

The U.S. Marines Corps collected toys and donations for their Toys for Tots Christmas program Saturday, Dec. 8th, in Lithia Springs.

Newstalk WSB Radio (750AM/95.5 FM) broadcasted live from Fred's Bar-B-Que House and several activities delighted young and old dropping by to donate.

A giant M60 Tank, along with other vehicles used in the television show "The Walking Dead" and a Monster Truck were on display from Doug Cole Motorsports. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation Bomb Squad Truck was there again, compete with robot demonstrations for children.

Special guests during the afternoon included Newstalk WSB Radio/Channel 2

Action News Triple Team Traffic reporters Mark Arum, Doug "Fireball" Turnbull and Jason "Banjo" Durden. CNN/Sports Illustrated International reporter Smilin' Mark McKay, Country Music Hall of Fame Disc Jockey Rhubarb Jones and Sam Memolo, host of the Fox Motorhead Garage television show stoppped by to lend their support.

Georgia Sports Hall of Famer and former Bulldog and NFLer Larry Rakestraw signed autographs.

The WSB Skycopter Lounge and Capt. Herb Emory with his Mayberry Patrol Car was on site for photos.

NASCAR fans had holiday photos made with Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s No. 88 and Jeff

Gordon's No. 24 race cars. Photographer Howard Martin printed the photos on site with toy donations to the Marines. Nascar driver Chris Cockrum and other competitors from around the area, were there to sign autographs and talk to fans with their race cars.

Equipment from Douglas County Sheriff Phil Miller and the Georgia Police Memorial Wall honoring all fallen Law Enforcement officers in the state were displayed by the Georgia Blue Knights. The Blue Knights also collected toys from area law enforcement departments to bring to the Marines.

Civil War cannon firings, classic cars, bluegrass bands including the Mars Hill

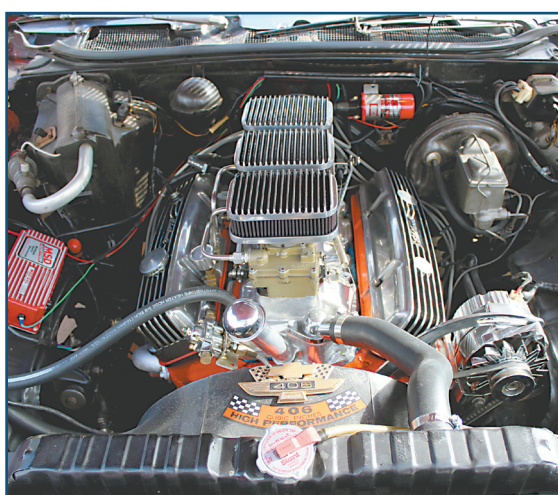
Porch Pickers and more entertained as the toys and donations were collected.

The Douglas County Sheriff's Department Explorers assisted the Marines in collecting the toy and other donations.

LifeSouth Community Blood Center mobile donor units were at the event for those wanting to donate blood.

The Faith Riders of Sunset Hills Baptist Church hosted an escorted fundraising motorcycle ride.

Newstalk WSB, Herb Emory and Fred Harris, owner of The Bar-B-Que House, have been hosting the charity event for over a decade. The restaurant is located next door to the Harley-Davidson Store, just less than two miles north of I-20 off Exit 44.



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