

Official Communication for October 14, 2026

Heart of the Community Project for Convention Announced

This year, the Heart of the Community project at the International Moose Convention will benefit Give Kids the World Village in Orlando. Rated Four Stars by Charity Navigator, Give Kids The World Village is an 89-acre, whimsical nonprofit resort in Kissimmee, Florida, that provides weeklong, cost-free wish vacations to children with critical illnesses and their families from around the world.

Moose International will take about 100 members and donate about two hours of our time to Give Kids the World on Monday, July 5th from 12:00n – 2:00pm. Members interested in participating can sign-up at the Heart of the Community booth starting Wednesday, June 30th.

The Fraternity will also be donating 7,000 Tommy Moose plush dolls to Give Kids the World as well. If your lodge would like to donate a dozen Tommy Moose plush dolls for this this great event, please call catalog sales at 630-966-2250 and order them. **Please make sure you tell them this is for the Give Kids the World project.** We will ship them directly to Give Kids the World, so please do not order them and ship them to your lodge or bring them to convention! **The Tommy Moose dolls will cost \$95.00 a dozen.** This will include the shipping cost to them.

2026 International Moose Legion Ritual Competition & Conference Ads Due

Conference book ads for the 2026 International Moose Legion Ritual Competition & Conference, which will take place at the beginning of November in Norfolk, VA, are due by tomorrow, October 15th. For more information, go to: <https://www.mooseintl.org/moose-legion-conference/>

Texas Hold 'Em Registration Open

The 17th Annual Moose International Texas Hold 'Em Tournament will be held from **January 10-14, 2027 at the Westgate Resort & Casino in Las Vegas**. The event continues to highlight the annual Moose sports tournament schedule. 1,046 players took to the tables for the 2026 event, once again requiring the opening day to be split into two sessions to accommodate the crowd. This year an additional day will be added.

Registration: The registration fee for the 2027 Moose International Texas Hold 'Em Tournament is \$370 per player with additional fees for optional add-ons such as commemorative clothing or slot tournament participation. All players must complete the tournament registration form. This year, players must make their hotel reservations at the Westgate Resort and Casino separately through Connections Housing, in addition to sending in

their tournament registration form to Moose International. There is no combined form/cost for the tournament and housing. See the Programs/Events section of the Moose International website for links to the registration form and to Connections Housing.

Lost and Found Items from International Convention in Oklahoma City, OK

Please see the attached listing of items that were turned in to our lost and found. To inquire about an item, please contact Rhonda Poss at 630-966-2243 or rposs@mooseintl.org. Please include your name, ID # or Moose unit, phone number, identifying description of the item, and preferred mailing address.

A Fast, 1-Mile track for Chastain in Phoenix This Week

Moose Fraternity and NASCAR driver Ross Chastain is bringing the No. 1 Trackhouse Chevrolet to the Phoenix (Ariz.) Raceway for Sunday's 312-lap event, looking to close out the 2026 season strong on the track's fast, one-mile tri-oval. Ross has had great success at that track in the past. On Sunday, November 5, 2023, he captured the win at Phoenix after leading a majority of the laps (157 of 312). At the time, the event was the Championship race and Chastain took the checkered flag over second-place by 1.23-seconds.

"I remember flying out there as part of the Championship 4 in 2022. I'll never forget all that. It was one of the few times in my life I paid for wi-fi on the plane because I had a lot of texts and emails to respond to and I took those four plus hours and responded to a lot of people on my way to Phoenix. After we lost, I'll be honest, I did not buy the wi-fi on the trip home (laughs). I just sat in silence and sulked as we finished second in the points that year. But to get a win there back in 2023 when it was the last race of the season, that was really cool and special. It was a huge win for me and I remember enjoying victory lane and going into the off-season as the most recent winner." – Ross Chastain

Last week at Charlotte, Ross worked his way forward and was 13th when the caution flag came out on lap 205. A solid pit stop resulted in lining up 10th for the restart. Chastain maintained a top-10 position until about 30 laps to go in the race. He slipped back in the closing laps and ultimately finished 16th.

Members can follow the Freeway Insurance 500 this Sunday, October 18th, starting at 3:00pm ET. The race will be broadcast on USA. 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.