



Northeast Camel Caravan

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THE annual camping weekend of the Northeast Camel Caravan was held at Bayley's Camping Resort in Scarborough, Maine, on May 31-June 2 with 19 camping units. It was a great weekend! The weather was terrific and everyone had a good time. The NECC was organized 20 years ago and two of the folks camping for the weekend were founding members, **Hank Lalumiere** from Kora and **Tom Hargreaves** from Aleppo. Membership is open to campers from any Northeast Shrine Center.

Friday night the group settled around a campfire and those who camped on the Memorial Day Weekend told tales of rain, wind and cold. Happy to enjoy the sun and warmth predicted for our weekend. Ah, New England weather! Saturday was a



day of coming together for breakfast and dinner, happy hour and Chinese auction. Those more adventuresome were off to find treasures at the local yard sales. Evening brought a time to relax and enjoy the camaraderie of like-minded people around the evening campfire.

Officers elected for the coming year are:
Camel Herder - **Glen Lalumiere** (Kora)
Trail Boss - **Mike Collins** (Kora)
Scout - Tom Hargreaves (Aleppo)
Secretary/Treasurer - **Fred Simmons** (Bektash).
We welcomed new member **Anton Hristov** from Aleppo and his Lady, **Anushka**, and son, **Kaloyan**.

Anyone interested in more information regarding the Northeast Camel Caravan, can contact Fred Simmons at 603-625-9509.



When the Circus Came To Town

By **CHUCKLES**

IT was April again and the Clowns had been working very hard on their new invention, the Shrinking Machine. It all started last year when one of our own, **Snarfi**, accidentally attended a lecture at M.I.T. I say accidentally because Snafi does not know what a lecture is he just saw a bunch of people going into a room and followed. After listening to this great idea he consulted with Boss Clown and other members of the clown unit and the decision was made. If anyone could build a machine that could make things thinner it had to be the clowns. Day and night the best minds in the Clowns worked to build this first ever Shrinking Machine. Finally after months of work the machine was finished.

On April 17 2013 the machine was wheeled out for its trial run. First they took a fat baseball bat and presto they made it thin. It works cried the Boss It works. Just for safe measure the brought out a fat cray-on and presto they made it thin. That was all he needed to see. Boss Clown who has been less than dainty all his life saw this as his way to finally be thin. With no fear at all he entered the box and prepared for this exciting transformation. Well as in all things that seems too good to be true there was as Ernie Ford said a hitch in the get along. Instead of coming out thin Boss came out two feet shorter, still fat, and mad as a wet hen. Fearing for their lives the clowns ran with Boss chasing them all the way. Donations for new clothes for the Boss will be gratefully accepted.



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