

Official Communication for October 7, 2026

It's Cradle Fundraiser Month!

Does your lodge hold a Cradle Fundraiser? ASK someone to coordinate this fundraiser. Make copies of the cradles, boost your endowment donations! <https://www.moosecharities.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/07/Cradle-Fundraiser-Packet-2026.pdf>

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.*

Updates for 2026 International Moose Legion Ritual Competition & Conference

Here are some updates regarding the 2026 International Moose Legion Ritual Competition & Conference, which will take place at the beginning of November in Norfolk, VA:

- An overflow block of rooms has been set up at the Courtyard by Marriott, which is 0.4 miles from the Sheraton Norfolk Waterside where the conference will take place. A reservation link can be found under Housing on the conference page on the Moose International website.
- The deadline date for ads for the conference program book is Thursday, October 15.
- There are still limited openings for both the Moose Legion Secretary's Educational Conference on Wednesday, November 4 and the Moose Legion Educational Conference (MLEC) on Thursday, November 5. If you would like to register for either class, please email Henry Carrell at hcarrell@moosetrainers.org.
- The conference agenda has been submitted to the Webmaster to be added to the conference page on the website.
- Tickets are still available for Moose Night with the Norfolk Admirals, a minor league hockey team whose arena is one mile from the Sheraton, on Friday, November 6. The Moose has been designated as the Non-Profit of the Night, which will include a presence on the concourse to interact with fans, the Moose logo on the big screen throughout the game, pre-game activities on the ice, and a post-game group photo on the ice. Tickets can be purchased through the link on the conference page on the Moose International website. Please consider buying tickets and joining your fellow members for a fun night demonstrating how great it is to be a Moose to other fans attending the game.

Cordded Tires Hamper Chastain's Day in Las Vegas

Last Sunday in Las Vegas, Moose Fraternity and NASCAR driver Ross Chastain was able to work his way into the top-15 and eventually reached the top-10 before he made an unexpected pit stop for a corded tire. He rejoined the field one lap down with under 20 laps to go in the stage and completed the stage in 31st. He pitted during the stage break and restarted 29th, one lap down for the final segment. While the handling of Chastain's Chevrolet was improved, he was trapped one lap down. He pitted on lap 219 with another corded tire and returned to the field. Unfortunately, the entirety of the stage ran under green and Chastain was never able to get back on the lead lap.

"Brandon (McSwain) made good adjustments early in the race to get the handling on the No. 1 Chevrolet in a good spot. Unfortunately, when the car felt really good we would eventually cord a tire which obviously made for unexpected pit stop timing. Combine that with long green-flag runs at the end of the race, we just weren't able to get back on the lead lap today at Las Vegas."
– Ross Chastain

This week Ross heads to the Bank of America 400 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway. Chastain won a memorable race at Charlotte last year when he captured the Coca-Cola 600 the night before visiting the Moose at the Milwaukee International Convention.

Members can follow the Bank of America 400 this Sunday, October 11th, 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.