

This annual event is near and dear to most of our long time members. Our toy drive, to benefit Toys for Tots, was a special time to our dear friend, Cindy Ahrens. She worked most of the year on this project, sometimes getting us a good deal on toys during the summer months. I'm sure that she would be pleased that we carry on this tradition.

This year, we moved our shopping date to late November to start filling the Sinclair truck with toys. Last year we decided that the fiscal year for our toy drive would run from December until November. This will work better for us and for the Marines who distribute the toys.

Again this year, we did our shopping at the Walmart located at the Gravois Bluffs. With donations from our members and from our club treasury, along with donated toys, we took \$2,800 worth of toys to fill two trucks at the Sinclair dealership. We followed our holiday event with a trip to a local restaurant for lunch.

We thank all of our generous members, those who helped with the shopping and to Jim Biermann for organizing toy shopping. Great job everyone.

