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TESTING OUT THE new BearWagon Pediatric Transporter with some of the Springfield patients: "NitWit," "Iggy," Ed Dowling, Dave Newcomb, Springfield Hospital Administrator Mark Niederpruem, Ernest Pearlstein, Kirk Burkins and "High Tower."

The Northeast Shrine Clown Association Road Trip for Hospitals and Kids

By DAVID P. NEWCOMB
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FOR three days in July 2008, members of the Northeast Shrine Clowns Association (NESCA) came together for a very special road trip to benefit the three hospitals in the northeast region and the kids who are patients there. The trip covered over a thousand miles, and when it was all over, there were a lot of smiling faces, colorful pictures and happy memories.

The idea for this road trip was actually born back in January at a NESCA meeting in Massachusetts. The meeting was fairly standard, as far as meetings are concerned. Several issues were dealt with, decisions were made and reports were read and accepted. One lively topic of discussion was an idea to make a donation from NESCA to support our causes. A committee was formed to investigate the possibilities and to act accordingly under the guidelines that are in place.

A great deal of research was done to find an appropriate donation which would honor the NESCA clowns for their efforts over the years. There were phone calls and e-mails to hospital administrators, equipment manufacturers, product development personnel and others to find a solution to a reasonably simple request. How can we make use of the NESCA treasury in a special way

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Under The Big Top!

By MARK STOUGHT

AS usual, the Circus this year was a very successful event. The Royal Hanneford Cirucs were back, and put on a great show. As usual, many Nobles gave of their time and effort to help out, and everybody had a great time. Of course, as history repeats itself, I was unable to get to the Circus until the final day.

However, that was not necessarily a bad thing – I think it is much more important to look at the circus as a whole than as a series of disparate shows. As with any show, attendance can vary – there were particular shows early in the week that were lightly attended, but the 2 PM Sunday show was sold out. By coming in at the end, I was in a good position to get a good overview of how the entire Circus went as a whole from many different perspectives.

Volunteering is of fundamental importance to the success of the Circus, and there were even some volunteers who were not Masons helping out at the arena doing various things, mainly because they wanted to help out in a good cause. I'm fairly certain that having come away with a favorable view of Masonry in general through the particular work of the Shrine, we should have

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Time to Add New Generations

By HARRY G. ORCUTT
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THE host of Unit members that marched forth from Aleppo thirty years ago (circa 1978) were reportedly a formidable array that stretched for more than a mile rank on rank. Some Units enjoyed multiple platoons, each larger than the entire company they field today. It is reported that Aleppo had about 13,000 dues paying members at that time. They were the men of the Greatest Generation (born between 1911 and 1924) who had fought and won WWII, and their younger brothers of the Silent Generation (1925 – 1945), some of whom served in the Korean Conflict. Incredibly, a few of the Greats are still around, while the Silents shoulder much of the present parade effort, though their hair is appreciably whiter and their feet are not as spry as in former times.

If the Minutemen Unit is any example, out of the 22 members we presently consider active participants, only two or three each are of the Boomer Generation (1946 – 1956) and Generation Jones (1957 – 1964), while one derives from Generation X (1975 – 1987). We really need a whole lot more Boomers and Mr. Jones, who by now, in most cases, should have largely raised their children, which should have freed them up to volunteer the necessary time. We need to impress the value of the

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Rollin' Out with the Transportation Unit

By MARK STOUGHT

THE Transportation Unit is yet another one of those Units that none of us really see, but is absolutely essential to the infrastructure of Aleppo Temple. Without the Transportation Unit, our events would be nowhere near as successful as they are. There's obviously a lot of work that goes into the parades and other events that Aleppo either holds or participates in, and the Aleppo Transportation Unit is responsible for much of that.

Formed in 1979, and currently captained by Mark H. Norton Jr., the unit is responsible for transporting men and materials to parades, as well as many other Aleppo functions. When we have outings and picnics, the Transportation Unit transports hospital patients and their families to them. At the Circus, the Transportation Unit handles the shuttles to and from the Auditorium. Lastly, when the Cycles and the Motor Patrol go out to competitions at the yearly Imperial Session, the Transportation Unit makes sure the vehicles get there on time and in one piece.

When the Unit's logistical services aren't required for an event at the Auditorium or at a parade, the twenty-plus members of the Unit can often be found doing other things, such as manning the Box Office, or making sure that Aleppo's fleet of nine trailers, three buses, two vans, a pickup, and

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