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Merritt Island Moose Tracks

A not-for-profit fraternal membership organization

Moose of the Year



Bill Gerken

This month the Spotlight shines on Bill Gerken as the Merritt Island Moose of the Year for 2026. Bill has been a member of the Moose for five years and a Legionnaire for three. Ever since he moved to Merritt Island, he has been the *volunteer extraordinaire*. He is a great father and loves helping people. Congratulations Bill, well deserved!

Moose Fraternal Recognition Program: Preferred Status

Whether you're a new member or a long-timer, you can achieve Moose Preferred Status when you attain these five goals since May 1, 2025:

- Sponsor one new member into the Lodge;
- Attend a Lodge Orientation presentation (next Orientation is Saturday, November 14th at 10:00 am in the Hall);
- Complete and log 10 volunteer hours at the lodge ;
- Donate at least once to Moose Charities, either via an online contribution or by check in support of Mooseheart or Moosehaven (donate here: https://www.moosecharities.org/donate/) and;
- Create and maintain an active My Membership Record.

You'll get 10,000 Reward Points (a $100 value towards Moose dues or merchandise), and other neat stuff like the Moose Preferred Challenge Coin. Full details here:
https://www.mooseintl.org/fraternal-recognition-program/
https://www.mooseintl.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/2025-Fraternal-Recognition-Program-Information.pdf



Moose Preferred Challenge Coin

Holiday Season Update

Toy & Senior Drive - The annual toy and senior drive sponsored by the "I Love My Island" thrift store begins November 1st. Bring new, unwrapped toys for boys and girls aged 0 - 12. Bring lap blankets, puzzle books, slippers, socks, etc. for Seniors. We have a large box in the lobby (next to the laptop); let's fill it up. All donations will be picked up on Dec 15. Contact Kim Coon at kcoon123@yahoo.com for more info.

Thanksgiving Dinner – As most of our long-term members know, our Lodge only closes twice a year: Thanksgiving and Christmas Day. This gives our employees a chance to spend time with their families during a hectic time here at the Lodge. But don't fret, we will still have a Thanksgiving Dinner with all the trimmings on Tuesday, November 24th and closed on the 26th.

Kids Christmas Party – This year we're doing something a little different: Breakfast With Santa on December 12 from 8:30 – 10:30 am. Pancakes will be served up while the little ones get their photos taken with Santa, followed by craft activities and dancing with "DJ Percy". There is a sign-up sheet in the office for Merritt Island Moose member's kids under 12, deadline is December 2, *no exceptions!* There will also be a Volunteer sign-up sheet for those who want to help.

Christmas Eve – The kitchens will close at 5:00 pm on December 24 and we will have our traditional potluck dinner at 6:00 pm. Bring a covered dish or dessert. Again, we will be closed on Christmas Day.

New Year's Eve – We will celebrate our annual New Year's Eve Party with music by ***The Stingrays***, a full course dinner and a champagne toast at midnight. VIP seats with cocktail service will be $50 and $40 for regular seats. Tickets will be on sale in the office and bar.



Legion Car Show

Only one more week until the 24th Annual Merritt Island Moose Legion Car Show. Join us Saturday, November 7th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm to view and judge the most spectacular cars in Brevard County. Food and drinks will be available inside while "DJ Jaystar" cranks up the tunes outside. No reservations necessary, just bring your *pride and joy* along with $20 to register. All viewing is free and open to the public.

Election Day

Tuesday, November 3rd, is the day for U.S. General Elections. The banquet hall at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge is the voting facility for the Northern Merritt Island precinct. All Americans are encouraged to perform their civic duty and GET OUT AND VOTE!

Veterans Day

The Merritt Island Moose Lodge will be honoring veterans on Veterans Day, November 11 in the Hall at 5:00 pm with a traditional ceremony and dinner. ALL vets are welcome. Guests of non-member vets are welcome, too.

Moose Riders

The inaugural meeting of the Merritt Island Moose Riders was held on Wednesday, October 28. Officers elected are: Jeff Coakley as President, Mark Meinhardt as Vice President and Susan Drake as Treasurer & Secretary. Additional officers will be set at the next meeting on Monday, November 9th at 6:00 pm. Regular meetings will continue on the second Monday of the month. All members who are interested in "riding for a good cause" are encouraged to attend. Motorcycle not required.

Walk on Water 20th Anniversary

The Merritt Island Moose Legion made a donation of $500 to the Walk on Water Ministry on October 27th to help fund their scholarship programs. Mark Bianco and Susan Drake presented the check to Patti Bryan and received a wonderful tour of the 6.2-acre compound on North Merritt Island. They have 15 horses on site they use to help children with autism. All are invited to attend their 20th Anniversary Hoedown on November 7. See flyer in lobby for more info.

Craft Fair

The Merritt Island Moose Lodge will be hosting a Craft Fair on Sunday, November 22 from noon until 5:00 pm in the Hall. Vendor tables can be rented for $40. RSVP or call JoJo Miller for more info at 321-522-6302 by November 14 for more info.

Legion Softball Sponsorship

Congratulations to the "Moose Lodge 2073 / Ace Hardware" softball team in the Florida Half Century league. They won their division bracket and went on to Utah to win the Silver Medal in the Senior Olympic games. The Moose Legion has committed to continue its sponsorship through next year.



Barry Miller receives a "Champs" poster from Greg LaChance

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Daily Activities

All activities and the events below are Members Only (and their qualified guests), unless otherwise indicated as Open to Public (**OTP**).

MONDAY

* **Lodge Meeting** – 1st & 3rd Mondays, Hall 7:30 pm
  All Merritt Island Moose members are encouraged to attend
* **Martini Night with Kevin** – 2nd Monday, SQ 5:00 – 7:00 pm
* **Moose Riders** – 2nd Monday, Hall 6:00 pm
* **Legion Meeting** – 4th Monday, Hall 6:00 pm
* **Cigar & Bourbon Night** – 4th Monday, Patio 7:00 pm
* **Texas Hold'em Poker** – Every Week, SQ 6:00 pm

TUESDAY

* **WOTM Meeting** – 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, Hall 6:30 pm
* **WOTM Bake Sale** – 2nd Monday, SQ 5:00 pm
* **Morning Cardio Workout** – Every Week, Hall 8:30 am **OTP**
* **Mr. Trivia** – Every Week, SQ 6:30 pm
* **Show Me the Money** – Every Week, Patio 6:45 pm

WEDNESDAY

* **Cigar Herf** – Every Other Week (see calendar), Patio 5:00 pm
* **Texas Hold'em Poker** – Every Week, SQ 6:00 pm
* **Euchre** – Every Week, Hall (if available) 6:00 pm
* **Ace of Spades** – Every Week, SQ 6:30 pm

THURSDAY

* **Lodge Bingo** – 1st & 3rd Thursdays, Hall 6:00 pm; $15 for 10 games
* **Line Dance Class** – 2nd & 4th, Hall 6:00 pm, $5 per person **OTP**
* **Karaoke with Zak Donley** – 2nd & 4th Thursdays, Patio 6:30 pm
* **Morning Cardio Workout** – Every Week, Hall 8:30 am **OTP**

FRIDAY

* **Bunco** – 2nd Friday, Hall 12:30 pm; lunch begins in SQ at 11:00 am

SATURDAY

* **Show Me the Money** – 1st & 3rd Saturdays, SQ 1:00 pm
* **Shuffleboard** – Every Week, SQ 12:00 noon

SUNDAY

* **Legion Monthly Book Drawing** – Last Sunday, SQ 7:00 pm
* **Queen of Hearts** – Every Week, SQ 6:30 pm
* **Karaoke with Zak Donley** – Every Week, SQ 8:00 pm

Upcoming Events

November 1 – Mah Jong Tournament 11:00 am **OTP**
November 7 – Legion Car Show 10:00 am – 1:00 pm **OTP**
November 7 – Designer Purse Bingo 5:00 **OTP**
November 8 – Silent Auction Fund Raiser 1:00 pm **OTP**
November 11 – Veteran's Day Ceremony & Dinner 5-7pm **OTP**
November 13 – MIHS Casino Night 6:30 **OTP**
November 14 – Neil Diamond Tribute Concert 7:00 pm **OTP**
November 15 – MIHS Soccer Bingo 3:00 pm **OTP**
November 21 – New Member Orientation Hall 10:00 am
November 21 – Rocket Ranch Reunion 3:00 pm **OTP**
November 22 – Craft Fair - $40/Booth, Hall 12 – 5pm **OTP**
December 4 – Purse Bingo 7:00 pm **OTP**
December 10 – Dueling Pianos 7:00 pm, $20 **OTP**
December 12 – Kid's Christmas Party 8:30 am – 10:30 am
December 12 – New Member Orientation SQ 10:00 am
December 12 – Groove Slayers Christmas Concert **OTP**
December 13 – Dussich Dance Recital 3:00 pm **OTP**
December 24 – Christmas Eve Pot Luck SQ 6:00 pm
December 31 – New Year's Eve Party, Hall 7-12:15 am



Solitary Man – A Tribute to Neil Diamond

Experience the music, memories, and unmistakable sound of one of the most celebrated singer-songwriters of all time in **SOLITARY MAN – A Tribute to Neil Diamond**. Presented by Allengang Entertainment on Saturday, November 14th at 7:00 pm.

For more than 15 years, SOLITARY MAN has been one of the country's longest-running Neil Diamond tribute productions. With hundreds of concerts performed for audiences across the country, SOLITARY MAN has earned its reputation as the #1 Neil Diamond tribute show in America.

At the center of the show is veteran vocalist and tribute artist David Jericko, who brings more than 30 years of professional performance experience to the stage. His career includes 15 years performing live Elvis productions throughout the country, with appearances in legendary entertainment destinations including Las Vegas, Memphis, Tennessee, and New York's Rockefeller Center.

Now, David brings that experience, commanding stage presence, and powerful vocal ability to the timeless music of Neil Diamond.

This event is open to the public. VIP seats are $45 (includes cocktail service) and regular seats for $35. Doors open at 5:30 for those who come hungry, popular pub fare and beverages are available for purchase at the full liquor bar. Full menu is available in the Social Quarters (members and their qualified guests only) along with Surf & Turf (please only bring "carry-out" orders from the Social Quarters into the Hall).

Buy tickets here: https://www.showtickets.live
Assistance with ticket sales is available during office hours (Monday – Friday, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Buy Tickets



After the concert, keep the party going and join us for **"Moose After Dark"** in the Social Quarters (members only and qualified guests) with "DJ Oxygen".

Sneak Peek at Next Month's Concert

"Groove Slayers" performs a high-energy holiday show featuring funk, R&B, jazz, and rock-infused renditions of classic Christmas tunes at the Merritt Island Moose Lodge, on Saturday, December 12th at 7:00 pm.





David Jeriko and The Crew performs as Solitary Man

Resource List

Here is a collection of handy web sites, all in one place:

Merritt Island Moose Lodge **Official Page**:
- https://www.mimoose2073.com
Merritt Island Moose Lodge **Facebook Page**:
- https://www.facebook.com/moose2073.org
Merritt Island **Women of the Moose** Facebook Page:
- https://www.facebook.com/groups/195029096075709
Merritt Island Moose Lodge **Monthly Calendar**:
- https://www.mimoose2073.com/monthly-calendar
Merritt Island Moose Lodge **Kitchen Menu**, see link in:
- https://www.mimoose2073.com/social-quarters-ballroom/bar-grill
Moose **Legion Indian River 178:**
- https://www.facebook.com/p/Moose-Legion-Indian-River-178-100081096755013
Renew your dues online:
- https://secure.mooseintl.org/quickpay/login.aspx
Sign up online:
- https://secure.mooseintl.org/mooseonlineapplication/memberprompt.aspx
Moose Membership Card on your phone**:**
- https://www.mimoose2073.com/about-us/moose-membership-app
Moose Rewards:
- https://www.mooseintl.org/moose-rewards-program/

Note: In case you're reading this from a hard-copy, these links are also presented on our website at https://www.mimoose2073.com/about_us/links

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I ♥ MI Toy Drive
Begins 11/1
Bring new unwrapped toys

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Brunch! 9am Mah Jong Tournament 11am 6:30pm Karaoke 8-11pm	**2** BURGER DAY Legion Poker 6pm Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	**3** Game Night mr. trivia 6:30 Show Me the Money 6:45 WOTM Meeting 6:30 "Open Face Roast Beef" Election Day in the Hall	**4** Wing Day Cigar Herf Patio 5pm Euchre 6pm Legion Poker 6pm Ace of Spades 6:30	**5** TACO DAY & MARGARITA SPECIALS Lodge Bingo 6pm (members only and qualified guests)	**6** SURF & TURF Live music by *Highway 1* SQ 7-10pm	**7** Brunch! 9am SURF & TURF Car Show 10am Show Me the Money 1:00 Purse Bingo 5:00 *Teddy V* - SQ 7-10pm
8 Brunch! 9am Silent Auction Fund Raiser 1p 6:30pm Karaoke 8-11pm	**9** BURGER DAY Martini Monday SQ 5-7pm Legion Poker 6pm Moose Riders 6pm	**10** Game Night mr. trivia 6:30 WOTM Bake Sale 5p Show Me the Money 6:45 "Country Fried Chicken"	**11** Wing Day Veterans Day Celebration Hall 5 – 7pm Euchre 6pm Legion Poker 6pm Ace of Spades 6:30	**12** TACO DAY & MARGARITA SPECIALS Line Dance Class Hall 6pm (open to public) Karaoke Patio 6:30 pm	**13** SURF & TURF BUNCO – SQ 12:30 MIHS Casino Night 6:30 *Beach Katz* - SQ 7-10pm	**14** Brunch! 9am SURF & TURF *Neil Diamond* Tribute Concert - Hall 7pm Open to Public "Event Menu" in Hall at 5:30
15 Brunch! 9am MIHS Soccer Bingo 3:00 Dist. Meeting Melbourne 6:30pm Karaoke 8-11pm	**16** BURGER DAY Legion Poker 6pm Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	**17** Game Night mr. trivia 6:30 Show Me the Money 6:45 WOTM Meeting 6:30 "Sliced Pork Dinner"	**18** Wing Day Cigar Herf Patio 5pm Euchre 6pm Legion Poker 6pm Ace of Spades 6:30	**19** TACO DAY & MARGARITA SPECIALS Lodge Bingo 6pm (members only and qualified guests)	**20** SURF & TURF Live music by *Showtime* SQ 7-10pm	**21** Brunch! 9am SURF & TURF New Member Orientation 10am Show Me the Money 1:00 Rocket Ranch Reunion 3:00 *Hall & Hall* SQ 7-10pm
22 Brunch! 9am Craft Fair 12-5 pm 6:30pm Karaoke 8-11pm	**23** BURGER DAY Legion Poker 6pm Legion Meeting 6pm Cigar & Bourbon Night Patio 7pm	**24** Game Night mr. trivia Show Me the Money 6:45 "Thanksgiving Dinner"	**25** Wing Day $1 wings Euchre 6pm Legion Poker 6pm Ace of Spades 6:30	**26** Closed for Thanksgiving	**27** SURF & TURF Live music by *The Stingrays* SQ 7-10pm	**28** Brunch! 9am SURF & TURF Live music by *Jack Flowers* SQ 7-10pm
29 Brunch! 9am Edgewood Bingo 3p Moose Legion Monthly Book 6:30pm Karaoke 8-11pm	**30** BURGER DAY Legion Poker 6pm	**Solitary Man** Ultimate tribute to Neil Diamond November 14th, 7pm showtickets.live Buy Tickets			**Legion Car Show** Nov 7, 10am – 1pm Free to Public $20 per Car Music by "DJ Joystar"	

Weekend Brunch
Saturday and Sunday
From 9 am to noon.
Rise, Shine & *Brunch!*

NFL at the Moose
All Games Live.
Food & Drink Specials.
See contest rules in the Social Quarters

Sponsored BINGO Days
(Open to the Public)
* 11/7 Purse Bingo
* 11/13 MIHS Casino Night
* 11/15 MIHS Soccer Bingo

Veteran's Day
Ceremony & Dinner
ALL Vets Welcome
Wednesday, Nov 11th
Hall 5 – 7pm

Rocket Ranch Reunion
November 21
From 3pm to ??
Calling all Spacers!
Open to the Public

SURF & TURF
All day Friday & Saturday
Steak, Fish & Shrimp
(Grilled or Fried)
Details on Specials TV

Moose After Dark
After the concert, join us in the SQ with "DJ Oxygen"
Nov 14, 9 pm– 12am

October

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December

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Next Month
Kid's Christmas Party 12/12
Groove Slayers Concert 12/12
Christmas Eve Pot Luck 12/24
New Year's Eve Party 12/31
★ - *private event In the hall.*

Member Activities Schedule
♥ Cardio Workout – Tues & Thur 8:30am ♥
Euchre – Wednesdays 6pm
Shuffle Board – Saturdays Noon

Last updated 10/29/2026

Front Office Hours: Monday – Friday 11am – 5pm
SQ Hours: Mon-Fri 11am – 11pm, Weekends 9am – 11pm
Kitchen Hours: Mon-Fri 11am – 9pm, Weekends 9am – 9pm
Pizza Hours: 7 days a week 11am – 9pm
Patio Bar Hours: Tue, Wed, Friy 4pm – 9pm

MOOSE TRAX

The calendar is subject to change after *Moose Tracks* is published. Please check https://https://www.mimoose2073.com/monthly-calendar for updates