



# SCAT PACK NEWS

Fort Irwin 2022 Toy Drive Highlights Special Edition



This Scat Pack News Special Edition is a compilation of toy drive articles from the monthly Scat Pack News from 2023 as well as original material. Starting with the President's Message from the January 2023 monthly Scat Pack News, there are highlights taken from the December 2022, January 2023 and February 2023 newsletters of the toy deliveries and distribution. Complete copies of each newsletter can be found at [www.inlandmopars.org](http://www.inlandmopars.org).

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## **President's Message** *From January 2023 Scat Pack News*

Ken Hamer

*Ken's President's Message had the following about the toy drive:*

Before anything else, I want to extend huge THANK YOUs for the recent Holiday activities!

- First to Mike Keller for another outstanding series of months of planning, scheduling, coordination and making happen in the collecting of donated toys for our annual Fort Irwin Toy Drive. Mike puts an incredible amount of time and effort into the annual Toy Drive. There is a great deal of time throughout the year involved in planning, coordination, and communication for all of the various cruise events and car shows where toys are collected. In addition, the same has to be done for the multitude of business locations where collection boxes are located for the final few months of the Toy Drive. Then there is the planning and coordination of the Toy Drive party and the all of the communication involved with hundreds of invitations sent out to the SoCal car enthusiast community. Just in the final couple of weeks prior to the final delivery of toys and bicycles to Fort Irwin, Mike drove a lot miles taking care of Toy Drive activities. THANK YOU is simply not enough. It wouldn't happen without all of Mike's time and hard work.
- Second; a lot of the toy collection wouldn't happen without Norma Johnston spending her time and energy doing toy shopping. Probably a quarter to half the toys are bought from monetary donations collected at Mopars in May, Champion Cooling Car Show, Ramona Tire Get Together, Mopars & Friends at MoTech, The Zimmerman's Christmas With The Clauses, Santa's Holiday Car Show, as well as personal donations from lots of individuals, club members and fellow car clubs.
- Don and Ann Long for again letting Inland Mopars use their truly outstanding "Party Garage" for our 2022 Fort Irwin Toy Drive Christmas Party.
- Lonnie and Robin Clabaugh, Jim Froelich, Bill Heckman, Mike Keller and Bill & Debbie Whitson for helping set up and decorate on Friday, December 9 for the party.
- To all of the club members who helped with the party and with the cleanup afterward. Your assistance was very much appreciated.
- Michael Harding and Mike Keller for making the drive to Fort Irwin on December 18 to make the final delivery of 24 ft. enclosed car trailer and van containing toys and bicycles for the soldier's kids.

# Fort Irwin Toy Drive 2022 Toy Collecting Events

The toy drive for Fort Irwin officially kicked off at the Mopars in May Car Show. The August Infinite Hero, Heroes & Hot Rods car show was rescheduled to November. October 15<sup>th</sup> was the Champion Cooling Car Show, again benefitting the Fort Irwin toy drive, at a new location in Lake Elsinore. That same afternoon, Mark Barnett of Blue Diamond Entertainment, held his monthly car cruise at Legends Burgers in Rancho Cucamonga where toys were collected. In November, Inland Mopars hosted the Get Together & Toy Drive at Ramona Tire in Rancho Cucamonga and Mopars & Friends at MoTech Performance in Murrieta the following Saturday. The next day the rescheduled Infinite Hero, Heroes & Hot Rods car show was held in Anaheim as well as the Riverside Cars & Coffee at J&M Speed Center. Another toy drive event was held December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Automobile Driving Museum in El Segundo. The Toy Drive & Pot Luck party at the Longs in Corona was that same Saturday evening. A final December toy drive event, the Holiday Car Show and toy drive, was held December 17<sup>th</sup> in Apple Valley at Jess Ranch Marketplace, hosted by Inglis Classics. As you can see from the schedule below, the toy drive consumes months of planning and coordination between clubs, businesses, toy donation box locations, as well as Fort Irwin. Planning has started for 2023.

- May 15 - Mopars in May, Inland Mopars, Ontario (happened)
- August 20 - Heroes & Hot Rods, Anaheim (rescheduled to November 20)
- October 15 - Champion Cooling Systems, Lake Elsinore (happened)
- October 15 - Legends Burgers Cruise, Rancho Cucamonga (happened)
- November 10 - Bike Delivery to Fort Irwin (happened)
- November 12 - Ramona Tire, Rancho Cucamonga (happened)
- November 19 - Mopars & Friends at MoTech Performance, Murrieta (happened)
- November 20 - Riverside Cars & Coffee at J&M Speed Center (happened)
- November 20 - Heroes & Hot Rods, Anaheim (happened)
- December 9 - Set up for the Toy Drive & Pot Luck at the Longs (happened)
- December 10 - The Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum, El Segundo (happened)
- December 10 - Toy Drive & Pot Luck at the Longs (happened)
- December 17 - Inglis Classics Holiday Car Show & Toy Drive, Apple Valley (happened)
- December 18 - Toy Delivery to Fort Irwin (happened)
- January 7 - Christmas in January toy distribution at Fort Irwin (happened)



# Fort Irwin Toy Drive 2022 Toy Collecting Events (cont)



Toys collected at the Champion Cooling Systems Car Show at the Outlets at Lake Elsinore



Toys collected at the Get Together & Toy Drive at Ramona Tire in Rancho Cucamonga



Toys collected at the Mopars & Friends at MoTech Performance in Murrieta



Toy donation box and pickup bed of the J&M Speed Center El Camino were filled with toys from the November Riverside Cars & Coffee



Backseat & trunk of the Demon were filled with toys from the Heroes and Hot Rods Car Show in Anaheim

# Fort Irwin Toy Drive 2022 Toy Collecting Events (cont)



Toys & bags of stuffed animals collected at the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum Cruise-In with the Clauses event in El Segundo



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Santa's Rock'n Holiday in Apple Valley hosted by Inglis Classics of Hesperia brought out more cars and toys than last year

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## **Bike Delivery** *From January 2023 Scat Pack News*

Bikes were once again provided by Hilton Vail and his friends in El Cajon. He had to drive to San Pedro to pick up 70 bikes; 35 boys, 35 girls. Early Thursday morning I drove to El Cajon to pick up the trailer with the bikes. 4 ½ hours after I left El Cajon I was at the Fort Irwin visitor center parking lot waiting to be met by SGM Killea for entry to the base. I pulled up to a warehouse and was met by Debbie's favorite people, firemen. Between the firemen and police officers, the bikes were off loaded & in storage in less than 15 minutes. A few hours later I was back home thinking about the trailer return to El Cajon the next day. 711 miles in two days.



## Fort Irwin Toy Drive Party & Pot Luck

*Details can be found in the January 2023 issue of Scat Pack News*

The 2022 toy drive was winding down with two events to go. The second to last was the toy drive party & pot luck to be held at the Longs. We usually had a 24 foot trailer at the Longs partially filled with toys we had been collecting since May so it could be filled at the party. Two days before the party seven of us got together to transfer toys and bikes from our storage to the trailer prior to transport to the Longs. Michael Harding towed the trailer from storage to the Longs where Don would place it prior to the party.



From the left: Jim Froelich, Lonnie & Robin Clabaugh, Bill & Debbie Whitson, Mike Keller. Michael Harding was behind the camera.



All the boxes filled with toys moved from storage to the trailer. A little light compared to the last couple of years. A few of the bikes are shown.



Party night, the reason we were here; collect toys, sports equipment and bikes to be delivered to the military kids at Fort Irwin. Left: Bill Whitson & John Smithson. Right Barry & Bill Whitson.

## Fort Irwin Toy Delivery *From January 2023 Scat Pack News*

Toy delivery took place on Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup>. Michael Harding picked up the toy trailer from the Longs and headed to Fort Irwin while I returned home to pick up Ken Hamer, a couple more bags of toys from Duke's Café, and the U-haul van loaded with toys from the Apple Valley show plus toys purchased that week by Norma with funds from the Little Guys Street Rods Car Club.

Michael got to the Fort Irwin visitor center a little before me where he was met by SGM Killea, who escorted us in. When we arrived at the Field House we were met by the firemen and military police of Fort Irwin.

The Field House was completely empty so the few bikes we just brought and the boxes of toys looked lost. The other 70 bikes would be brought over for assembly a few days before the toy distribution, while the toys were getting sorted.

It didn't take long to have the trailer & van emptied as these guys & gals knew how to work together to get it done. Thank you .



Michael Harding has a video of the toy delivery. It can be found on Facebook and You Tube.

FB: <https://fb.watch/hx-53-Y44D/>

YT: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnlr39PO50M>

## Fort Irwin Toy Distribution-Christmas in January

*From February 2023 Scat Pack News*

The 2022 toy drive portion had ended & the toy distribution took place Saturday January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at the Fort Irwin Christmas in January event when troops and their families came back from their Christmas leave.

Prior to the activities starting, a couple of group photos were taken. This was from a couple of rows away so a few toys would be in the picture. It takes a lot of dedicated people to efficiently pull this off.



This is what the Field House looked like at toy delivery time in December.



This is what the Field House looked like on toy distribution day.

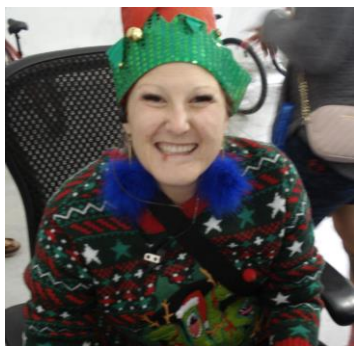
Members of MWR and others spent 4 days unpacking boxes, sorting by ages & gender, and having everything organized for the big day. This included assembling the seventy bikes. And from a different angle...



## Fort Irwin Toy Distribution (cont)



Seventy bikes from Hilton Vail and his friends in El Cajon plus a few bikes from the toy party and larger bikes from South Bay Mopars. Bikes were distributed using a drawing on Facebook Live.



MWR elf still smiling after days of prep



Drive up distribution was used again this year. No one had to get out of their vehicle. Runners would get the filled out info slip then head into the Field House to get the appropriate toys or sports equipment, and return to the vehicle. Knocked hours off distribution.



























# Fort Irwin Toy Distribution (cont)

Certificate of Appreciation from Fort Irwin



## Fort Irwin Toy Drive 2022 *From January 2023 Scat Pack News*

Please support the businesses below that supported the Fort Irwin toy drive with a toy donation box on their premises.

	<b>3D Detailing Products of Montclair</b>	4702 Holt Blvd, Montclair, CA 91763 (909) 624-5550 <a href="http://3dchemicalequipment.com/3dmontclair">3dchemicalequipment.com/3dmontclair</a>		<b>MAC Speed and Custom</b>	500 S Raymond Ave Suite B, Fullerton, CA 92831 (714) 580-7848 <a href="http://www.macspeedandcustom.com">www.macspeedandcustom.com</a>
	<b>Advance Auto Parts-Rancho Cucamonga</b>	9292 Foothill Blvd, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 244-1064 <a href="http://stores.advanceautoparts.com/ca/rancho-cucamonga">stores.advanceautoparts.com/ca/rancho-cucamonga</a>	<b>MODERN AUTO SERVICE-ALHAMBRA</b>	<b>Modern Auto Service</b>	2350 W. Main St, Alhambra, CA 91801 (626) 281-4772
	<b>Audio Shoppe</b>	6760 Central Ave Unit A, Riverside, CA 92504 (951) 687-0550 <a href="http://audioshoppe.com">audioshoppe.com</a>		<b>Molly's Souper</b>	388 N 1st Ave, Upland, CA 91786 (909) 982-1114 6 to 2
	<b>Big Wednesdays Car Show</b>	2001 E. Orangeflora Ave, Placentia, CA 92870 (714) 580-7848 <a href="http://macspeedandcustom.com">macspeedandcustom.com</a>		<b>MoTech Performance</b>	41715 Elm St #301, Murrieta, CA 92562 (951) 813-3550 <a href="http://motechperformance.com">motechperformance.com</a>
	<b>Cambra Speed Shop</b>	726 W Angus Ave, Orange, CA 92868 (714) 538-5396 <a href="http://cambraspeedshop.com">cambraspeedshop.com</a>		<b>New Image Salon</b>	1481 Foothill Blvd, La Verne, CA 91750 (909) 596-8292
	<b>Champion Cooling Systems</b>	<i>Box located at Overdriven Performance</i> 41725 Elm St #201, Murrieta, CA 92562 (951) 757-4441		<b>Overdriven Performance</b>	41725 Elm St #201, Murrieta, CA 92562 (951) 757-4441
	<b>Curtis Speed Equipment</b>	504 W Chapman Ave, Unit P, Orange, CA 92868 (714) 538-8752 <a href="http://mikecurtisdesign.com">mikecurtisdesign.com</a>		<b>PMR Race and Speed</b>	10256 6th Street, Rancho Cucamonga, 91730 (909) 941-7800 Race Shop (909) 483-2488 Speed Shop M-F: 8-5; Sat: 9-1 <a href="http://pmraceandspeed.com">pmraceandspeed.com</a>
	<b>Duke's Cafe</b>	2099 E Orangeflora Ave, Placentia, CA 92870 (714) 983-7056 <a href="http://dukescafeyl.com">dukescafeyl.com</a>		<b>Performance Online Inc (POL Inc)</b>	1550 Melissa Ct, Corona, CA 92879 (800) 638-1703 <a href="http://performanceonline.com">performanceonline.com</a>
	<b>Infinite Hero - Heroes &amp; Hot Rods Nov 20</b>	400 Disney Way, Anaheim, CA <a href="mailto:courtnevi@infinitehero.org">courtnevi@infinitehero.org</a> <a href="http://infinitehero.org">infinitehero.org</a>		<b>R&amp;R Automotive</b>	8800 Onyx Ave A, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 980-6308 M-F 8-5 <a href="http://randrautomotiverancho.com">randrautomotiverancho.com</a>
	<b>Inglis Classics</b>	17229 Lemon St Suite A-2, Hesperia, CA 92345 (281) 601-2713 <a href="http://inglisclassics.com">inglisclassics.com</a>		<b>Ramona Tire &amp; Service Center - Rancho Cucamonga</b>	11836 Foothill Blvd, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 944-9394 <a href="http://ramonatire.com/locations/rancho-cucamonga-ca">ramonatire.com/locations/rancho-cucamonga-ca</a>
	<b>J&amp;M Speed Center</b>	3230 Motor Circle, Riverside, CA 92504 (951) 688-7110 <a href="http://jmspeedcenter.com">jmspeedcenter.com</a>		<b>Team Red, White &amp; Blue, Fort Irwin</b>	Chapter Captain Heather Carr (719) 377-8771 <a href="mailto:heather.carr@teamrwb.org">heather.carr@teamrwb.org</a>
	<b>Legends Burgers-Rancho Cucamonga</b>	8775 Baseline Rd, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730 (909) 727-8220 <a href="http://thelegendsburgers.com">thelegendsburgers.com</a>		<b>The Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum</b>	610 Lairport St, El Segundo, CA 90245 (310) 909-0950 <a href="http://theadm.org">theadm.org</a>
	<b>Legends Burgers-Upland</b>	1645 N. Mountain Ave, Upland, CA 91784 (909) 920-5800 <a href="http://thelegendsburgers.com">thelegendsburgers.com</a>			

## Fort Irwin Toy Drive 2022

I am sure I have missed some, but below are the car clubs I had documented that had supported the Fort Irwin toy drive. In addition to the car clubs there were countless individuals who supported our efforts.

909 Mopars	Mopar Club of San Diego
A Bodies Anonymous	Mopar Mayhem
American Made Muscle Only	Mopar SoCal
Axle Draggers	Mopar Syndicate
Bush Wackers	Mopar Unlimited
C.P.W.	Norco Cruisers
Cadillac Kings, Inland Empire	Old Farts Racing Team
Cal Rods	Old School Cruzers
Canyon Lake Car Club	Only Rangos
Classic Tin	Outriders
Country Gents	Over The Hill Gang
CP Mopar Garage	Palm Springs Crusin Association
Cruisin' Buddies	Pomona Valley Model A
Cruisin' Brothers	Purely Addicted
Deplorables	RTS
Diamond Valley Mopars	Senior Cruzers
Drifters	Sinister Muscle
Elite Mopars	SoCal Challengers
Fast Lane Mopars	SoCal Mopar Connected
Hot Desert Mopars	So Cal Variety
Inland Empire Classic Mustang Club	South Bay Mopars
Lakeside Cruisers	Street Rods Forever
Little Guys Street Rods	Temecula Over The Hill Gang
Misfit Mopars	The Vette Set
Mopar 360	West Coast AMC
Mopar 5150	West Coast Durango's
Mopar Addiction Car Club	Winged Warriors
	WPC

## Fort Irwin Toy Drive 2022 (cont)

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# Fort Irwin toy drive brings Christmas to January

**FORT IRWIN, Calif.** – The Inland MOPARS brought a bit of extended Christmas joy to Fort Irwin families Jan. 7, 2023, when they partnered with volunteers from Better Opportunity for Single Soldiers and Fort Irwin units and directorates to deliver over 400 bikes and thousands of toys to more than 3,000 children here.

A volunteer dressed as Santa merrily waved at families as Fort Irwin military police guided long lines of vehicles through the donation area.

Families turned in wish lists to volunteers dressed as Santa's helpers, who ran basketballs, skates, dolls and bikes to the grinning children waiting to take them home.

