

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



December 2024

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Upcoming Events

December 14, 2024

Club Meeting
9 am – Rome Town Hall

December 14, 2024

Christmas In Rome
Rome Town Hall 2pm – 5 pm
Rome Town Park 5 pm – 8 pm

January 4, 2025

Club Meeting
Location & Time
To Be Determined

January 11, 2025

Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree
Lure Bar & Grill

February 8, 2025

Club Meeting
9 am – Rome Town Hall

February 13 – 16, 2025

Club Snowmobile Trip
The Lodge at Crooked Lake

March 8, 2025

Club Meeting
9 am - Rome Town Hall

April 12, 2025

Club Meeting
9 am – Groomer Shed

May 10, 2025

Club Meeting
9 am – Groomer Shed

June 7, 2024

Club Meeting
9 am – Groomer Shed

June 14, 2025

Classic Car & Snowmobile Show
Rome Town Center Park

Message From President, Tom Warner

We are on the doorstep to December, and I can hardly contain my excitement for the SNOW to start flying!! Make sure those sleds are registered and trail passes purchased! Also make sure your club membership is up to date so you can purchase your discounted trail passes!

The signing/brushing day and potluck lunch on 11/9/2024 was an awesome day! We had 50+ people show up and help! The volunteers we have in the Sno Bandits are just awesome!! It was great getting to see all of you and catch up after the summer! Thanks to everyone that took the time out of their weekend to help!

Remember that the December Meeting will be at the Town Hall 9 AM on 12/14/2024.

Make sure to stop out and see the Christmas in Rome Festival on December 14th. It is a wonderful time. Anyone interested in helping with the Christmas in Rome set up or day of event, please contact Melissa Rhodes (club secretary).

Also, the Sno-Bandit Fisheree is fast approaching. It will be on January 11th at the Lure Bar and Grill! Lots of great prizes and an awesome meat raffle besides the fishing and raffle baskets. The committee is always looking for volunteers to help with an array of things. If you are available, please let Melissa or Gunnar know! A huge thank you also goes to the Lure Bar and Grill for letting the Sno Bandits take over for this event every year!

Everyone should be working on those COLD and SNOW dances!! This has to be our year for a massive snow year!!

As Always, THINK SNOW!!

President,
Tom Warner



Happy Thanksgiving!



Message From Trail Boss, Jerry Wiessinger

It is snowing in Rome as I write this, and the ground is white. Unfortunately, it is not going to last long because the ground is warm, but the temperature forecast is for cold. Let's hope and pray this is the start of a great snowmobile season!!

Thanks to the many volunteers that showed up on Nov 9th, along with several groomer operators the trails are mowed, brushed, signed, and ready for snow. The tractors, drag, and roller have been checked, serviced, and ready for snow. The trails cannot open before Dec 15th and the Country Sports Trail cannot open until Jan 1st per an agreement, we have with two property owners that are late bow season hunters.

We plan to keep the groomer shed at 50 degrees this winter which will cost a little for natural gas but will save a lot in electricity by not needing engine and hydraulic system heaters on the tractors. It will also be very nice to get the snow and ice melted off the tractor and the drag. The Trail Committee would like to thank Club members for the nice building with heat and a concrete floor to store and maintain the equipment.

THINK SNOW!!!

Trail Boss
Jerry Wiessinger

Message From Vice President, Bryan Meyer

Thank you to all that came out for trail brushing and signing. As usual the Sno Bandits rocked!

Lots of events going on to keep our minds distracted before mother nature opens our season. Make sure you look at the calendar of events. Join us if you can. Lots of fun things to look forward to!

As the season approaches make sure you have looked over your snowmobiles and trailers.

If you are a hunter good luck and be safe! Family, Football, and Turkey on deck! Cheers!

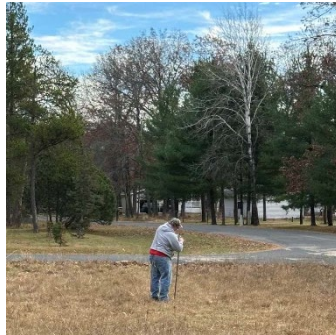
Vice President,

Bryan Meyer



Trail Brushing & Signing

Thank you to our club member for your hard work getting our trails ready!







Christmas in Rome

~December 14, 2024~

2:00-5:00PM

ROME TOWN HALL

Santa Visits

Hotdogs/Popcorn/
Cookies/Hot Cocoa/Cider

Holiday Crafts for Kids/Facepainting

Cookie Decorating

Tractor & Wagon Rides

5:00-8:00PM

ROME TOWN CENTER

Hot Cocoa & S'mores

Up North Brewery Beer/Glühwein (Cash Bar)

Enjoy the Holiday Light Displays
and VOTE for your favorite!

Horse & Wagon Rides

Tractor & Wagon Rides

COME FOR SOME HOLLY JOLLY FUN!





Rome Sno-Bandits Ice Fisheree & Raffle

**Saturday
January 11, 2025**



1735 Archer Lane, Nekoosa, WI 54457
Lake Petenwell - Rome

**Ice Fisheree
7am - 3pm**

Adults \$15

Top Cash Prize

\$1,500

Five Cash Prizes of \$550-\$180
All cash prizes based on 250 Entrants

Kids \$5

(12 & Under)

Three Cash Prizes

**Meat Raffle
1:00 pm**

**Basket
Raffles**

**50/50
Raffles**

**Over 100
Door Prizes**

Friday

January 10, 2025

Event Registration Opens at 11 am!

The first 75 people to register for the

event receive a **FREE TICKET**

for a chance to win a

Garmin LiveScope Ice Bundle!

EVENT RAFFLE TICKETS

1st Prize: Avention Adventure.2 Fat Tire Electric Bike

2nd Prize: 7 Nights Lodging with Fishing Boat at
Indiaonta Resort, Calm Lake, Atikokan, Ontario Canada

3rd Prize: Milwaukee M18 Combo Kit 7-Tool with 2-Batteries & Tool Bag

4th Prize: Solo Stove Stainless Steel Fire Pit

5th Prize: 10' Pelican Rustler 100X Kayak

Tickets \$5/each 3/\$10 7/\$20 50/\$100



Bonus Raffle



Garmin LiveScope Ice Bundle!

Tickets Sold Friday & Saturday Only!

Stop at the Lure Bar & Grill from 11 am - 8 pm on Friday and register for the Ice Fisheree and get your Garmin LiveScope raffle tickets. Any remaining tickets will be available on Saturday starting at 7 am.

Tickets \$10 each

ONLY 1,000 TICKETS AVAILABLE

DRAWING SATURDAY, JANUARY 11, 2025
FOLLOWING FISH PRIZE PRESENTATION
Need not be present to win!



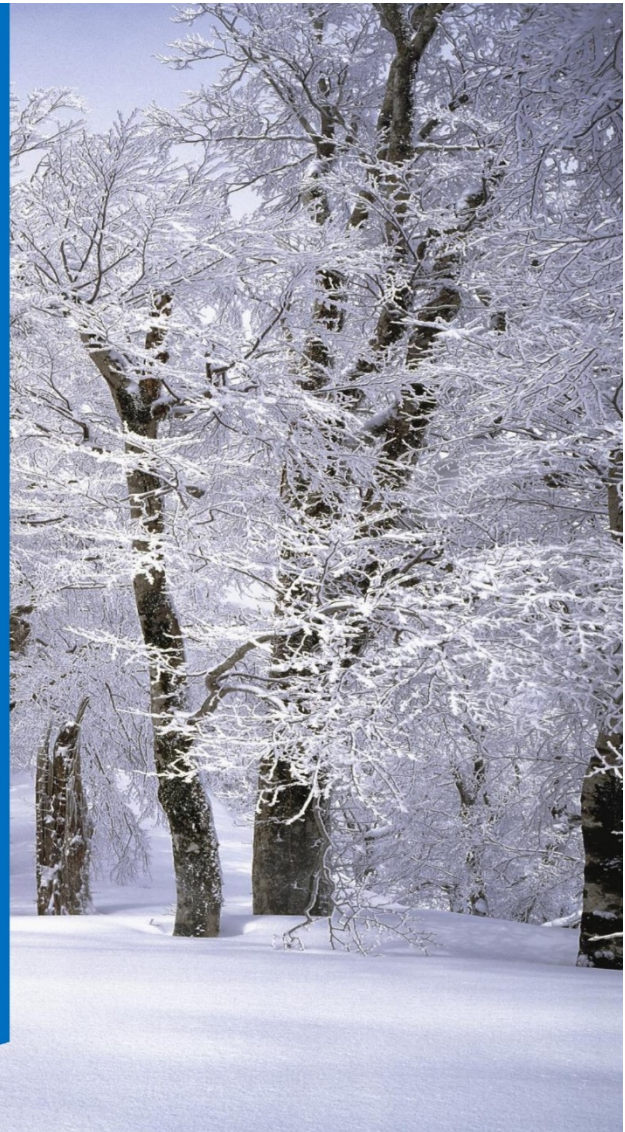
For More Info See: www.romesnobandits.com or Our Facebook Page



2025
ROME
SNO-BANDITS
CLUB TRIP

FEB 13TH – FEB 16TH

The Lodge at Crooked Lake
24271 State Road 35, Siren, WI 54872
Lodge Hotel in Siren, WI | The Lodge at Crooked Lake
(mvlodge.com)



Please book by contacting the lodge directly at: **(715) 349-2500** or **(877) 843-5634**. Anyone who makes an online reservation will not be able to get the group rate.

If rooms are not booked by **January 17, 2025**, the room block will be released.

Room types that are available are below. We have reserved a total of 30 rooms so call and book ASAP! Please note that there are limited rooms for each type on a first come first serve basis.

Room Type	02/13	02/14	02/15
One Queen Bed + Sofa Bed	\$115.00	\$155.00	\$155.00
Two Queen Beds - Standard	\$115.00	\$155.00	\$155.00
Two Queen Beds - Handicap	\$115.00	\$155.00	\$155.00
Two Queen Beds - Split	\$115.00	\$155.00	\$155.00

We hope you can make it and as always, THINK SNOW! If you have any questions, please reach out to Tom Warner at (224) 715-2350.



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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 November 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 p.m. with President Tom Warner as the chair and 7 officers present. There were 38 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 presented in the newsletter. Willy Sandfox seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report

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

Trails Boss Report

Thank you to everyone for coming to trail brushing & signing.

There were issues with the trail that goes to Country Sports and the landowner did not want the trail open. Jerry got the DNR involved. Cameras will be going up. The landowner will now allow the trail to be open. The Wisconsin State Trapshooting Grounds on Akron planted trees where the trail runs. Jerry reached out to the Trap Range and the President gave him permission to mow the trees down. They were given incorrect information that our trail would not open due to the solar farm. Our club will replace 130 trees if needed. Thank you to the trails committee for all their hard work.

Social Committee Report

A get-well card was sent in September to Gary Gevers. A sympathy card was sent to Mark and Dawn Kalata. The balance in the fund is \$279.90.

Activities Report

Adopt-A-Highway: Road pickup was held after our October meeting. 11 people volunteered and 14 bags of garbage were picked up. Thank you to our volunteers.

Christmas in Rome: The is event will be held on December 14, 2024. There will be crafts, Santa visit, cookies, hotdogs, hot chocolate, horse drawn wagon rides, tractor pulled wagon rides, beer from Up North Brewery and warm wine. We need volunteers to help make this event successful. Please let Melissa know if you can help.

Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree & Raffle: The event will be held on January 11, 2025. Set up will start on Thursday the 9th. We need to be ready by Friday at 11 am for registration and raffle ticket sales. Please reach out to your Fisheree Committee if you can help.

Children's Mircle Network: Help is needed answering phones on December 6, 2024, in Marshfield. Our club will match up to \$500.

Halloween: The kids' Halloween party at the Rome Town Center was a huge success. Casey Shilling, Lori Pritzl, Allison Young and the girls did an excellent job representing our club.

Club Trip: The Club Trip will be held on February 13 – 16, 2025 at the Lodge at Crooked Lake in Siren Wisconsin. There are 30 rooms being held. Get your reservations made!

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

At the ACSA meeting signing and how they should be placed was discussed. The Adams County Sheriff's Department will hold a snowmobile safety class on December 2 & 9, 2024. There is still room for more kids.

Grand Marsh Pathfinders will hold a Vintage show on February 1st.

The Southern Adams County Road Runners will hold a meat raffle at Topsy Tee on November 23.

The Rome Sno-Bandit made \$1,435.00 from the Powersports Show. 11 clubs participated in the show. It will be back again next year.

A new snowmobile map will come out this year.

AWSC Report

John Steinke presented Gary Gevers with his retiring Directors plaque. Thank you to Gary for all he has done for our club, at the County level, and at the State level.

There was discussion at the fall workshop on dues increase and trail pass increase. This would not happen until next season.

There was discussion on the aging of bridges and culverts and making sure to inspect them. Equipment is getting heavier.

The Next Gen Riders have up to 60 members.

Old Business

Cyndee Lewis has the apparel order. She has a few extra shirts for sale.

The next meeting will be January 4, 2024, due to the Fisheree on January 11. The meeting will be held at the Lure Bar & Grill.

Casey Shilling will be taking the lead for the Donation Committee and Jeff Hoffman will join the committee. Linda Randle and Sue Krueger are also on the committee. The donations are to be given to our community from the profits from the pull tab machine at the Lure. There is roughly \$1,200 left for this year.

Melissa Rhodes made a motion to donate \$200 to the Angle Tree program. Jerry Wiessinger seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Melissa Rhodes made a motion to donate \$200 to the Nekoosa High School Tech Ed program. Scott Murphy seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Gary and Debb Gevers gave an update on the Best Christmas Ever. A family in Rome has been selected. Everyone is welcome to attend the drop. Five families will be gifted this year. “

Jerry Wiessinger and Bubba from the Monroe Prairie ATV club will meet with Nextera about the Solar Farm on December 3rd. Nextera supported the Powersports show with a \$1,500 donation.

Ms. Snowflake sent a thank you card to the club for having her at our car show.

New Business

Get your memberships in. We currently have 83 memberships.

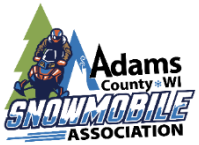
A motion to adjourn at 2:06 pm was made by Warren Starner and seconded by John Steinke. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was drawn. \$105.00 for the winner. \$105.00 for the club. Cody Price was the winner.

Respectfully Submitted

Melissa Rhodes

Secretary



Adams County Snowmobile Association Minutes November 7, 2024

The ACSA meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm by Vice President Gordy Carlson. There were 23 members present with 10 clubs represented.

The minutes from the October 3rd meeting were read by Secretary Joy Krahn. Motion to accept by Jim Krahn and Nancy Carlson, all approved.

Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer Lisa Gleaser. A print out was distributed, club bills were checks to Mary York, K-9 donation and new checks. Powersports bills and income will be discussed under old business. Motion to accept by Jim and Dennis Kulwicki, motion carried.

County Director Warren Starner reported on the workshop. Dues and fees going up in 2025.

Deputy Graham Mcfarland reported that there is still room in the Dec. 2 and 9th snowmobile safety class. Come to him with any trail issues.

Bryan reported on the volunteer fair. He answered some questions and believes it will be bigger next year. Chamber membership will be going up and looks like our fee will be \$240.00. Association will need to decide next month if we are joining. They gave us around \$1000.00 in advertising and they took out a \$275.00 map ad.

Darren reported on trail marking. Locate stop ahead signs far enough ahead so sleds have time to stop. Declutter signs. Put solar lights above posted maps. Put double stop signs at major highway crossings. Add reflective tape where needed. The Arkdale Bridge is going to be installed next week.

Old Business: Powersports show report: 11 clubs participated. There were 60 or more volunteers and 10 Dealers. Print out was handed out on expenses and income. We will have the show again next year. Members will be informed when meetings will start for next year. Dennis K presented the association with a framed copy of a Powersports show poster. The profit will be divided between the 11 participating clubs. Club balance is \$

New Business: The next meeting is December 5th 2024 at 7:00 pm. The MS ride will be held the last weekend in January. Grand Marsh club will be having their antique show February 1st. The Road Runners meat raffle will be held Nov 23 at the Topsy Tee Tavern. Motion to adjourn at 8:12 pm by Kurt Mikolite and Jim, motion carried.