



A Monthly Publication for the Members & Friends of the First Coast Miata Club

FCMC Annual Picnic and Elections

When: Sun June 10, 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Where: Bethesda Center on Bethesda Lake

10790 Key Haven Blvd., Jacksonville FL 32218

Make plans to be at the Bethesda Center for a great day of fun, food, friends and door prizes. No one will go away hungry or empty handed! Yes, there is air-conditioning and great trails to explore along with a lake to fish at (as long as you have a license or have the required years of experience—meaning old enough not to need one!)

Even if you didn't RSVP, don't worry, we will have enough food. We just ask that you bring a side dish to share. It doesn't have to feed the masses, just enough for a few people.

We always need volunteers to help run the club. Please think about becoming an officer. The club can't run by itself. It's better with you than without you. Also, if you haven't renewed already, it's that time again. Bring your check book and renew your \$30 membership! Your dues pay for the room and main course. And did I mention there are door prizes? Yes! Also, there will be a table for you to bring in any Miata stuff you want to give away or to browse through for something you may need, all free!

See you there! And, if you have any questions, call me (Linda French) at (904) 282-9116 (H)



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First Coast Miata Club

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Call for Volunteers!

I know everyone has a lot on their plates but consider carving out a small portion of your time to be an officer of the First Coast Miata Club. The club works like our Miata engines. Yes, you come to events, and monthly meetings when you can, and that is a large part of the engine. But without club organizers to start, oil, and fuel the engine, it stalls and fails. The time commitment is what you make it, but the payoff is a working and enjoyable club. Take a look at the lists below.

If you are interested in any position, please submit your name to Linda French (904) 282-9116.

FCCM Officer Positions:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Membership
Treasurer
Events Coordinator

Elected Position Duties & Responsibilities:

President - Presides over the monthly meeting and represents the club at functions, coordinates activities and distributes information across the board.

Vice-President - Stands in for the President if they are not available and handles special ad hoc activities as needed.

Secretary - Takes at the monthly meetings of any motions, decisions, or dates of club importance. These are typed up and distributed at the next monthly meeting.

Event Coordinator - Runs the club calendar of events ensuring at least one activity per month for the membership. Events can/should be planned by members, but if none are presented, the Events Coordinator tries to provide one. The Events Coordinator also assists club members to develop their event ideas into club activities.

Membership - Keeps the club membership database (Microsoft Access) up to date, provides club information to all prospective members, handles club name badge orders and delivery to members, distributes club "stuff" (i.e., Club Window Stickers, First Contact Cards, and copies of the club by-laws). Also handles production and sale of club logo magnetic car signs.

Treasurer - Keeps track of all club monies and provides a balance report to the membership at the monthly club meetings.

There are also several non-elected, on-going positions:

Newsletter Editor (Colin Busch) - Produces the "Road Runner" newsletter using Microsoft Publisher.

Facebook Manager (Hank McLeod) - Keeps the club Facebook pages (private and public) up to date.

Web Master (Kim Cordero) - Keeps the club web page up to date (through 2018).

First Coast Car Council (FCCC) Representative (Jim Sparks) - Represents the club at FCCC meetings and events.

Irene Holt has added some nice touches to her Miata! She's added at least 5HP!



How to properly clean wheels - Clean wheels are worth the effort of doing it right

As cars become bigger and more expensive, so too have our rims. Keeping them clean and protected takes a few extra steps but is well worth the effort.

The Right Tools for the Job: To clean your wheels right, you'll need a variety of tools:

- Grit Guard
- 5 Gallon Wheel Bucket
- Wheel Brushes
- Gloves
- Wheel Wash Mitt
- Wheel Soap
- Wheel Cleaner
- Wheel Wax
- Leaf Blower



Keep Your Wheels Cool

The first thing you need to do is make sure your wheels are cool to the touch. Washing them immediately after a hard drive will cause the water and cleaning liquids to dry prematurely and make the rims streak or possibly stain due to the hot brakes, rotors, or rims.

Bucket Brigade

Fill your designated rim bucket with soap specifically designed for removing brake dust. Add 3 or 4 squirts then fill the bucket three quarters full. It's always a good idea to use a grit guard in your wheel bucket to avoid reintroducing brake dust onto your rims after it's been rinsed in the bucket.

Rinse and Soak

Next, rinse the rim with water to remove heavy debris before adding your favorite rim cleaner. Be sure to read the directions for dwell time or the suggested amount of time needed for the product to be effective.

Brushes Out

After roughly 10 to 20 seconds, use your wheel brush to clean the back of the rim first starting at 12 o'clock and working your way down the inside of the barrel. Smaller wheel brushes can be used on the caliper or other tight areas. Then, use a wheel brush to agitate the dust in the lug nut holes, center caps, exposed bolts and around the air valve. Finish the process by using a designated wheel wash mitt to clean the face of the rim and behind the spokes by curving your hand inside the mitt in order to reach the front, side and back of each spoke. Rinse the wheel and check your work before moving on to the next rim.

Brake Dust Can Scratch!

Remember, only work one rim at a time and do not allow the water, wheel cleaner, or soap to be applied to any rim that you're not immediately working on. Once all four wheels are clean, dry them with an old microfiber towel along with compressed air, leaf blower, or simply driving around the block could dislodge any remaining water trapped in the lug nut holes. Remember to never use the same towel on the rims as you would on your paint. Brake dust consists of extremely hard and jagged particles that would easily scratch your paint if mistakenly used on your clear coat.

Wax On, Wax Off

Finally, apply a wheel wax jelly to protect the rims from intense brake dust and to help make the cleaning process quicker next time. Rub the product into your gloves, then massage it into the face, lip and spokes of the rim. Allow 3 minutes to cure then remove with a clean, dry microfiber towel. Properly cleaning your rims is just as important as cleaning your paint, especially nowadays as wheels have become even more critical to the style and performance of our cars.

Roosevelt's Limo

HERE IS A BIT OF HISTORY I BET YOU DIDN'T KNOW... Hours after Pearl Harbor was bombed on December 7, 1941, the Secret Service found themselves in a bind.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt was to give his Day of Infamy speech to Congress on Monday, and although the trip from the White House to Capitol Hill was short, agents weren't sure how to transport him safely.

At the time, Federal Law prohibited buying any cars that cost more than \$750, so they would have to get clearance from Congress to do that, and nobody had time for that.

One of the Secret Service members, however, discovered that the US Treasury had seized the bulletproof car that mobster Al Capone owned when he was sent to jail in 1931.

They cleaned it, made sure it was running perfectly and had it ready for the President the next day.

Al Capone's 1928 Cadillac V-8 "Al Capone" Town Sedan Became the President's Limo in December 1941.



FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **JUNE 10 - 11:00 AM ANNUAL PICNIC & ELECTIONS**

The picnic will be held at the Bethesda Center at 10790 Key Haven Blvd., Jacksonville FL 32218. Time for good eats, officer elections and renewals. All the details are on the front page!

- **JUNE 12** - There is **NO** monthly meeting this month! See June 10th.

- **JUNE 23 - MEDIEVAL TIMES DINNER & TOURNAMENT**

This will be an all day event with more details at the June annual picnic and on our Facebook page. Medieval Times is located at 4510 W Vine Street, Kissimmee FL 34746. We won't be taking the boring interstate, but the scenic backroads of central Florida so don't miss out in what is sure to be a fun day of cruising and jousting!

- **JULY 10 - 6:30 PM MONTHLY CLUB MEETING**

The monthly club meeting may be held at a restaurant or some place else. Come to the June picnic and find out! Don't miss out on all the great things we have planned on doing!

Happy June Birthdays To:

Terry Lyons, Vince Bush, John Watson, David Wolfe ,Arved Grass, Elayne Suskalo, Michael Bates, Bradley Corner, Walt Boehme & Thomas Pacetti

Welcome To Our Newest Member(s):

Thomas Pacetti

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Group Page: facebook.com/groups/firstcoastmiataclub

Kansas man arrested attempting to have sex with a car. He was found underneath, near the car's tailpipe.

Sex in a car is surprisingly significant cause of distracted driving, but most people know where to draw the line between man and machine. According to The Kansan, a 24-year-old man was arrested in Newton, Kansas, for attempting to have sex with a car.

Police responded to a call, finding the man underneath the car. He was naked and attempting intercourse with the car's exhaust pipe.

The make and model are unknown.

After failing to respond to commands, Newton Police were forced to use a taser to subdue the man. Police say he was nearly incoherent, and they believed he was both drunk and under the influence of drugs. His blood-alcohol level registered at 0.35, more than four times the legal limit. He was taken to an emergency room rather than to jail.

The man is likely to be charged with a misdemeanor of lewd and lascivious behavior. It's unclear if he was previously familiar with the vehicle.