

July 12th with the Gator Girls! Christmas in July Ride

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Whether you have been riding for a couple years or have decades under your bottom. If you're a lady rider, I have no doubt you would enjoy belonging to this sisterhood!

The event I covered was an annual event the Gator Girls embrace. This is their Christmas in July Ride which raises cash and toy donations for under privileged kids in Lake County Illinois. During last years event the Gator Girls were able to adopt 75 families! Bringing joy to a child at Christmas time, when it is otherwise unlikely is a wonderful gift indeed. And these lady's and their supporters were



excited about the start of this years drive, despite the threat of inclement weather. Supporting riders and clubs drove up to Lake Villa, IL on a very rain threatening Saturday morning, from as far away as Chicago. Carla Martin, the group's founder and president told me after the event that she felt the ride was very successful they had filled

the very large box in the store with new toys and gave me the impression that they were on their way to raising a generous collection to buy additional toys for their adopted family's at Christmas time. Let's help keep them going!

If you were unable to attend the ride that day and would still like to help the Gator Girls help these family's, please contact them and remember you can drop off toys throughout the rest of the season at Advanced Custom Design / Alligator Bob's, 39442 Rte. 59 in Lake Villa, IL.

The Gator Girls are the Northern Illinois chapter of the national organization Women in the Wind. Founder and President Carla Martin started the local Lake County Chapter in 2004. There is no doubt

these ladies love to ride. They are riding everything from metrics to v-twins, cruisers to touring bikes and are young and old alike. On their web site www.gatorgirlswitw.com you will find more about them and you can also learn about their National organization Women in the Wind at www.womeninthewind.org. The “girls” meet regularly in Lake County and have also helped bring motorcycle awareness to young drivers at the local community high schools.

Check out our web site and link to Gotcha Pictures for the Gator Girls album and send us your opinions. Watch for The Gator Girls upcoming rides on our Rides and Events section of our web site, and plan to join in on the fun.