



By JAMES G. PERKINS, JR.



A hearty welcome to **Clifton P. "Cliff" Elliot** upon his joining the Arab Patrol. Cliff is a member of John T. Heard Lodge, AF & AM, Ipswich, Massachusetts and Past Master of New Meadows Lodge, AF & AM, Ipswich, Massachusetts. Cliff and Lady **Annabelle** have a daughter **Jennifer**. Cliff is retired after serving forty years as president of Cano C. Elliot, Incorporated, Retail Fuel and Heating Equipment. He also was president of Essex County Cooperative Farming Association, Topsfield, and a trustee of Danvers Bank for over forty years. Cliff's hobbies include hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, antiques cars, tractors and one cylinder engines. We wish for Cliff a long and distinguished career with the Arab Patrol.

Double congratulations are in order for Past Major **Robert N. "Bob" Cann, Jr.** First for the arrival of Bob and Lady **Sue's** first grandson, born April 10th to Brother **Scott Cann** and Lady **Ginella** of Hudson, New Hampshire. Young **Liam Cann** weighed in at an ample 9 lbs. 5 oz. Second, congratulations for Bob's "new adventure" by the closing of the auction portion of the Hubley Auction and Antique firm in Cambridge, Massachusetts, which was established in 1935 by Bob's grandfather Noble **Frederick Hubley**. Bob's expertise in antiques will enable him to continue serving the firm's many clients by conducting estate appraisals, which he plans to do from his residence, thus giving him and Sue more time to spend with the new addition to the family. We wish for Bob a long and successful career of estate appraising.

Arab Patrol was well represented at the "work party" doing demolition work of the public toilet facilities at Aleppo Temple, by **Howard Remon, Alvin Whipple, Raymond Whipple, Philip Post** and **James G. Perkins, Jr.** Circus volunteers included **Howard Remon, Raymond Whipple, Donna Whipple** and **James G. Perkins, Jr.**

Sick bay reports that **Dave Anderson** is recovering well from recent rotator cuff surgery, Lady **Phyllis Perkins** and Lady **Ruthann Soderholm** recovering well from recent knee replacement surgery, and Lady **Marion Fish's** recovering from recent surgery.

Mark your calendar for the Summer Outing to be held again this year at beautiful Tucks Point, Manchester-by-the-Sea on August 16, 2008. Details will be forthcoming, so keep an eye out!

## Zippering Around with the Motor Patrol

By KENNETH HURRELL

WELL, well, well, spring has finally sprung and faded into the sunset and we are officially facing summer. Most all of the units here at Aleppo are busy getting things dusted off and cleaned up. We in the Motor Patrol are no different, as we have been busy getting our new trailer set for its first major trip. With all the hours that we have spent on it we feel that it is ready for the trip to St. Louis Missouri where the Shriners convention is being held. This will be a good test to see how well it will travel.

We have another new member in the Motor Patrol **Photius Photio** and his lovely wife **Ann** welcome on board to both and we all hope they will enjoy the ride along with the rest of us.

Eight of our members have been busy for the past two months practicing our competition routines for St. Louis. We are looking forward to compete in the Midwest and we have high hopes of winning a trophy. This is one of our greatest enjoyments as a Motor Patrol member.

The Motor Patrol will be holding our annual pic-

nic for the children from the Shriners Burns Hospital on July 26th at the auditorium. The morning will begin with our usual breakfast cooked by **Skip** and **Carol Greaves** they always make a great meal. After breakfast we will begin setting up everything tables, chairs, food, drinks and etc. in preparation of the arrival of the children and their families. We look forward to this gettogether each year as it brings such joy to us as a unit including our wives and a lot of smiles both to the children as well as their families. This year we will again be assisted by the Fire Brigade, Clowns and the Mounted Patrol.

When we arrive back home from the Imperial, we will be getting ready for the Newburyport Yankee Homecoming Parade being held on August 3rd. This parade will be attended by our wives and we will be going out to dinner afterwards.

we will begin preparation and practicing for the Northeast Field Days to be held in Manchester New Hampshire on August 23rd, 24th, and 25th. There will be a parade and competition.



Last but not least let's not forget about those members who are unable to be with us and I know they sure miss us, give them a call or send a card its always welcomed. **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. Well, it's that time again to say "Happy and Safe Motoring."

## South River Students – Kids Helping Kids

By LYDIA MULVANY  
MARSHFIELD MARINER AND PATRIOT LEDGER

AT recess one day last week, Haley Brann, 8, took a sheet of paper and asked her schoolmates at South River Elementary School to write down their names if they were willing to help children and save their pull-tabs from soda cans. She recruited enough to fill up a 1 1/2 pages.

"If you want to bring in flip tops, you just have to sign and then you've promised," she said.

And now the blue box of pull-tabs in the front of the school is filling up, too.

"People keep putting them in, so I think we have 1,000," said **Angela Murray**, 7.

Haley and Murray are two of the six All Stars, a new after-school group of second graders at South River, which decided to collect pull-tabs to help transport, house and feed children and parents at Shriners Children's Hospitals through the hospital's pull-tab program.

The pull-tab on a soda can is the most valuable part of the can, being pure aluminum, and according to the Aleppo Shrine Center, which runs the program, \$310,000 was raised last year.

The group calls it the best project they've done so far.

"We picked this project because we wanted to help other kids, and we're helping the hospital so kids can get games, and the hospital and us will feel happy," said **Miles Eastling**, 8.

"We get to help kids, and it's fun," said

8-year-old **Julia Donovan**.

"Our teacher was talking about how her son was helping kids, and it would make us happy, so we all decided to collect tabs and put them in the big blue box," said **Angela**, who added that the group put flyers around the school and students brought in bags of tabs. "Everybody should do it because if you were in the hospital, you'd want someone to help

you even if you didn't know them."

"Even though you are in the hospital, people are caring for you," said **Caroline Pitts**, 8.

Their teacher, **Erin O'Brien**, presented the project to the group by taking inspiration from the Spider Pig club, a group of neighborhood boys that her son belongs to. In February and March, the club started a video collection at Daniel Webster

Elementary School and collected close to 1,000 videos, which were then sent to Children's Hospital Boston and Jordan Hospital's pediatric unit in Plymouth.

"One of the Spider Pig Club's goals is to do nice, community activities, and they've done some real good work," said Daniel Webster Principal **Edward Mitchell**. "It's very nice for young children to be civically engaged, and I'm real proud of them."

The video project started when one of the Spider Pigs' cousins was in intensive care at Children's Hospital, and Spider Pig **Joseph Calabro** sent her a video to watch. She couldn't watch it, but other patients did. According to O'Brien, Joseph's mother, the Spider Pigs then asked Mitchell permission to collect videos at school.

"It really kind of took off," Mitchell said about the video project.

O'Brien sees the two groups, the All Stars and the Spider Pigs, as the start of a trend of children helping other children.

"Helping other children reminds them that they are important," she said.



SOUTH RIVER ELEMENTARY School All Stars, from left, **Angela Murray, Haley Brann, Christopher Croke, Miles Eastling, Julia Donovan** and **Caroline Pitts** surround teacher **Erin O'Brien**.

Photo by Lydia Mulvany