Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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302 13th Ave, Nekoosa, WI 54457

Upcoming Events

October 14th, 2023 Club Meeting

9 am - Rome Town Hall Adopt-A-Highway

Road Pickup Following Meeting

November 11th, 2023

Trail Brushing, Chili Dump & Club Meet

All To Take Place At
The Groomer Shed
Trail Brushing - 8 am
Chili Dump - Noon
Club meeting to follow Chili Dump

December 2nd, 2023

Christmas in Rome

December 7th & 8th, 2023

December 9th, 2023

Club Meeting

9 am - Rome Town Hall

January 13th, 2024

Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree

Lure Bar & Grill

February 1st - 4th, 2024

Club SnowmobileTrip

The Lodge at Crooked Lake Hotel in Siren, WI

PLEASE JOIN US!



Message From President, Tom Warner

Happy October! The best season of the year is quickly approaching, but first we have a few workdays that must be done! We have highway pickup after the October 14th monthly meeting. Many hands make light work. I hope we have many volunteers for this day.

We also have our annual Trail Brushing and Signing workday followed by our famous chili dump!! The date for this is 11/11/2023. Trail brushing & signing starts at 8 am at the groomer shed on 13th Ave. The chili dump and monthly meeting will follow around noon. I really hope to see all of you there. We get a lot of work done and we also have a lot of fun doing it!!

Please remember to renew your membership if you haven't already done so! Your membership expired at the end of June and you will not be able to get your discounted trail pass without a current membership. It does take Membership Chair, Donna Bohn, and the AWSC time to process your membership.

There were several Sno Bandits members that attended the Jack Pine Savages Snowmobile Clubs *Think Snow Fun Run* on September 16th! There was a lot of fun had by all and it was great to be able to get out and enjoy everyone and our beautiful area! The Jack Pines club put on a great event!

I hope to see everyone at the October monthly meeting. Start working on your snow dances! As always THINK SNOW!!

Tom Warner President









Message From Trail Boss, Jerry Wiessinger

With the eighty-degree weather in October as I am writing this, it is a little difficult to get excited about snowmobiling, but with the thirty-degree drop in temperatures in the next couple of days, it will stir up the great memories of fun on the snow and the thoughts of making new memories this year.

The Grooming crew will be meeting in the next week to get the equipment ready for brush cutting and mowing which needs to be done before brushing/signing day on November 11th. There is a lot of overhead brush cutting to be done on some of the trails with the McCormick and brush cutter so there is less cutting to be done with pole saws. Those trees just keep growing wider.

The McCormick tractor is back from the repair shop with the transmission repaired and ready to have the brush cutter installed. The New Holland tractor has been returned from Sand Valley and is ready to tackle the mowing.

I will be working on getting trail easements from twenty-one landowners for the 2023-2024 season. Currently, I am not aware of any trail reroutes. We have ordered new information directional signs for all our intersections through the Adams County Snowmobile Association. They are covering the cost of having the signs made by the Adams County Highway sign shop. The signs will be reflective for easier reading at night.

REMEMBER TRAIL BRUSHING/SIGNING DAY ON NOVEMBER 11^{TH} 8:00AM.

Jerry Wiessinger Trail Boss

Message From Vice President, Bryan Meyer

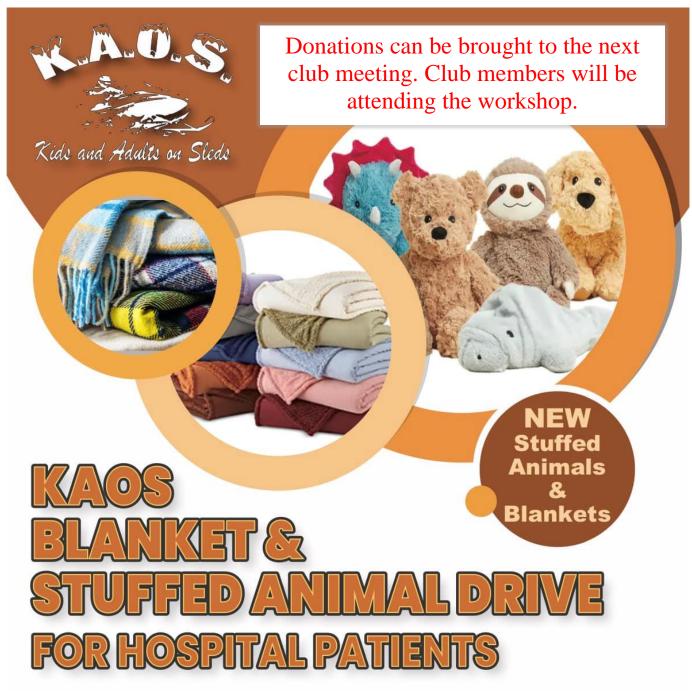
It is hard to believe we are into October already with 80 plus degree days. Enjoy it as we all know it is coming to an end soon. Hopefully you are slowly putting away the summer toys and bringing out the winter ones. Lots going on already behind the scenes getting ready for the snowy season. Do your snow dance, as we hope for a good year.

There is an award coming to Adams County. Grand Marsh club member, Dave Ferge, will be receiving Groomer of the Year from the AWSC. The AWSC and Miss Snowflake will be at the Adams County Snowmobile Association meeting to present the award! It is exciting to have this award given out in our County. If you see Dave, be sure to congratulate him and thank him for all that he does for the sport of snowmobiling!

Grand Marsh Snowmobile Club is having a 50th Anniversary Celebration on Oct 21st at 7pm at Cedar Shack. They are asking everyone to come join them in celebrating 50 years of existence. They will also be celebrating the AWSC Groomer of the Year award given to Dave! There will be live music. Please join them and enjoy the party at Connell's Cedar Shack!

Think Snow! Brap!

Bryan Meyer Vice President



Please bring donations to the 2023 AWSC Fall Workshop
OR
Contact your Youth Rep/Advisor!

EMAIL: awsckaos@gmail.com

FALL APPAREL ORDER

Sno-Bandits Apparel Order Fall 2023 - circle color and size

Crewneck Sweatshirt (18000)

Black or Antique Sapphire S-M-L-XL \$16

2x - 3x - 4x \$19

Short Sleeved T-shirt

Black or Antique Sapphire S - M - L - XL \$13 2x -3x - 4x \$17

Quarter ZipUp Sweatshirt(995MR)

Black Heather or J Navy S - M - L - XL \$28 2x - 3x - 4x \$33

Fleece Vest (F228)

Embroidered with Sno-Bandits Racoon Logo Charcoal Heather with Black S-M-L-XL \$63

2x - 3x - 4x \$68 (need a minimum of 10)

Mock Turtleneck(K321)

Rome Sno-Bandits across front Red or Black S -M -L -XL \$27 2x - 3x - 4x \$34 (need a minimum of 20)

Name	
Total	Pd

Orders due by October 15th.

Contact Cyndee Lewis with questions mkclewis@hotmail.com

Hooded Sweatshirt (18500)

Black or Antique Sapphire S - M - L - XL \$22 2x - 3x - 4x \$26

Long sleeved T-shirt

Black or Antique Sapphire S - M - L - XL \$16 2x - 3x - 4x \$19





Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup October 14th ~ Following Club Meeting

Our club is part of 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 to adopt the section of Highway 13 from County Road D to Adams Ave (County Line) in August of 2012. 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

ANNUAL CLUB SNOWMOBILE TRIP

February 1st – 4th, 2024

The Lodge at Crooked Lake Hotel & Conference Center 24271 WI-35 Siren, WI 54872

715-349-2500

Join us for our club trip!

When making reservations, call and ask for the Rome Sno-Bandit's block.

More details to follow.



Be Prepared For Your Ride



First-Aid Kit: Carry a well-stocked first-aid kit, and take a first-aid course so that you'll know how to respond in an emergency.

Carry Emergency Repair Equipment For Your Sled

- Operator's manual
- Tool kit
- Spare drive belt
- Spark plugs
- Tow rope
- Starter rope
- Duct tape or Electric Tape
- Extra Oil
- Extra Ignition Key

Survival Kit

- Emergency blanket
- Emergency food and water (enough for one or two extra days)
- Flashlight
- Hand axe or saw
- High-energy snacks such as candy bars
- Knife
- Nylon rope
- Plastic whistle
- Pocket mirror
- Signal flares
- Snowshoes
- Sunglasses
- Tarpaulin
- Waterproof matches
- Water purification tablets
- GPS unit
- Mobile phone
- Radio for weather reports

Locate the area where you'll be riding

- Secure a map and familiarize yourself with the area. If the area is remote, purchase a topographic map and familiarize yourself with the terrain.
- Take a GPS unit if you own one. If you don't own one, consider purchasing one.
- Notify someone about where and with whom you're riding and your expected return time. Leave a specific plan with a family member or friend.



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Annual Membership Renewal

Rome Sno-Bandit & AWSC memberships both expire on June $30^{\rm th}$ 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

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

Membership Contact: Donna Bohn RSBMembership@gmail.com

Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting September 9th, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 9:01 am with President, Tom Warner, as the chair and 5 officers present. There were 34 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 Jerry Wiessinger 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 balances. Gary Gevers made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Bob Sweet seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trails Boss Report

The trails committee held a workday and separated the signs. Please take what you need for signs.

The New Holland is back from Sand Valley. They rented it for 3 months and only put 42 hours on it. They might need it again next year.

The McCormick tractor was sent out for repair. The first place did not fix it properly and it was sent to a different repair shop. The cost was higher than approved but the transmission is fixed correctly. Will Sandfox made a motion to approve paying the \$3,287.39 repair bill to Statz. Ray Glenn seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The trails committee would like to purchase a 3-point hitch for the McCormick tractor. Bob Sweet made a motion to approve \$291.92 for the purchase of a 3-point hitch. Kathy Halverson seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

It has been decided that three hose reels coming from the ceiling of the groomer shed are needed. Scott will run the circuits and has a lift to use.

Jerry is working on intersection signs with Steve McIntosh from the Adams County Snowmobile Association. The cost is \$36 to repurpose old signs. We have 19 that could be redone.

Thank you to Jerry, Gary, Scott, and John for all you are doing for the club.

Social Committee Report

Get well cards were sent to Jerry Wiessinger and Kathy Halverson. Sympathy cards were sent to Brian Baker and Mark Kane.

The balance in the fund is \$231.65.

Activities Report

Club Picnic: Thank you to Mike & Donna Bohn for organizing the club picnic. It was a lot of fun. It was suggested that we hold it on a Saturday next year.

Adopt-A-Highway: Road pickup will be held following the next club meeting on October 14th. Please help out if you can. The more volunteers we have, the quicker the job will go.

Fisheree: Raffle tickets are available for sale. Please take some to sell. The fisheree will be held on January 13th.

Trail Brushing: Trail brushing will be held on November 11th starting at 8 am at the groomer shed. More information to follow at the next meeting.

CMN Phone-A-Thon: Will be held again this December. Please let Jim Fisher know if you would like to answer phones at this event.

Christman in Rome: The event will be held on December 2^{nd} from 2 pm - 5 pm at the Rome Town Hall and from 5 pm - 8 pm at the Rome Town Center Park. There will be crafts, cookie decorating, food and hot chocolate during the day and horse drawn wagon rides during the evening along with portable firepits for making smores. Willy Sandfox made a motion to spend up to \$500 on Christmas in Rome. Scott Murphy seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

The meeting has been moved to September 14th and will be held at Spot in the Woods. There is talk of a power sports show and swap meet in 2024. The bridge near Old Mill is out for bid as funding was approved.

AWSC Report

The Milwaukee Snow Show is cancelled for this year. Wide Open Wisconsin will be held at the Washington County Fair Ground September $22^{nd} - 24^{th}$. The Wausau Grass Drags will be the following weekend.

The AWSC Fall Workshop will be held October $20^{th}-22^{nd}$ in Lacrosse. Of the Year Awards will be handed out.

Apparel

Cindy Lewis presented a new apparel design. Let her know if you would like to place an order. She also has car show t-shirt available.

Old Business

The donation committee will take donation ideas to present to the membership. The pull-tab machine proceeds are to be used to go back into our community.

Bryan Meyer is working with Tim O'Neil at County Sport on putting together a Tech Hour session. More information is coming soon.

The audit committee is working on the audit with Cathy Steinke.

The membership decided not to do an informal safety class this year and hold one every other year.

New Business

Melissa has taken a new job and could use help with the website, newsletter and writing and submitting articles to various places. Please let Melissa know if you can help.

Jerry Wiessinger will hep with AWSC Commercial Sponsors.

Trunk or Treat will be held at the Rome Town Center Park on Saturday October 28th from noon until 3 pm and a similar event will be held at the Lure Bar & Grill on Sunday October 29th from 3 pm until 5 pm. If you are interested in helping with either of these events, please contact Cathy Steinke. Melissa Rhodes made a motion to spend up to \$300 on candy for both events. Gary Gevers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Grand Affair will be held tomorrow. The Rome Sno-Bandits donated a trophy for the event.

Jeff Parmeter thanked everyone for their hard work putting on the car show. It was a great success, and he looks forward to next year.

Carl Hasdal spoke about Tri Lakes Management. If you would like to know more about Tri Lakes and what they are doing to treat algae in our lakes, go to their website.

A motion to adjourn at 10:23 am was made by Willy Sandfox and seconded by Kathy Halverson. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

There was no 50/50 winner because Melissa forgot to bring the tickets. Sorry!

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Rhodes Secretary



Adams County Snowmobile Association September 14, 2023 - Spot in the Woods

The September 14th meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Steve McIntosh. There were at least 17 members present as a few had failed to sign in!!

The minutes were read by Steve from the April meeting. A motion to accept was made by Kathy Halverson, seconded by Gary Gevers, all in favor motion carries.

The Treasurer reported that she wrote checks for our insurance policy, reimbursed Gary Gevers for the directors meeting, and deposited some checks. There is a balance of \$9469.83. A motion to accept was made by Ed Stevens and seconded by Bob Schmidt, all in favor motion carried.

Darren attended the Snow Council meeting a few weeks ago. Rates remain the same. It was discussed that clubs have 30 days to submit their info or will not get paid. More to follow. Storm damage payments will be paid even though the monies were not available. If you see trespassing happening, please report it right away. The hwy 21 bridge was approved and will be done in 2024.

Gary reported that the Milwaukee Snow Show is cancelled. But there is a show in West Bend at the fairgrounds called the Wide Open Wisconsin show on Sept 23/24. The Fall Workshop will be in La Crosse at the convention center Oct 22/24. Go to the AWSC website to see the details.

Bryan talked about what the Adams Chamber of Commerce has done for the snowmobile clubs. The new director Megan will attend one of our meetings soon.

Sheriff's Department report. Brent talked about the next snowmobile safety class to be in November/December. The Sheriff's Department will have an event for the K0's with an ATV/UTV ride on October 14 th starting at Cedar Shack. There will be raffles and baskets. A motion from Gary Gevers to donate \$200 for it and seconded by Todd Stammen. All in favor, motion carries.

Old Business: The Hwy 21 bridge will be completed in 2024.

As this is a non-map year, we will continue to use the maps from last year. More will be available at the next meeting. Maps will not show any new changes, so clubs will have to post these changes along their club trails.

A motion to pay the Adams County Chamber of Commerce \$100 for dues, was made by Dennis Kulwicki and seconded by Kathy Halverson. All in favor, motion carries.

Steve talked about the new information signs that all clubs must have done. Old signs you have will be refurbished and the county will make them at the cost of \$36 each. Please bring to the next meeting what you want on each sign. Any questions, call Steve McIntosh. Much discussion followed from 6 people regarding road routes and signage. Steve proposed that the cost of the new info signs should be paid for by the county association once Darren gets the bills. If clubs do not have any old signs to reuse there will be a cost for a new one or maybe another club has extras. These signs will be located at all intersections. Jerry Wiessinger made a motion that the county association pay the \$36 per sign for them, Kurt Mikolite seconded it. All in favor, motion carries.

All clubs MUST bring their sign info and their old signs to the October meeting.

New Business: There will be a power sports show at the fair grounds in 2024 either October 5 th or 6 th, to be determined. Those clubs who donate their time will get some of the profits back. Talk to your club members about this event.

Club events: Grand Marsh nominated their groomer operator Dave for AWSC Groomer of the Year and he won!! They will be having a big party for the 50th anniversary of their club on October 21 st at 7pm at Cedar Shack. It will be open to the public, a band will be there.....come one, come all!!! He will be awarded this plaque at our ACSA meeting on October 5th from AWSC President Lori Heideman and Miss Snowflake. Pizzas will be provided by the association that night, A motion to donate \$200 to the Grand Marsh Pathfinders was made by Kurt Mikolite, seconded by Jerry Wiessinger. All in favor, motion carries.

The Easton club is having a cash raffle to be awarded on October 14th. Jack Pine Savages have a gun raffle going on. Tickets will be available at the October meeting.

Dues for all ACSA clubs are due now, it is \$1 per paid member. Melissa has that info.

We are looking for someone who is willing to give the Treasurer info at each meeting as Melissa cannot attend the meetings due to her job. She would get the info to you and all you have to do is read it.

Our next meeting will be October 5th, 7pm at Cedar Shack.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm by Melissa Rhodes, seconded by Bob Schmidt.

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