

Summer Activities at the Worcester County Shrine Club

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Parades

June starts the parade season for the Worcester County Shrine Club, and there is nothing better to start with than the Grand Master's Fair on June 14, 2009 in Charlton after an active day at the Ceremonial in Wilmington the previous day. For the Grand Master's Fair, the downpours parted which allowed the mini-kars with Nobles **Sam McClure** and **Bill Peterson** at the controls, van driven by **Wayne Bogar** with **Hermes Boyatis** and **Norm Peterson** riding and also marchers **Bob Hall**, **Don Morrison**, **Cliff Tucker** and **Arthur Curtis** to participate in the 10:30 parade. We also had scheduled Winchendon on June 27, Millbury on June 28 and Rutland on July 4. We have three other parades on the calendar for September (Northboro and Shrewsbury) and October (Worcester). Currently we have formed a committee of Nobles **Wayne Bogar**, **Bill Reid** and **Jim Wiegel**, chair, to explore a new uniform unit for the WCSC. Some of the details are still being worked out and will be discussed at a meeting at 11:00 July 8, 2009 which is prior to WCSC's next luncheon. Note: that's the 2nd Wednesday in July. All those interested are welcome to attend.

Talent Shows

We have been approached for a new fundraiser for the Hospitals, presented to us by Northernvue Creative Solutions (NCS), an event producing company. In the WCSC July notice, President **Savvas Fotiadis** said "NCS is putting on a show called "Worcester's Got Talent" with local singers, dancers and comedians. NCS will have three preliminary rounds leading up to the finals at the Hanover Theatre in Worcester on August 22nd at 7:00 pm. The three preliminaries will be at Gilrein's - 820 Main St. (Worcester) on June 11th at 8 pm, The Venue - 340 Main St. (Worcester) on June 25th at 8 pm, and Gilrein's again on July 15th at 8 pm. NCS plans to donate the proceeds of the three preliminary contests as well as the parking proceeds on the 22nd to our Shrine Hospitals. Wayne Bogar will head up a group of Shriners to volunteer at the Finals. I urge everyone to try to go and support these venues so that we may raise much needed funds for our Hospitals."



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Baseball

On Thursday evening, August 13, 2009 at 7:05 p.m. the Worcester Tornadoes and the Quebec Capitales will meet at Hanover Field at Holy Cross College. The WCSC has purchased a block of tickets behind home plate free for the members and up to four guests and paid for from our Activities Fund for our Second Annual Baseball Game. Our Treasurer, **Sam McClure**, is prepared to sing the National Anthem prior to the first pitch and some of the mini-kars will be on display between innings. An information table will also be visible as we have arranged publicity for the event. Club members have been asked to dress with the club white shirt, blue jacket or vest and the blue hat so we will be visible in one section behind home plate.

Golf

We wind up the heavy activities period with the Annual Golf Tournament on Friday September 11, 2009 to be held again this year at Pine Ridge Golf Course on Pleasant St. in North Oxford. This will be 18 holes of Florida Style golf with a Tee Off at 9:00 a.m. Prizes will be closest to the pin, longest drive, awards and much more. The price is reasonable for the golf cart and dinner of prime rib or stuffed chicken. But, if you don't play golf and would like to attend just the dinner, arrangements are available. Directions from Worcester: Take Rt 290 south to the Rt 20 West exit and at Rt 56 turn right (north). Go about 1.1 miles to Pleasant St on the left. Contact a committee member for details: **Paul Curci**, co-chair, (508-853-6000), **Jay Maki** (508-829-6784), **Sam McClure** (508-755-4097), or **Jack Sundquist**, co-chair, (508-853-0844).



Northeast Camel Caravan

THE annual meeting of the Northeast Camel Caravan took place the weekend of May 29-31 at Bayley's Camping Resort in Scarborough, Maine. There were a total of ten rigs for the weekend of camping with representatives from Aleppo, Bektash and Kora Shrine.

We dined out Friday enjoying tasty Maine seafood at Ken's Seafood Restaurant, just down the road from Bayley's, and then got acquainted around the campfire. Saturday morning we shared a great breakfast cooked by the Kora men. In the afternoon some of us enjoyed a shopping trip to the Christmas Tree Shop, while others played a game of ladder ball. We gathered

for a delicious pot luck dinner and then met at the campfire that evening for our annual meeting and fellowship. After a great weekend together, we bid goodbye to all with wishes for safe travel.

Next year we plan to meet at Bayley's for our annual meeting June 4-6, 2010, and also caravan to Halifax, Nova Scotia, for the Northeast Shrine Days September 17-19, 2010.

The objective of the Northeast Camel Caravan is to offer Nobles who like camping the opportunity to meet and enjoy the fellowship of like-minded Shriners. For more information about the Northeast Camel Caravan, please contact: **Fred Simmons** - Secretary/Treasurer 603-625-9509

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