



Hey, guess what? No, it's not a Redneck joke and the next line isn't 'Here, hold my beer'! I got my first real newspaper byline.

Really! I was asked to

cover our Christmas Cruise for my local paper. So, I thought you, my loyal and devoted readers, might like to see that I really do know how to use proper English. So here it is, as printed in the Vidorian Shopper.

than ever before," says Andrus.

In addition, Vidor resident George LeBlanc donated a Fire Truck pedal car that was auctioned by Ronnie Herrera, of Herrera Towing and Heavy Hauling. The bidding was fierce, but local business owner Lynn Picard was determined to take the fire truck home.

Newly promoted Police Chief, Dave Shows, served as parade marshal and led the car cruise from the bank down to IH-10 and back. Main Street was lined with families waiting to see the classic vehicles, but the real excitement was with the arrival of Santa Claus, who rode in Riley Nash's rare 1960 Buick Electra 225 convertible.

At 6PM, Vidor High School's Miss Merry Christmas, Breanna Edmondson; Mr. St. Nick, Hank Madden; and Santa lit the City's Christmas tree. The 20 ft. tree is decorated with ornaments made by Vidor Elementary, Oak Forest Elementary, and Pine Forest Elementary school students.

At the end of the night, over 100 toys and 2 boxes of food had been gathered and on Monday, Johnnie Andrus presented Chief Dave Shows with \$3000 for Blue Santa.

So there ya go, hope you liked it.

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On Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, over 130 classic and custom car, truck, and motorcycle owners turned out for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Vidor Classic Christmas Cruise held at Capitol One Bank. Sponsored by the Vidor Merchants Association, Vidor Chamber of Commerce, Capitol One Bank, and Entergy, this event served as a gathering for Blue Santa and the Vidor Christian Care Center.

Event activities began early in the day with a radio remote by Cool 92.5 radio station and toy and food donations being accepted by Chamber of Commerce President Johnnie Andrus and Chamber Secretary Jane Carter.

Several local merchants, as well as craft vendors, set up booths for easy Christmas shopping and Our Lady of Lourdes, Knights of Columbus sold links and drinks.

Show and dance band, Na Na Sha of Gonzales, LA, entertained the crowd with their lively versions of many 1950's favorites as well as several Christmas classics.

"This is the largest crowd we've had so far and the donations of toys and money are larger

