. At this time, we have only 80 renewals. 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 membership at our website. Keep your email address up to date with our membership chair or secretary.

New Business

Thanks to our sponsorship committee, we have gotten an overwhelming response of new AWSC Commercial Sponsors. New sponsors are: Advantage Plumbing, Chasing Sunset Travel Agency, Hoffman Trucking & Excavating, KeySavings Bank, LakeWinds Decor, MSH Concrete, Nekoosa Port Edwards State Bank, Papa Bears Mini Golf, Rome Realty, Jamie Williams Construction, Bison Trading, Premium Services and Tri Lakes Storage. Renewal sponsors are: Camelot on the Lake, Country Sports, Evenson's Marine, Friar Tucks, Lake Arrowhead, Lake Sherwood, Lure Bar & Grill, and Pritzl's Trading Post. Please make sure to stop in and thank these sponsors. We also have links to these businesses on our website and in our newsletter.

The board has set up a sign board committee. We are looking at possibly getting new sign boards at both corridors and possibly Alpine Drive to incorporate our Snowmobile Friendly Community award. Suzanne Kostreva is the head of the committee. She needs people to help with this. Please contact her if you are willing to help.

As of right now we are not sure if Christmas in Rome will happen. We are looking into a scaled down version with just the trees. We will discuss this more in the future.

The board discussed if we should get new apparel. We have a fair amount of inventory that we need to reduce before we order more. If there is anything you want that we don't have, you can go straight to Dawn Kalata of Here's Ur Sign and order what you need. Her contact info is listed in our newsletter and on our website. We hope to eventually get apparel with our Snowmobile Friendly award logo. We will have apparel available at our meetings. Gary Gevers also has order forms. If anyone is interested in ordering a jacket, please let Melissa or Dawn know. We have a few people interested in ordering jackets and could place an order in October or November.

Our October and November meetings will be held at the groomer shed. Please bring a chair. We will have heat.

A motion to adjourn at 9:40 am was made by Jim Fisher and seconded by Jeff Parmeter. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

An informal safety class was held after our meeting. Thank you to Gary Gevers, Shaun Long, and Jim Fisher for teaching this class. It was very informative. We hope to have a safety class in December of each year.

50/50 winner was Carl Hasdal. \$55.00 for the club and \$55.00 for the winner.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Rhodes
Secretary



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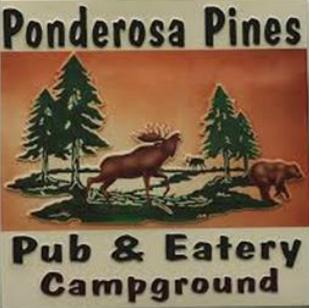
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