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The Potentate's message

y compliments to the Nobles and Ladies who participated in the May Paper Crusade throughout the Oasis jurisdiction.

Traditionally, this event serves to raise money for the Shriners Hospitals For Children as well as to provide an opportunity for us to engage in public relations encounters with contributors, some of whom learn about our mission for the first time, others who recount praises about the world class care provided to children.

Nobles who don a Fez and

man a spot on a street corner or near the entrance of a retail store experience many thanks from the donors which range from recitations of life altering medical treatments to tales of world class care provided to a neighbor or a family member.

Effective communications among ourselves and others, including our Masonic brethren, is essential to the success of our renewed efforts to recruit and retain Oasis Nobles.

Development of our themes of charity, fellowship and fun will promote growth and stability of our fraternity; and, will continue to fuel our lofty goal of maintaining our number one hospital fund raiser rank of all 195 Shrine Temples.

We must not abandon our tradition of leadership in our communities, in our Masonic Lodges, or within our organization.

Understandably, we are proud of our charitable history; however, we should remain mindful of our fragile state affairs as a volunteer organization which competes, daily, with capable organizations in a time of dwindling membership rolls of civic

organizations.

The Fez is a potent symbol of our charitable fraternity, one that will draw the attention of a donor at a paper crusade where there is no other indicia which suggests a reason why several Nobles gather near the entrance of a store or near the intersection of a street to raise money for the Shriners Hospitals For Children

Notwithstanding its symbolic value to us, Nobles must engage in vigorous efforts to engage local and State newspaper, radio, television and internet sources as employed by Noble George Wilcox and other distinguished Oasis Nobles who orchestrated an unprecedented public relations initiative to promote the Blowing Rock Ceremonial, as well as this year's Whitley's

Wish Comfort Dog Campaign, to assist military veterans who suffer from debilitating post traumatic stress syndrome, both of which have been recognized as noteworthy achievements within and beyond the Oasis jurisdiction.

This edition's Oasis Poten-

tate's Salute includes: a} Noble Leigh Upchurch, President, Western North Carolina Shrine Club, who worked, tirelessly, on Friday and Saturday to promote the Paper Crusade despite persistent rumblings of a heart condition which necessitated quadruple heart by-pass surgery the following week; b} Noble George Wilcox, Divan Outer Guard, Public Relations Chairman; and, other distinguished Oasis Nobles who have pursued recent initiatives to educate the citizens of North Carolina, the Chairman of the United States Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Governor of the State of North Carolina; and, Shriners International about the charitable undertakings of the Oasis Temple; and, c} Shave McGaha, a Murphy, North Carolina High School student who collected and delivered 12 gallons of aluminum can tabs to the Greenville Shriners Hospital to raise money to benefit patients treated by the hospital staff; and, selected as her Senior Exit Project an oral presentation to her school staff and students about Shriners and Greenville Shriners Hospital For Children.

These achievements reflect the Oasis 2014 Theme: Put A Shrine Child In Your Heart.

Please take note and act, accordingly.

WDSIII

The Recorder's message

ello Nobles, Ladies, and Friends of the Shrine. I hope no one missed me too much during my hiatus last month. I ran across the following information demonstrating the level of innovation of our Shriners Hospitals For Children, especially in the area of pediatric spine surgery. First, a warning, the following information was taken in part, or in total, you decide, from the Shriners Village website. Well, now with that disclosure given, we can proceed with a clear conscience.

The newest treatment being offered for young children with scoliosis curves too large for bracing is the MAGEC (MAGnetic Expansion Control) Spinal Bracing and Distraction System. Children worldwide are affected by scoliosis, or a curvature of the spine and Shriners Hospitals for Children® — Philadelphia has an extensive scoliosis program that is designed to treat all forms of the condition, using every tool available.

In the past, these large and potentially life-threatening curves were treated with traditional growing rods, which require a moderate surgical procedure for implantation, then a smaller procedure every six months to

lengthen the spine. Although the lengthening procedures are relatively minor, they still involve general anesthesia, anxiety and discomfort. The MAGEC rods are an alternative to the emotionally and physically painful treatment regimen of the traditional growing rods. With MAGEC rods, there is still a moderate procedure for implantation, but the non-invasive lengthening procedure eliminates the need for repeated lengthening surgeries. This results in significant safety, health, mental and physical benefits for the child and their family. Patients will also be able to get back to their activities of daily living sooner with this surgical option.

After the initial MAGEC surgery, this specially designed rod can be gradually lengthened from outside of the skin, and in the exam room, avoiding the need for general anesthesia and an incision, with the External Remote Control (ERC). Magnets outside the body contained in the ERC device communicate with the magnets of the implanted rods. The ERC is a portable, hand-held unit that uses permanent magnets to automatically modify the length of the growing rod through the touch of a button. The ERC will be used a few times a year as the child continues to grow.

"The MAGEC system is a gamechanger in early onset scoliosis care. We expect that it will decrease the number of surgeries these young patients have to undergo. The decrease in surgeries will translate into decreased complication rates," said Philadelphia Shriners Hospital orthopedic surgeons, Patrick J. Cahill, M.D., and Harold J.P. van Bosse M.D., regarding this historic case.

The first patient to benefit from this procedure is Tianni Swint, a 4 year old with infantile scoliosis and Prader-Willi syndrome, from Brooklyn, N. Y. Her parents, James Swint and Shakema George, did a lot of research to seek out the best option for Tianni. They welcomed this new innovative option to aid in their daughter's treatment for scoliosis.

The spine team members at the Philadelphia Shriners Hospital are known for being pioneers in the newest cutting-edge technology for spine care. — Philadelphia is proud to have completed the first surgery using the MAGEC system in the United States since the FDA granted 510K clearances on February 27, 2014. Ellipse Technologies, LLC, a global medical device company, developed MAGEC (MAGnetic Expansion Control) Spinal Bracing and Distraction System.

Shriners Hospitals for Children

O.K., once again you're let me take up way too much of your time. Things continue to go well here at Oasis, and we would love to have you stop by and visit your temple. Take care until next month, and remember, the work you do for our fraternity and philanthropy is sincerely appreciated and essential to our hospitals and the children they serve.

Gary

SHRINERS HOT ROD & DRAG RACING EXPO

The Shriners HR&DR Expo was scheduled to be held in February, but Mother Nature intervened and the event was snowed out.

Now most people who already had over \$35,000 of their own TV, newspaper, and radio advertising money in a cancelled project would simply go home and try to rebalance their checkbooks. But Jim Turner is not "Most People".

Jim said "I spent most of the first day licking my wounds, and then called the Greensboro Coliseum to try and get another date." Well the only date available was Easter weekend, and any promoter worth his salt will tell you there are two times you don't schedule a race or a show...Mother's Day and Easter! Again, Jim Turner is not "any promoter", so he told the coliseum folks to sign him up.

The next step was to try and convince the sponsors and car owners to get back on board and agree to show up. And based mostly on loyalty to Jim and Shriners Hospitals, nearly all the folks who make the show such a success by bringing their pride and joys agreed to return... even one exhibitor who pulled his show car in an enclosed trailer all the way from Richmond in the snow (it took 9 hours) only to find the event had been cancelled only an hour or so earlier.

Jim enlisted help from the Greensboro area Shriners and as usual, they turned out in droves. Bringing several hundred \$75,000+ cars into a building without dinging a door is a major undertaking, but the volunteers made it look easy.

And then there is the Candy Crew. Seems that an individual from around the Randolph County area buys tons of candy bars of every kind and asks that the Candy Crew sell them at the door. 100% of the sales go to the hospital, and this year's total was \$1,400! Thanks to the Candy Crew and to the benefactors. We all know them.

Jim's Mom, Clara, his sister, his fiancé, his cousin and his granddaughter all pitch in for the two day event.

Two hospital, patients were at the forefront when the awards were given. Each told their story, and 100% of the exhibitors were there to listen. Great public relations, great one-on-one time with Shriners and patients, and a great finish to a shaky, snowy start.

Totals are still coming in, but up to this year over \$71,000 has been raised for Shriners Hospitals for Children by the Shriners Hot Rod Expo.

A big THANK YOU to Jim Turner, a promoter's promoter, and a champion of Shriners Hospitals for Children.











HEY SHRINERS!!!!

I am having a contest for the month of June. For every one of my books that I sell this month, I will donate \$1 to one of our Shriners Hospitals!!! Here is how it works!! I am selling my books for \$10 +S/H (they are usually \$13) this month and when you buy a book, indicate which hospital you would like the money to go to. The hospital that gets the most votes, will get ALL the money!!! I think this



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is a fun way to raise some money for our hospitals!!! Please help me help our hospitals!!! This is just for the month of June, so don't wait! You can either email me your order and vote at megansmissionandmom@msn.com or FaceBook me!! Hope to hear from you!!

Megan Johnson, your Biggest Fan



Come and join us and put a smile on the face of a child!

OASIS SHRINE CLOWNS

Accepting New Members No Experience Necessary



Activities Include:

Stars Of The Oasis Shrine Circus Shrine & Community Parades Social Gatherings that Include Your Wife Individualized Instructions on Makeup & Costumes

Contact Captain Mark "Shortcake" Murphy, 336-561-3630

Oasis Shriners Membership Survey

Dear Noble.

Oasis needs YOU and YOUR input! Your Membership Team invites you to complete a brief membership survey by visiting the Internet using the link below. We plan to use your valuable feedback to enhance general membership efforts. Survey results will be shared with the Potentate and Divan. Thank you in advance for your willingness and time to complete this membership survey. Should you have any questions regarding the survey, please feel free to contact Chris Hall, Membership Chairman, at (704) 813-4624 or chrishallnc@gmail.com.

Link to Survey: http://tinyurl.com/shrinersurvey

Thank you for being an Oasis Shriner!





The Shriners Celebrity Golf Classic will host a fabulous Casino Party to coincide with our 12th Annual Golf Event. The Casino evening event takes place on **Saturday, June 7th 2014**, and will be held at the **Oasis Shrine Center in Charlotte**. **Doors open at 6:30PM**.

We are hoping that your schedule will allow you to attend this year. Open bar, amazing food stations, and a chance to win tremendous prizes. The event will also feature a fantastic DJ and our "rockstar" dazzling magician Lance Laska. In addition, there will be 50 plus celebrities attending and unbelievable auction items up for display. All entry fees, purchases and donations will go to benefit the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

To purchase dinner gala tickets please call **954-607-3800** or visit the event website http://shrinerscelebritygolf.com

Dinner Gala tickets are available for \$100 for single or \$175 donation per couple.

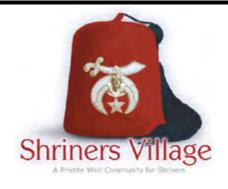
Don't miss this great event and fundraiser !!!











If you have not signed up for Shriners Village, do so today.

Shriners Village is a website designed to keep members of Shrine International up to date on all aspects of Shrinedom.

Simply google Shriners Village and follow the instructions. So easy, even a Shriner can do it.

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Oasis Keystone Kops

Join us and have a fun time while raising money for the Shriners Hospitals!



Other Events Include:

- Meetings the 2nd Thurs. of the month
- Annual Keystone Kop Golf Tournament
- SASA and Oasis Installation Trips
- Antique Car Show Appearances
- Bring Your Wife & Kids!

Contact Captain Cal Greene for Information:

704-578-9396 cal.greene5@yahoo.com





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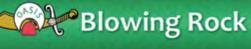
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SHRINER'S PARADE



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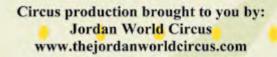
Can ye play the pipes? Can ye play the drum? Would you like to?

The Oasis Highlanders are recruiting new members and would like to hear from you. Experience is a plus, and so is the willingness to learn a rare skill. We also would like to have a drum major...Interested?



Contact Captain Tom Barnhardt Home: 704-932-0727 • Cell: 704-796-5762

Come One Come All to the **Oasis Shrine Circus**



NC Agriculture Center, Fletcher, NC Thursday, November 20, 2014

Friday, November 21, 2014 1 show at 7:30pm

General Admission \$12.00 - 13 years of age & older Free Admission - 12 years of age & younger

> Nobles & Ladies of Oasis Shriners, your circus tickets can be purchased through the Circus Mom & Dad Program. Additional information will be forthcoming for this program. Any questions, please call the

2 shows: 4:30pm & 7:30pm Cabarrus Arena, Concord, NC Saturday, November 22, 2014 2 shows: 2:00pm & 7:30pm temple at 704-549-9600.



Rowan County Shrine Club







OASIS CABIRI

Spring Event Honors Ill. Sir. Doug Mayes



By: John Elder, PP President

May 5th — Lake Norman Shrine Club had its regular monthly meeting at Big Daddy's Restaurant in Mooresville. The Oasis Cabiri came in force to honor and roast III. Sir Doug, one of their own. Thanks to the work of Noble David Bramigk, their President, and Noble H. Mike Cook, PP and Past President, we had a grand time. With seventeen past potentates and six ladies present (Evelyn Harward, Cathy Cook, Mary Richardson, Kathy Simmons, Robyn VanDresser and Linda Rosette) III. Doug was roasted in good form.

Pictured are Illustrious Sirs: (seated L to R) James Richardson, Doyle Simmons, Sticky Burch, Doug Mayes, Harry Bryant, John Stanley (standing L to R) Bill Harward, Billy Farris, Jack Rosette, Tom Price, Bill VanDresser, Asa Roper, Terry Jones, Paul Whitfield, Mike Cook and John Elder.



AVERY COUNTY POKER RUN

JOIN THE AVERY COUNTY SHRINE CLUB AT THEIR 7TH ANNUAL POKER RUN, TO BE HELD JUNE 14, 2014.

Participants will gather at Historic Cranberry High School in Elkpark, NC, Hwy 19E and NC 194. Sign in is at 10:00 AM and the riders leave at 11:00 AM. Cost is \$20.00 per rider, which includes door prizes, commemorative T-shirt, and trophies for the best and worst poker hand. There will be a 50/50 ticket sale and a meal at the end of the ride.

All for the benefit of Shrine Childrens Hospitals.

For further information, contact Tony Tile at 828-386-5281 or Doug Weathers at 828-765-4989 or 828-467-1942.

Rain date for the event will be June 21st.







Latona Temple # 154 Daughters of the Nile

Working together to benefit the children of Shriners Hospitals

If you are a lady related by birth or marriage to a Shriner, Master Mason or Daughter of the Nile, you are eligible to become a member of this growing organization committed to supporting the important work of Shriners Hospitals for Children. For more information on this dedicated fraternal order for women, contact Sally Saulsbery at (704) 996-5064 or Kathy Southworth, PQ at (704) 262-7739 or e-mail her at kfsouth@yahoo.com.

Oasis Oriental band will hold a DRAWING FOR A FREE 4 DAY VACATION

March 12, 2014 - June 4th, 2014

Tickets will be sold in the Greensboro area and at Oasis events.

Winning tickets will be drawn June 4, 2014

1st Prize Four days at the Sea Mist resort in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

2nd prize is \$200 cash3rd prize is \$100 cash4th prize is \$50 Cash

You do not have to be present to win.

For more information, contact

Captain Roy Williams at 336-767-0529

You may purchase tickets from any member of the band.

A message from:

W. David Sumpter, III - Potentate

n Saturday May 31, 2014, we will have one of the biggest events in the history of Oasis Shriners. Our Summer Ceremonial in Blowing Rock will feature a presentation by Governor Pat Mccrory honoring Shriners Hospitals patients and parents at our 9:00 a.m. opening program.

We have invited a number of guests to join us in the Blowing Rock school auditorium for that occasion. At 2:00 p.m. that afternoon Governor Mccrory will be the Marshall of our Shrine parade that will include Watauga National Guard personnel who have very ably served our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. The parade will also include representatives of Masonic Lodges, the Scottish Rite, and the York Rite. We are also pleased to have the Watauga High School Band and ROTC participating in our parade.

Immediately following the parade we will have a great event in the Blowing Rock Memorial Park starring the Oasis Band, our Clowns, the Keystone Kops, the Oasis Scooter Patrol, the Oasis Gator Patrol, our Bobtails, Buccaneers, Dune Cats, Desert Rangers, Hillbillys, Mountain Buggies, Nascarts, Oasis 500's, Oasis Oldies, Piedmont Pistons, Ragtops, Roadrunners, Sand T's, Surry Mini Truckers, Wagoneers, and other fine Oasis units and clubs.

We will have our unique parade vehicles available for children and their parents and friends to have a closer look. We will also have small gifts for the children and a drawing for two large Fezzy bears. Please come to Blowing Rock to help us honor our hospital patients and parents and to celebrate Oasis Shriners.

See page 7 of this issue for a large ad that appeared in last Sunday's Charlotte Observor, thanks to Chetola Resort, promoting Oasis Shriners' Blowing Rock parade and park event.

See page 6 for an impressive billboard starring the award win-



W. David Sumpter III 2014 Potentate & Chief Executive Officer Oasis Shriners

a special program honoring the North Carolina patients and parents of

Shriners Hospitals for Children

Address by:

The Honorable Pat McCrory, Governor of North Carolina

Introduction by:

John Carter, WBTV Charlotte Morning News Anchor

Saturday, May 31, 2014 9:00 – 9:45 am

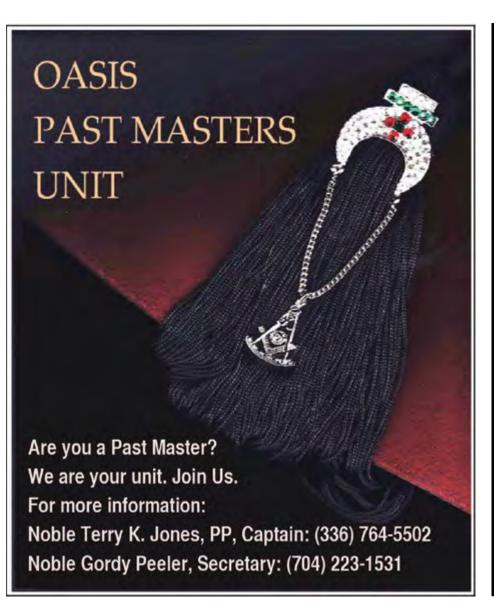
Blowing Rock School Auditorium 160 Sunset Drive, Blowing Rock, NC

ning Oasis Patrol Color Guard. This outstanding picture is featured on billboards on both I-77 and I-85 in the Charlotte area and in Hickory, Boone and Lenoir, thanks to the generosity of the Blowing Rock Tourism Development Authority.

See above for an invitation to our 9:00 a.m. opening program on 5/31. We will have excellent media coverage of our 5/13 activities in Blowing Rock. In fact WBTV Morning Anchor John Carter will be with us to emcee our 9:00 a.m. program and parade. Let's have a sea of red fezzes in Blowing Rock. See you there.

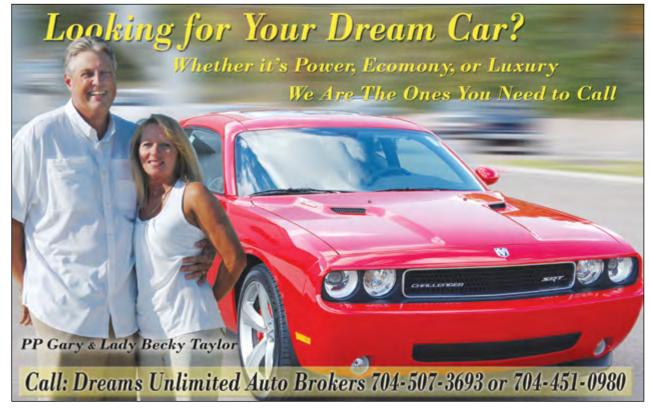
Yours in the Faith, David













Macon County Horse Association and the Macon County Horse Smoky Mountain Shrine Club proudly presents the Shrine Horse Show Event



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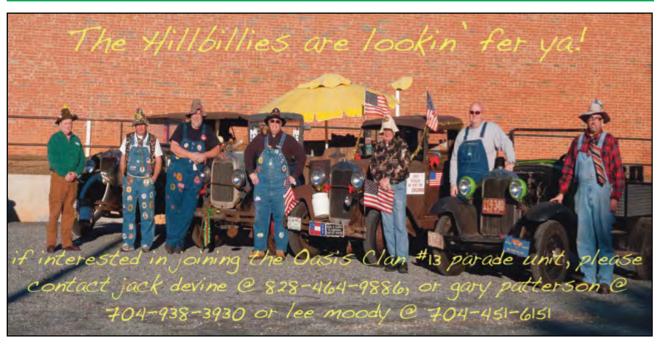
Saturday, August 23rd, 2014

Time: 8:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Location: Macon County Fairgrounds, Franklin, NC.

Refreshments and food will be available on the fairgrounds, request public to bring own chairs.

All proceeds goes to Shriners Children's Hospital



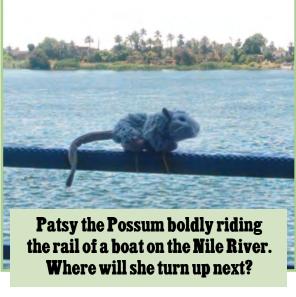
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OASIS SHRINE STATED MEETINGS **JULY 17, 2014 - 4 PM**

AT TEMPLE



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First deposit due April 1, 2014 Final payment due June 15, 2014

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Our Philadephia Hospital First to Perform Innovative Surgery

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Nobles and Ladies

If you can search back in your collective memories to June, 2013, what was the most exciting thing you did that month?

I am certain that Family Fun Day at Red Fez Shrine Club on the beautiful Lake Wylie will pop into most peoples mind.

This year, plans are to top last year with fun, excitement and fellowship.

We will have lots of food, once again. The cooking teams are shining up their grills, getting their tents ready, and basically preparing to best one another for the top prize. John "The Green Egg Thingie" Sullivan is participating with a crew this year, as are the Gators, and a number of other familiar teams. Our cooking teams are the best in the south, and each year, the Judges have a really tough time deciding who is the best. This year will be no different. The classic 1967 Harley Davidson "Skeeter Chaser" golf cart, with the Desert Dust Editor, will be on site, so when you see it coming, put on your best smile. You are likely to see it in the Dust in July.

Now, pay strict attention. WE NEED MORE COOKING TEAMS. If you have a cooker, and know a couple of guys that can cook, please come on down to help us feed the masses. The meat is free. The only thing you have to supply is the cooker, the fuel, and the team members. It may give you an opportunity to swell your chest and to have bragging rights. Just contact Noble Todd, Noble Johnny or Noble Shea and let them know you will cook in order for us to plan for the lunch.

As usual, Divan members Todd Ham and Johnny Burgess, with the assistance of Shea Fadel, will be coordinating the FFD events. A word to the wise. If you want a parking space for your camper, you need to contact one of them now. The spaces go fast, so pick up the phone immediately.

Once again this year, Terry and Janice Cox, Al and Joyce Clegg, Harold and Susan Davis, and perhaps some others, will be perched in their usual place near the pool, under some tents, with some snacks and beverages. Stop in and enjoy the breeze, but bring a chair. It gets kinda crowded, and the ground is hard in that area.

For the last couple of years, I have been pretty hard on some of the cooks. Despite my jabs, there are no bad cooks. Competition is tough, and I would truly hate to be the judges. There is one thing for certain. Despite the placement in the awards, our cooks are all winners. The food is magnificent, and it is free. Free is good.

Don't miss this event. Although I attend lots of events throughout the Oasis year, this is the one that my Lady and I look forward to the most. You just can't beat it. I look forward to seeing you there.







Oasis Divan members **Noble Bill Carter** and **Noble George Wilcox** are pictured here attending the Shriners International - Shriners Hospitals for Children Public Relations Seminar in Tampa, Florida, April 24th and 25th.

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Two Clubs With One Goal

In February of 1977, The Thermal Belt Shrine Club of Rutherford County was chartered by Oasis Shrine Temple. The Thermal Belt Shrine Club, after 37 years, has sponsored 2,000 children plus and raised over \$300,000 for the Shriners Hospitals for Children. The club is still going strong especially with the help of a great group of people in the local Vintage Tin Street Rod Association (VTSRA).

The VTSRA was founded in September of 1996 and each year has put together a wonderful car show that is getting bigger and better each year. They stated that after doing their research they realized there was no better organization

than the Shriners Hospitals for Children to donate 100% of their profits each year.

Over the past 17 years VTSRA has given in excess of \$68,000.00 to the Shriners Hospital for Children. This year

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Make plans to attend the 18th annual Vintage Tin Car Show hosted by the Vintage Tin Street Rod
Association in beautiful Lake Lure at Rumbling Bald Resort. Attendance is free and fun for all ages. Enjoy
beautifully restored autos, great food, music and more. Overnight lodging is available. Please call
877.868.0083 for lodging information. Cars with trailers please call ahead to make arrangements.

Registration is open to owners of cars & trucks 30 years old or older. Early registration - \$15 (now - 9/16/14), Day of Show - \$20 (10/4/14 8:00am - 12:00pm). All proceeds benefit Shriners Children's Hospital. For more information on registration or Association Membership please call 828.245.3383. Registration forms available at Resort Guest Services or online at RumblingBald.com

For more information visit RumblingBald.com

their 18th annual car show will be on October 4th at the beautiful Rumbling Bald Resort in Lake Lure, N.C. The car show is always the highlight of the year for VTSRA.

The two clubs are looking forward to working together again this year and raising even more money for our one goal, The Shriners Hospitals for Children.



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SPRING/SUMMER 2014

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JUNE 23 - 8:30 AM

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JULY 8 - 8:30 AM

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BIRTH DATE DATE JOINED			
CLUB SPONSOR (if any)			

Please include a check for \$20.00 for annual dues made payable to Oasis Shrine Golf Club and send to 604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262. For additional call Tom Kiser, Secretary, at (704) 564-4311

April, 2014 Public Relations Seminar in Tampa, Florida Opened Some Eyes, and Spread the Word

"I hope I don't offend you but I have never heard of Shriners. Please tell me who you are." The speaker was one of Charlotte's most talented leaders in non profits and charitable organizations. This lack of knowledge about the Shrine and Shriners Hospitals for Children is reflected in our "going out of business" membership numbers and insufficient contributions to Shriners Hospitals.

In 1979 Shriners International had over 941,000 members and today it has only approximately 280,000 members. In 1985, our last year in a high profile uptown Charlotte location, Oasis had 14,363 members and today we have only 5,886 members. In 1922 Shriners launched a nationally applauded unique attack on children's deaths and the terrible trauma caused by polio. Shriners were uniquely providing these treatments at no cost to parents. Today virtually every city has a children's hospital strongly supported by community leaders to treat all types of children's problems with treatments paid for by insurance, government programs, or local charitable contributions. Fund raising for local hospitals provides great networking opportunities for ambitious young professionals. Shriners Hospitals leaders are forced to make extraordinary efforts to obtain patients in the dramatically changed and changing world of medical treament. Because Shriners Hospitals are located in a relatively small number of american cities public awareness of the hospitals is low in the vast majority of cities. Shriners receive very limited public recognition in most american cities for their support of Shriners Hospitals for Children. Shriners International leadership knows that membership loss can only be reversed by much improved public recognition of Shriners. Imperial Potentate John Cinotto and Deputy Imperial Potentate Dale Stauss recommended the following to those gathered for a Public Relations Seminar in Tampa in April:

- 1. Shriners should become more involved in local community support programs and charities such as the recent involvement of Oasis Shriners in Charlotte Bridge Home's efforts to help veterans. They also recommended joining local organizations such as the chamber of commerce to increase community awareness of Shriners.
- 2. Shriners Hospitals for Children should continue a \$ 20,000,000/yr. television, internet and direct mail campaign to increase contributions and patient numbers at the hospitals. It was noted that St. Jude's Research Hospital spent more than \$ 149,000,000 in 2013 for similar services.
- 3. Shrine temples should allocate a significant amout of their budget to local public relations efforts and advertising to increase awareness of the Shrine and by doing so to increase our number of members.
- 4. Shrine temples should involve influential community leaders and media members in Shrine committees, programs and activities whenever possible.
- 5. Shriners should get to know and work with local media members personally to present the Shrine and hospitals stories.

Gaston County Shrine Club 505 Pinkney Road

Dallas, NC 28034





What: Monthly Club Meeting

When: 2nd Wednesday of each month

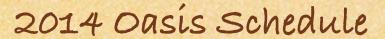
Social - 6:30 PM Meal - 7:00 PM

Meeting - 7:30 PM

Where: 505 Pinkney Road Dallas NC 28034

www.gastoncountyshrineclub.com

"No man ever stood so tall as when he stooped to help a burned or crippled child."



May 30 – Jun. 1 Summer Ceremonial, Blowing Rock, NC

Jun. 6 - 8 Oasis Celebrity Golf Classic, Lake Norman, NC

Jun. 13-14 Family Fun Day, Red Fez Shrine Club Jul. 6 -10 Imperial Session, Minneapolis, MN

Aug. 9 Cold Sands, Murphy, NC

Aug. 12 Shrine 100 Race, Gastonia, NC

Sep. 18 - 21 SASA Fall Meeting, Myrtle Beach, SC

Sep. 25 - 27 Grand Lodge

Sep. 27 - Oct. 4 Potentate Cruise: 7 Day Canada/New England Cruise

Oct. 10 - 11 Oxford Homecoming

Oct. 31 - Nov. 2 Fall Ceremonial, Hickory, NC

Nov. 15
Oasis Veteran's Appreciation Night
Nov. 20
Oasis Shrine Circus, Fletcher, NC
Nov. 22
Oasis Shrine Circus, Concord, NC
Dec. 6
Oasis 2015 Elections/Annual Meeting

Dec. 20 Shrine Bowl

Lake Wylie Classic Golf Tournament

Unoffical total: \$55,000

raised during the 2 day event.

Special guests at the banquet and tournament:

• From the Greenville Hospital, Randall Romberger (Hospital Administrator) and Kea Wade (Donor Development Associate)

• Patient Ambassador Shelby Stroud

Local Support: Lake Wylie SC Area

T-Bones on the Lake River Hills County Club Q2U BBQ Pit

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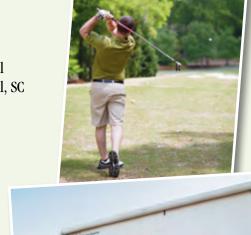
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2014 Metrolina Shrine Club Golf Tournament Sponsored by SPORTS PAGE RESTAURANTS

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All proceeds from the tournament are used for the benefit of Metrolina Shrine Club to assist them in raising money for needy children. If you know of a child, up to the age of 18, in need of aid contact one of the committee members or any Shriner, we will be glad to help.

This year's tournament will be held:

Saturday, June 28th, 2014 Green Meadows Golf Course in Mt Holly, NC. Shot Gun Start at 9:00 am and 2; 00 pm 4 Man Captain's Choice Players \$50.00 Teams \$200.00 Mulligans will be sold for \$10.00 (limit two per player).

We would like to ask for your support of this year's tournament by either sponsoring a hole through a tee advertisement or donating a prize(s).

- · By purchasing a tee advertisement, you will have a sign placed at a tee on the golf course recognizing you as a contributor to the tournament.
- By donating a prize(s), you will have your name and prize(s) placed on a prize list recognizing you as a contributor to the tournament.

1) Standard	Sponsorship -	No players	\$ 50.00
2) Bronze	Sponsorship -	1 player	\$ 100.00
3) Sliver	Sponsorship -	2 players	\$ 130.00
4) Gold	Sponsorship -	3 players	\$ 180.00
5) Platinum	Sponsorship -	4 players	\$ 225.00

There will be a HOLE-IN ONE contest on hole #11 for a trip to Hawaii. Trip for two people, 8 days, 7 nights, airfare & hotel accommodations on Oahu. The other par 3's will have prizes too for a hole-in one.

If you have any questions or need additional information about the tournament, please contact any member of the tournament committee listed below:

> 704-634-5402 Joe Tarleton Barry Brown 704-394-9275 Mike Von Vynckt 704-398-2130

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C/O Metrolina Shrine Club

PO Box 781

Paw Creek NC 28130

Contact: Joe Tarleton Phone: 704-634-5402

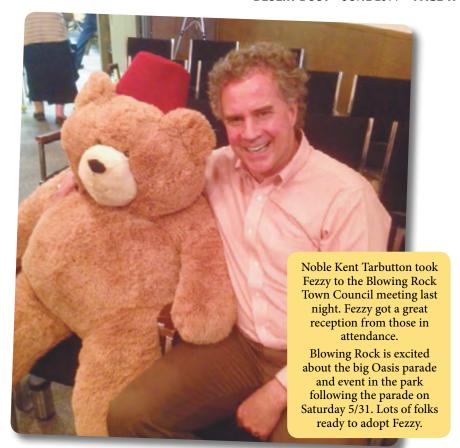
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Green Meadows Golf Course 957 Kelly Rd. Mt. Holly, NC 28120 Phone # 704-827-9264 Four Man Captain's Choice Players \$50.00 teams \$200.00 Mulligans will be sold for \$10.00 for 2

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Good News From the Past Masters

very busy month! Two Past Masters Unit Members were honored at the Spring Ceremonial. During the month, the unit held its first Blue Lodge Ambassador Seminar, a new Sergeant was named in District 6, and the unit now has a complete set of officers.

In April, the first Oasis Past Masters Unit Blue Lodge Ambassador Seminar was held. Informational packets were assembled by Noble Chris Hall, Oasis Membership Chairman, and by Oasis Office support staff Lori and Wendy. The informational packets will be distributed to new Master Masons by the Blue Lodge Ambassadors when they are raised to the sublime degree. Of course, additional packets will be sent to Ambassadors when needed. Just call Oasis or Unit Captain Jones. The Past Masters Unit is represented in 72 Blue Lodges by its "Blue Lodge Ambassadors". The ambassadors are Shriners who are Past Masters, and who remain active (or, get active-again) in their Masonic Lodges. They report the happenings of Oasis back to their Lodges, answer questions of the brethren, and have Shrine Petitions available. (There are 195 Blue Lodges in Oasis' Jurisdiction!).

Past Masters Captain, Illustrious Sir Terry Jones, P.M., announces that participation in the unit continues. District One is represented by Noble Sgt., Donnie Wallace, P.M.; District Three by Nobles Sgt. Mike Kerhoulas, P.M. and Sgt. Jeff Main, P.M.; District 4 by Noble Sgt. Ron Bach, P.M.; and district 7, Sgt. Sam

Ballard. During April the unit welcomes W.B. and Noble Bruce Ayers as Sergeant of the Unit in District six

Past Masters Unit Members Sam Ballard, P.M. and Chris Hall, P.M. are to be congratulated for their designation as Class Honorees at the Spring Ceremonial. Congratulations, Worship Brothers, and thank you Illustrious Sir David for honoring these two dedicated Shriners. Congratulations also to Past Master Unit Member Noble Chris Hall for receiving his KYCH in the York Rite recently! He just never quits!

Be sure to keep our secretary, Gordy Peeler, P.M. informed of any addresses, e-mail addresses or phone number changes so that he may keep our membership roster up to date. And, if you haven't paid you dues, would you please drop Gordy a check in the mail ASPA? Thank you.

If you are interested in being active in the Unit as a Sergeant or as a Blue Lodge Ambassador or if you would like to explore becoming a member of the Past Masters Unit, please do not hesitate to contact: Terry Jones, P.M.,P.P., Captain, 5002 White Oak Dr., Lexington, N.C. 27295, Phone (336) 764-5502, e-mail: tkjonespp@gmail.com, or Past Masters' Secretary, Noble Gordy Peeler, P.M., 520 Cantiberry Drive, Salisbury, NC 28146, phone (704) 279-5764. He can be reached by e-mail at gordypeeler@msn.com.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

What Is Our Focus?

"Let your eyes look forward. Fix your gaze straight ahead".

In the Devotional book, Finding Balance—100 devotions for men (Freeman-Smith, LLC, Nashville, TN), we read the following: "The condition of our character is determined to a surprising extent, by the direction of our thoughts. If (we) focus our thoughts and energies on matters that honor...God and family, we will reap rich rewards".

And, the writer makes the case that we should focus our thoughts and energies on God's will for our lives. We understand this to mean that in this year 2014 we can easily get distracted by the 'pull' and the temptations of our world. But, Proverbs is very clear. We are to "...fix our gaze straight ahead".

D.L. Moody said, "Give me

the person who says, "This one thing I do, and not these fifty things I dabble in." So, what are we about? Do we dabble in this and that, or are our eyes and feet focused on God, and our families?

These good words are from Proverbs 4. The scripture, beginning with verse 25 in the NIV: Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. 26 Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. 27 Do not turn to the right or the left; keep your foot from evil.

We hope that in those hurry



John H. Stanley, P.P., Chaplain

here and hurry there days of summer we may stay focused on those people who are most important in our lives. We hope that you have a good and an enjoyable summer. Celebrate!!

John Stanley, P.M., P.P. is Chaplain of Oasis Shriners. He is Chaplain, McLean Funeral Directors (Gastonia), and Minister of Visitation of First Presbyterian, Gastonia. In the fiscal Shrine Year, 2012-13, he served Shriners International Imperial Potentate Al Madsen as Imperial Chaplain. He can be reached at jstanley1@carolina.rr.com.

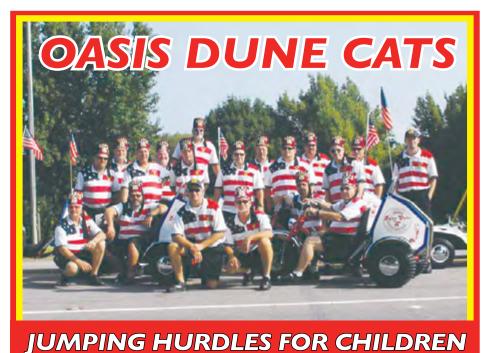


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ABOVE: D&B

members preparing the goody buckets for the entrants.

LEFT: D&B

members working before the show to put the signs up.



Blast from the Past

Sock Hop with Elvis Impersonator, Chuck Ayers
Saturday, July 19th
7:00 p.m. - until
Red Fez Shrine Club
16600 Red Fez Club Road Charlotte, NC 28278
\$25.00/per person

Includes: Performance by Elvis Impersonator, meal of hotdogs/hamburgers/fries/popcorn and soda fountain set up, dancing with DJ providing all the great tunes of the 50's

Dress in the era of the 50's!!! Prize will go to the best dress for male and female. Bring a retro item from the 50's to share with everyone. Put your name on bottom of it. We will place on tables and you will have a chance to vote for your favorite item on table.

Winner will take home a prize!

Three ways to purchase tickets:

- Stop by & purchase tickets at Red Fez Shrine Club, 16600 Red Fez Club Road, Charlotte, NC 28278
 Business hours: Friday 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm; Sunday noon til 7:00 pm
- Call Denise Pelow at 980-875-1257 during the hours that are listed
 Denise will take your reservations and payment is required with your debit or credit card. Your tickets will be mailed to you.
- 3. Mail a check payable to "Red Fez Club" & send to the club address. Write on the check that it is for the "Sock Hop" with your return address on an envelope & we will mail tickets to you.

To assure you have reservations, reserve your tickets early. The latest date to reserve tickets is July 10th, IF we still have tickets available.

Please note that tickets are required!

Oasis Oldies

If you have a classic car or are interested in the old classics come join us for some fun and fellowship

We meet the 1st Sunday of the Month - Nobles & Ladies Logan's Roadhouse in Statesville at 3 pm

Captain: Charles Hale Home: (336) 696-2652 Cell: (336) 902-9090 Lieutenant: Thomas Sumpter Cell: (828) 361-8532 Secretary-Treasurer: Pat Stanly (336) 775-0620



Hillbilly Clan #2, Outhouse #1
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Drawing held on Hillbilly Day in Flop-Eye Saturday, August 2nd, 2014

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Mail to:

Hillbilly Clan #2, Outhouse #1 P O Box 367 Great Falls, SC29055



(If you buy \$50 or \$100 worth, you will have a chance to win another \$50 or \$100 worth of tickets. This drawing will be Friday, August 1st, 2014. For the ones that buy \$50 or \$100 worth you will have your name and town put on the Board of Honor at the club plus in the Hejaz Commentator and also in the Hillbilly News.)



REMINDER:

All ads & articles for the July edition of the Desert Dust must be submitted by June 10

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Greenville Surgeon Performs First in the Carolinas Surgery



Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville is proud to be the first hospital in the Carolinas to offer a new, state-of-the-art procedure for young children with scoliosis, a curvature of the spine which increases as the child grows. The MAGEC (MAGnetic Expansion Control) Spinal Bracing and Distraction System is composed of two magnetic, telescoping rods that can be gradually lengthened from outside of the skin, guiding a young child's curved spine, straight.

Pediatric orthopaedic surgeon, Michael Mendelow, M.D., explains, "The challenge

of early onset scoliosis is to manage the curvature, which advances with growth. When the spine curves, it penetrates into the area of the chest where the lungs would be. If the curve was left as it is, when the child became an adult, they would only have a chest and lungs to support a child. This would shorten their life span and severely impact their quality of life." In the past, these large and potentially life-threatening curves were treated with traditional growing rods requiring an initial surgery to insert the rods, and then an additional surgery every 4 to 6 months as the child continues through their growing years. With the MAGEC System, the child under- goes an initial surgery to implant the rods, and then the system can be gradually lengthened from outside of the skin, in an exam room, avoiding the need for general anesthesia and an incision. "The noninvasive lengthening procedure eliminates the need for repeated lengthening surgeries. This results in significant safety, health, mental and physical benefits for the child and their family. Patients will also be able to get back to their activities of daily living sooner with this surgical option," Dr. Mendelow describes. The magnetic system also allows for more frequent lengthening, thus mimicking more normal spinal growth patterns.

Shriners Hospitals for Children - Greenville has a dedicated team of pediatric orthopaedic surgeons who specialize in caring for all types of pediatric spinal deformities. The senior surgeons at the hospital have decades of experience, and are internationally known for their clinical research on the treatment of scoliosis.

Shriners Hospitals for Children offers the following treatment plans based on the severity of the scoliosis:

- Observation: for curves measuring less than 25 degrees doctors follow patients every four to six months while the patient is growing.
- Risser casting: for children with infantile scoliosis.
- Bracing: for curves greater than 25 degrees and the child is still growing.
- Growing rods: for curves greater than 45 degrees and the child is still growing.
- Fusion surgery: for curves greater than 45 degrees.

Referrals (toll free): 1-866-459-0013



Patrol News for June 2014

n The Oasis Patrol Unit, Shrining is our business and business is good!!! Greetings and salutations everyone. Wow late May / early June already. Nearly half our Shrine year is in the rear-view mirror as our Shrine time sure does fly by.

This past month has been sortof half throttle for The Patrol. Early in the month we participated in the Oasis Paper Sale



setting up at the Oasis Drum and Bugle Corp's Car and Truck Show at Mount Holly's SpringFest. We picked up a few dollars to pass through to our Hospitals. The following weekend the Patrol officers caught up with Oasis Hillbilly Clan #13 at Mecklenburg Shrine Club to support our 2nd Lieutenant and his lovely Lady as they obtained their Hillbilly degree. Pepper in a couple of regular and called

meetings, some turning into all night, midnight oil burning sessions. Every chance we get we wear our Shriner Pride on our sleeves; literally and figuratively.

The Patrol Unit officers and dedicated members are revving the engines and getting ready to pop the clutch by working diligently and feverishly to prepare the Best Patrol Unit in Shrinedom for the Oasis Summer Ceremonial Blowout in Blowing Rock on May 30th and 31st. Our biggest pre-event emphasis has been the revamping of our proprietary Jewelry and Regalia Accessories. Ordering the right inventory, creating visually impactive displays and gearing up to take debit / credit cards is a rather daunting and mundane task. But like every good challenge, The Oasis Patrol stands ready to hit it fast and straight-on.

Before heading out to the Oasis Summer Ceremonial in Blowing Rock be sure you are packing... your 2014 Oasis Shriners dues card. The Oasis Patrol Unit is charged the task of checking every Noble's current dues card at all Oasis events.

One of the last scheduled Shrine events prior to our Summer hiatus is Oasis Family Fun Day at the Red Fez Shrine Club. This year's dates are Friday June 13th and Saturday June 14th. Every Oasis Shriner is encouraged to attend this event. We hope to see everyone there for some serious Shrining before we rest our fine Arab Chargers by the watering hole for a few weeks during the hot, hot, hot of mid-Summer.

Please remain mindful of our Patrol family members that are on the mend. Make a call, send a card, pay a visit. You and they will be glad you did.

The Oasis Patrol is on-line. Our web-site www.OasisPatrol. com, email Info@OasisPatrol. com and our Facebook page is Oasis Shriners Patrol for

updated info and photos. Become a fan and 'like' us.

"Aman lives by believing something; not by debating and arguing about many things" by Thomas Carlyle

Respectfully Submitted, **Bob Save** Captain@OasisPatrol.com



Cooter was caught checking out the strawberries at Strawberry Hill in Chesnee, SC with the "Belvedere Girls".





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Captain Jim Church 336-215-5656

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CLUBS & UNITS

If you are having a special event and would like photographs, please contact:

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There are still a few places available on the 'Magic of Alaska' cruise but they are filling fast so I urge you to make your reservations as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

We still have limited availability in all categories – Balcony / Ocean View and Inside staterooms – at this stage, everything is subject to cruise line availability. There are 4 spaces left on the Pre-Cruise Denali National Park tour and if you have never been to Denali, this is a great experience.

For your convenience links to all aspects of the tour including; Day to Day Itinerary / Pricing / Pre-Cruise Denali National Park & Booking Form are provided below.

For all information call:

1-888-788-6777 - Jackie / Gemma or Stuart

Magic of Alaska Itinerary:

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I look forward to meeting you all.

Yours in the Faith,

Dale W. Stauss
Deputy Imperial Potentate,
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Bids may be either mailed to:

Oasis Shriners

604 Doug Mayes Place, Charlotte, NC 28262

Atten: Wendy Rosales

Or emailed to Wendy.Rosales@oasisshriners.org. Please contact Wendy at 704-549-9600 should there be any questions.

∞ Donations ∞

\$1,422.00	Brushy Mountain Shrine Club - Paper Sale	AJ's Lawn & Landscape (Gaston County Shrine Club)
\$4,576.00	Brushy Mountain Shrine Club -	Anthony H Ledford
	Plaque & Year Bar Sales	B&D Thrift & Loan (Thermal Belt Shrine Club)
\$8,111.00	East Burke Shrine Club - Paper Sale	Bernard J & Marie F Sharkey
\$6,153.16	Hendersonville Shrine Club - Fashion Show	Bill Kennington (Union County Shrine Club)
\$2,702.86	Lincoln County Shrine Club - Football Bash	Bill Rufty (Rowan Shrine Club)
\$2,148.00	Metrolina Shrine Club - Donation	Blacks BBQ (Gaston County Shrine Club)
\$250.00	Oasis Hillbilly Parade - Donation	Bradshaw Foods (Gaston County Shrine Club)
\$450.00	Oasis Keystone Kops - Paper Sale	Byrds Auto Sales Inc (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)
\$505.00	Oasis Scooter Patrol - Paper Sale	Catfish Cove (Oasis Wagoneers)
\$300.00	Piedmont Shrine Club - Year Bar Sales	Charles L Black
\$2,500.00	Red Fez Shrine Club - Donation	Charles N Witherspoon
\$809.50	Red Fez Shrine Club - Paper Sale	Clyde M Cashion, Jr
\$2,516.25	Robbinsville Shrine Club - Paper Sale	Condrey Plumbing, Heating & AC (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)
\$1,925.00	Robbinsville Shrine Club - Plaque & Year Bar Sales	Country Market (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)
\$2,080.00	Surry Shrine Club - Plaque & Year Bar Sales	Country Side BQ (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)
\$50.00	Union County Shrine Club - Year Bar	Cox Family Practice, PC (Oasis Scooter Patrol)
\$975.00	Western NC Shrine Club -	Cyclecrazy LLC (Smoky Mountain Shrine Club)
	Donations/Plaque & Year Bar Sales	David & Rosemary Bramigk (Lake Norman Shrine Club)
\$1,893.45	White Plains Shrine Club - Spring BBQ	David N Bost

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MEMBER#	NAME	CITY, STATE	CREATED	DIED
27006	Earl S Seawell, Sr.	Sanford, NC	10/30/76	5/24/12
37231	Gale G Scott	Bolton, NC	2/2/98	8/23/13
17966	Charles A Lookadoo	Hickory, NC	10/17/64	4/4/14
16522	Warner B Bradley	Whittier, NC	10/21/61	4/7/14
31394	James Kirkley	Monroe, NC	11/5/83	4/11/14
26383	Dan H Queen, Sr.	Charlotte, NC	1/24/76	4/18/14
28891	George W Hall	Kings MTN, NC	11/10/79	4/23/14
30833	Alfred D Plummer	Franklin, NC	11/6/82	4/26/14
15218	John W Laxton	Lenoir, NC	10/19/57	4/29/14
26076	Harry T McKinney, Jr.	Eden, NC	11/1/75	4/29/14
29584	Ruel H Austin, Sr.	Fletcher, NC	11/8/80	4/30/14
28947	Timothy R Laney	Catawba, NC	11/10/79	4/30/14
29874	Larry E Hartgrove	Hamlet, NC	5/30/81	4/30/14
25124	Claude M Hildreth	Huntersville, NC	10/26/74	5/1/14
18022	Kirtland Flynn, Jr.	Charlotte, NC	12/10/47	5/1/14
21551	Oscar L Boles, Jr.	Asheville, NC	9/19/70	5/1/14
17561	Alton N Ellis	Mt. Holly, NC	1/18/63	5/1/14
19800	Coyte Cline Witherspoon	Union Grove	10/21/67	5/4/14
39043	Harvey E Mathews	Asheville, NC	11/5/05	5/9/14

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∞ Donations ∞

Diversified Specialties Inc (Gaston County Shrine Club)	Morris Jewelry Co, Inc (Gaston County Shrine Club)
Don L Heath, CPA (Thermal Belt Shrine Club)	Mountain Creek Baptist Church (Robbinsville Shrine Club
Dr Gary M Grindstaff, DDS PA (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)	New Hope Greenhouses, Inc (Gaston County Shrine Club)
Duncan E Vaughn	Next Generation Interiors of Baker's
Duncan Gun Shop, Inc (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)	(Gaston County Shrine Club)
Dustin M Hefner	Norman Armfield (Union County Shrine Club)
Fire & Ice Jewelry (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)	Payne Power Equipment Inc (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)
Forrest T Hayes	Randall H Moretz
Franklin Health & Fitness Center LLC	Richard G Teeter
(Smoky Mountain Shrine Club)	Rick's Body Shop, Inc (Gaston County Shrine Club)
Freeman Gas (Gaston County Shrine Club)	Robert A Yancey, PA (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)
Gary W Wood	Robert G Keith
Glenn A Sims	Robert J Keen, Jr
Henry Fibers Inc (Gaston County Shrine Club)	Robert J Mauney
Hillbilly Clan 13 (Oasis Hillbilly Parade)	Robet & June Hege (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)
Howard Keyes (Oasis Provost Guard)	Russell A Matheson
Jackson's Cafeteria of Gastonia (Gaston County Shrine Club)	Sams Stereo Jewelry & Pawn (Crowders Mountain Shrine Clul
Jacob M Atkinson	Sams Stereo Jewelry & Pawn (Gaston County Shrine Club)
James A Revis, Jr	Shriners' Drag Racing & Hot Rod Expo
James R Austin, Jr	(Greensboro Shrine Club)
Jerry B Black	Specialty Car Company Inc (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)
Jim Cook Chevy Buick GMC (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)	Standard Distributors (Gaston County Shrine Club)
Jim Gaskill, DDS (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)	Steakhouse Restaurant (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)
Joe Davis Finch (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)	Teresas Carousel Restaurant, LLC (Blue Ridge Shrine Club
John A Schwab (Union County Shrine Club)	Texlon Plastics Corporation (Gaston County Shrine Club)
Johnson Roofing Concepts Inc (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)	The City Restaurant (Smoky Mountain Shrine Club)
Joseph S Henry	The Tuesday Night Gang (Red Fez Shrine Club)
K&T Coins & Jewelry (Gaston County Shrine Club)	Thomas A Jenkins
Lamara Cash Registers (Gaston County Shrine Club)	Todd's Golden Fried Chicken (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)
Low Country Dining & Catering (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)	Tom Johnson Camping Center Inc (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club
Lowell Pump & Water LLC (Gaston County Shrine Club)	Tom W Gowan, Jr
Loyd N Kilby	Town of Robbinsville (Robbinsville Shrine Club)
Lyle & Martha Scruggs (Lake Norman Shrine Club)	Trac Plastics, Inc (Gaston County Shrine Club)
Lytten Locksmith Inc (Gaston County Shrine Club)	United Oil of the Carolinas (Gaston County Shrine Club)
Main Street Music & Loan Inc (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)	Waxhaw Insurance Agency, Inc (Union County Shrine Clui
Marcus Broome (Gaston County Shrine Club)	Waycaster Stone (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)
Marion Chrysler Dodge Jeep Ram (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)	Westmoreland Funeral Home Inc (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)
Marion Pharmacy Inc (Mt Mitchell Shrine Club)	Wilkes Family Pharmacy (Blue Ridge Shrine Club)
Mark A Poulos	William L Kirby
Max H Kennedy Miles Hamrick Real Estate (Caston County Shrine Club)	William I. Stone, Jr William R Stiles
Miller Heating & Air (Thermal Belt Shrine Club)	
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Minges Printing (Gaston County Shrine Club)	CHI.

We've hidden Illustrious Sir David Sumpter 2 times throughout this edition of the Desert Dust!

Can you find them all?





FRIDAY

7:30 am - 3:00 am Cookers & Campers Set Up
6:30 - Until Fun Starts
Sample Each Team's Signature Dish
Boogie Till You Drop

SATURDAY

Games, Inflatables, Music
Lunch: Hot Dogs
Afternoon: BBQ Judging
& Awards
After Awards Everyone Eats BBQ

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