

# 21st Annual Cycles Picnic

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**T**HE Cycles Unit's 21st Annual Picnic for children in the Shriners Burns Hospital—Boston was held on June 9, 2007, despite the rainy weather. Tents and tarps were set up to keep everyone dry. There were nine children from the hospital in attendance who are here from countries such as the Bahamas, Puerto Rico, Ecuador, and the Dominican Republic. They were accompanied by a parent or guardian, nurse **Daniel Wayman**, and recreational therapists **Annalie** and **Debbie** from the hospital.

Captain **John Gautreau**, his Lady **Roseanne** and **Mark Norton** transported the children to and from the hospital.

Everyone enjoyed themselves with plenty of food and the children had a great time going for rides on the motorcycles. The kids also enjoyed the bouncy house that was set up. They left with big smiles and red fire hats, courtesy of the Billerica Fire Department.

Thank you to everyone who helped out with the picnic: **Mark** and **Theresa Flight** for the use of their home; the Billerica Fire Department Engine 4 (**Gary Esterline** and **Justin Bates**) and **Joe Orlando** for the fire helmets; the Unit members; **Illustrious Albert D. Flight**; past and present members of the Aleppo Divan; Colonel **Charles Rivers**, Uniformed Units; **Benny Russo** and his

crew cooking the food; Corporal **Don Lanchester** for the tarps; Noble **Wilson Wong** for the steaks; and everyone else who was involved in any way.

The members all came together with the transportation unit to get the unit's new trailer to transport the cycles out to Anaheim. Thank you for your help!

One final note: in talking with nurse Daniel Wayman we learned of Doctors **Sheridan, Donnellan** and **Driscoll**, who travel to Latin America to conduct screening clinics. Long, long lines await the doctors at these clinics: they told of one mother who carried her child for 36 hours through the jungle, to have her child looked at. It is difficult to gain the children's trust as many were treated locally, at first for their injuries, without the benefit of modern pain medication. We are blessed to live in this great country. We encourage every Noble to get out and visit one of the Shriners Hospitals and see the work they are doing, get involved with them and further support the work of the hospitals.

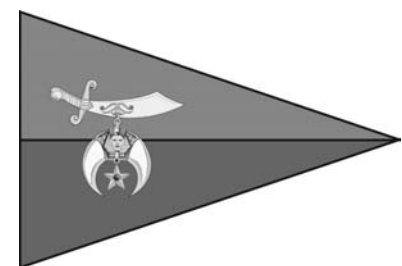


THE CYCLES had the fire pit going so everyone could warm up during the cold rainy day at the picnic, and how about some marshmallows.



THE CYCLES UNIT took time out to pose for a group photo in between cooking, playing and giving the kids rides on the bikes.

The Cycles Unit wishes to extend its deepest sympathies to the Bissett family for their loss of an incredible man, **Stephen T. Bissett**. It is a great loss for everyone who knew him. He will always be right there with us riding for the children.



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