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Folkston Funnel Train Watching

Sunday, May 20 at 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Launch Point: TBD

Destination: Folkston Funnel Train Viewing Platform - Main St.,
Folkston GA 31537

Lunch Afterwards at Dairy Queen in Folkston. Bring snacks to share while we watch the trains go by. I suggest bringing portable chairs, umbrellas and sunscreen.

The Folkston Funnel is a double track that serves as the main artery for railroad traffic into and out of Florida. From the viewing platform in Folkston, visitors can see trains passing on their way to and from Jacksonville, Florida, in the south, and a split north of town where trains go west to Waycross, Georgia, and north to Savannah.

The platform features lights, ceiling fans, and a scanner to listen in to radio traffic between trains. Adjacent to the platform are picnic tables, a grill, and a new restroom facility for our guests.



First Coast Miata Club

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Vice-President: Open

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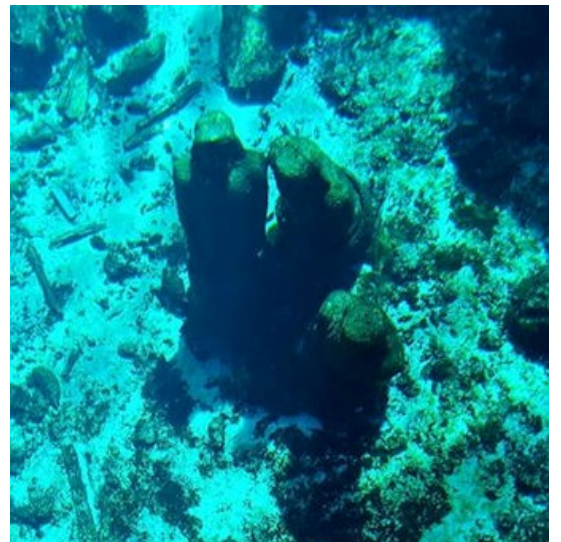
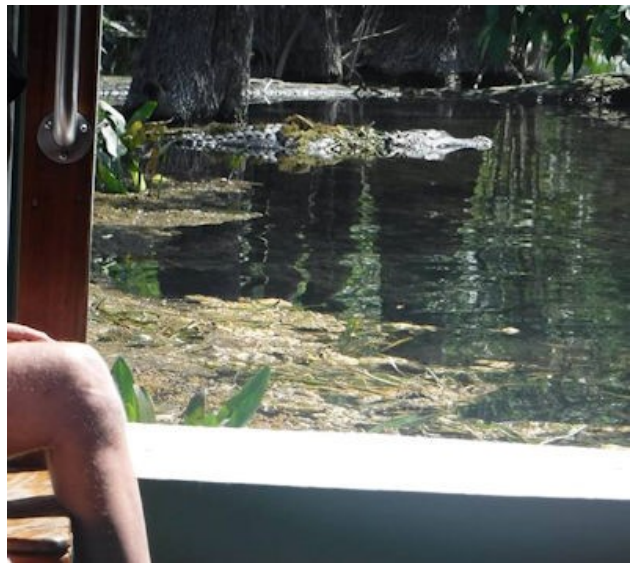
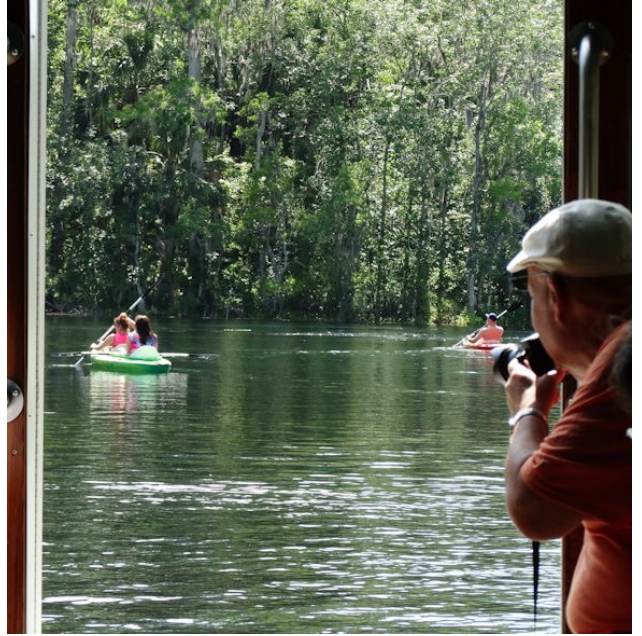
Space Coast Warbird Show—Sat, April 7th





Silver Springs Glass Bottom Boat Tour - April 29th





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 minutes 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.

FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **May 8 - 6:00 PM Monthly Club Meeting at Hodges Mazda**

Oil change/tire rotation package deals; Miata Service overview; Dentless paint repair; and a Food Truck: Holle Mollee Bistro food truck (Tex-Mex/ Cuban fusion). What more could you want!

- **May 20 - 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM Folkston Funnel Train Watching**

Remember the movie "Trainspotting"? This is nothing like that! Check out the front page for all the details and stay tuned for the starting location

- **June 10 - Annual Picnic and FCMC Elections**

All the details for our annual picnic will be on our Facebook page and in the June newsletter. You won't want to miss all the free give-aways and tasty food that is sure to satisfy! Hope to see everyone there along with all the shiny Miatas!

See a Miata in a parking lot? Leave them a FCMC membership brochure on the windshield!

Happy May birthdays to the following Club members:

**Jim Cripps, Ron Poehlman, Jennifer McLeod, Karen Dougherty,
Richard Siewert, Allana Botha, Lisa Corner, Mark Geisler,
Dana Dycus & RachelSchwerdtfeger**

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Here are this year's top 5 automaker April Fools' jokes

April 1 is the wonderful day when PR departments really push themselves to top the zany jokes they came up with the previous year. Here are a few of our favorites from this year:

- 1) Porsche announced that it's launching a Mission E tractor, styled to resemble its 1950s tractor models. "With a power output in excess of 700hp, the Mission E Tractor will be the fastest accelerating agricultural vehicle in the world, enabling farmers to harvest crops in record time with the added environmental benefits of zero emissions at source and significantly reduced operating noise."
- 2) Lexus actually jumped the gun, telling us on March 28 that it's combining cars and drivers using DNA matching. The kicker was that with DNA-matched cars, owners would be able to start their Lexuses by licking the steering wheel.
- 3) McLaren said it's boosting efficiency by quite eccentric measures, such as measuring the technology center's lake and floor tiles daily, and by synchronizing the staff's tea breaks.
- 4) BMW's motorcycle arm is solving parts availability issues in remote locations by offering a 3D printer mounted permanently on the bike's rack: If you need to replace a broken-off gear lever, you can just print one. "The new system will mean that even very rarely required parts not generally stocked by BMW Motorrad sales partners can be supplied on a just-in-time basis." BMW even went to the lengths of announcing that the "BMW Motorrad iPart 3D Mobile Printer" was tested on the Antarctic, by erecting a tent whose poles were produced onsite.
- 5) Honda UK purportedly cut the roof off a new CR-V, calling it the CR-V Roadster. Tellingly, no convertible top was even offered for the concept, "making it a no-top rather than a drop-top. This innovative design makes it a vehicle purely for sunnier climates and therefore completely useless for the two-day British summer which traditionally occurs in May."