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Breakfast & Drive to Altamont Springs

Our next drive is on Saturday, November 17th. We will meet at the Elks Club at 702 S Orange Ave, Green Cove Springs FL 32043 at 8:00 AM for a delicious and hot breakfast.

We will leave at 9:00 AM for a back roads ride to Altamont Springs for the Altamont Springs Art, Craft, and Wine Festival (<https://www.aacwf.com> for details). You can select a craft wine for their upcoming Thanksgiving dinner, get some Christmas shopping in, or both!

We'll regroup around 4:00 PM and head to The Half Wall Beer House to meet the Daytona Miata Club for dinner at about 5:00 PM. (<https://www.aacwf.com>).

After dinner, we'll head over to the Daytona Speedway for the Magic of Lights (<http://www.daytonainternationalspeedway.com/Events/2018/Magic-of-Lights/Magic-of-Lights.aspx>).

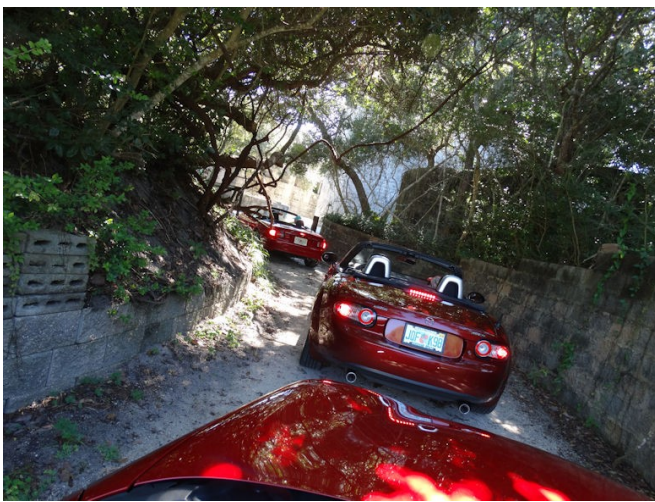
Note the Magic of Lights has a \$20/car entry fee – you can register and pay in advance at the link above.

Remember you are free to come and go as you please – it's going to be a big day to get all these activities in!



Ottis Castle Tour and Lunch at Aunt Kates on the Intracoastal

On Saturday, October 20th the weather was practically perfect for this unique destination: the Ottis Castle along A1A. We had a great turnout and the castle was amazing. The only unfortunate this is there aren't enough pages here to show all the awesome pictures!









MEET OUR MEMBERS - Michael and Patricia Hearn

Michael and Patricia Hearn joined the First Coast Miata Club in January 2016. They have graced our club with a pristine 2006 Copper Red Mica NC Miata that is always detailed and shining like the brass on a soldier's uniform. Having retired from the US Army, keeping things ready for duty and looking sharp are in Michael's nature. They acquired the NC in 2013 and put it to the test, driving in the Smoky Mountains in 2014. "I loved the way it drove" said Michael and he decided to find a Miata Club to meet like-minded people. He and Patricia love being members of the club. They love the fellowship, fun and adventure and that people from many different walks of life are united by their shared admiration of these great little cars. Road trips are great, not just for the trip itself, but for seeing the reaction of people watching 30 Miatas flashing by.

As great as any Miata looks when it rolls out of the factory, Michael thought that it could be improved. Accessories like a spoiler, chrome grill, chrome accents around the doors were added along with the custom wheels. LED lighting was next on the list of improvements with the car getting it's most recent upgrade with professionally painted racing stripes. The shiny '06 Miata isn't all show and no go, either. Performance was ramped up with a Boria exhaust and a Power Chip. All of these improvements make the slick little '06 Miata a far cry from Michael's first car, a Ford Fairlane station wagon that he paid \$500 for.

Since retiring from the Army in 1993 Michael has been active in politics and Veteran's affairs. A member of the American Legion, Michael identifies as an American Patriot. When he isn't driving or improving his Miata, you might find Michael fishing, camping or riding motorcycles. Zoom, zoom Michael and Patricia Hearn.



FCMC Events Calendar

- **November 13 — 6:30 PM: Monthly Club Meeting at Tommy's Pizza**

Our monthly meeting will be held at Tommy's Brick Oven Pizza at 4160 Southside Blvd, Jacksonville FL 32216. Come early for the food and stay after and pop your hoods!

- **November 17 — 8:00 AM: Breakfast then Drive to Altamont Springs**

Join us for breakfast at the Elks Club in Green Cove Springs and then a great fall drive to Altamont Springs to get a jump on the holiday shopping season at the Art, Craft and Wine Festival. See the front page for all the details.

- **December 1 — FCMC Holiday Party at the Bethesda Center**

Our holiday party is still in the planning stages, but you won't want to miss out on what we have in store! More details will come at the November club meeting and in the December newsletter as well as our Facebook page! Stay tuned.

Happy November Birthdays To:

Anita Wiseman, Michael Willner, Pat Boehme & Janice Eger

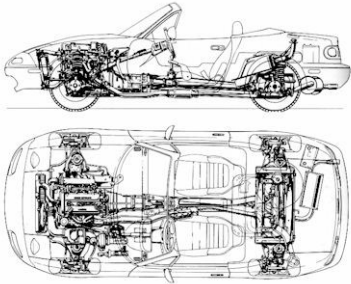
Welcome To Our Newest Members:

Sharon & Guy Demers, Larry & Janice Eger,
Bob & Nancy Deloatch and Roy & Tabatha Dickman

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Florida woman cheats death in latest unsecured-load accident Plywood slices into her car — and almost into her

A woman driving on Interstate 95 near Rockledge, Fla., on Friday escaped death when a sheet of plywood flew out of the bed of a truck and slashed through the windshield of her Honda — at neck height.

Rebecca Burgman, 35, of Melbourne, Fla., had only minor injuries. The saving grace was the plywood was wider than the windshield, so the car's A-pillars stopped it from decapitating her. But the leading corner of the plywood penetrated the car in a near-miss.

A study by the AAA showed that between 2011 and 2014, some 200,000 accidents nationwide were caused by unsecured loads, resulting in 39,000 injuries and 500 deaths.

But people keep endangering their fellow motorists. And with more people buying pickups than ever before, perhaps owning a truck for the first time in their lives, it stands to reason that the risk of this happening could rise.

No matter what you're hauling, no matter how safe you think it is, a pothole or airflow could prove you wrong with disastrous results. Secure your load with tarps and/or sturdy rope, straps or netting.

As for the rest of us: Give pickups and other trucks a wide berth and a lot of following distance, because even when loads are secured they might not stay that way — don't risk your life on someone else's knot-tying abilities: The plywood that hit Burgman's car came from a load that Jaime Riveira, 51, of Haines City, Fla., thought he had tied down. He was ticketed for faulty equipment, the Florida Highway Patrol's Lt. Kim Montes said.

