



THE MOTOR PATROL HAD A CHILLY RIDE AT THE BOSTON-NORTH END PARADE.

Gone with the Winds are October, November and December

By KENNETH HURRELL

Can you believe that October has come and gone, along with the holidays of Yon Kippur, Columbus Day and that ghastly day of Halloween. We then fell into November with Election Day, and what an election it was! On Veteran's Day, let us not forget that we had "The Moving Wall" right here in Wilmington. Then comes Thanksgiving. My assumption is that no one was alone and we all spent this day with family or friends drinking and eating. This is one day of the year that we all start getting ready for the next few big days. This brings on December with the first night of Hanukkah starting on December 21, which was followed by Christmas Day, which is another day we should not spend by ourselves. December 26th brought us Boxing Day (in Canada) and was also the start of Kwanzaa. December 29 brought us the start of the Islamic New Year and then came New Year's Eve. All of the above took place in the span of 92 days along with all of the other things we usually do year in and year out. No wonder we all feel tired and used up.

We in the Motor Patrol have been busy working on those little red cars we drive. Not too many people understand the amount of work and care that goes into their up keep. It all boils down to one thing: the fine group of men that make up the Motor Patrol. This band of men and the expertise that they have brought with them when it comes to our cars is a major asset of our unit. Not enough is said about the depth of their knowledge when it comes to cars and what they have taught some of our older members. What they carry around in their heads saves Aleppo a lot of money that we would otherwise have to ask for so that we could fix the cars properly. My Fez is off to these guys and I don't have to name them, without them I believe the Motor Patrol would be slowly going downhill.

The Motor Patrol is planning a Holiday Party for Thursday, January 8, 2009 to be held at Tony Pilla's Italian Eatery at the Holiday Inn Select, 15 Middlesex Canal Park, Woburn MA 01801. Hors d'oeuvres are at 6:00 pm followed by a buffet dinner.

Last but not least, let's not forget about those members who are unable to be

Rag-Top Unit Helps Wheelchair Fund



By HANK GILHOOLY

At the monthly meeting of the Board of Governors of the Shriners Hospital for Children-Springfield, Rag-Top Lieutenant **Wayne Bogar**, who is also Past President of the Worcester Shrine Club and Associate Member of the Board of Governors, presented a check in the amount of \$400.00 from the Rag-Top Unit, to Past Potentate of the Melha Shriners and Chairman of the Board of Governors, **Phillip Thomas**, to be used in the Hospitals Wheelchair Fund. The Hospital is always in need of money for this Fund to replace wheelchairs that are given to patients as they need them.

Also on December 7, 2008 the members of the Rag-Top Unit and their ladies were treated to a wonderful Christmas Party, hosted by Rag-Top Captain **Bruce Dickey** and his Lady **Barbara** at their home in Wakefield Mass. A special "thank you" goes out to Captain Bruce and Lady Barbara for being such gracious hosts, from all the members of the Unit, a wonderful time was had by all who were in attendance.

with us. I know they sure miss us, so give them a call or send a card; it's always welcome. **Barry Johnson** is in the Kathleen Daniel Nursing Home, 485 Franklin Street, Framingham, MA 01702 and **Bob Griffin** one of our Past Captains is pretty much confined to his home at 34 Guild Street, Medford, MA 02155. As of this writing **Earle Elliot** is in the hospital - more info to follow.

From the Motor Patrol I would like to wish everyone a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season and a Happy and safe New Year.

Well it's that time again to say "Happy and Safe Motoring!"

Saturday
ANOTHER GREAT DAY!



The day could not have been more perfect. Phil and Jenna came to visit with Sarah and we walked the campus (I still can't get over how beautiful it is!). We stopped and had ice cream and played a game of croquet - Sarah's idea! She has *SO* much energy, and there is so much here to keep *US ALL* occupied! She wants to come up next weekend for the watercolor class! Maybe I'll take Sarah to the neighborhood gardens in the morning. We could cut some flowers for her to bring into class. Roses happen to be her favorite. *MINE, TOO!* I love having them visit! This is *BETTER* than I ever imagined!

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