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## TOYS IN THE SUN RUN

South Florida wakes and shakes to December thunder.



Over 30,000 bikers were seen (and felt) thundering down Interstate-95 in South Florida last December. The herd was headed to the 21st annual Toys In The Sun Run, with all manner of toys and goodies strapped to their two-wheeled sleds. Many riders had donned traditional Santa suits for the charity ride, making it the longest line of cycle Santas in history. For one day at least, the spirit of giving cloaked South Florida. An estimated 25,000 toys were dropped off for delivery to needy kids, while monetary donations topped \$600,000, earmarked for the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital Foundation. The massive pack was led by members of the Seminole Indian tribe, as well as VIP celebrity riders including David Perowitz,

Donnie Smith, Eddie Trotta, Athena "Va-bond Chickie" Ransom and Ami James and his Miami Ink tattoo crew. Another 70,000 (!) people made their way directly to Florida's Markum Park to enjoy the pre-holiday extravaganza. At the park, music flowed from two stages. Local rockers Hep Cat Boo Daddies, Not Fragile, Truckee, Rambler and several more bands provided nonstop live music all day. Headlining the afternoon's musical potluck feast was Big Kenny of Big and Rich. Dude killed 'em co-performing in an acoustic session with singer-songwriters Brett James and Richie Supa. A little later NASCAR racing legend Kyle Petty sat in for an impressive set as well. Could a singing career be the next progression for Kyle after retiring this

year from NASCAR? A bike show, car show and 26 green acres chock-full of vendors selling everything from turkey legs to biker jackets made for a most rousing Sunday afternoon. On Friday, The Hard Rock Café had been host to a VIP kickoff party, prior to Sunday's Toy Run. Additional dollars to benefit the Boys & Girls Club were raised in an exciting celebrity charity auction there. The annual Toys in the Sun Run in South Florida is dedicated to the memory of Bob Amchir, the event founder, and is currently coordinated by Dave and Debbie Amchir (Bob's son and daughter-in-law.) For more info on participating at the 2009 Toys In The Sun Run, contact Debbie at the event website: [www.toysinthesunrun.com](http://www.toysinthesunrun.com).

—Don Rogers



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