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That can't be Vince Bradley doing a selfie at the Red Sox game?!

Melha Highlanders Lead The NSA Grand Parade in Ottawa



Melha Higlanders leading the Grand Parade of NSA 2017 Ottawa, Canada past the Canadian Parliament

By Mike Robinson

This year the NSA 2017 Summer Field Days in Ottawa, Canada was particularly notable. It was special for Tunis Shriners because, having a convention in their home town which happens to be the capitol of the country and during their 150th birthday is a very big deal.

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Photo Carla Wessels. President Mike Kneurr, King of the Go-cart track

Sportsman 100 Celebrates It's 3rd Birthday

By Mike Robinson

The Sportsman 100 is starting to catch on. It's infectious. Anyone who comes to race, is guaranteed to return and bring friends and family. Mike Knuerr, President of the club, always adds a new twist each year. We had a visit from 'Boomer', mascot of the Springfield Thunderbirds and a team from the US Army, oorah.

President Mike said, "I have some great ideas for next year's event and I look forward to seeing you all there. " He also lamented his loss of Sportsman 100 First Place Cup to Shonn Monday but

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POTENTATE'S MESSAGE



Raymond A. Turrini - Potentate

July was an exciting month with the official visitation of Karen Keuther, Supreme Queen of the Daughters of the Nile. Ahlem Temple did an outstanding job with this event, unfortunately, Queen Sandy Dodson was too ill to attend. Keep her in your thoughts and prayers for a speedy recovery.

The trip to Sonny's Place for the Melha Riders picnic, was very enjoyable and it added more miles to my new bike.

Lady Denise and I had a blast at the 'Sportsman's 100' event at PVIK. Congratulations to Shonn Monday, Michael Jacobs & Mike Knuerr; 1st , 2nd and 3rd place winners.

Tommy and Mary Andrea were fantastic hosts for this year's Central Mass Shrine Club picnic. With Ray and Charlene Ronander assisting, there was plenty of food, drink, and fellowship.

The Sunsetview Farms campers sent a big THANK YOU to the Nobles and Ladies who participated in the parade. Ill. Tony and Lady Holly did an excellent job organizing the entire event and made sure that over 100 people were fed. Tony supervised the grill and Holly supervised everything else; a perfect team.

NSA 2017 Summer Field Days is in Ottawa, Canada. The Tunis Shriners planned a fun filled weekend. Dan Smith did a fantastic job organizing this event for us and I was so proud to see our Highlanders lead off the Parade.

Denise and I will be returning Sunday for the 11th Annual Melha Riders Hospital Run. Mike Santos is to be commended for creating such a spectacular event which has grown so much and has brought in well over $100,000 for the children of Shriners. He and his incredible committee work tirelessly and always raise the bar every year.

Our Golf Tournament at Tekoa CC at is at the end of August. Dick Macgregor, along with his committee, do a fantastic job and it gets better every year. Lady Denise sold 'mulligans' last year and will be doing it again. Be prepared to pay folks. She is so good at sales that I bought three myself and I don't even play golf! I know that Melha really appreciates Dick's hard work and commitment.

Two big events after Labor Day are the Hospital's Walk for Love and BBQ on Sept. 9 and the 37th Annual Melha Vintage Auto Car Show at the Chicopee Moose Lodge on Sept. 10. The Hospital loves having the Shrine family out walking enjoying the day all for a worthy cause. The car show is Vintage Auto's major event. Let's show the guys all the support we can. Our Vintage Auto is the gold standard of regional car shows. The Fez at these events are an important symbol to the public. Have a save Labor Day

Yours in Faith,
Ray Turrini,
Illustrious Potentate

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William H. Titus *	1903-1904
H. Leroy Woodward *	1905
Charles L. Young *	1906-1907
Robert P. Cunningham *	1908-1909
Fred R. Brown *	1910
Frank E. Ladd *	1911 - 1912
Albert E. Taylor *	1913
Hugh J. Buckley *	1914
Fred A. Eldred *	1915
Albert E. Lerche *	1916-1917
Franklin A. Latimer *	1918-1919
Walter H. Damon *	1920-1921
Fred C. Smith *	1922
Harry H. Caswell *	1923
Charles F. Watson *	1924
Charles A. Frazer *	1925
John A. Webster *	1926-1927
Walter S. Pease *	1928
George M. Hendee *	1929
Harry A. Spaight *	1930
Carl P. Reilly *	1931
Edward S. Chase *	1932
Arlan M. Spencer *	1933
Paul H. Hosmer *	1934
Henry K. Fruch *	1935
Walter E. Perry *	1936-1937
John G. Rose *	1938
Norman P. Dempsey *	1939
Alfred J. Bird *	1940
George W. Streeter *	1941
William L. McCleary *	1942
George G. Carr *	1943
William E. Grobe *	1944
Earl C. Daniels *	1945
Dr. George W. Gray *	1946
Donald H. Mudd *	1947
Wesley G. Stephens *	1948
Otto C. Kuhrt *	1949
Theodore A. Wiel *	1950
Donald A Bartlett *	1951
James Matthew *	1952
Chester W. Haynes *	1953
V. Frank Greis *	1954
Fred S. Conkey *	1955
Ralph F. Beaudry *	1956
Wayne H. Latham *	1957
Bennett W. Benson *	1958
Norman R. Vestor *	1959
Jule Kaufman *	1960
Robert E. Samble *	1961
Richard C. Zoller *	1962
Elliot Anderson *	1963
John Baird *	1964
Carl B. Martin Jr. *	1965
H. Edward Baker *	1966
Harold E. Kjoller *	1967
George Aronson *	1968
Maurice M. Chaffin *	1969
Dr. Kenneth E. Nicholson *	1970
Robert W. Nothacker *	1971
Jean R. LaCroix *	1972
Phillip E. Taylor *	1973
John M. Samson *	1974
Maurice H. Baitler *	1975
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Edgar W. Gelinas	2001
Edwin A. Os *	2002
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James W. Marceau	2005
Tom D. Fielding	2006
Kirk E. Burkins	2007
James H. Blevins	2008
Ronald R. Gagnon	2009
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Russell D. Mitchell	2012
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Donations! There are two (2) ways you can make donations to Melha. 1. A direct donation can be given to the office, which will be used to support the temple operating budget. 2nd: A donation to the "Oasis Fund", which is an endowment fund maintained by our Administrators. A certificate will be provided as defined by the donor. The bank interest only can be used to meet some special Melha expenses as voted on by the Nobles. Please consider either one. I do look forward to seeing you at the fall season events. Let's work together in building our membership.

STATED MEETING NOTICE

Wednesday, September 27, 2017 at 7:30 PM for the purpose of conducting the business of Melha Shriners, as well as, balloting on individuals for initiation, obligating candidates, and for the dissemination of information to the membership on matters relating to current Shrine events.

All nobles invited to attend, current dues card is required. Units and Clubs leaders are required to attend.

Proper attire is required and please wear your fez.

Raymond A. Turrini, Potentate

Attest, Philip E. Thomas, P.P. Recorder

Life Cycles

BLACK CAMELS

Scott J. Bergman Jul 27
Henry W. Burnell Sr. Jul 8
William H. Muldrew Jr. Jun 28
Richard S. Skowron Jul 21

$100 MILLION CLUB

In Memory of Genevieve S. Klaus

From Michael Lenart

In Memory of Noble Richard S. Skowron

From the Melha Legion of Honor

In Memory of Noble Henry W. Burnell Sr.

From the Melha Military Band

OASIS FUND

For Charlie Tighe

From The Cabiri

For Norman Maagero

From Neil McElway

For Ill. Ronald Gagnon - Treasurer

From Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Surprenant

LIFE CYCLES

Shrine Birthdays for September

Irving Pulsifer 9-1
John Pappas 9-1
Richard Rusiecki 9-2
Brad Dimiero 9-2
Michael Szady 9-3
Albert Newman 9-4
Robert Loewenthal 9-4
Selwyn Smith 9-5
Richard Munsell 9-5
Charles Coleman 9-5
Myron Swain 9-6
George Tichy 9-6
Gerard Cyr 9-6
George George 9-7
Donald Wolford 9-7
Alfred Surprenant 9-7
William Meara Jr 9-7
Edwin Thompson 9-7
Raymond Brouillette 9-7
Michael Martone 9-7
Robert Lajoie 9-7
Travys Rivers 9-7
D. Alden Johnson 9-8
Richard Wyckstrom 9-8
John Greaves Jr 9-8
William Pierson 9-8
Peter Vogian 9-9
Robert Zimmerman 9-9
Gordon MacDonald 9-10
Robert Hartmann 9-10
George Barnet Jr 9-10
Jeffrey Edmiston 9-11
Ralph Stenta Jr 9-12
Charles Renaud Jr 9-12
William Wynne 9-12
Jason Eisenbeiser 9-12
Edward Phillips 9-13
Richard Monighetti 9-13
Leonard Roberts 9-13
Michael Robinson 9-14
Allen Lecours 9-14
Michael Avery 9-16
James Dotiwalla 9-16
Frank Obremski Jr 9-17
Robert Holbrook 9-17
William Tardy 9-17
Michael Winn 9-17
Frank Mastalerz 9-18
Robert Warren 9-18
David Boisselle 9-18
Jason Freeman 9-18
George Milne 9-19
Edward Batchelder 9-19
Howard Shapiro 9-19
Joseph Surprenant 9-20
Jeffrey Brown 9-20
Robert Cote 9-20
James Adams 9-21
Gary Betters 9-22
Donald Scott 9-23
Russell Mitchell 9-23
Keith Verge 9-23
Lee Ryel 9-24
Jeffrey Goodless 9-24
Peter Appleby 9-24
Robert La Flamme 9-25
Benjamin Rubin 9-25
Gregory Dauplaise Sr 9-25
Willis Altman 9-26
Ralph Semb 9-26
Donald George 9-26
Charles Tighe 9-26
Michael Phaneuf 9-26
Douglas Morrill Jr 9-26
Nicolas Cremonti 9-26
Hunter Roberts 9-26
Robert Daniels 9-27
Ernest Champagne 9-27
Carey Miller Jr 9-27
Brian Scott 9-27
Ernest Bates 9-29
Leonard Hickey 9-29
Michael Hogan 9-29
Justin Dansereau 9-29
James Lavallee 9-30
Richard LaMotte 9-30
Craig Struck 9-30

NSA OTTAWA

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The year 2017 marks 150 years since Confederation. Come to find out that Canada is actually a federa-tion, but the term Confederation caught on in the in the 19th century. the British North America Act of July 1, 1867 unified the colonies as "one Dominion under the crown," It was four provinces (Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick) that composed the new Dominion of Canada. Who knew?

This particular NSA Convention was also notable for Melha Shrine. One might think that NSA Field Days only involve fun, partying camaraderie, forging relationship throughout the northeast and of course the that imbibing of large quantities of adult beverages. (well, yes there is that) This time though, the Melha Shrine Highlanders had the honor and privilege to lead the grand anniversary parade through the city of Ottawa and for the first time past the Canadian Parliament.

During the business sessions, Dan Smith was elected 2nd Vice President of the NESA. This means that during his term as Potentate he will also be president of the NESA and Melha Shrine will be hosting 2020. Dan has the good fortune of having two seasoned pros in Ill. Pete Spaulding and Ill Bill Faust who ran a very successful convention in Springfield in 2014.



Dan Smith taking his oath of office as 2nd Vice-President of the NESA in Ottowa, Canada.

SPORTSMAN 100

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he did take third. Mike also congratulated Mike Jacobs for taking second place.

Shonn Monday said about the event, "The sportsman 100 karting race has got to be one of the "fun-nest" activities that I participate in each year. I guarantee that if you participated in this event, your face will be hurting from ear to ear from laughing all day. To all Who are reading this now, unfortunately you're going to have to wait another year to have this much fun with the MELHA Sportsmans Club. This has to be the best event we do. Good job Mike."

Shawn Lindsay, said, "I

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SPORTSMAN 100

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had a wicked fun time ! Can't wait to do it again next year."

Make sure that you make a note in your calendars for July 2018. You don't want to miss this event.

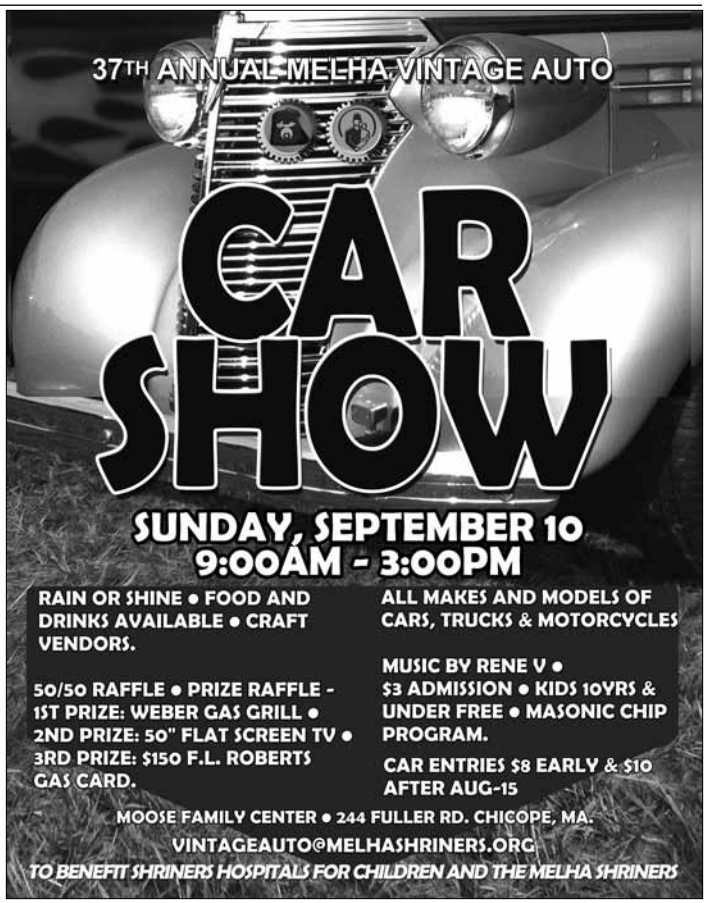




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DIRECTORS

By Bill Tardy 2nd V.P.

Hello Fellow Directors and Nobles,

Our summer break is over and now is time to get back to work doing the things that we all love. Our Long Range Planning Committee is working on the sale of our building and will make sure to keep you updated with their progress. I can't believe it's that time of year again for the Annual Walk for Love on Saturday, Sept 9. The Hospital is looking for two tour guides from 10am to 12pm in case walkers would like to see the Hospital. Other event volunteers are not needed but walkers are, so come on down and help them out. There will be a delicious BBQ served after the walk.

The next day is the Vintage Auto Car Show at the Moose Lodge Family Center in Chicopee on Fuller Street. Michael will be bringing the float up to display. We will need some Directors to help staff the table where we will be selling bears from 9am to 3pm. Please contact Charlie if you can participate.

The monthly meeting on Sept 14th will be a $5 pizza party in our unit room. We can also begin cleaning up in preparation for our big move so dress appropriately. I believe Charlie is making the dough, Michael, the sauce and I guess I'm bringing the cheese?!

The Belchertown Parade is Saturday Sep., 23. We form at 9am at the Cold Spring School 57 S Main St, Belchertown. Step-off is 10am. The Big E parade is on Mon, Sept 25; we form behind the Avenue of States at 4pm and step off at 5pm. Dress for this parade is summer assuming good weather; white jackets if it's chilly. Stay tuned to e-mail for final dress code as we get closer to the date. This will then be followed up by the Stated Meeting on Wed., Sept 27. You really don't want to miss it because there are updates all the time. The Italian-American dinner is October 7th so be sure to get your tickets early for this great feast. The Directors dance, originally scheduled for October 21, is now on hold as we await the outcome of the due diligence phase of the building sale. Please be patient until we learn more. Be sure to keep up to date with info that will be posted monthly in the Camelha and also on the weekly Shriners' e-mail blast.

DRUM CORPS

By Jim Marceau,PP

In spite of what you may think, Melha DOES have a Drum Corps. You would never know it from looking at the pictures in the Camelha, because there has not been a photo of the Corps for almost a year. If you don't believe me, check the past issues. It has become a standing joke within the unit.

Seriously, though, we almost lost the Corps a couple of weeks ago when our rudimental bass drummer left the unit. He was almost 50% of our ensemble, and we had to totally revise our performance for Rochester on September 1. It hurt a great deal to lose the bass voice in the ensemble, but life goes on. We will be totally reworking our routine when we get back on September 5. Any former Drum and Bugle Corps drummers out there? We have an immediate opening.

Not too many people know that we have a yearly review of the job done by our Corps' officers. I have a few excerpts here from the mid-year report to share with you. If you think YOUR review stung, check out these snarky notes:

President Ron - "The Corps' members would follow him anywhere, but only out of curiosity."

Vice President Digger - "He can be likened to a small puppy--he runs around excitedly, leaving little messes for other people to clean up."

Secretary/Treasurer Jim - "If two people are talking and one looks bored. Jim is the other one."

Quartermaster Avi "Couldn't organize a woodpecker's picnic in Sherwood Forest."

Harsh! I think we are not

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UNITS & CLUBS

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going to do yearly reviews via Ouija board any more. OK, time to go for now. Next article I will report on the competition in Rochester. In the meantime, Rock The Fez!

FLYERS

By Lance Whitcomb

Boy, the summer has certainly flown by, and the older I get the faster the days speed away. My grandson just celebrated his first birthday and is quickly discovering the joys of bipedal locomotion. My granddaughter is closing in on 3 and usually enjoys being a big sister.

As we get into autumn, The Blue Lodges come out of darkness and Melha also becomes more active. Next thing you know, the Feztival will be right around the corner! So visit your local lodge, attend a Stated Meeting, and participate in the future of both of these wonderful organizations. Enjoy the last few days of summer!

LEGION OF HONOR

By Michelle Greaves

August was a very sad month for our Legion members. We lost a very active member, dear friend and brother, Brother Richard Skowron. You will so dearly be missed, your contagious smile, your joking around, your joyful presence all the time. Rest In Peace our friend.

We have two parades booked for September; the Belchertown Parade Sept. 23rd form time at Cold Spring School at 8:30am and the Big E Parade Sept. 25th form time 4:00pm, step off 5:00pm. The Legion of Honor trailer will be at both parades, so come and participate.

At our meeting and casual meetings on Tuesday nights, we are starting to take the inventory. Anyone willing to help with this project the assistance would be greatly appreciated.

There has been a discussion about combining the Christmas Party and the Commanders Dinner as one event. Please come to the meeting we would love to hear your opinion on the matter, pro or con.

ORIENTAL BAND

By Andy Parker

What a beautiful summer! Sure hope everybody is healthy, happy and enjoying life to the fullest! Getting right down to business, boy, things sure are changing at Melha. (Walter, missed you at last meeting, some things never change!) So we're moving on up, to the east side? Why? I know, numbers. When my son (not to get to personal) came in the Shrine, I cautioned him "it is not the same as he remembered growing up". (we have pics) As he became more involved, running functions, making money for the unit, it became clear to me that he had faith and hope that Melha would be strong again!

Years ago, as most everybody knows, the hospital wasn't in good shape dollar wise. What a turnaround! Good management. Had we directed our funds, not needed by the hospital anymore, to Melha, we might not be where we find ourselves today. Who knows? The O.B. has raised a good amount over the years (as have many units). I suggested to junior, (oops, our president) the Temple needs the dough. I am not sure where the O.B. stands on donations to the Ladder of Smiles, but I know we're damn near the top! Thanks guy's for your hard work. The time missed was from things you didn't really want to do anyway. And it made you get out of the house for a super really good cause.

SHRINERS If I could spell eclipse, I wouldn't mention it anyway! I Think we are blessed to live in this part of our great country, beautiful weather, just right for Parades!

(Gary say's we're solvent, Walter's battery in laptop is dead (forgot charger) and Randy says to clean out unit room and storage a.s.a.p.! See you on the pool table.). A special HI! to Bob Marshall, thankyou for being in the O.B.

PAST MASTERS

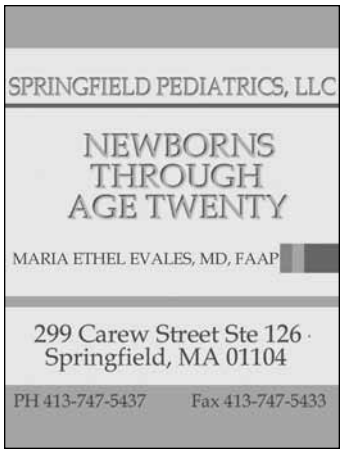
By Richard Poudrier

Nobles,

I trust that you enjoyed the summer season to the fullest. By the time you read this article, we'll be only days away from the beginning of the fall season. Lodges will be going "from refreshment to labor "

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UNITS & CLUBS

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after the summer recess. It is, perhaps, the busiest time in the Masonic year with official visits of the District Deputies, and Lodge installations. Labor Day is the first Monday of September. The holiday was created to pay tribute to the economic achievements of the American Worker, who have contributed to the strength, prosperity, and well-being of our country. We owe a debt of gratitude to those workers, past and present, whose efforts made us a great nation.

Massachusetts is the only state in the nation that observes Patriots' Day, commemorating the anniversary of the Battles of Lexington and Concord, the first battles of the American Revolutionary War. Many Freemasons fought and died for the cause of freedom in this country.

In September we find the Jewish observances of Rosh Hashanah, the "Jewish New Year" followed by Yom Kippur "the Day of Atonement". When you think about it, how often do we really look at a calendar and reflect on the events which it contains? A calendar can also be a history reference. Not only reminding us of dates but when looked at more closely. It becomes a lesson in patriotism, Masonic participation and a cross section of religious practices throughout the year.

Robert Allard has found a great place for us to have the September quarterly unit meeting. It will be at Masse's Ocean Bar & Grille (1329 Memorial Ave, in Chicopee) on Tuesday, September 26th at 6:30 pm. Those eating will be using the regular dinner menu. The unit will subsidize the meal only but you are on your own for 'Adult' beverages. The meeting following has a full agenda, with many important issues to be addressed. We had to change the day because our regular Thursday meeting day was unavailable. President Kenneth White looks forward to seeing all of you there and would like to see a good attendance. Our organization is going through many changes this year and for some time to come. Attend the stated meetings and be an active part of Melha. You won't be disappointed. Be part of the change!

RIDERS

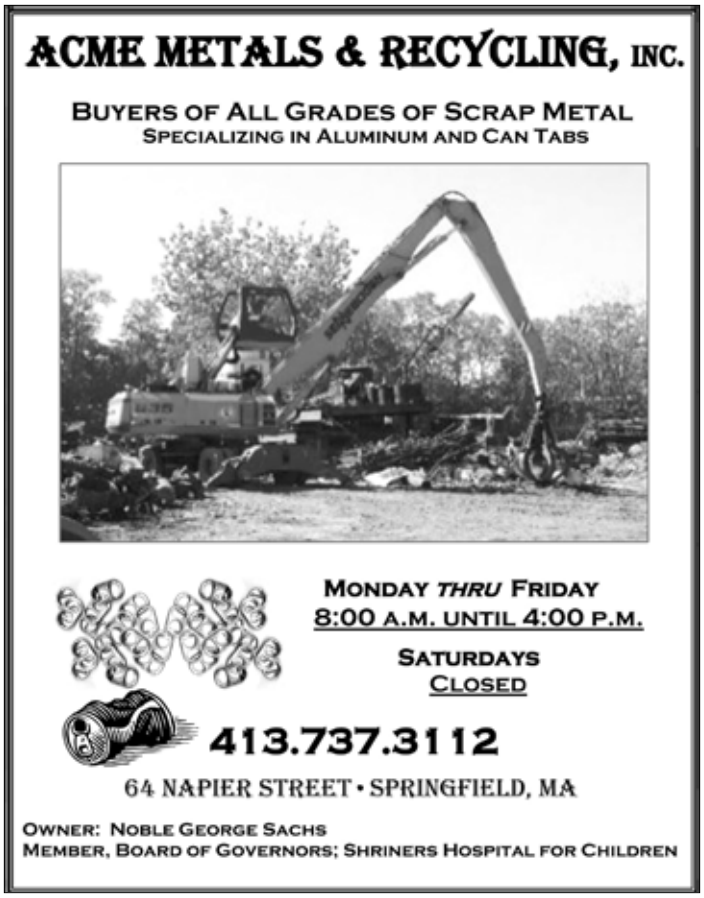
By Jeff St. John

Summer days! We riders live for THIS! As the season has matured, the Riders have been out and about. Our ride captain has put together some great memorable rides and still has a lot left up his sleeve.

In July, we had our Annual Summer picnic at Sonny's Place in Somers, CT. We met early, fueled up with coffee and donuts before we rode the back roads of rural Connecticut. We arrived back at Sonny's around noon and after shaking off the road, we all enjoyed the all you can eat buffet. After eating, some

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rested and traded stories while others went and enjoyed the attractions at the venue. It seems Riders like to ride go –carts almost as much as they like to ride motorcycle. The weather was perfect and a GREAT time was had by all!

The Melha Riders were asked to make a showing for an event titled "Bikers against Bullies". We had about 14 Riders that were able to attend. The "Men in Black" made a statement. We gave our support to a worthy cause and left a lasting impression upon the right people.

To close out July, Tim led us on a ride into Rhode Island. This event prompted a very large turnout. With SPECTACULAR weather, the group motored through back roads and arrived at Whites Chicken Farm for a sit down dinner of chicken and all the fixings. As anyone who has ridden for a while knows, the roads we travel are sometimes without peril. On the way back, a couple mechanical snafus slowed the return trip. With some good old Yankee know how, all the bikes returned safely home.

On Aug 6, Randy Wessels led a tight group up into Vermont and back down into the Berkshires. Rumor has it over 300 miles were covered. Randy led us again on Aug 13 back up to Vermont and all around the Mohawk Trail. The route had us start in Deerfield, up to Bennington, over the top of Hog Back and back to Deerfield.

THE biggest fund-raiser we do is the Melha Riders Hospital Run. ALL the proceeds go directly to the hospital. Through the years, the amount of money the group has generated is staggering. We are quickly nearing the quarter million milestone. Our ride this year takes place August 20. If last year's attendance is an indicator, we should have over 400 bikes.

The Melha Riders is open to all. Some ride the big bikes, some the mini choppers. If you're interested in joining, we meet in the Mariners room the first Monday of the month (except September, it will be the 7th). Come check us out, learn who we are. If you do not own a big bike, we have mini choppers that need riders.

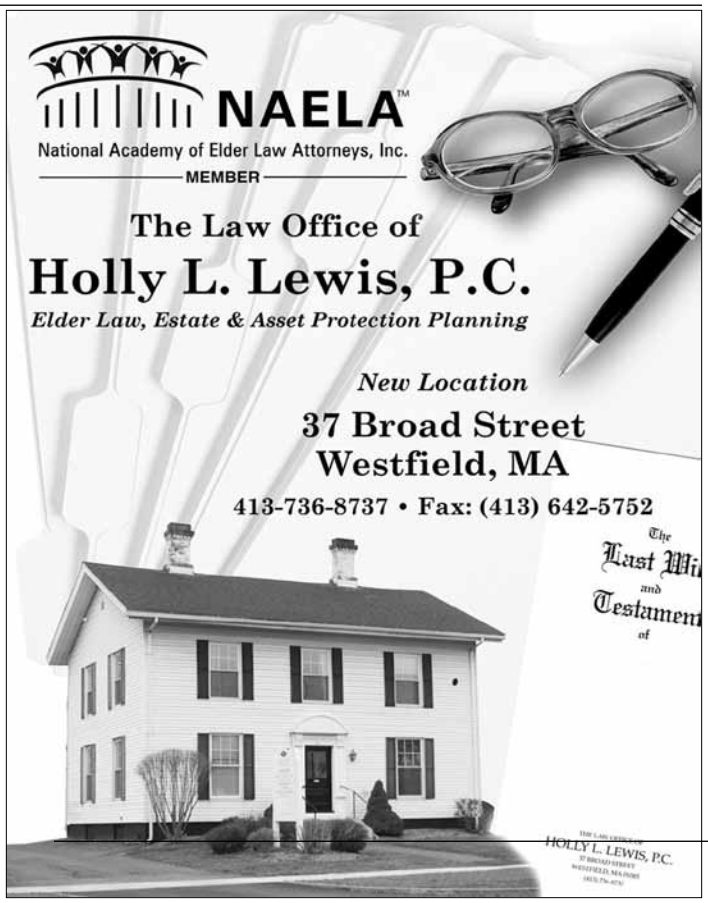
On a more personal note, I have had to live vicariously through the ride accounts told to me. That has all changed. My doctor cleared me on August 10 to ride again. A shattered tibia will slow you down in more ways than you could ever imagine. Those who know me, know I was aching to participate and was chomping at the bit to straddle a 'V Twin once again.

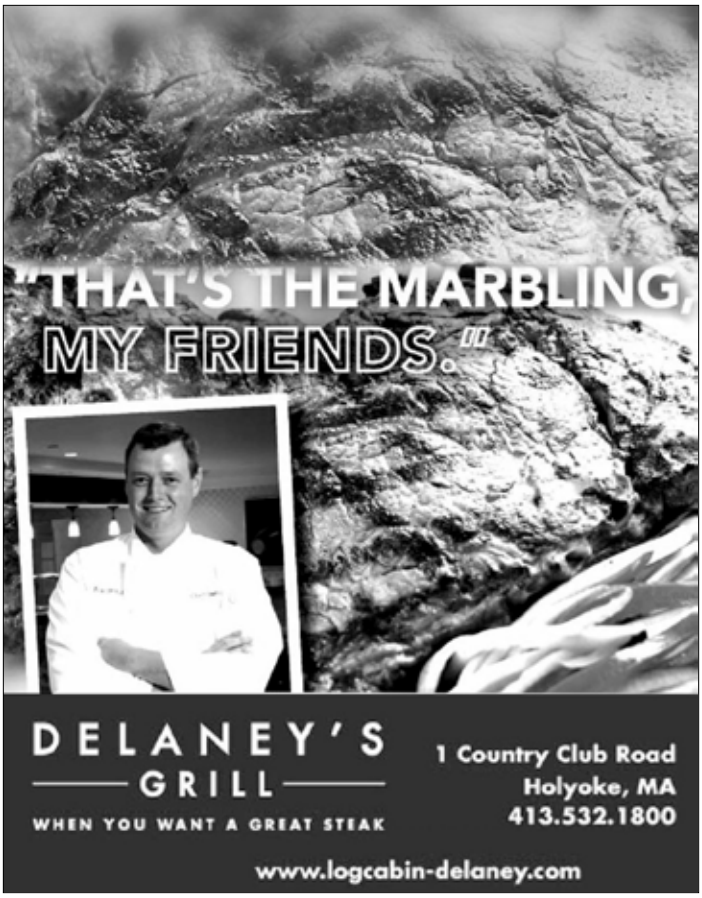
VINTAGE AUTOS

By Ken Taylor

Sorry, but I missed the August meeting, so there is not too much to report. Show Time is the first Sunday after Labor Day on 10 September. We need more sponsors. If you can't find a sponsor,

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how about buying a sponsor poster for yourself?

Attention All Units – bring your bikes, cars, trucks, minibikes, clown suits, and musical Instruments. Come on down to support the show, have fun and see some great looking cars. The master plan is to assemble the show car goody bag immediately after the monthly meeting on 5 September. Come on down and help out. The whole operation will take less than an hour.

Buttery Brook cruise night and the second paper drive are now history. Many thanks to those that participated. I went to the Hilltown car show in Otis, held early in August. There was an impressive collection of hot rods. See you at the meeting and then the show.

SHRINE CLUBS

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By Rita Gardner

An update on Judy Bradley: her procedure was successful and recovery will be a slow process. As of this writing, she is still at Berkshire Medical Center but would like cards and notes sent to her home at 3 Lakewood Drive, Pittsfield, MA 01201. Mike will see that she gets them.

To raise funds for the First Lady's Project, Lady Denise had designed produced an attractive purple bracelet with the inscription "Casts, Kids, and Fracture Care, 2017" printed on it. The Shrine is selling them for $5.00. Bob and Jennifer Aubin brought some to our meeting and they sold out. If you would like one of these bracelets you can contact the Bob or Jennifer. Denise reported that over $23,000 has been raised so far for her project. Good News!

CORRECTION: The Potentate's Reception will be on the regular meeting night, Thursday, September 14th, NOT on Saturday, September 16th. Please make reservations with Kevin Lehrer at 413-207-1067 or berkshireshrineclub@yahoo.com. RESERVATIONS ARE A MUST. Until next month!

PIONEER VALLEY

By Michelle Greaves, PQ

Sawasdeeka (hello), I just returned from the Barnes Air National Guard Air Show. My ears are still ringing, but OMG it was so fantastic. There were about 15 of us sitting together in a cool breezy hanger.

The PVSC Family Picnic had a great turn out with 35 attending. The food was delicious and the fellowship was even better. A big THANK YOU to all those who donated 'covered dishes', prepared the food and setup and cleaned up the tables. .

"The Greatest Generation, a musical tribute to the heroes of WWII" is October 22nd at Butterfield Auditorium. Visit our Facebook event page for details https://www.facebook.com/events/280495572429331/. Doors open at 1:00pm, bring your own munchies, cash bar, the admission is $15.00 per person. This is a fantastic value bring your friends and family. Reserve a table. Let's fill the hall and have fun and memorable afternoon paying tribute to our heros who gave so, so much for the freedoms we enjoy.

We are having another "Dinner Theater" event October 29 with the Exit 7 Players and Brigham Lodge. The comedy "The Addams Family" starts at 2:00pm. We meet in the parking lot at 1:30pm and after the show we enjoy a delicious dinner at Brigham Masonic Lodge across the street. PVSC "Dinner Theater" is only $29 for the live performance and a complete dinner. Spots are limited so get your reservations in soon.

Remember that our club is a social group opened to Shriners, their wives, family and friends. Its mission is to promote fun and fellowship. To book your reservations for any of our events or for questions or suggestions, please contact Michelle Greaves 413-427-9178.

Kobkunmak Ka (thank you) La kun (goodbye)

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AHLEM TEMPLE 84

by Audrey Millgate

I know, sometimes it is a little intimidating starting a new venture by yourself but if you are eligible for membership in the Daughters of the Nile then go for it! Once you are initiated, your female relatives are eligible and then the fun begins. It is called building a Legacy. In addition to assisting the Shriners in maintaining Shriners Hospitals for Children and providing for the needs of patients, the Daughters of the Nile exists to provide friendly fellowship and an atmosphere in which we advance the elevation of womanhood.

There is no better way to do this than to include our families: mothers, daughters, granddaughters, sisters, sisters-in-law, stepdaughters, aunts, nieces and cousins. Any female related by birth or marriage qualifies and each living person in your LEGACY line will receive a Legacy Pin and a LEGACY Certificate. As family members are initiated into our beautiful order, they can be added to the existing legacy and receive a pin and certificate. Legacies will be celebrated!! Don't be shy! Show off your generations of Nile and celebrate them as a glowing testimonial for fraternal love. (Excerpt from D.O.N. Legacy brochure)

Ahlem members have had an active summer with parades, unit and club picnics, fund raisers and a splendid Supreme Queen's visit. Now we are back from vacation with renewed vigor. We are wishing Queen Sandra Dodson a full recovery from past illness and the energy to complete the busy schedule ahead!

FORGET-ME-NOTS



By Edith Sweeney

Our August lunch at Kapt. Jimmy's was great with 12 friends. Plans for our next meeting are for Friday, Sept. 22d, at a place to be determined. Please save the date, contact Corinne Pierson 413-789-8148, Claire Patruno 413-596-3251, or Edith Sweeney esweeney12@cox.net for updated information.







Fenway Park Trip A Home Run

Put another check mark in the fun column, Vince Bradley and the Red Sox were winners again. Although no one from Melha Shrine came home with a game ball, we were still good luck charms for our Red Sox. They won 4 to 1 and everyone had a great time. If you missed out this year, contact Vince and reserve your seat for next season. Trust me the bus fills up fast.





Photo by Bert Krasner



Photo by Carla Wessels. Rick Carter, President of Riders. Westfield River Brewery owner Sergio Bonavita & Hospital Run founder and Rider, Michael Santos.



Photos by Carla Wessels. Top and bottom.



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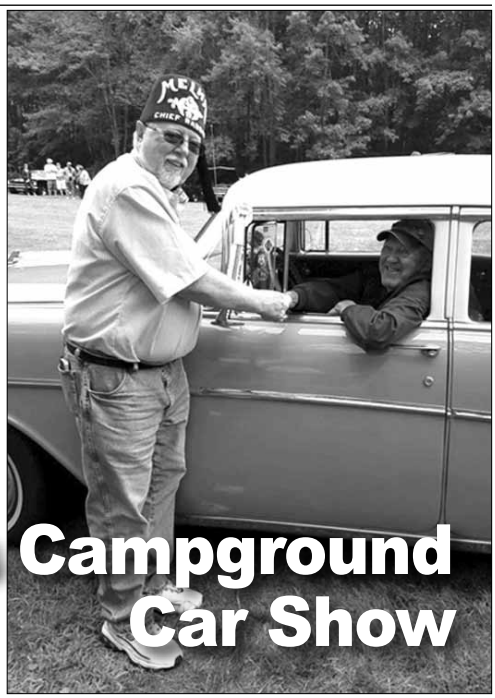
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Sunsetview Farms Campground Car Show



One of the top 15 car trophy winners was our own Noble George Frechette. *(top right with Chief Rabban Bob).* Above are some of seasoned *(seasonal)* part time help. *(From L to R. Chief Rabban Bob Wogatske, Ill. Ron Gagnon, Treasurer, Owner Carol Carpenter, Ill. Tony Koss and Noble Jim Spear.)*



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Dick Macgregor looking on as Ill. Dave Gates lines up a putt.

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Foursome Team of: Art 'Ed' Hastings, Jr and Dave Butterfield (not pictured Mike Sands and Bubba Sands.)



Melha Riders Summer Picnic at Sonny's Place in Somers, CT

Photo by Carla Wessels

The Camelha is Going GREEN

By Mike Robinson

Melha Shrine is now offering an OPT OUT of the monthly printed version of the Camelha. The digital edition is always available on our web site as well as on the Monday weekly digital newsletter.

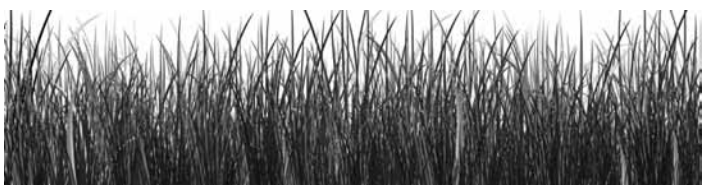
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September 2017

Mon Sept 4 ..... Office Closed for Labor Day

Thu Sept 7 .....Daughter's of Nile Full Session [BA]

Thu Sep 14 ..Potentate's Reception . Berkshire Shrine Club

Thu Sept 14 .....Two Unit Dinner [BA]

Mon Sep 18 .....B.O.D. Meeting

Thu Sep 21 .....Rosh Hashana *starts at Sundown*

Thu Sep 21 ..... Central Mass Shrine Club. Publik Hse, Sturbridge.

Sat Sep 23 .160th Belchertown Fair Parade. Forms 9 am at Cold Spring Elementary School. Step-off 10 am

Mon Sep 25 ..... Big E Parade. Form 4 pm. Step off 5 pm

Wed Sep 27 ..... Stated Meeting 7:30 PM [BA]

Thu Sept 28 ..... Daughter's of Nile Patrol Rehearsal

Sat Sep 30 .....Yom Kippur *starts at Sundown*

Sat Sept 30 .....Clown Unit Sip & Paint Night

BA = Butterfield Auditorium



Photo by Carla Wessels. Melha Riders Hospital Run.