



WASHINGTON STATE/NORTHERN IDAHO MOOSE ASSOCIATION

# MARCH E-BULLETIN

# REDNECK ROADHOUSE



**MID-YEAR CONFERENCE  
MARCH 6-9, 2025, PASCO, WA**



## SEE YOU IN PASCO THIS COMING WEEK FOR OUR ANNUAL MID-YEAR CONVERENCE

Are you ready to have a rip-roarin' good time at our Red Neck Roadhouse Mid-Year Conference? Pack up those saddle bags and join your Moose friends and colleagues in a week-end filled with fun and information.

This Mid-Year is shaping up to be the best and different than ones in the recent past. No more sitting in chairs for hours on end and having speakers talk at you. You'll have a chance to join in your choice of workshops where you'll be given the opportunity to share ideas and ask questions. We need your participation in the conference and in these workshops to make them successful so we can have more say in how we go forward.

You can choose from a variety of workshops where you can participate, learn and ask questions. Those workshops include: **Chapters 101-the Importance of WOTM to the Moose, Lodge Operating Budgets-How and Why, Moose Legion 101-the importance of the Moose Legion, Building your Community, Your Lodge-What Works, Membership Retention-Keeping Your Members, Administrators Forum & Lodge Meeting Minutes, New Member Orientations, WSNIMA Roundtable-Ask the Secretary.** Surely you can find a workshop here that piques your interest.

We welcome our Official Visitor Kirk Schoepp, a director on the Moose International Board of Directors. This is a chance to meet the man who helps makes decisions at the International Level and share ideas with him and get your questions answered.

MARCH 2025

# JUST GIT X'ER DONE



## LOOM TRAINING SESSIONS

To schedule any training session, contact Bob Isom at **Robert isom2149@comcast.net** or phone **360-481-1445**.

## WOTM TRAINING SESSIONS

For more information and to schedule a training sessions, please contact Suzanne Dinning, **360-870-6709** or e-mail **Suzdinwa@comcast.net**.

Upcoming trainings:

- **April 12, Nisqually Valley Chapter**
- **May 10, Camas Chapter**
- **June 1, Moscow Chapter**

**MILWAUKEE**  
**MAY 22-27**  
**2025**  
**INTERNATIONAL MOOSE CONVENTION**

**NASCAR is back and Ross did well in Atlanta in the #1 Moose Car. Next is July 20 in Dover**

# Membership Campaigns



LOOK FOR YOUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN TO BE ANNOUNCED AT THE UPCOMING MID-YEAR CONFERENCE IN PASCO MARCH 6-9

Be sure to check the Washington State / Northern Idaho Moose Association Web Site regularly for updated news and events: [wsnima.org](http://wsnima.org) . If you have events scheduled for April 2025 and want them to be included in this monthly reminder, please submit them to Carole Swan, Communications Chairman at [carole\\_swan@comcast.net](mailto:carole_swan@comcast.net) by the 23rd of every month.

## CHAPTER ADVOCATE, Suzanne Dinning



First, congratulations to our Academy of Friendship matriculants who will receive their Degree at Mid-Year – Ingrid McKinney of Lakes Chapter 511, Jennifer Ward of Lakes Chapter 511 and Leah Knibbe of Moscow Chapter 710.

By now you should be ready for your elections and scheduled Installation for before the end of April. I hope you're able to fill all offices and chairs and not just fill but have someone who took the position that cares and will work for the Chapter. Our Chapters are still needed more than ever as we do still have financial obligations to Mooseheart, Moosehaven and your local communities. We will discuss all of the obligations in our training sessions so you can take the information back to your current and pro-

spective Chapter members. Currently we have three training sessions scheduled: April 12, hosted by Nisqually Valley Chapter; May 10 hosted by Camas Chapter and June 1 hosted by Moscow Chapter. Please contact the individual Chapters to let them know of your attendance so they can make plans for a count for lunch.

Geri Winters has been appointed Chapter Advocate effective May 1, 2025. Please welcome her and allow her to help you keep your Chapters strong.

## CHAIRMAN OF MI BOARD OF DIRECTORS ROBERT FUNKEY TO VISIT WSNIMA



WSNIMA is pleased to announce that the Chairman of the Board of Moose International will be visiting our Association this month at the following locations:

- **March 17** in Mt. Vernon with dinner served at 6 PM
- **March 18** in Bellingham with dinner served at 5 PM
- **March 25** in Pasco/Kennewick with dinner
- **March 26** in Moscow with Moscow / Pullman hosting a dinner.

Please plan to attend one of these informal dinners for and show the Chairman of the Board a warm WSNIMA welcome!

## LODGE PLUS ONE INCENTIVE OFFER

The Moose International Board of Directors has approved a new incentive for fiscal year 2024-25 that will rebate \$38 of dues paid to Moose International for every member over the Lodge's final active member count from fiscal year ending on April 30, 2025.

For example, if a Lodge has 100 members on that date and its active member count in April 30, 2025 is 115, the Lodge would receive a credit of \$570

which would go towards the Lodge's Accounts Receivable. There is no limit to the number of rebates the Lodge can receive so plan your membership campaign incentives now and encourage your members to sign up their friends, neighbors and co-workers.

How much money could your Lodge make with this incentive? Think about it and starting signing members.



Now is a great time to be supporting your local Lodge. Be sure to check your monthly calendar.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **MARCH 6, 2-HOTT CLASS IN CONJUNCTION WITH MID-YEAR CONFERENCE, PASCO**
- **MARCH 6-9, MID-YEAR CONFERENCE IN PASCO, WA**
- **MARCH 7, Dinner to welcome the OV Kirk Schoepp to our Conference, Kennewick**
- **MARCH 17, MEET THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ROBERT FUNKEY IN MT. VERNON, DINNER AT 6 PM**
- **MARCH 18, MEET THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ROBERT FUNKEY IN BELLINGHAM, DINNER AT 5 PM**
- **MARCH 14, Happy St. Patrick's Day Dinner served by the Moose Legion, 6 PM, Bellingham**
- **MARCH 14, Live Music Riptide Band, 7 PM, Peninsula**
- **MARCH 15, St. Patrick's Day Party, corned beef and cabbage dinner, 5:30 PM. Woodland**
- **MARCH 17, Happy St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner and Monday night music, 5 PM, Dollars Corner**
- **MARCH 21, Volunteer Appreciation Party, 6 PM, Peninsula**
- **MARCH 23, Decoupage Craft Class, \$25, 4:30 PM, Peninsula**
- **MARCH 29, High Stakes Texas Hold'em Tournament, \$50 Buy-in, 2 PM, Bellingham**
- **MARCH 25, MEET THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ROBERT FUNKEY IN KENNEWICK, DINNER TO BE SERVED**
- **MARCH 26, MEET THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD ROBERT FUNKEY IN MOSCOW, DINNER TO BE SERVED**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Here are the dates and locations:

- Mid-Year Conference, March 6-9, 2025, Pasco
- May 22-27, 2025, Moose International Convention, Milwaukee, WI
- Annual Convention, September 11-14, 2025, Pasco



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Mike Peabody

The Mid-Year Conference is almost here, and we have some awesome things planned for you to learn and have fun in a way that we have never done before. A key component of this year's conference is our breakout sessions. You will have the opportunity to attend and learn from a total of fifteen different options tailored to your interests. We all have been working hard to make sure we have as much fun as we can with the Redneck theme, and they have some great stuff planned for everyone to enjoy.

I also want to remind everyone that the Sign Grant and the Promotions Grant still have money to give out; so if your sign is in need of an update or you have a community service event or outreach that needs funding, think about applying for one of them.

It is hard for me to believe that I am already halfway done with my year as your president. I've enjoyed visiting eight lodges so far, but winter weather has limited my travels. I look forward to better weather, de-winterizing the motorhome, and visiting your lodge soon.

See you all soon.



# MILWAUKEE

## MAY 22-27

# 2025

## INTERNATIONAL MOOSE CONVENTION

Start marking plans now to attend  
International Convention in  
Milwaukee May 22-27. Registration  
is now open at [mooseintl.org](http://mooseintl.org)