

Import Car Show Toy Drive May 16-18 2014, Carlisle Fairgrounds

The Toy Drive is a yearly charity activity of the Central PA Chapter of the Renault Owners Club. Our mission is simple: Deliver joy to children that would otherwise not receive it. Each year we have an Import Classic Car ride held in conjunction with the Carlisle Import Car Show through the scenic countryside around Carlisle, PA and collect toys from participants.

This is how this toy run started: I have traveled all over the world, and the common theme everywhere I go if you take the time to look there are children in need. While I wish I could solve all their problems and for that matter all the most pressing issues of the day. However, I have learned the power of giving a sick or needy child a gift can make all their other problems go away, if only for a short period of time.

We started off small and we keep growing each year with the help and support from people who give from the heart. This Toy Run belongs to everybody who participates; we have a Toy Run Committee that gives their time knowledge support and they want nothing in return. I have heard many times from our committee that they have been paid in full with the smile from a child that receives a toy.

After last year's successful campaign, we decided to team up with Carlisle Events to create a Toy Drive Competition between the Car Clubs participating in the Import & Kit Nationals. We also brought in the Marine Corp Toys for Tots as our primary recipient charity, as well as last year's the Hershey Medical Center.

We ask all attendees to bring an unwrapped gift or give a comparable donation. Most of these gifts will remain in Central, PA and be given out at Christmas time by Toys for Tots. Some will be given to sick children at Hershey Medical Center throughout the year, and others will be sent abroad to help children in need in other parts of the world.

The toys will be counted and collected by the Boy Scouts of America at the Renault Owners Club of North America Tent located just across from the registration building or at Building R at the edge of the showfield between Gate 2 and 3. All toys need to be delivered by 3pm on Saturday to be counted in the competition: the Club(s) with the most donations will receive an award and be recognized on Sunday at the awards ceremony.

Each club is encouraged to have their own drive but it isn't required. Carlisle events offers maps to scenic area drive, or you can join us. On Friday at 4PM the Renault Owners Club will meet at Gate 5, Off Cavalry Road between the Harrisburg Pike (US 11) and the PA Turnpike (I-76) just outside the Carlisle Fairgrounds. We will have driving tours which will consist of 30-45 minute drives on challenging roads surrounding Carlisle. This event is open to the public and you don't have to drive an import car or attend the show. We look forward to seeing you at the Toy Drive

