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Guardian Ad Litem Riders generate gifts via a poker run



The riders prepare for launch from Carter's Crossroads Convenience Store in Levy County as they start their journey to Cedar Key.

Story, Photo and Video

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NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA -- The Annual Ride For Toys by at least 25 Riders For The Third Judicial Circuit Guardian Ad Litem enjoyed the fourth of five stops at Carter's Crossroad Convenience Store in Levy County on Saturday morning (Dec. 2).

<https://youtu.be/qUv9iOZoc8Y>

In this video, the riders are seen departing Carter's Crossroads Convenience Store, which is on the corner of State Road 345 and Levy County Road 347. The bikers are heading out SR 345 to reach Cedar Key. Carter's was one of the stops. Following are the five stops in order: Burger King in Perry; Tennille which is at latitude 29.778 and longitude -83.326; Charlie's Landing (a bar and grill) in Dixie County; Carter's Crossroads; and the Big Deck Raw Bar, which is across Dock Street from Steamer's Clam Bar and Grill in Cedar Key.

The Third Judicial Circuit includes Columbia, Dixie, Hamilton, Lafayette, Madison, Suwannee and Taylor counties.

Levy County is in the Eighth Judicial Circuit which includes Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Gilchrist, Levy, and Union counties.

The Guardian Ad Litem is effective in every circuit of the 20 judicial circuits in Florida. This set of people help assure that children's interests are served when they are involved in a judicial matter such as child custody and the like.

This ride is a typical poker run. A poker run is where riders collect one card each of five stops. The rider with the best hand wins.

This particular poker run, though, included being conducted as a memorial to Pat Comins and Ken Dalton.

Pat Comins (Dec. 16, 1951 - Dec. 3, 2016) was a resident of Perry at the time of his passing

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away. He served in the United States Navy during Vietnam. He was married to Trudi Comins.

Kenneth Alan Dalton (Sept. 7, 1959 - Oct. 26, 2017).

Dalton served in the United States Air Force. He worked as a Computer Tech with the 9-1-1 emergency systems, with several different counties. He was a dispatcher with the Taylor County Sheriff's Office for many years. He was a member of the local AmVets, and his spare time he enjoyed motorcycle touring, with his wife Min.