

Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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302 13th Ave, Nekoosa, WI 54457

Upcoming Events

January 4, 2025

Club Meeting

Lure Bar & Grill Backroom

10:00 am

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

PLEASE JOIN US!

Message From President, Tom Warner

Merry Christmas! I hope everyone had a wonderful WHITE Christmas!

Please don't forget that the January meeting has been moved up one weekend to January 4th. It will be held at the Lure Bar and Grill starting at 10 AM. The change is due to the Fisheree that will be happening on Saturday of January 11th! The Fisheree is always a fantastic time whether your volunteering or just participating in one the many fun events going on that day. There are amazing prizes to be won! Make sure you sell and or buy lots of raffle tickets!! This is huge fundraiser for the Sno- Bandits!

If you haven't booked your room for the club trip, you better! There are only 4 rooms in our block of 30 left! The club trip is in Siren Wi at the Lodge at Crooked Lake on February 13th - 16th! This will be a fun weekend!

Please remember to stay off the trails until they are open and abide by the signs posted in our area. The weekend before Christmas I was traveling the area and noticed several spots that this was happening! This is the fastest way to lose our trails! Please respect our landowners!

Christmas in Rome was wonderful. The events and decorations were beautiful and the snow in the evening just made it even better! Thank you to everyone on the Christmas in Rome committee! I have heard so many compliments and comments on how beautiful the corner looked as well as the decorations in the Town Center Park! Thanks to Jeff Grimm for the vintage sled decorating the Town Center Park!

I just can't say thank you enough to all the members who selflessly volunteer so much of their time to our club and our community! I am so grateful for all of you!

Thank you to Up North Brewing for the generous donation at our December meeting! The Sno-Bandits really appreciate it! Make sure to stop in and say thank you from the Sno-Bandits and have one of their many refreshing beverages!

As Always, THINK SNOW!!

President,
Tom Warner



Message From Trail Boss, Jerry Wiessinger

The Rome area has been blessed with a beautiful white blanket of snow for Christmas. This is what we all have been waiting for to start our snowmobile season. It is the kind of snow that could be rolled into a nice base. Unfortunately, Mother Nature is sending warmer weather for next couple of days with rain. That is not what we need to start building our trail base. We all need to hope and pray for colder weather soon.

The trails and equipment are ready to go when we get snow. We have the roller hooked up and ready to go. The roller was repaired this past summer so we should not have any interruptions as we did last year. The Section Leaders have inspected their trails for downed trees after the recent high winds.

We have purchased a solar light for the Adams Ave trail kiosk to make reading the map easier at night. If this one works, we will purchase a second one for the south kiosk. I hope to have the first one installed within the next week.

PRAY FOR SNOW AND COLD WEATHER

Trail Boss
Jerry Wiessinger

Message From Vice President, Bryan Meyer

2025, I made my bucket list easy this year. I just want to get over 100 miles on my snowmobile in Adams County!! It is hard to believe with the early freeze and all the snow we got we still have closed trails. The conditions just didn't get us to where we need to be to open. Keep doing the snow dance and we will get there.

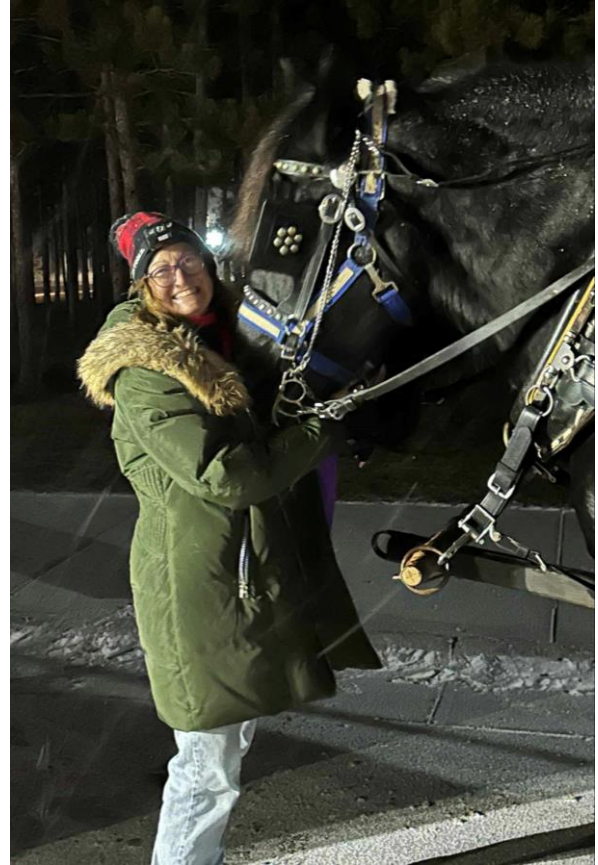
With everyone excited to get out, please keep your eyes open for trespassers on the closed trails. Report them to the police and get a picture of their registration if you can. I talked to our recreation officer yesterday and he says he has been busy so far this season. We need all the help we can get to protect our landowners and trails.

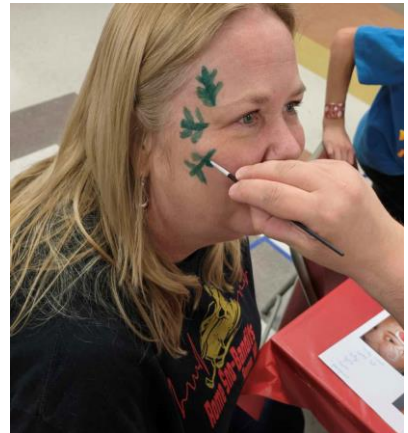
On a much happier note, it is almost Palooza time! If you haven't purchased/sold raffle tickets, please do! This fundraising is what keeps the Sno Bandits active and moving forward with the club and community. Please make plans to attend the event. A lot of hours go into making this event happen. See you soon and have a safe and happy new year!

Vice President,
Bryan Meyer

CHRISTMAS IN ROME

Thank you to everyone that made Christmas in Rome a wonderful event.











Rome Sno-Bandits Ice Fisheree & Raffle

**Saturday
January 11, 2025**



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

**Ice Fisheree
7am - 3pm**

**Meat Raffle
1:00 pm**

Adults \$15

**Basket
Raffles**

Top Cash Prize

\$1,500

**50/50
Raffles**

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

Kids \$5

(12 & Under)

Three Cash Prizes

**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: Aventon Adventure.2 Fat Tire Electric Bike

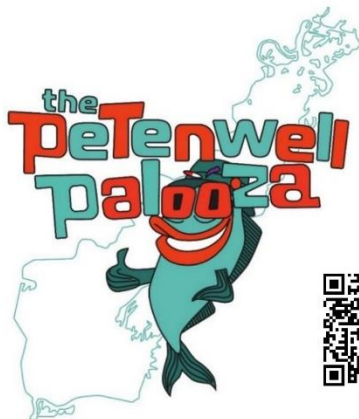
2nd Prize: 7 Nights Lodging with Fishing Boat at
Indioanta Resort, Calm Lake, Atikokan, Ontario Canada

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!



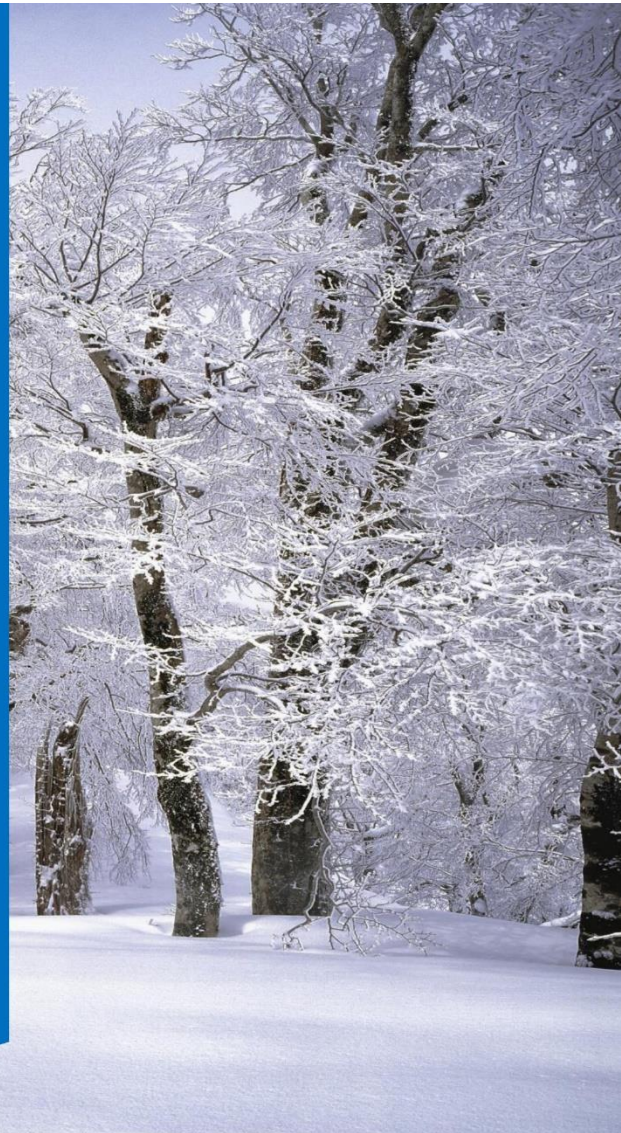
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2025
ROME
SNO-BANDITS
CLUB TRIP

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
RSBMembership@gmail.com

Minutes from the Rome Sno-Bandits Meeting December 14, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 p.m. with President Tom Warner as the chair and 7 officers present. There were 25 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Heather from Up North Brewery presented our club with a \$500 donation. Each quarter, Up North Brewery presents a non-profit with a donation from the sale of one of their beers.

Secretary's Report

There was a change to the wording in the Secretary's report regarding the CMN Donation being \$500, not up to \$500. A motion was made by Kathy Halverson to accept the report as presented in the newsletter. Gary Gevers 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. Jim Fisher seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Trail Boss Report

The trails are ready. Trail leaders, please check your sections for downed trees. We had windy weather recently. Nextera is not sure where the Solar Farm will be placed but should have a plan by January. The rear ram on the drag is leaking. Jerry will proceed with getting it fixed. The cost is roughly \$180.00. Jerry will not be seeking re-election. Thank you to Jerry for all the hard work he has done.

Social Committee Report

No cards were sent out. A get-well card will be sent to Marci Wiessinger. Please keep Marci in your prayers. The balance in the fund is \$264.90.

Activities Report

Christmas in Rome: The event will be held today. 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. Please attend if you are able.

Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree & Raffle: Gunnar gave an update and thanked the new committee members for stepping up to help. Casey Shilling, Lori Pritzl O'keefe, and Gene Gostomski joined the committee. Please contact Melissa to volunteer to help at the event. We need help on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

Children's Mircle Network: Jim Fisher and Lori Heideman answered phones on December 6, 2024. Our club donated \$500. 106.5 mention our club several times, which was great publicity. Lori put out a challenge and the AWSC VP donated \$500 in honor of Larry Halverson.

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!

Car Show: Volunteers are needed. Please contact Tom Warner if you are willing to help on the committee.

Adams County Snowmobile Association Report

The Adams County Sheriff's Department held a snowmobile safety class on December 2 & 9, 2024.

Check went out to all the clubs for the power sports show.

Maps are being printed and should be available at the January meeting. We will receive laminated maps.

The trails can open on December 16 if conditions allow.

The Arkdale bridge is done. The project came in under budget and the savings will go back into the program to help with another project.

The Jack Pine Savages opened a new section of trail that used to be a road route. This was due in part to Skidoo Pass Grant.

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

The Ribbon Ride will be held on January 18, 2025.

AWSC Report

A Portage County Club had a State Gaming Commission Audit. They passed. Money from fundraisers needs to be used towards our mission statement.

Lori Heideman has AWSC Calendars for sale.

A fee increase is being discussed. Input is being taken.

Old Business

Casey Shilling gave an update from the Donation Committee. There is roughly \$1,000 left for this year. Donation ideas were discussed.

Jerry Wiessinger made a motion to donate \$500 to the Nekoosa School Vocational Program. Bev Sweet seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Jeff Hoffman made a motion to donate \$250.00 to the Adams County Food Pantry and \$250.00 to Nekoosa School gift program. Bev Sweet seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Melissa Rhodes made a motion to donate \$200 to the Ribbon Ride. John Steinke seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

Gary Gevers gave an update on the Best Christmas Ever. There will be a gift drop in the Town of Rome on Thursday.

New Business

The January meeting will be held on the 4th at the Lure Bar and Grill at 10:00 am.

A motion to adjourn at 10:23 was made by Warren Starner and seconded by Bob Sweet. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was Melissa Rhodes. \$60.00 for the winner. \$60.00 for the club.

Respectfully Submitted
Melissa Rhodes
Secretary



Adams County Snowmobile Association Minutes December 5, 2024

The ACSA Dec 5th meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Steve MacIntosh. There were 25 members present with 9 clubs represented. The minutes from the Nov. 7th meeting were emailed and copies distributed so the reading of them was waved. Motion to accept by Bob Schmidt and Kurt Mikolite, all approved.

Treasurer's report was read by treasurer Lisa Gleaser. Checks were paid out to the clubs from the Powersports show. Outstanding bills from the powershow were paid. The web site is up and running at a cost of \$236.30. Paid to send our rep to the workshop. Balance after tonight is . Some map ad money has been deposited. Delwood, Coloma and Rome still need to pay. Motion to accept by Jim Krahn and Dennis Kulwicki, all approved.

Darren said to keep checking your trails after heavy winds and thawing temperatures. Rolling is an extra step in your SNARS. Sheriff's report by Steve MacIntosh. There were some signs stolen that are being looked into.

Bryan gave an update on Chamber membership. Joining fee for this year is \$240.

Old Business: New maps hopefully by Jan 1st, with 4,000 being printed. Clubs put in requests for laminated maps. Motion by Kurt Mikolite and Jerry Heinkel to order maps and 60 laminated maps. Trails can open Dec 16th at the earliest. Melissa Rhodes and Dennis Kulwicki motioned to join the Chamber, all approved.

Arkdale bridge has been installed. It was about a 3 year process.

Directors report by Warren Starner: Scholarship applications due January 3rd and snowmobile friendly due January 5th. Dues will be going up next year.

New Business: Jack Pine Savages will have a Ribbon cutting ceremony December 7th around 11:00 am for their new trail at 13 Ave and Cottonville. Rome Snow Bandits will be having their Fishery January 11th, at the Lure Bar and Grill. The Castle Rock Ribbon Ride will be held January 18th. Grand Marsh Path Finders will be having their antique snowmobile show on February 1st, this will be their 25th year. Next meeting January 2nd at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn at 7:37 pm by Jim Krahn and Mary Ann Schmide, motion carried. Submitted by secretary Joy Krahn.