

Biker Generosity and Christmas Spirit

32nd Annual Eveline Rivers Toy Run

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beer and food.

Of course no event can be successful without sponsors and the volunteers who help plan, organize, and work. Everyone involved worked hard and deserves to be commended for their efforts. This year's sponsors were Tripp's Harley Davidson, who also provided the venue, Happy State Bank for the stage and sound, Budweiser of Amarillo, Southwest Optimist Club of Amarillo, Just Tees'n for the great looking t-shirts sold at the event, American Classifieds, RC Cola, 7up, Bob Mills Furniture, Erwin Pawn, Inc, Unifirst, Bobby Duby Motors, The Buster Bledsoe Band, and

With cool and breezy weather, over 500 motorcycles participated in the 32nd Annual Eveline Rivers Toy Run held on November

20, in Amarillo. A total of 683 people were in attendance. The event kicked off at Tripp's Harley Davidson where bikers gathered, their motorcycles loaded with a variety of toys to bring joy to children who might not have a Merry Christmas otherwise. Everyone who attended could either bring a toy or \$10 to participate. This year the event raised approximately \$5,500 and a twenty foot trailer full of toys according to Jason Tripp, the event coordinator.

Every year there is a "Top 40", where participants can pay \$100 to get a spot at the front of the parade. All top 40 riders were entered into a drawing for a 50 inch TV, gun, \$500 Tripp's Harley Davidson gift card, and \$500 cash. After registration, everyone was then lined up for the parade by the Road Captains of the Amarillo HOG Chapter. The parade began at Tripp's Harley Davidson and concluded at the Courts of Amarillo. The Amarillo Police Department and the Amarillo Emergency Services provided the escort for the parade and did an exceptional job in keeping everyone safe and blocking the intersections; a special thanks to all of them.

Once everyone arrived at the Courts of Amarillo and took



their toys from their bikes to the Christmas tree, they were treated to food donated by the Southwest Optimist Club of Amarillo, beer courtesy of Budweiser, and live entertainment from the Buster Bledsoe Band. The Buster Bledsoe Band is no stranger to this area and always does an excellent job in pleasing the crowd. With this kind of entertainment, we can all be thankful there was plenty of

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Thanks to all those who participated and helped to make a brighter Christmas for those in need this year, proving once again that underneath all that leather lies a sincere, caring, and giving heart. Until next year, RIDE FREE AND SAFE ALWAYS.

