

# Rome Sno-Bandits Club Newsletter



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302 13<sup>th</sup> Ave, Nekoosa, WI 54457

## Upcoming Events

### **November 9, 2024**

8 am - Trail Brushing & Signing  
Noon - Potluck & Meeting  
Groomer Shed

### **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  
9 am  
Location To Be Determined

### **January 11, 2025**

Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheriee  
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

## Message From President, Tom Warner

Happy November!

There is so much to do to get our trails ready for this season! Jerry and our trails committee have been working hard to get equipment ready and to make sure all the landowner agreements are finalized. Jerry and his group do an unbelievable job for the Sno- Bandits! Thanks to all!

DONT FORGET, trail brushing/signing day is November 9th! Meet at the groomer shed at 8 am for work assignments, then after the work is done, we will meet back at the groomer shed for a potluck lunch and club meeting. I will be cooking burgers and brats for everyone. You just need to bring a dish to pass. Beverages provided by the club. I can't wait to see everyone there!

Sno-Bandit Memberships are due so please get them renewed, as you will need them renewed to get your discounted trail passes. Also don't forget to check that your registrations on your sleds and trailers are up to date so you are ready to ride when the snow comes, and it will this year!!

As Always, THINK SNOW!!

President,  
Tom Warner



## **October Adopt-A-Highway Road Pickup**

Thank you to the 11 volunteers that helped pick up garbage after our October club meeting. 14 bags of garbage were picked up.

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.

## *Message From Trail Boss, Jerry Wiessinger*

I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful weather this fall which seems more like summer. I hope Mother Nature is saving the cold and snowy weather for the snowmobile season.

This is a very busy time for the Trail Committee, Section Leaders, and volunteers as we prepare the trails for another season of fun. We plan to mow all the trails before the brushing/signing day on Saturday Nov 9<sup>th</sup>. We will be running the McCormick with the brush cutter on some trails where the trees have grown into the trails. There will still be a lot of brushing to be done on Nov 9<sup>th</sup> so bring your pole saws, chain saws, and loppers if you have them. If not, we still need your help as there are many things to do along with having a fun time out on the trails with friends and fellow snowmobilers. We will need a couple of trailers to haul the brush cut along some roads where there is no place to throw them.

We will meet at 8:00 am at the Groomer Shed and break into groups with the Section Leaders for our trails. We will to be done by noon so everyone can return to the Groomer Shed for a potluck lunch, refreshments, and socializing. The monthly Club meeting will follow.

### **TRAIL BRUSHING/SIGNING DAY, SATURDAY NOV 9<sup>TH</sup>, 8:00AM**

Trail Boss  
Jerry Wiessinger

## *Message From Vice President, Bryan Meyer*

Hey Sno Bandits!

November is my favorite monthly meeting. It is always great to see friends and get lots of work done doing it. We are mixing it up this year with chili and pot luck and burning a few things on the grill! Bring what you can for the potluck. If you haven't been to the groomer shed, it will be a perfect time to check it out. We might even turn the heat on if needed!

Snow is in the forecast for Northern WI. Always a teaser this time of year. Make sure you are ready. This could be the year we have been waiting for. I know I have started my sled a few times already just to make sure that gas still flows. Before it gets too cold give your trailer a good going over. Tires never seem to last as long as they used to.

Make sure to check out the calendar of events. Lots going on!!

Thinks Snow!!

Vice President,  
Bryan Meyer

## Halloween Fun!

Thank you to our amazing club volunteers for doing such a fantastic job on the club display at the Kids Halloween Party at the Rome Town Park. You represented us well!



# **Annual Trail Brushing, Signing, & November Club Meeting**

**Saturday, November 9, 2024**

## **8:00 am – Trail Brushing & Signing**

Meet at the Groomer Shed located at 302 - 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. (Off Alpine Drive)  
Bring gloves and any trimming equipment you might have. Lobber shears, chainsaws, and pole saws are helpful. We have Section Leaders and will split up in to groups to sign and brush each section. This usually takes 3 - 4 hours to complete.

If you have any questions, please contact  
Jerry Wiessinger at (920) 360-6704 or [jerry@wiessinger.com](mailto:jerry@wiessinger.com)

## **12:00 Noon – Potluck Meal**



When the work is completed, we will meet back at the groomer shed for a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to pass. You are welcome to bring chili. The club will supply brats, hotdogs, burgers and beverages.

## **November Club Meeting**

Following our potluck, we will have our monthly club meeting at the groomer shed 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 The Fun!!!***





## Christmas in Rome

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Rome Town Hall & Rome Town Center Park



The Christmas in Rome Committee is looking for volunteers to help with various Christmas projects.

\*Volunteers to help the day of the event. We are looking for help serving food, facepainting, putting tables & chairs away, assisting with campfires, assisting with wagon rides, and serving beer & warm wine.

\*A crew to come up with a theme and decorate a small display at the Rome Town Center Park. There will be several organizations participating in this friendly competition with a traveling trophy going to the winner. Our club took home the trophy last year with our Grinch theme and we had a lot of fun working together!

\*Volunteers to join the Christmas in Rome Event Committee as a Rome Sno-Bandit's representative. This committee meets monthly to work on ideas for the event. The committee consists of representatives from the Romemakers, Sand Valley, Rome Sno-Bandit's and Visit Rome.

A sign-up sheet will be available at our November club meeting or reach out to Melissa if you are able to help.

[RomeSnoBanditsSecretary@gmail.com](mailto:RomeSnoBanditsSecretary@gmail.com) or 715-459-8001.



# 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!**

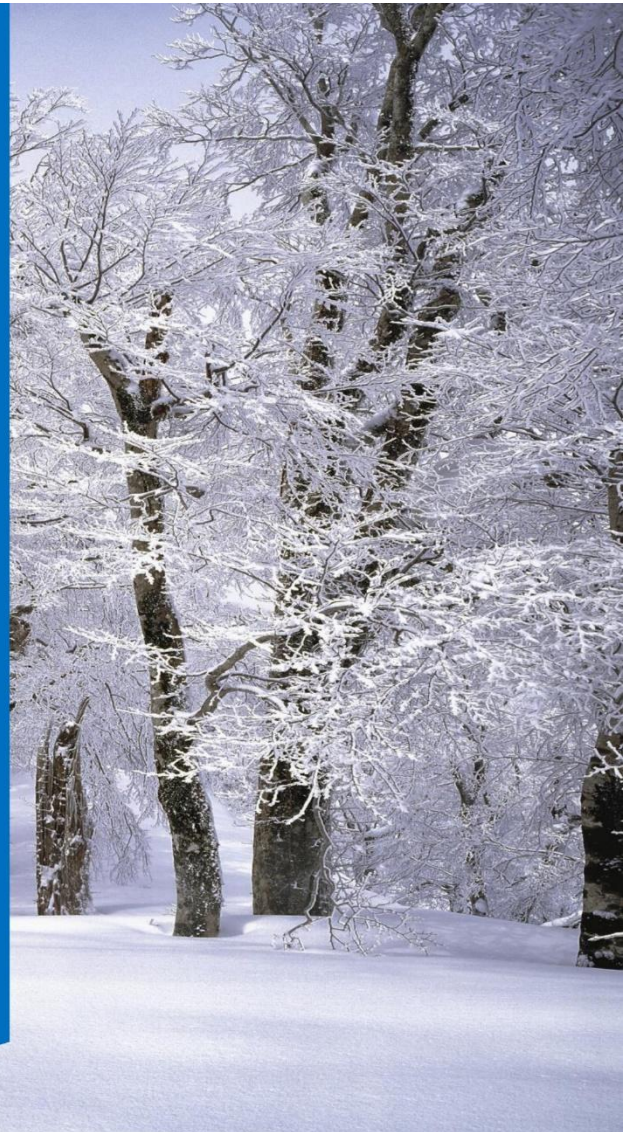




2025  
ROME  
SNO-BANDITS  
CLUB TRIP

FEB 13<sup>TH</sup> – FEB 16<sup>TH</sup>

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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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### Club Website

[RomeSnobandits.com](http://RomeSnobandits.com)

## Annual Membership Renewal

**Rome Sno-Bandit & AWSC memberships both expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 October 12, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with President Tom Warner as the chair and 6 officers present. There were 33 members in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Matt Tranell and Debb Gevers from Wisconsin Rapids Best Christmas Ever thanked our club for our donations. Matt and Debb gave an overview of the organization. Cal's Corner will be hosting meat raffles and 50-50 raffles on October 26, November 16, and December 14. You can also donate at Cal's corner by pinning a donation to the ceiling of the bar. If you are interested in joining this rewarding organization, reach out to Debb Gevers.

Make sure to get your membership dues in!

### Secretary's Report

There were no changes to the Secretary's report. A motion was made by Kathy Halverson to accept the report as presented in the newsletter. Linda Randall seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

### Treasurer's Report

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

The CD is due at the end of the month. It will most likely be put back in the savings account.

### Trails Boss Report

Easements are being worked on with 4 remaining to do. The McCormick tractor is at Statz with shifting issues. The cost to repair the tractor is \$2,259.74. Scott Murphy will pick up the tractor. Sign barrels need to come in and get organized soon. There was a fatality in Juneau County and a club is in a law suit due to a missing sign. Our club needs to be careful to properly place signs. Section leaders should occasionally check their trails. Jerry is working on getting one-way signs along the road right of way to mark them as one-way trails. The groomer shed continues to move along. Additional shelving was added. Stone will be placed for drainage. Melissa Rhodes will donate the stone. The AWSC workshop will hold a signing class.

### Social Committee Report

Bev Sweet was not at the meeting. The report will be updated at the next meeting. Thank you, Kathy Halverson, for picking up the doughnuts.

### Activities Report

**Kids Halloween Party** - will be held at the Rome Town Center on October 26<sup>th</sup>. Allison Young and Casey Shilling are working on our club booth. They will have ghost and skeleton costumes. There will be games for the kids to play. Melissa Rhodes made a motion to spend up to \$500 on the Halloween Party. Cyndee Lewis seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

**Adopt-A-Highway Roadside Pick-up** – Roadside pick-up will be held after today's meeting.

**Trail Brushing:** Trail brushing will take place on November 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a potluck this year. The club will serve burgers and brats. You are welcome to bring a crockpot of chili.

**Christmas in Rome:** Lori Heideman gave an overview of the plan for decorating in front of the Rome Town Hall. A Northwoods winter wonderland theme will be used. Melissa Rhodes gave an update on the decorating for the club display at the Rome Town Center Park. Anyone wishing to join the Christmas in Rome or decorating committees is welcome to. Melissa gave an overview of what will take place for Christmas in Rome. We have a trailer to be pulled by the club tractor. The O'Keefe's are looking to see if their insurance will allow their horses and wagon to be used at the event.

**Children's Mircle Network:** The event will be held on December 6 & 7. Jim Fisher is looking for people to answer phones. Jim Fisher made a motion to donate \$500 to the event. Linda Randall seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. Jim will talk with the coordinator of the event to come up with a letter to send to local clubs to get them to donate during the event.

**Petenwell Palooza Ice Fisheree & Raffle:** The committee is looking for someone to make raffle ticket holders. Scott Murphy will check with the Nekoosa School. The committee is looking to buy a Garmin LiveScope. Scott Murphy made a motion to allow the committee to purchase a Garmin LiveScope to raffle off at the event. Debb Gevers seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried. The event is turning into a two-day event. Set up will begin on Thursday evening in hopes of being ready to sell raffle basket tickets early on Friday.

**Classic Car Show** – The club is looking for help with this event. Casey Shilling will take over registration. Craig Halverson has stepped up to help with the event. We are looking for someone to do the scoring/tally sheets and other areas of the event.

**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!

## **AWSC Report**

The workshop will be held on October 25 – 27. The winter meeting will be held in Siren in January. There are several scholarships available. If you know anyone that is eligible, let them know. There is a new \$10,000 American Hero Scholarship.

Thank you to the clubs for sponsoring ISC. They made over \$52,000. The Presidents Club went to the clubs due to their donations and volunteering. There were over 127 committee members.

## **Adams County Snowmobile Association Report**

Landowner agreements are being turned in. Map changes are being worked on.

The bridge by the Old Mill is most likely not happening this year.

KAOS is doing a school supply drive at the workshop.

A snowmobile safety class will be held on December 2 & 9 at the Adams County Community Center.

The PowerSports Show was held last weekend. Our club handled cooking of the food and the concession stand. There were over 60 volunteers from area clubs. 2 ATV Clubs and 9 Snowmobile Clubs participated. Miss Snowflake attended and the ASWC trailer was at the event. There were roughly 1,000 people in attendance. The radio station did a live broadcast. A few dealers had a successful day with UTV's and pickup trucks being sold.

**Old Business**

Map ads are being worked on. Lake Camelot and Lake Arrowhead have not responded. Melissa will look into adding Up North Brewery as Jerry said a trail could be run to that location.

Apparel orders are due now. Contact Cyndee Lewis.

A thank you card was received from Miss Snowflake for having her at our Car Show event.

The Town of Rome Fire Department sent a thank you card for our support.

Creepers Car Club sent a thank you card for our sponsorship.

**New Business**

The January club meeting will be moved up to January 4 due to the Fisheree falling on the club meeting date. Melissa will update the Town rental form with meeting dates. December – March meetings will be held at the Town Hall. April – November meetings will be held at the groomer shed.

A motion to adjourn at 10:19 am was made by Jim Fisher and seconded by Ray Glenn. All were in favor. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned.

50/50 winner was drawn. \$72.00 for the winner. \$73.00 for the club. Kathy Halverson was the winner.

Respectfully Submitted  
Melissa Rhodes  
Secretary



## Adams County Snowmobile Association Minutes October 3, 2024

The ACSA meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Steve MacIntosh. There were 18 members present with 7 clubs represented.

Minutes from the September 5th meeting were read by Secretary Joy Krahn. Motion to accept by Jim Krahn and Gordy Carlson, all approved.

Treasurer's report was read by treasurer Lisa Gleaser. Bills were: club insurance of \$311.00, extra insurance for the Powersports show of \$643.00 and \$10.00 for Officer updates to the state of Wisconsin. In September there were 3 bills for the powersports show of \$ . Deposits of map ad money was \$ . Balance is So far the Powersport show bills are \$ 5,390.62. Motion to accept by Jim Krahn and Melissa Rhodes, all approved.

Darren said to contact landowners before going on their property. Contact him for signs and map changes. He gave back copies of maintenance agreements. There has not been any work done on the Arkdale bridge, so approaches will need to be checked. Steve suggested keeping a hammer, screwdriver, extra signs and chainsaw in your groomers. Also report any sign issues when snowmobiling. He wants clubs to be posting the 55 MPH night speed limits signs. Temperature changes also affect signs. Darran said checking your signs is reportable maintenance. Holiday hunt is south of hwy 82. This includes Portage and Marquette counties from Dec 24th to Jan 1st.

Warren reported that the workshop is October 25-27, at the Wilderness. Scholarship and snowmobile friendly applications will be available online November 1st. Association decided not to have a hospitality room at the workshop.

Deputy Mcfarland requested that dispatch be contacted when going out to do trail work. If clubs need help figuring out road signage, contact him by email. Please report any trespassers.

Bryan reported that our chamber membership will be going up because the nonprofit category is going away.

Old Business: Turn in map ads. There was some discussion on different map printers and QR codes. Someone needs to check our website. The Sheriff's canine ride is October 12th. The Powersports show is ready to go. Bryan made out input surveys. Motion by Gordy to give Mary York \$200.00 in memory of Jim Smith, seconded by Dennis Kulwick, all approved.

New Business: Motion to provide food at the Dec 2 and 9th snowmobile safety class by Gordy seconded by John Dorman, All approved. Donahue Sports will be having a Yamaha celebration on October 12th.

Next meeting November 7th at 7:00p.m. Motion to adjourn at 7:38pm. by Jim and Gordy, all approved. Submitted by Secretary Joy Krahn.

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