



OSMA *Weekly Update*
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WHAT'S INSIDE . . .

Your clue to easy readin' . . .

Be sure to read

page 1 - Anniversaries for May

page 2 and following - This update presents highlights from the All-Ohio Moose Legion Celebration.

EDITOR'S NOTE: If you're a Moose Legionnaire, you owe it to yourself to attend an All-Ohio Moose Legion Celebration. Your involvement, of course, is limited only to the extent that you exclude yourself.

To have a great, three-day week-end of fun, food, entertainment, and fellowship, be sure to include the All-Ohio Moose Legion Celebration in your next year's plan!

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

EDITOR'S NOTE: We've had positive feedback on this monthly page. We're glad you like to learn of these fine lodges' birthdates. We'll keep publishing the dates.

Five Lodges Celebrate Anniversaries in May!

<u>LODGE</u>	<u>ANNIVERSARY DATE</u>
Montpelier 312	May 05, 1916
Port Clinton 1610	May 12, 1922
Hilliard 2236	May 23, 1970
Parma 1744	May 24, 1956
Canton 233	May 31, 1910

Remember: If one of these Lodges happens to be a favorite place that you like to visit, perhaps you might want to choose the anniversary celebration time for your next visit. Check in your directory for the telephone numbers, and give the Lodge a call for the details on their celebration this year. Have a great time!

All-Ohio Moose Legion Celebration Proves To Be One Of The Finest!

... reported by Phil Dick, Findlay Moose Lodge 698

18th All-Ohio Moose Legion Convention and Ritual Competition

Day One – The Planning Meeting

Minutes of the Planning Meeting by Moose Legion Officers revealed that several plans for the Moose Legion came under discussion. A major portion of the discussion dwelt on how to try and get Moose International or the Ohio Moose Association to re-align the OSMA districts or combinations to the districts of the Moose Legion. The benefits to both Districts and Moose Legions seemed obvious. Other items falling under discussion were tabled. For next year, however, a plan evolved which would see a Friday night dinner at the next All-Ohio to honor all Past Moose Legion Presidents, Past North Moose, Past Secretaries, and Past Ambassadors.

Next year's All-Ohio Moose Legion Celebration and Ritual Competition will be held in Circleville Moose Lodge in April 2007.



Editor's Note: Following pages report subsequent events.

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Day 2 -- The Banquet



Special Visitor Artie Shaw presented key chains for the men and refrigerator magnets for the ladies at the Banquet. ABOVE: Artie Shaw challenges everyone to increase Moose Legion Awareness.



ABOVE: Special Visitor Artie Shaw has a talent for making everyone enjoy themselves. Indeed, Artie is a treat, and his great energy and love for the Moose Legion are on display constantly.



Nobody wants to miss out on one of Artie's sessions!

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Day 2 -- The Legacy of The Moose Ceremony

History! Moose Legion! Tradition! Today's Message! -- That's the purpose of performing the "Legacy of the Moose!" at ceremonies of Moose Legionnaires are every opportunity. Obviously the persons involved in the ceremony have to be aware of its significance so that their performance might be even more meaningful and true-to-life.

This years performers -- Ron Hill, Don Doell, Susan Doell, Freda Hegemier, Christine Hegemier, Jon Michael Hegemier and narrators Mary Kiessel and Dave Paxton -- seemed to have become immersed in their roles and put on what many Moose Legionnaires and their ladies said was the "best ever!"

Pat Thomas was the director of the production this year, assisted by Denny Paddock, who operated the lights.



ABOVE: Ron Hill, Don Doell, Susan Doell, Freda Hegemier, Christine Hegemier, John Michael Hegemier and narrators Mary Kiessel and Dave Paxton.

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Day 2 -- The Results of the Ritual Competition

Despite the outstanding efforts of other competing teams, Rainbow Moose Legion 35 fended off their attempts with a fine effort of their own and won the champion's trophy with an score of 590.0938.

Ably assisted by floor judges John Wells and Tracy Hermon, word judge Arnie Holley and prompter Jim Stonerock, Ritual Chairman Dan Denny once again presented Ohio's Moose Legionnaire Ritualists with an outstanding opportunity to "strut their stuff!"

After the wrap-up discussion, Ritualists have already assessed their short-comings and have determined--with much, much practice--to overcome their short-comings for next year!



LEFT: Selected Outstanding Ritualist is Lancaster 935's John Starkey, flanked by floor judges John Wells and Tracy Hermon.

LEFT: "The Champions" -- Rainbow 35 Ritual Team John Starkey, Jim Gibson, Robbie Robinson, Jerry Boring, Steve Ward, and John Robinson.



FAR LEFT: Serving as Word Judge is Arnie Holley and as Prompter, Jim Stonerock. **LEFT:** Dan Denney, Ritual Chairman, accepts congratulations.

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Day 3 -- The Memorial Service

It is fitting, somehow, that this year's Ritual champion should be composed of three Fellows and three Pilgrims, for this kind of composition represents what Moose Legionnaires are all about--preparing members for advancement in our Order. Sometimes, however, our Moose Legionnaires don't have opportunity to advance because they receive an even greater call than that to the House of God on a special, almost magic Saturday at the end of May at the House of God. Accordingly, the All-Ohio Moose Legion Celebration always includes a Memorial Service, not only to honor those Fellows and Pilgrims who have passed on, but also to honor "the might-have-beens"--Moose Legionnaires who had been caught late in life to answer the call of the Moose.

Once again this year, member of Columbus Moose Lodge 11 and Rainbow Moose Legion 35 Jim Gibson did another outstanding job in putting together the Memorial Service, a quite moving and touching service, especially when the names of this year's departed is being read.



ABOVE: Major participants in the Annual Memorial Service are depicted just as the ceremony is about to begin.

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Day 3 -- An Evening of Fun



TOP: Who'd a believed these guys would have though they could sing? LEFT: Obviously these two didn't. ABOVE: But if you have your lady with you, who cares? BELOW: Oops--forgot to mention that before Day One, we had a golf outing!

