

Official Communication for August 19, 2026

Valued Veteran of the Year Submission Due Soon

August is the month that the Valued Veteran's Committee should be selecting the lodge's Valued Veteran of the Year and sending that name in to Moose International. Submit your selection via LCL Web. Click on Forms, Awards, Valued Veteran of the Year 2026. The deadline for this to be submitted on LCL is Sept. 1, 2026. Let's have a Valued Veteran for each lodge! If your lodge does not have a Valued Veteran's Committee, it is up to the lodge officers to pick a Valued Veteran of the Year.

The Moose are Cruising

Moose members will be heading to the Eastern Caribbean in 2027 as the latest Moose Cruise has been announced. Members can sail on the Carnival Festivale from September 4-12, 2027 on this 8-day Eastern Caribbean Cruise. The cruise will depart from Port Canaveral near Orlando, with stops that include St. Maarten, San Juan, Amber Cove, and Celebration Key. For more information, see the attached flyer. For reservations, contact Cruises International at (847) 303.2020 or (800)ALL SHIPS www.cruisesinternational.com.

A donation will be made to Moose Charities for every booking.

One Mission – One Fraternity – One Million

Moose Fraternity membership is edging ever so close back to one million members strong! As excitement grows for a sixth straight year of membership growth, the Moose International Board of Directors has approved \$350,000 in incentives for sponsors, new memberships, active members, lodges and state associations to help reach this important milestone.

Starting July 1, 2026, there will be cash incentives starting with the 975,000th membership signed, with other incentives kicking in at various levels until we reach our 1,000,001st member. Sponsors can win up to \$10,000 cash, paid Life Memberships, trips to the International Moose Convention in Orlando, and more, depending upon the membership level achieved. Lodges, associations, new members, campaign sponsors, and active members will also win awards through this program.

The incentive structure is designed to:

- Increase new member growth across all Associations
- Create healthy competitive engagement among Sponsors, Lodges and Associations
- Reward local membership recruitment efforts
- Publicly celebrate milestone membership achievements

- Generate positive publicity and organizational momentum leading into the historic one-million member milestone

Details are on the Moose International website (www.mooseintl.org)

Chastain's Quest for The Chase Continues

Moose Fraternity NASCAR driver Ross Chastain placed 12th in last Saturday night's Cook Out 400 at the Richmond Raceway, maintaining his 18th place driver's position heading into the last two regular season Cup Series races. Ross needs to move up two spots to 16th to make the season-ending playoff series, The Chase. Chastain started the Richmond race in 18th and eventually moved all the way up to seventh before eventually finishing in the 12th position.

"We just need to keep running in the top-10 like we did tonight. If we would have been doing this all summer, we would be in a lot different spot. This is way above where the summer was for this No. 1 Trackhouse Chevrolet team. We want more, but we're getting better." – Ross Chastain

Ross next races at the New Hampshire Motor Speedway this Sunday afternoon in the Dollar Tree 301. Chastain has had two Top 10 finishes at the New Hampshire in the past two years. He finished tenth in 2024 and he finished 9th here last year.

Members looking to watch Ross race this weekend can find the Dollar Tree 301 on USA starting at 3:00pm ET this Sunday, August 23rd.