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More State Board meeting pictures will appear in next week's update. Ed.



Chmn. Chuck Staugler has indicated that you can pay "Gimme 5" as a district, legion, youth group, or card club. Just send your money to Moose Int'l with the name you wish to receive proper credit!



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Danny Albert's golfing news This page will be Danny's final for this Moose year, and it's been a lot of fun for him and Editor Jim Grandy both of whom have had to scramble a lot to get the material. Hope you liked it!

20th Annual All-Ohio Moose Legion Celebration and Ritual Competition Announces Winners of Contest

Western Reserve Moose Legion 7 hosted this year's celebration, held at Cuyahoga Falls Moose Lodge 918.

The fun and fraternalism began Friday with a golf outing at the Ellsworth Golf Course. Later that evening, a fish/spaghetti dinner was served at the Lodge, followed by Card dancing into the night.

Early Saturday morning, the Ritual Competition began, and at 1:00 P.M. The General Moose Legion meeting was held in the Lodge room for all Moose Legionnaires and their ladies.

Rainbow 35 Ritual Staff conducted the enrollment of new candidates at 4:00 P.M.

On Saturday evening, the members of Lodge 918 and Chapter 686 provided an outstanding banquet featuring beef or chicken.

Results of the Competition were announced at the banquet, with the Staff from Western Reserve Moose Legion 7 winning the 2008 championship.

Sunday morning saw the Ritual re-cap, followed by a beautiful Memorial Service prepared by Jim Gibson. In the service, Jim paid special

tribute to Jerry Boring, a former member of the Rainbow 35 Ritual Staff. Jerry died unexpectedly in October of last year, just as he and other members of the Rainbow 35 Staff were preparing for the international competition at Irving, Texas, in November.

Official Visitor for this

year's Celebration was Shawn M. Baile, who is also Director of Community Service.

The 21st Annual All-Ohio Moose Legion Celebration and Ritual Competition will be in April 2009 at Springfield Lodge 536. Miami Valley Moose Legion 103 will play host for this event.

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Western Reserve Moose Legion 7 Reigns as 2008 All-Ohio Moose Legion Ritual Champions



Members include William Rader, Rich Aber, Dan Gordon, James Stazir, Jim Groover, and Richard Williamson. Congratulations, 2008 Champions!



Runners-up Rainbow 35

Members are Ken Ourant, Class Representative, Gene North, John Starkey, Greg Batross, Rob Robinson, Steve Ward, Jim Gibson, and Jim Voge, Class Representative. Congratulations!



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2008 All-Ohio Moose Legion Celebrants Pause To Remember



Moose Legionnaires, Fellows, and Pilgrims receive last minute instructions from Jim Gibson in preparation for the Memorial Service. On the alter is a picture of Jerry Boring as a member with the Rainbow 35 Ritual Staff, along with a blue candle honoring Jerry as a Fellow, during the special tribute in his memory during the service.



Overall Ohio Moose Legion Ritualist Named

Chmn. Dan Denney announces that Jim Gibson, Columbus 11 and Rainbow 35, wins not only 1st place as President but also the overall Champion for 2008. Pictured are Denney, left, Gibson, and Official Visitor, International Director of Fraternal Programs.

Note: All pictures, pp. 1-3, were furnished by Richard Williamson and all text by Steve Ward. Thanks for a great job, guys!



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**All-New
Candy Idea**

ACT NOW TO GET IN ON A NEW WAY TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CANDY SALES

Regional Manager Dwaine encourages you to take advantage of selling Moose candy as a good way to get more recognition for your community service projects. **READ ON . . .**

Lodges and Chapters are encouraged to **purchase the chocolate and to donate it to a local community service project** (i.e. youth sports teams, scouts, church groups, etc.) and then, when they fill out their community service report, they can claim the retail price on the chocolate (\$60) rather than their cost (\$28).

This method is a way to double your reported amount without doubling your donation.

All Lodges and Chapters should have chocolate on hand, and, when one of these groups come asking for a cash donation, **instead of giving them \$100 in cash, give them two cases of chocolate.** When they sell the chocolate, they will have \$120 and the cost to the Fraternal unit will have been only \$56 instead of \$100.

Another positive outcome to this concept is that **you have free advertising for the Moose** when these groups are selling the personalized candy bars. The Moose is then seen in a positive way within the community.

See the OSMA website under the "For Fraternal Units" title for order forms.

Effective July 1, 2008 there will be a small price increase for the Moose Chocolate Variety packs. All orders received and shipped before this date will be invoiced at the current price of \$28 a case. After this date the price will be \$32 per case.

The Cuyahoga Falls Herd 918 of the Moose Riders announce the 10th Annual Run for the Money, scheduled for Saturday, June 28, 2008.

For further information, contact Dicky Williamson, Administrator of Cuyahoga Falls 918.

**Lemuel R. Carroll, Sr.,
Chillicothe Moose Lodge 1626
has won a trip for 2 to Las Vegas.
Look what signing up members
can do for you!**

**Check the Ohio Moose
"Picnic" Membership Campaign
to see what you can earn for signing
just two during May and
June!**



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FILL ‘ER UP!

Gas Prices are a great incentive to get more people into your Lodge! BUT you’ve got to figure out a way to entice them!

Rising gas prices, soon expected to top \$4 a gallon and stay there, might be the pain that pushes people finally into looking around their own neighborhoods for entertainment, for activities, for good food and wholesome fellowship instead of driving seven or eight miles round trip to the strip mall which has a variety of possibilities.

Viole! (I hope that’s spelled correctly, but you know what it intends!) They have to drive past their neighborhood Moose Lodge which, with its friendly atmosphere, soft warm lighting, and neon delights, offers -- or should offer -- what they’re looking for.

But Lodge leaders have to be creative in the presentations of their operation. Let’s look at one area, activities. Activities Chairmen have to be great leaders because, from the get-go, they’re great planners. Successful Chairmen always have a photographer around to be able to publicize the planning of the event, the execution of it, and success of the event. And if their Lodge has a crappy newsletter, these Chairmen are great at getting help from the Chapters to create posters, to help with whatever it is, and to create more posters afterward with all kinds of pictures to pin up on bulletin boards or to tape on the walls to Lodge entrances.

These Chairmen are great people-persons -- constantly aware of whose feelings are getting stepped on and who’s getting off on the activity. And they compensate with a great reward system, beginning with a simple “Thank you, Charlie” or “Thank you, Marie” extending to a small libation and finger-food in the kitchen once the activity is over.

These great Chairmen look for new and fresh ways to do old things.

So why have a hum-drum “grill in the kitchen” when you can have a super outdoor hot-dogs for two-bits night, with the kids doing the grilling? Or why not have a night on the patio, catering to the ladies with frozen dakris (is this spelling right?). Who cares? They’ll make dinner a whole lot better.

Eight old guys at one lodge said “Why can’t we do it the way we used to do?” and began their grilling on the patio once a week. Know what? A year’s passed, and they’re still grillin.”





Hello, Ohio Golfers! Here's the Latest Inside Poop!

. . . by Danny Albert, Golf Chairman



I kn I know! I know! Every time I make some kind of weather observation, things turn to crap, and, boy, have they ever this past week. With all this cool weather and all the rain -- perfect for grass-growin' -- I know that everyone must have lawns at least at ankle-depth in grass and dandelions! With all the mowing that has not been done, many of us won't see a golf course for weeks. Or the brave among us will say "The hell with it!" Go play golf, and face the ole lady later! In this connection, check out what I think IS my final observation for this year:

OBSERVATION #24 -THAT RAKE BY THE SAND TRAP IS THERE FOR GOLFERS WHO FEEL GUILTY ABOUT SKIPPING OUT ON LAWN WORK!

BY THE WAY . . . Did you ever wonder why Kamikaze pilots wore helmets? or Why people keep running over a string a dozen times with their vacuum cleaner, then reach down, pick up the string, examine it, and then put it down to give the vacuum cleaner one more chance?

Me either! But who's countin'?

From the "Laws of Golf," little grasshopper, one learns that no matter how bad your last shot was, you should have inner peace knowing that a worse one is yet to come. (This law does not expire on the 18th hole, since it has the supernatural tendency to extend over the course of a tournament, a summer and, eventually, a lifetime!

Hit 'em straight, guys!

P.S. The Bass Tournament at Indian Lake was a huge success, and so too was the Walleye Derby at Port Clinton. Sports Director Buck Dials has results on the web site, and Editor Jim Grandy hopes to have pictures on next week's update.

