

Merritt Island Moose Tracks

A not-for-profit fraternal membership organization



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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 and his wife Sue 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 ? - ?. Bring lap blankets, puzzle books, slippers, socks, etc. for Seniors. We have a large box in the Social Quarters; let's fill it up. All donations will be picked up on ?

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 24 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 Party with music by *The Stingrays*. Pricing details and ticket sales will be announced on November 1st.



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 provided inside while "DJ Jaystar" cranks up the tunes outside. No reservations necessary, just bring your car and \$20. All viewing is free and open to the public.

Merritt Island Moose #2073, Lodge Officers for 2026-2027

Board of Officers

- Administrator – James Stratmann
- President – John Wallace
- Jr. Past President – Chris Pedone
- Vice President – Kimberly Coon
- Treasurer – Dan Companion
- Chaplain – Thomas Di Vita II
- 1st Year Trustee – Jeffery Blye
- 2nd Year Trustee – Tom Bartkowski
- 3rd Year Trustee – Cyndi Mara

Other Officers

- Social Quarters Manager – Brooke Mazzula
- Kitchen Manager – Kerri Gabbard
- Sargeant at Arms – Gary Block
- Assistant Administrator – Mark Bianco
- Assistant Administrator – Susan Drake

Committee Chairs

- Activities – Brooke Mazzula
- Application Review – James Stratmann
- Audit – Bill Dimmer
- Communications – Marv Gardner
- Government Relations – Chris Pedone
- Heart of the Community – Marv Gardner
- Loss Prevention – Jeffery Blye
- Membership – Dan Companion
- Moose Charities – Chris Pedone
- Moose Legion – Barry Miller
- Moose Ritual – Chris Pedone
- Women of the Moose – Josephine Miller

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 head to Utah for the Senior Olympic games. The Moose Legion cheers them on to repeat their Gold Medal performance from last year!



Barry Miller receives a “Champs” poster from Greg LaChance

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Daily Activities

All activities are Members Only unless otherwise indicated Open to Public (OTP).

Lodge Meeting – on the first and third Monday at 7:30 pm in the Hall. All Merritt Island Moose members are invited.

Women of the Moose Meeting – 1st & 3rd Tuesday at 6:30

Women of the Moose Bake Sale – 2nd Tuesday at 5:00

Game Night every Tuesday – **Mr. Trivia** in the Social Quarters at 6:30 pm; and **Show Me the Money** on the patio at 6:45 pm.

Show Me the Money – on the first and third Saturday at 1:00 pm in the Social Quarters.

Weekly Drawings: **Ace of Spades** every Wednesday at 6:30 pm; and **Queen of Hearts** every Sunday at 6:30 pm.

Karaoke with Zak Donley Sundays at 8:00 pm. And on the Patio on the second and fourth Thursday at 6:30 pm.

Legion Monthly Book drawing is on the last Sunday at 7:00 pm.

Bunco on the second and fourth Friday from 12:30 – 2:30 pm in the Hall. Lunch service begins at 11 am in the Social Quarters.

Lodge Bingo on the 1st and 3rd Thursday at 6:00 pm in the Hall. \$15 for 10 games (paper, \$2 for daubers). \$5 for the final jackpot.

Line Dance Class on the second and fourth Thursday at 6:00 pm in the Hall. \$5 per person. **OTP**.

Morning Cardio Workout every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:30 am in the Hall. \$2 members / \$5 non-members. **OTP**

New! Martini Monday on the second Monday of the month from 5 – 7:00 pm in the Social Quarters with Kevin.

Cigar Herf every other **Wednesday** on the patio at 5:00 pm. November Herfs will be on the 4th and the 18th.

Texas Hold'em Poker on Monday and Wednesday at 6:00 pm.

Euchre every Wednesday at 6:00 pm in the Hall (if available).

New! Moose Riders on the 4th Wednesday at 6:00 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 5-7p **OTP**

November 13 – MIHS Casino Night 6:30 **OTP**

November 14 – New Member Orientation

November 14 – Neil Diamond Tribute 7:00 pm **OTP**

November 15 – District Meeting 12:00 pm

November 15 – MIHS Soccer Bingo 3:00 pm **OTP**

November 21 – Rocket Ranch Reunion 3:00 pm **OTP**

November 22 – Craft Fair 12 – 5pm **OTP**

December 4 – Purse Bingo **OTP**

December 10 – Dueling Pianos

December 12 – Kid's Christmas Party 8:30 am – 10:30 am

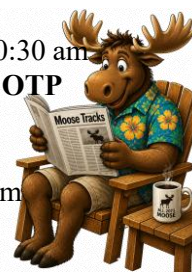
December 12 – Groove Slayers Christmas Concert **OTP**

December 13 – Dussich Dance Recital **OTP**

December 19 – New Member Orientation

December 24 – Christmas Eve Pot Luck SQ 6:00 pm

December 31 – New Year's Eve Party



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)



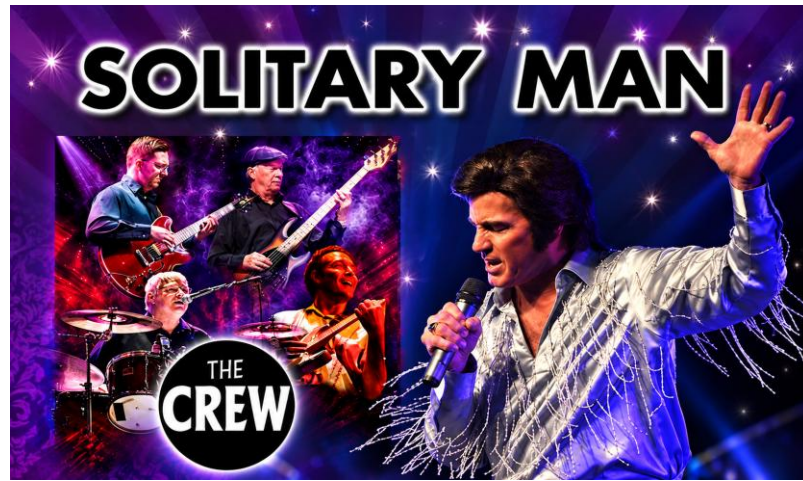
Buy Tickets



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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Begins 11/1
Bring new
unwrapped toys

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Brunch: 9am Mah Jong Tournament 11am 6:30pm Karaoke 8-11pm	BURGER DAY Legion Poker 6pm Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	Game Night 3 6:30 multitrip Show Me the Money 6:45 WOTM Meeting 6:30 "Open Face Roast Beef"	Wing Day Cigar Herf Patio 5pm Euchre 6pm Legion Poker 6pm Ace of Spades 6:30	TACO DAY Lodge Bingo 6pm (members only and qualified guests)	SURF-TURF Live music by Highway 1 SQ 7-10pm	Brunch: 9am SURF-TURF Car Show 10am Show Me the Money 1:00 Purse Bingo 5:00 Teddy V - SQ 7-10pm
Brunch: 9am Silent Auction Fund Raiser 6:30pm Karaoke 8-11pm	BURGER DAY Martini Monday SQ 5-7pm Legion Poker 6pm	Game Night 10 6:30 multitrip WOTM Bake Sale 5p Show Me the Money 6:45 "Country Fried Chicken"	Wing Day Veterans Day Celebration Hall 5-7pm Euchre 6pm Legion Poker 6pm Ace of Spades 6:30	TACO DAY Line Dance Class Hall 6pm (open to public) Karaoke Patio 6:30 pm	SURF-TURF BUNCO - Hall 12:30 MIHS Casino Night 6:30 Beach Katz - SQ 7-10pm	Brunch: 9am SURF-TURF New Member Orientation 10am Neil Diamond Tribute Hall 7-10pm - Open to Public "Event Menu" in Hall at 5:30
Brunch: 9am MH S Soccer Bingo 3:00 6:30pm Karaoke 8-11pm	BURGER DAY Legion Poker 6pm Lodge Meeting 7:30pm	Game Night 17 6:30 multitrip Show Me the Money 6:45 WOTM Meeting 6:30 "Sliced Pork Dinner"	Wing Day Cigar Herf Patio 5pm Euchre 6pm Legion Poker 6pm Ace of Spades 6:30	TACO DAY Lodge Bingo 6pm (members only and qualified guests)	SURF-TURF Live music by Showtime SQ 7-10pm	Brunch: 9am SURF-TURF Show Me the Money 1:00 Rocket Ranch Reunion 3:00 Hall & Hall SQ 7-10pm
Brunch: 9am Craft Fair 5-7pm 6:30pm Karaoke 8-11pm	BURGER DAY Legion Poker 6pm Lodge Meeting 6pm	Game Night 24 6:45 multitrip Show Me the Money 6:45 "Thanksgiving Dinner"	Wing Day \$1 wings Euchre 6pm Legion Poker 6pm Ace of Spades 6:30	26 Closed for Thanksgiving	SURF-TURF BUNCO - Hall 12:30p Live music by The Stingrays SQ 7-10pm	Brunch: 9am SURF-TURF Live music by Jack Flowers SQ 7-10pm
Brunch: 9am Edgewood Bingo 3p 6:30pm Karaoke 8-11pm	BURGER DAY Legion Poker 6pm	Solitary Man Ultimate tribute to Neil Diamond November 14th, 7pm showtickets.live	 Buy Tickets	SOLITARY MAN	 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 MH S Casino Night
* 11/15 MH S Soccer Bingo

Veteran's Day
Ceremony & Dinner
ALL Vets Welcome
Wednesdays, 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

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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 10/16/2026

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, Fri 4pm - 9pm

