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—Joan Fedora, Editor & Publisher



**Moose Riders**  
Lots Ride!



Illinois Moose Riders - Lombard Chapter 2350

# You're Invited!

## Lombard Moose Lodge #2350

Blessing of the Bikes

# Founder's Party

[www.lombardmooseriders.org](http://www.lombardmooseriders.org)

*Save the Date!*

Join us for the Lombard Moose Riders Annual Founder's Party on Friday, May 19, 2017. Dinner, Music, Raffles and lots of visiting Riders! Save the Date!

**FRIDAY,  
MAY 19, 2017**



**Saturday,  
May 20,  
2017**

**14TH ANNUAL  
Mooseheart Blessing of the Bikes**

**Sunday, May 21st, 2017**

# L.I.F.E.

**Friday, May 19th  
Homecoming Party  
Lombard Lodge**

**Saturday, May 20th  
Blessing of the Bikes  
Mooseheart**

**Sunday, May 21st  
L.I.F.E. Presentation  
St. Charles Lodge**



**Moose Riders**  
Let's Ride!



Illinois Moose Riders - Lombard Chapter 2350

**You're Invited!**

**Lombard Moose Lodge #2350**

**Blessing of the Bikes**

# Founder's Party

Dinner

Music



**Lombard Chapter 2350**  
**F.T.T.L.**

Riders

You're invited to the Lombard Moose Riders Annual Founder's Party on Friday, May 19, 2017. We'll have food to eat, music for your feet and lots of Riders to meet!

Saturday morning join us for the ride to Mooseheart Blessing of the Bikes. Breakfast will be available at the Lodge starting at 8 a.m. Bikes start to line up at 9:30 a.m. - kick stands up 10:00 a.m.

Sunday morning breakfast will be served as we bid farewell to our visiting Riders and then head out to the L.I.F.E. and Senior Essay contest at St. Charles Lodge.

Moose Rider Proud!

[www.lombardmooseriders.org](http://www.lombardmooseriders.org)  
**Save the Date!**

**FRIDAY,**  
**MAY 19, 2017**

**Lombard Moose Lodge 2350**

328 W. Roosevelt Road  
Lombard, IL 60148

**630.495.4633**

[www.lombardmoose.org](http://www.lombardmoose.org)

**Crowne Plaza**

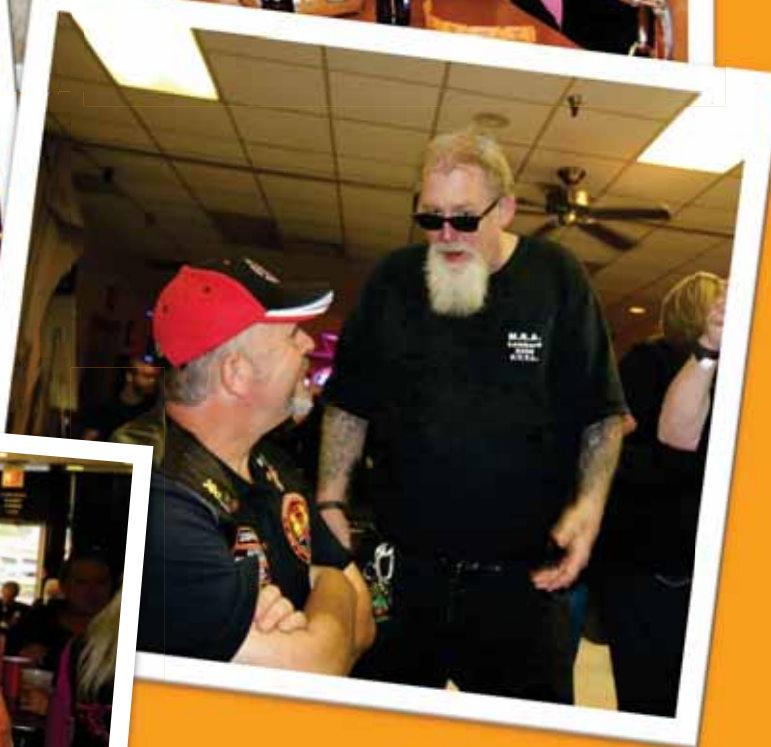
1250 Roosevelt Road  
Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

**630.629.6000 - Lombard Moose Riders**

**\$109.<sup>00</sup>/night** Must book prior to 4-19-2017

reservation must be made by phone for discounted rate.  
Check in time is 3 p.m. Mention Moose Riders.





**Founder's Party  
Lombard Lodge #2350  
May 2016**



—It's that time of year again!

## Blessing of the Bikes Set for May 20th



### 14TH ANNUAL Mooseheart Blessing of the Bikes Saturday, May 20, 2017

**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!**

Join us and learn more about Mooseheart  
and Moose Riders.

On site registration ■ 8:00 a.m.

Campus tour ■ 11:30 a.m.

Bike blessing ■ 12:00 noon

**Advanced Registration — \$20.00 per bike**

**Registration on May 20th — \$25.00 per bike**

(Refreshments, a patch and blessing included with registration fee.)

More details about the Blessing and related weekend activities  
available at [www.mooseriders.org](http://www.mooseriders.org).

To register online go to [www.moosecharities.org](http://www.moosecharities.org).  
To register by mail download form at [www.mooseriders.org](http://www.mooseriders.org).



Questions? Please email Cherie Mondrella  
at [cmondrella@mooseintl.org](mailto:cmondrella@mooseintl.org).





## 2016 Blessing of the Bikes





# 14TH ANNUAL Mooseheart Blessing of the Bikes

Sponsored by the Northern Illinois Moose Riders

## Saturday, May 20, 2017

Donation is \$20.00 per bike prior to May 20, 2017, \$25.00 on site

Please check one: ☐ Rider only ☐ 2-up one bike

☐ No, I will not be able to participate, but I have enclosed a donation for Mooseheart.

Please make registration checks\* payable to: **Moose Charities**

(\*please put "Bike Blessing" in the notation area.)

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliation (Club, Chapter, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail this page to: Moose Charities, 155 S. International Dr., Mooseheart, IL 60539

### Hold Harmless Agreement

*Please Read Before Signing*

*In consideration of participation in the Mooseheart Bike Blessing and Run, I hereby waive, release and discharge Moose Charities, Inc., Mooseheart Child City & School, Inc., Moose International, Inc., all participating Moose Lodges, all participating organizations, all participating Motorcycle Dealerships, sponsors and all their respective directors office, employees and agents (hereinafter "released parties") from and against any and all claims demands and causes of action including but not limited to death, personal injury and property damage, arising out of or connected in any way with my participation in said activity. I understand and agree that all participants and their guests participate voluntarily and at their own risk in the activity. I also agree to defend and indemnify the released parties with respect to any and all injuries and property damage to others that may result from my participation in the activity.*

*I UNDERSTAND THIS MEANS I AGREE NOT TO SUE THE RELEASE PARTIES FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY OR PROPERTY DAMAGE I MAY SUSTAIN AND I WILL DEFEND AND INDEMNIFY THE RELEASED PARTIES AGAINST ANY AND ALL PERSONAL INJURY AND PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT I MAY CAUSE BY MY PARTICIPATION IN THE ACTIVITY.*

*I further agree to waive all benefits flowing from any state statute that would negate or limit the scope of this Release and Indemnification Agreement. By signing this release and Indemnifying Agreement, I certify that I have read and fully understand it and I am not relying on any statements or representatives made by the released parties.*

Signature(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Participant(s) - Rider and Passenger, if any



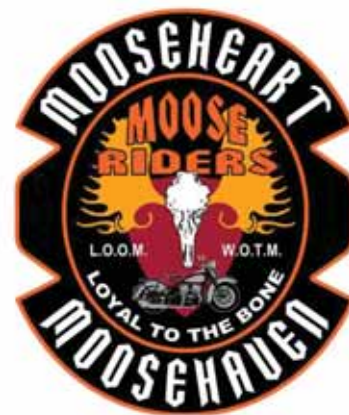


# Moose Riders Bike Blessing Party!

Food!  
Beer!  
Bags!

**Saturday, May 20, 2017**

*(Immediately following the Mooseheart Bike Blessing.)*



**LIVE MUSIC  
PROVIDED BY  
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[www.righteoushillbillies.com](http://www.righteoushillbillies.com)



Hosted by Lockport Moose Lodge • (815) 838-3944 • <http://www.lockportmoose.com/>

■ **NO ENTRY FEE** for people from the Blessing with wristbands and Moose members in good standing. \$5 at the gate for all others.

■ Line up at Mooseheart and follow the ride out to the Grove to party up with your fellow Riders courtesy of Lockport Lodge 1557.

■ Lockport Lodge 1557 Picnic Grove (not attached to lodge). Located on 159th Street between Cedar Road and Gougar Road (Actual Address 15144 W. 159th St Homer Glen, IL 60491).

■ 7 wooded acres with a large pavilion in case of bad weather, picnic tables, bags, horseshoes and even enough room for a small softball game!

■ Vendors on site with biker gear, jewelry, patches and sewing.

■ The grills will be grillin' and the beer will be flowin'!

Lockport Moose Riders are on [facebook.com/groups/LockportMooseRiders](https://www.facebook.com/groups/LockportMooseRiders) • Email: [mooseriders1557@gmail.com](mailto:mooseriders1557@gmail.com)



# May 21

**Moose Riders Essay Contest and Laptop Presentation to the Mooseheart Class of 2017—Noon**

## **St. Charles Lodge**

**2250 West Route 38 (Just west of Randall Road), St. Charles—630.377.2000**



Presentations of the laptop computers could not be made without all the Moose Riders across the country donating so generously. Why not come and see the end result. It truly is an amazing, wonderful event. Come and listen to the winners of the Essay Contest. Hear about all the graduating seniors' future goals and dreams.

Lunch will be available at noon for nominal donation. Presentation begins at 12:30 PM.

Contact Liza Chamberlain at [nohat79@yahoo.com](mailto:nohat79@yahoo.com) for more information.



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**H**ere's a list of hotels in the Mooseheart area in addition to the Crowne Plaza in Glen Ellyn (see the Founders Party flyer on page 4). The list is in no way an endorsement or recommendation of any of these facilities, but merely a list of unrated nearby hotels that may or may not still be open. We leave it to you to do your own due diligence when selecting your accommodations.

—Editor

# HOTELS

**Best Western**

1635 E Main St.  
St. Charles, IL  
630.584.4550  
800.258.1234

**Holiday Inn Express**

1600 E. Main St.  
St. Charles, IL  
630.584.5300  
800HOLIDAY

**Super 8 Motel**

1520 E. Main St.  
St. Charles, IL  
630.377.8388  
800.800.8000

**Pheasant Run**

4051 E. Main St.  
St. Charles, IL  
630.584.6300  
800PHESANT

**Days Inn**

100 S. Tyler Rd.  
St. Charles, IL  
630.513.6500

**Hilton Garden Inn**

4070 E. Main St.  
St. Charles, IL  
630.584.0700  
800HILTONS

**Country Inn & Suites**

155 38<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
St. Charles, IL  
630.587.6564

**Hotel Baker**

100 W. Main St.  
St. Charles, IL  
630.584.2100

**Courtyard Marriott**

700 Courtyard Dr.  
St. Charles, IL  
630.377.6370

**Fairfield Inn & Suites**

2096 Bricher Rd.  
St. Charles, IL  
630.845.5500

**Herrington Inn & Spa**

15 S. River Ln.  
Geneva, IL  
630.208.7433

**Oscar Swan Inn**

1800 W. State St.  
Geneva, IL  
630.232.0173

**Comfort Inn**

1555 Fabyan Pkwy.  
Geneva, IL  
630.208.8811

**Holiday Inn Express**

2055 Westbook  
Oswego, IL  
630.844.4700  
800.HOLIDAY

**Holiday Inn**

150 S. Gary Ave.  
Carol Stream, IL  
630.665.3000

**Hampton Inn and Suites**

2423 Bushwood Dr.  
Aurora, IL  
630.907.2600

**Holiday Inn Aurora**

2424 Sullivan Rd.  
Aurora, IL  
630.806.7400  
844.339.1305

**Quality Inn**

4005 Gabrielle Ln.  
Aurora, IL  
630.820.3400

**Motel 6**

2380 N. Farnsworth  
Aurora, IL  
630.851.3600  
800.466.8356

**Super 8**

4228 Longmeadow  
Aurora, IL  
630.898.5419  
800.800.8000

**Best Western**

2450 N Farnsworth  
Aurora, IL  
630.851.2000



# Blessing, Event, and Lodge Locations

For those of you planning to be around for the Bike Blessing weekend, below is a map showing the locations of the various events, plus some nearby lodges in case you want to carve out some time and check them out. Be careful and enjoy the ride.

1. **Lombard Lodge**—Founder's Party, Friday May 19th
2. **Mooseheart**—Blessing of the Bikes, Saturday, May 20th
3. **Lockport Picnic Grove**—Bike Blessing Party
4. **St. Charles Lodge**—Essay Contest and L.I.F.E. Laptop Presentation





—Lombard, IL, lodge to host pre Blessing party again

## Riders Volunteer to Cook at Ronald McDonald House



Above: Lombard riders enjoy tour of RMCD House.  
Right: Rider chefs take over the kitchen for the night.

Photos courtesy of Connie Boke

**What is a Ronald McDonald House** you may ask? It is a temporary home away from home where the families of children being treated for cancer and other serious illnesses or trauma reside while the child receives treatment at a nearby hospital or medical treatment center. The Ronald McDonald House Charities also "provide vital resources and compassionate care to children and their families being served by leading hospitals worldwide."

**Our local RMCD House** is located near Central DuPage Hospital in Wheaton, IL, just a short drive from Lombard. Many of their meals and baked goods are provided by volunteers from all walks of life, who only want to lend a helping hand.

**On Sunday, March 5, 2017**, Lombard Lodge donated a pork chop dinner with cheesy hash browns, fresh salad, fresh green beans, and dinner rolls for the families currently staying there. We not only donated the food, but we stayed to cook, serve and clean up after all of the families were done,



leaving behind leftovers for residents who could not make the designated dinner time. After the dinner mess was cleaned up, we got a tour of the house and answers to questions many of us had. What a beautiful home filled with very caring people. So happy we were able to be a part of it, if only for a very short time.

**On that note:** just a quick reminder that the Blessing of the Bikes at Mooseheart is scheduled for Saturday, May 20, 2017, and as is our custom, Lombard will start the weekend off with our Founders Party on Friday night 5/19/2017 at the Lombard Moose Lodge 2350 starting whenever you get there and ending????

**We will also be serving breakfast** and provide an organized ride out to Mooseheart from Lombard Lodge on Saturday morning 5/20/17; kick stands up at 10 a.m. Please see D'ster's invite included in this issue of *Pipes*. We look forward to seeing all of you every year on this weekend; please include this event as one of your must rides this season. **Until then**, keep your face in the wind and the rubber side down.

Sincerely,

Dawn Curran, Publicity Officer  
Lombard MRA 2350  
F.T.T.L.





6th Annual - LA HABRA MOOSE RIDERS  
**RUN TO THE HILLS**

In Honor of the Mooseheart's Blessing of the Bikes

*Saturday May 20th, 2017*

Poker Run starts at La  
 Habra Moose Lodge.  
 Lodge opens at 8am  
 Blessing of Bikes 8:45am  
 Kickstands up at 9am



\$25 Entry fee

*\$25 Low Ball*

*\$100  
 Best Poker hand*

**R**

**2nd Stop Elks Lodge**

26584 California 18 Rimforest, CA 92378  
 (909) 337-4111

**a**

**3rd Stop Blondie's Grille & Bar**

33227 Hilltop Blvd Running Springs, CA 92382  
 (909) 867-9000

**f**

**4th Stop B's Backyard BBQ**

350 Alden Rd Big Bear Lake, CA 92315  
 (909) 866-5400

**f**

**i**

Destination

**Big Bear Moose Lodge (Fawnskin)**

39211 N Shore Dr Big Bear, CA 92314  
 (909) 866-3013



**e**



**s**

*50/50 drawing*

**Camping Overnight Bring a Tent or RV (No Hookups)**

**For Info Call Morris Hiatt 714-955-1545**



—Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches is a Florida Moose Rider Charity

## Teaching Responsibility on the Open Road



Above: Smiling Jacob behind the wheel of his car and changing one of its tires.

**When you stop and take a look back** and your first car there is an undeniable nostalgia. It's the sound of the engine or maybe the weight of your foot as it pressed down on gas pedal. Perhaps it was that unforgettable "new car" smell. For many teenagers there are few memorable accomplishments more important than getting their first car. The excitement of independence and the acknowledgement of responsibility are etched in our minds. For two of the young men at the Boys Ranch, their hard work and persistence has paid off and they are beginning the journey to self-reliance with their very first cars.

**For a lot of us** a car might not mean much more than a way to get from point A to point B, but for these young men it is a well-earned reward for their dedication to their jobs and diligent budgeting. Maybe more importantly than that, for Craig and Jacob, two of our graduating seniors at the Boys Ranch, it is an opportunity for learning and growth.

**Taking ownership** of his first car meant Jacob would have his own means of transportation to his job in town. Jacob quickly learned being out on the road driving himself that he was not only responsible for the car's upkeep and his own safety, but he was also responsible for the safety of his passengers and his fellow drivers on the road. "It's a lot of responsibility," Jacob said with a grin.

**For our guys**, the responsibility of car ownership started long before they ever put their foot to the pedal. Proper maintenance is one of the keys of responsible car ownership. Each and every day we are trying to prepare our Ranchers to be productive and self-sufficient citizens when they leave our campuses. As a part of their vocational rotation in the automotive shop both Craig and Jacob learned the basics of car maintenance and upkeep including; replacing a tire and changing the oil in their cars. "We learned how to work on a car before we ever bought a car." Craig said as he was changing a flat tire on his 2008 Dodge Avenger. "It's nice to know if something goes wrong I know how to fix it." Craig, who plans on going to college and studying organic chemistry to pursue a career in the neuro-sciences field, sees his car as the icing on the cake for everything the Youth Ranches has done for him since coming to the Boys Ranch 5 years ago.

**For Craig and Jacob**, owning a car is a role that puts them in charge, helping to build a strong sense of self-reliance. It is an integral part of becoming a successful adult and both these young men are clearly on the road to success.

"We worked with the SRE (Sheriffs Ranches Enterprise) to find cars that we could afford and would be reliable." Jacob said, while showing off his 2000 BMW. "I feel proud knowing that I was able to save my money to buy this on my own. I feel like I've earned it."

**Both Craig and Jacob** were successfully able to find reliable cars through the SRE, thanks to generosity of donors who gift their good-condition, pre-owned vehicles. Sheriffs Ranches Enterprises has six locations throughout the state and an automotive sales lot at the Live Oak location.

—Josh Blackmon, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches

Right: A very proud Craig poses with his new car.



—Dayton, OH, Riders make LIFE donation

## Dinners and Raffles Bring Dollars for L.I.F.E.



Dayton 73 Moose Riders are excited to support our graduating seniors at Mooseheart by donating \$500.00 to the program that ensures they get started off in their new life with tools that are beneficial to them. These monies were raised by our riders through dinners and raffles within the Lodge.

The L.I.F.E Program gives each one of our seniors a laptop and printer for them to begin their journey.

**We wish the best for them!**

—Diana Timko, Dayton Moose Riders

## MOOSEHAVEN EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 15th from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.



Orange Park, FL

As part of the Heart of the Community Events, Moosehaven provides a safe and enjoyable Easter tradition. Each Saturday prior to Easter Sunday, over 18,000 eggs are hidden as part of our annual Easter Egg hunt. This free event provides an Easter Egg Hunt for various age groups along with: face painting, train rides, bounce houses, petting zoo, pony rides, and more!

All is free, the only charge is for concessions. Concessions include hot dog and hamburger meals. Hope to see you there!

Join us Easter Sunday for our Sunrise Service on the banks of the St John's River. Another family tradition for families and residents.





—*St. Charles Lodge readies itself for May L.I.F.E. presentation.*

## Injured Rider Enjoys Fundraiser in His Honor



### Hello from St. Charles, IL Herd #1368!

Things have been pretty quiet up here in the Midwest, but seems spring seems to be around the bend!!

### Until next time, ride safe!

*Liza Chamberlain*

*L.I.F.E. Co-Chair*

*St. Charles Moose Riders #1368, St. Charles, IL*

**We attended the fundraiser** at our Lodge for our President, Gary Fox, on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Attendance and support for this event was fantastic. Over 400 people attended! I know from speaking with Gary, he was truly overwhelmed by all the people. I would like to thank the local groups that supported this in some way or another, by attending, giving money, whatever they did. Thank you; very much appreciated!

**We were also able to break away** for a couple of hours to go the Carpentersville Lodge for their annual Steak Dinner for L.I.F.E. (Laptop Investment for Education). They did a fantastic job on the grill, as always, and they even passed the hat for Gary...what a nice surprise for all of us! Thanks C'ville!!

### Time is coming near for the L.I.F.E.

Presentation on May 21<sup>st</sup> at the St. Charles Lodge. If you haven't donated and would like to, please send all checks to: **Lisa Chamberlain, c/o L.I.F.E., P.O. Box 1065, St. Charles, IL 60174.** Please make sure the check is made out to **St. Charles Moose #1368.** Checks made out any other way cannot be deposited. Please also be sure to include the pledge sheet with contact information so I can let you know when we have received your check. In order to get the laptops ordered, set up and delivered in time, I will be ordering very soon, so please contact me if you are donating!

Gary enjoys seeing friends at fundraiser.



Celebrating the Holiday Season.





—Bus luxury for West Coast 5 lodge poker run

## President's Party Lodge Hops in Northern CA



**We held our President's Party North** on January 28th. It was a poker run starting and ending in Yuba City with 4 other lodges as check-points. Check points were Clearlake Oaks, Napa, Fairfield



and Vacaville. This poker run was a little different as it was done on a 47-passenger Bus. What a great time we had. On the bus we had Moose Riders (men & women) from **Mint Canyon** (Long Distance Lodge with VP South Coastal Bill Martin along with newest CA/NV Moose Rider Kristine Boyle – joined 1/28/17), **Paso Robles, Monterey, Hayward-Castro Valley, Delta (Rio Vista), Elkhorn and West Sacramento**. The results of the POKER RUN: High Hand – \$154 – Angela Gentry, Delta; 2nd High – \$92 – Michele Carter, Delta; 3rd High – \$46 – Sue Morris, Monterey; Worst Hand – \$16 – Janell Bedke, West Sacramento.

**Yuba City** put on a great Pork Rib Dinner after our Poker Run and had a band for us to dance the night away. A large group of us supported Yuba City lodge once again for a fantastic breakfast before heading home.

**As of our mid-year conference** we have 326 active members including 82 LIFE MEMBERS and have surpassed

\$21,000 in donations since we started in September 2014, just 2 and ½ years ago. This is just from the CA/NV Moose Riders Activity Group and does not count what the many lodge level Moose Riders in CA/NV that have donated through their lodges. And CA/NV Moose Riders are expected to more than double our total donations by our Convention in September 2017 with our "A DAY IN THE LIFE AT MOOSHEART..." Fundraiser, which will raise over \$21,500 to be donated to CA/NV Moose Association, Mooseheart, Moosehaven, Camp Ross and other CA/NV Moose Rider initiatives and charitable efforts (\$3000 Youth Awareness Cash Awards for our representatives to International Youth Awareness Congress, Wish List Items, Moosehaven Centennial Project, LIFE 2018).

**We held another famous CA/NV Moose Riders Poker run** in the Atlantis Casino during the Mid-Year conference. The winning hand was \$240; 2nd was \$145, and 3rd was \$95. The net proceeds of the Poker Run was \$495. The proceeds from this poker run, prize drawing, clock sales and our shirt/sweatshirt profits are being added to the funds we will be presenting to each of the graduating seniors in the way of gift cards at the Laptop Presentation in May (for our 2nd year now) We raised the \$950 just at the mid-year conference, which is \$50 per student. I am privileged enough to be attending the presentation again this year representing CA/NV Moose Riders and Monterey CA 876 Moose Riders.

**We have some events** for summer in the works. Cinco de Mayo Poker Run on the Delta—water vessel on the river and bikes on land. This will actually be the Seis de Mayo run as we are doing the event on Saturday the 6th of May. Big Bear Moose Riders are having a Poker Run for MS at their lodge on June 10th. La Habra Moose Riders are doing a Run to the Hills (big Bear Moose Lodge) on May 20th for a Bike Blessing Event.

**It is FUN & REWARDING** to be a CA/NV Moose Rider!!!

—Derrick Morris, CA/NV Moose Riders Founding Chairman/President 2014-CURRENT



Top: Clearlake Oaks Lodge  
Above: Napa Lodge  
Below: Vacaville Lodge

Left: CA/NEV Mid-year Conference



—2017 Big Heart Award up for grabs

## Blessing Kicks Off Moose Ride 4 Kids

**MOOSE RIDE 4 KIDS DAY** is a Moose International supported, Moose Rider effort to host motorcycle fundraising events across North America with a start date that coincides with the annual Mooseheart Bike Blessing.

The events may include Poker Runs, Pledge Runs, Raffle Runs, Hog Roast, Rides with Biker Olympics competitions, Timed Skills Rallies, or any other motorcycle themed event that can be used to collect donations for Mooseheart Child City & School and other legitimate children's charity of the Moose Rider groups' choice.

**Participation** may be at the Lodge Moose Rider Group level, District Moose Rider Lodge groupings, or as a collective State/

Provincial Moose Association Moose Rider Group. The hope is that all Moose Riders will be able to either host or participate in a motorcycle event to benefit Mooseheart, which may be open to the public, in the period between the Mooseheart Bike Blessing and Labor Day.

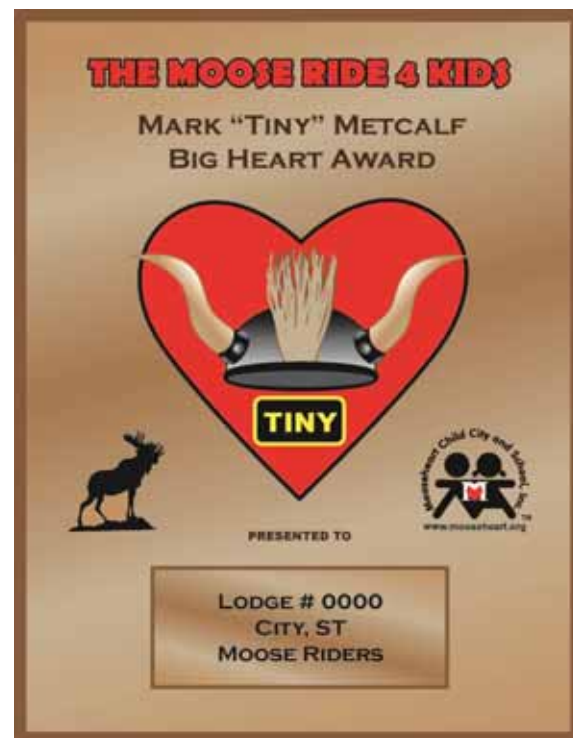
**Moose Rider** groups participating in Moose Rider 4 Kids Day will have an opportunity to receive the annual Moose International Mark "Tiny" Metcalf "Big Heart" Award, which will be given to one Moose Rider Group in two divisions. One award will go to each of the Lodge and State/Provincial Moose Association Moose Rider Groups, out of all participating groups, raising the largest dollar amount on or for their Moose Ride 4 Kids Day event. All Moose Ride 4 Kids donations are to be sent to Moose Charities and designated for Mooseheart. The winners will be announced in Pipes next fall.

—Editor



**Mark "Tiny" Metcalf** was the Florida Bermuda Moose Association Moose Riders Chairman in 2010. While riding back to his home in the Tampa area from a Moose Rider meeting, his tire blew on his bike and he went down. Mark suffered severe head injuries as a result and was non-responsive. It is cliché to say he was bigger than life, but he really was. His compassion and big heart left a big impression on everyone. He was a natural leader, respected and loved by his riders. Losing Tiny was heartbreaking for Florida Moose Riders and we are honored that his spirit is remembered with this annual award.

—Editor and friend





## MOOSE RIDE 4 KIDS EVENT NOTIFICATION FORM



Lodge # \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Moose Rider Chairman <sup>ddd</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

MR4K Event Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Moose Rider Members \_\_\_\_\_

Administrator \_\_\_\_\_

Website address \_\_\_\_\_

### Event Info

Lodge Address \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone \_\_\_\_\_ SQ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Type of Event & Other Notes (Specify second charity in addition to Mooseheart)

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Regional Manager \_\_\_\_\_

This form is to be filled out and sent to:  
**Membership Department, Attn: Moose Riders**  
**Moose International, 155 S. International Dr. Mooseheart, IL 60539-1183**



—Florida Riders Cook up some L.I.F.E. Chili

## District 25 Riders Raise Money for L.I.F.E.



Award-winning Chili chefs (L-R): Karen McDowell, Marlene Kern, Lois Shields, and People's Choice winner Larry Ellis.

**Riders of District 25** held their 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off. Every year the event is held at the Golden Gate Moose Lodge. We decided to raise money for the L.I.F.E. program as we had planned to have a poker run but due to bad weather that event was cancelled.

**The Golden Gate Lodge** provided live music by Mark Thompson, a local favorite. 50/50's were held, a raffle for a Harley Davidson phone and of course, lots of great chili.

**Entries for the chili** were free and the turnout was great. All of the chili dishes were worth the coveted 1st place, which has turned into a competition with hopes of retaining the bragging rights.

**The Riders were able to raise** enough money for one laptop for the L.I.F.E. program. This year's event was a great success with lots of Riders, patrons and chili fans.

**This year's winner** was Karen McDowell, a first-time chili contestant. Second place went to Marlene Kern, aka Slider, and third place to Lois Shields. The People's Choice winner went to Larry Ellis, who has been trying to get into the winner's circle and this was his year!! Great job to everyone who participated and to the winners.

**The Moose Riders of District 25** would like to thank the Golden Gate Moose Lodge for their continued support and for providing the music.

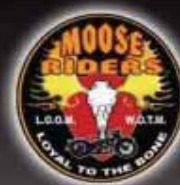
—Marlene Kern, District 25 Moose Riders

Below: District Riders gather for a photo op.





*Treasure Coast*  
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Lauderdale Lakes Moose Riders Group

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**Blessings By CMA Trinity Travelers**



—Florida Bermuda Moose Association Riders to meet at Moosehaven

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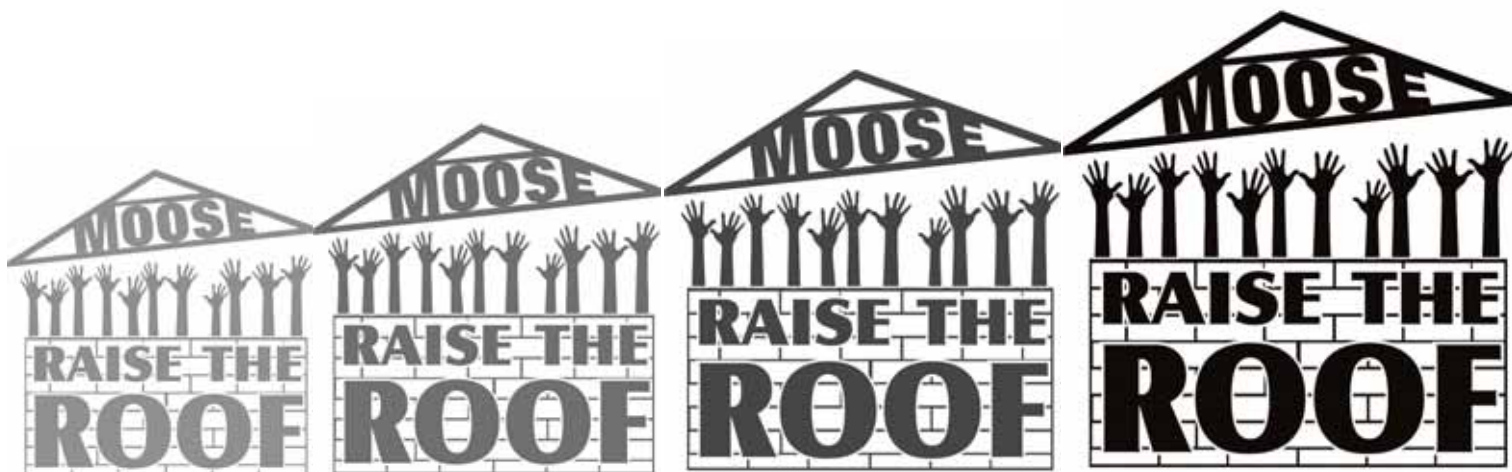
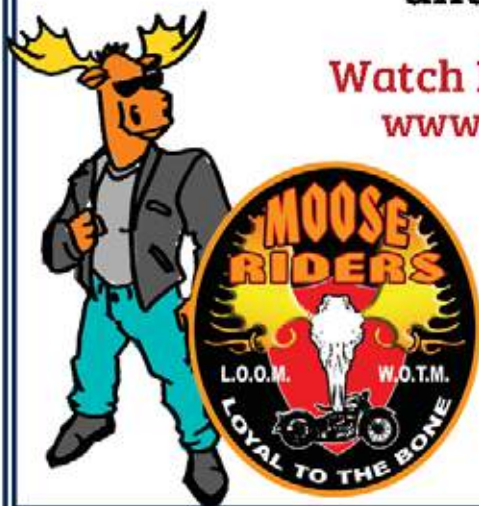
If you're still in Florida after International in Tampa, the July FBMA Moose Riders State Meeting is going to be held on the Moosehaven Campus in Orange Park, FL. Tentative Time for General Meeting will be 1:00pm - More updates to follow on the FBMA Facebook page, Moose Riders FBMA.

# FBMA Moose Riders STATEWIDE MOOSE RIDERS MEETING July 8th at Moosehaven

General Meeting @ 1pm tentative

Come meet fellow Moose Riders from across the state  
and enjoy time at Moosehaven!

Watch Facebook for more info & updates!  
[www.facebook.com/MooseRidersFlorida](http://www.facebook.com/MooseRidersFlorida)





# Easter Egg Hunt

## Food & Family Activities

AT MOOSEHEART CHILD CITY & SCHOOL

# Saturday, April 8, 2017

10am - 1pm ♦ Free & Open to the Public

Mooseheart is 2 miles  
North of I-88W on  
IL-31/S. Lincolnway

11am Egg Hunt is  
for toddlers to  
8 years old.

Activities like pony  
rides, petting zoo,  
bounce house and  
face painting



Bring your camera!  
The Easter Bunny  
will be present  
for photos.

For more information call (630) 906-3601  
or visit [www.mooseheart.org](http://www.mooseheart.org)



—Moose International dignitaries take part in ceremonial event

## Centennial Project Groundbreaking at Moosehaven



FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO have supported the latest Moose Charities project, on Sunday, March 5th, dignitaries from Moose International joined Moosehaven residents, staff, Moose members, guests and family to officially break ground for the construction of the Moosehaven Centennial Project.

Pictured above: (top left) Jan Fregulia, Executive Director of Moose Charities; (top right) Moose Charities Board; (middle right) Barbara McPherson, Grand Chancellor of the Women of the Moose; (center) Scott Hart, Director General; and (far right) John Capes, Executive Director of Moosehaven; (below) Moosehaven residents.



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There are numerous programs you can take part in that support Mooseheart. Visit the Moose Charities website to download a Resource Guide that gives a program summary and how you can 'participate. Check it out at:

<http://www.moosecharities.org/school-support-programs/>





# 2017 International Moose Convention

Tampa, FL — June 30-July 3, 2017

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June 30 - July 3

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# International Convention—Tampa Events



**25-Club members** will be spending the evening of Sunday, July 2nd with Kevin Nealon. With his unique sense of humor, profound dry wit, and likeable demeanor, Kevin Nealon has established himself as one of the premiere television, theatrical, and stand-up comedians of his generation. As a cast member of SATURDAY NIGHT

LIVE (1986-1995), Kevin is most recognized for the characters he created, including: 'The Subliminal Man,' 'Hans and Franz,' and anchoring 'Weekend Update.' Kevin was recently noted for starring on Showtime's, Golden Globe winning hit series, "WEEDS." Kevin has also taped two one-hour stand up specials, 'Now Hear Me Out' and most recently, 'Whelmed, But Not Overly,' both now available on DVD and CD. Learn more about Kevin Nealon on his [website](#).



**On Saturday, July 1st**, the top 12 finalists in the 3rd Annual Moose Karaoke Contest will compete. Cash prizes of \$5,000, \$2,000, and \$1,000 will be awarded to the top three performers. View more information about the contest [here](#).

**Join us on Friday, June 30th** for a special hospitality workshop featuring Kate Edwards, an accomplished educator/speaker and author of *Hello! And Every Little Thing That Matters*. A 30-year veteran of the hospitality business, Kate Edwards built her consulting firm in 2007 and since then has worked with some of the biggest names in the hospitality industry. Her company has been hired to create service and training pro-



*From the Moose International Website*





# Valued Veterans

## Moose Members Serving Then ... and NOW!

Supporting veterans is something that has always been important to the Moose. So, it is no surprise that our newest initiative, the "Valued Veterans" program, has drawn so much interest from members, lodges and chapters.

**The focus of this program is on the recognition and support of Moose veterans with an emphasis on their ongoing service to their fraternal units and communities through the Moose. The program's tag phrase captures this well: "Moose Members Serving Then . . . and NOW!" This approach simultaneously honors our veterans while also highlighting the Fraternity's commitment to community service.**

The International Heart of the Community Committee approached the planning of this program with passion, enthusiasm, and personal insights, as several members are veterans themselves. The goal was to deliver more recognition and support to our own members who are veterans and to provide Lodges and Chapters with the necessary tools to make the best possible impact on all who have served. Suggestions and/or questions can be emailed to Cherie Mondrella at [cmondrella@mooseintl.org](mailto:cmondrella@mooseintl.org).



*From the Moose International Website*

**Visit the Moose International website at [www.mooseintl.org](http://www.mooseintl.org) to learn more about this new program.**

# Riders Bulletin Board

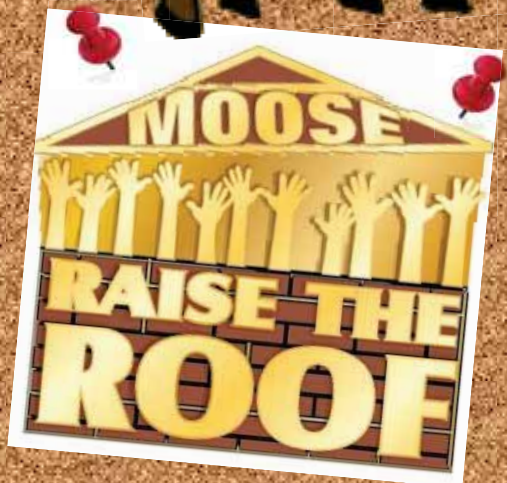
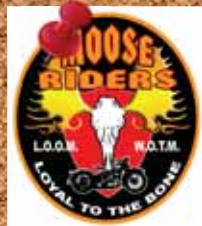


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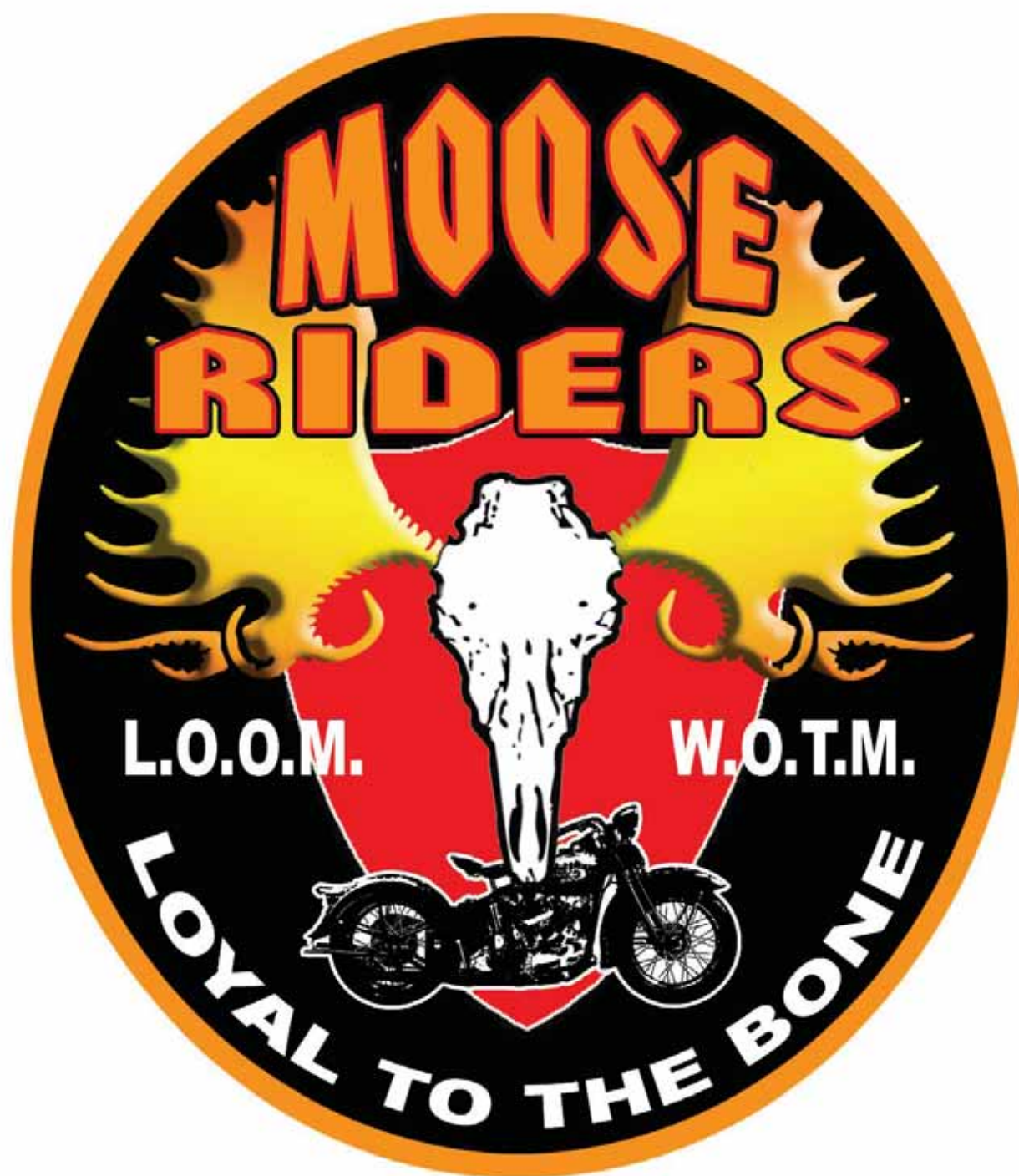
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-Editor

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*Pipes* continues to evolve, representing more and more Moose Rider Activity Groups throughout the country. A new Pipes<sup>2</sup> logo featuring dual pipes and a slightly different layout is symbolic of the increased news coverage and my intention to make even more noise about the fundraising efforts and high level of community service of our dedicated riders. Look for more changes down the road and email me with any ideas at [mooseriderpipes@aol.com](mailto:mooseriderpipes@aol.com). Pipes is a 16-time winner of the Moose Journalism Awards.— Editor

