

# CHRISTMAS FOR THE ELDERLY

The Weiss Lake Southern Cruiser Chapter 80 Riding Club did something a little different this year. For Christmas unlike the many clubs that hold their annual toy run, Chapter 80 decided to go in a different direction. Now don't get me wrong, we all love kids. But, we decided that someone else who needed a little help this year. We found out that, the Cherokee County Health and Rehabilitation Center located in Centre, Alabama needed a little help for their residents. Upon hearing about this, the members literally hit the ground running. Ray and Pat talked to some of their neighbors about what the riding club was doing for the Rehabilitation Center. The next thing they knew together with other Club members they had collected over \$1000.00 in cash which was donated to the Cherokee County Health and Rehabilitation Center in addition members approached local business and members of the community for donations of items such as tee shirts, hand lotions, shampoo, combs which could be used by the residents.

Piggly Wiggly donated over a 100 bags. The bags were then decorated by local students, From Cedar Bluff 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, Gaylesville 1<sup>st</sup> grade and Library, and Glencoe Middle School Library. The bags really looked great and added a lot of emotion to the present. One resident in particular was delighted to find out that his granddaughter Miss Anna; a teacher at Cedar Bluff School (2<sup>nd</sup> grade) had done a lot of the bags (Yes he got one of her childrens bag). The residents were thrilled to receive these gifts and had a great time talking and visiting with all the bikers. Most of them loved the roar of all the engines when we first arrived.

One resident in particular who said to call her mom told us that, she was 97 years old and wanted her picture made with all those bikers. She also said she wanted to sit on a bike. We made her wish come true. When she climbed on George's Big Dog Chopper, looking up at all of us with a great big smile she said, this has really made my Christmas. If you really want to feel welcome some where and feel that you have really done a lot of good. Go visit the good folks at the Cherokee Rehabilitation Center. This will really bring a smile to your face and a smile looking back at you from every room you enter.

Thank to the many sponsors (Wingmen Motorcycle Club, Danny's Builder Supply, 10 Cent & More, J & W Cycle, Dollar Store(411 Store-Employees, Midway, Cedar Bluff Piggly Wiggly and Biker Shack 411 and to every one who made cash donations) that helped Southern Cruisers Weiss Lake Chapter 80 make Christmas for the Elderly.

See ya on the Road  
George, Brenda and Gizmo

