

# A Poker Run for Emma Hill

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Emma Hill is only one year old and has to battle. If you think you are having a rough time, think about what she is going to have to endure. It is truly unfortunate that anyone has to go through anything like this, but an infant just breaks my heart. When I first heard about this benefit, I knew I had to be there. When we arrived at TJ's in Pevely, the place was filled with bikers. This gave me a warm feeling to see this many people showing their support.



**Dilan and his 100 lbs of can tabs**



**Full house at Hazzards**

One person really stood out among everyone. His name is Dilan Hart. He is only 5 years old and I feel he donated more than most of us did. We donated money, but he donated his 100 tabs from beer and soda cans that he had collected for about three months. He was saving them to purchase an Xbox game. Since Dilan's little brother, Deven, also has an illness, therefore, Dilan knows first hand, that it is not fun to be sick. He asked his parents if he could give the tabs to Emma to help her get better. He

had about 100 pounds of tabs that he had collected from his family and friends. Someone said that the recycling facility is going to double his donation. Dilan gave up a toy that would have given him a lot of joy to play with. He may only be 5, but he certainly doesn't act like it.

The Poker Run took us to Hazzards Sports Bar and Grill in Fenton. After a few cold ones and lunch, we went to O'Aces in Imperial for some more cold ones. After that we took the long route to Crystal Tavern in Crystal City for, you guessed it, more cold ones. Some of this route I had never thought of taking. Someone really knows their back roads!

We all had a great time, but Stacey and I couldn't make the last stop at the KC hall in Festus. We had to pick up a friend at the airport. I am sure the dinner and music were great. I wished I could have been there.

The money raised had not been totaled when this was written, but I sure hope it will make a difference. Dilan, maybe Santa will bring you that Xbox, for what you have done.



**The rowdy group.**



**We caught up with everyone at Crystal Tavern**