

Aleppo Cycles

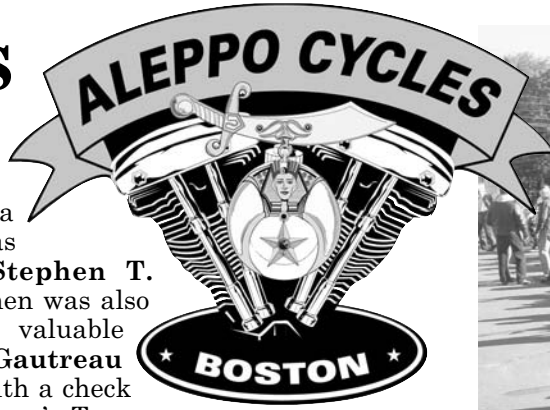
By GERRY STANGROOM

THE 2007 Aleppo Cycles Poker Run held on September 16, 2007, was a success. This year's poker run was dedicated to the memory of Noble **Stephen T. Bissett**, who passed away in July. Stephen was also the Second Ceremonial Master and a valuable member of the drill team. Captain **John Gautreau** presented Potentate **Albert D. Flight** with a check for \$2,000 for the Aleppo Shriners Children's Transportation Fund. Our thanks to all who made this event a success. We look forward to a bigger and better run next year!

The unit will still be practicing during the winter months in the auditorium. For anyone who is interested in the unit, we hold practices every Tuesday evening. The unit's regular business meeting is on the third Tuesday of each month. Everyone is welcome to come check out the practice and see what we are about.

Planning is already underway for next year's poker run and the unit's Annual Picnic for the children in the Shriners Burns Hospital-Boston. Unit members are urged to become involved with these events. As well as members of other units. Once again Noble **Robert** and Lady **Maura Baker**, assisted by Noble **Wilson** and Lady **Linda Wong**, will host the unit's annual holiday party.

Be careful out on the road. There are a lot more cycles out there with inexperienced riders on them. Ride smart and safe.



THE 2008 Aleppo Cycles Motorcycle Run began at Kelley's House of Harley Davidson in Billerica. Around 150 motorcycles came out on the beautiful morning to take part.



ROARING DOWN Pawtucket Boulevard in Lowell on their way to the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks for the cookout.



IT WOULDN'T be a motorcycle run without at least one burnout!



THE FIRST stop of the day was the Burlington VFW where the participants enjoyed coffee, donuts and breakfast sandwiches.



THE LAST stop of the run was the Tewksbury/Wilmington Elks for the cookout. There was live music, a raffle with prizes from local businesses, a tent selling motorcycle gear and tons of food!

ALEPPO PIPE BAND

By AL DODGE

THE Aleppo Pipe and Drum Band had the pleasure of performing in the Amicable Lodge A.F. & A.M. in Cambridge, MA, on Saturday, September 29, 2007. The Aleppo Highlanders were in attendance to witness the presentation of the 50-year Veterans Medal to Brother **William Preston Davis**. Brother Davis is also a Noble of Aleppo Shrine and holds the position of Drum Major in the Aleppo Pipe and Drum Band.

The Band played appropriate traditional tunes for all in attendance there. Band members in attendance were: D/M **William P. Davis**, P/M/ **Daniel F. Millet**; Pipers- P/Sgt **Robert L. MacNeil**, P/Sgt **Walter D. Harmer**, **Albert S. Dodge**, Asst. Dir. **Illustrious Alexander D. Campbell**, Bass Drummer **Robert G. Jessee**, Drummer **Tyler Jessee**, **Gary Bartlett**, **Rick Bartlett**, **Michael R. Williams**, Dir/Drum Sgt **Robert R. Wright** and Dir/Emeritus **David T. Wright**. After the presentation, a scrumptious hot and cold buffet was served by members of the lodge and their families. Congratulations Noble Bill for his faithful years of service!

The Aleppo Highlanders performed at the Ceremonial held on October 6, 2007, for the Nobility and family members in attendance. The Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons in Massachusetts, **Jeffrey Black Hodgdon**, for whom the



THE PIPE BAND played during the chicken dinner at the HONS Fair.

He also announced that Past Potentate of Aleppo, **Alexander D. Campbell** was a good choice for the position of Junior Grand Warden in the Grand Lodge in Boston. **Illustrious Campbell** is a member of the Aleppo Pipe Band and serves as Assistant Director and is a member of the pipe section.

On Sunday, November 11, the Pipe Band performed in the Auditorium during the HONS Fair chicken dinner. The members always look forward to participating at the fair, as this has been on our calendar for a number of years. The fair had a large gathering of shoppers, who also had the delicious chicken dinner prepared by the HONS. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment provided by the band, and we look forward to next year.

Attention: WE WANT YOU!!!

The Pipe Band is always looking for new members who are interested in joining the band. The

band has openings in the color guard, pipe and drum sections. It does mean a commitment to a practice session once a week and once a member becomes proficient, it will include being involved in parades and other engagements that they are able to attend. If you would like to inquire about joining the unit, please call:

- Albert W. Dodge 978-667-7635
- Sec. **Alan Archibald** 508-393-3416
- Director **Robert A. Wright** 781-393-0124
- P/Sgt **Walter Harmer** 978-887-8671

It's official! The Tartan Ball will be held on Saturday, April 19, 2008. The evening event will be held in the Fez room at the Aleppo Shrine Center in Wilmington. A very well planned ball is still being formulated and we expect a bigger event this coming year, and are preparing for a large attendance. Look for more information in the *Aleppo News*. Tickets will be available soon!

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