

Official Communication for August 26, 2026

Valued Veteran of the Year Submission Due Next Tuesday

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 next Tuesday, 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.

October Cradle Fundraiser

Does your lodge hold a Cradle Fundraiser? ASK someone to coordinate this fundraiser. Make copies of the cradles, boost your endowment donations! [Download the packet HERE.](#)

The challenge? Who can fill up a whole wall in the lodge with cradles? Please ask your cradle fundraiser coordinator to take pictures and send them to request@moosecharities.org we would love to highlight your lodge! Make your donations online for Cradle using the **Fraternal Giving** on our website with "Cradle 2026" in the Special Instructions field.

If you would like ideas or have questions please call Moose Charities at (630) 966-2200 or email us at request@moosecharities.org with any questions. *Thank you.*

Moose Riders Guidelines

Moose Riders are an Activity Group of the lodge. All Moose Riders Activity Groups must operate under the direct guidance and authority of the Lodge Governing Board of Officers, to which the specific unit belongs to. They must follow The General Laws of The Moose plus the Moose Riders Guidelines. All funds shall be deposited and receipted to the Administrator of the lodge, per Section 43.3 of the General Laws. As a member of the Moose Riders, if you are requested to appear in front of the Board of Officers for any reason, you must go in front of the Governing Board of Officers.

Engine Issues End Chastain's Quest for The Chase

Moose Fraternity NASCAR driver Ross Chastain felt his car slow on the straightaways at New Hampshire Motor Speedway last Sunday, then smelled smoke in the cockpit, which signaled an early end to his day. His crew was unable to rectify the problem, so his race, and his playoff chances, ended after just 41 laps.

"There was an issue internally in the engine. There was oil coming out of the exhaust pipe. I felt the No. 1 Chevy losing power and just rode it out during the caution, but unfortunately, we couldn't continue. It's just an unfortunate end to our run towards the Chase. The speed has gotten better, so we'll hopefully keep moving forward on that. That's the important part. With the things in our control, we were able to make them better through the summer. I've learned that's really tough to do in the NASCAR Cup Series. We did get better, but we've got a ways to go."—
Ross Chastain

Ross next races in the Coke Zero Sugar 400 this Saturday evening at the Daytona International Speedway starting at 7:30pm ET. The race will be broadcast on NBC. Despite Chastain being eliminated from the playoffs, he continues to race in the remaining Cup Series races with a chance to win each week for the remainder of the season.