



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

Battle of Olustee

When: Saturday, February 16, 2019, Departing at 9:00 a.m. sharp
Start: Baldwin Park N' Ride (US 301 and US 90) W Beaver St Baldwin FL 32234

Unless you must witness the scripted reenactment of the Battle of Olustee, Saturday is the best day for spectators. Not only do you have most of the day to visit the authentic camps and sutler area, but the full-scale Saturday battle is not until 3:30 pm (or 2 hours later than on Sunday). In addition, the crowds will be smaller than on Sunday. And after the battle, why rush to wait in the lines at the bus pickup points when you can take your time ambling through the camps watching the reenactors rest up and clean their weapons after fighting and dying.

After the battle is also a good time to pick up that item you saw at the sutlers that you didn't want to carry with you all day, and to obtain some refreshments. Stay longer and watch the reenactors cook their evening meals - everything from bacon and hardtack at some camps to full sit-down dinners at others - and perform everyday chores.

Admission: Debit/Credit cards are NOT accepted, so bring cash. There are no ATMs.

Adults - \$12 - Children - \$6; Pre-school age children – FREE NOTE:

Beginning in 2019, public parking is NOT allowed along US 90, at or close to the battlefield, with the exception of persons with a disability placard. FREE bus shuttle service is provided from the Dowling Center, 1.5 miles EAST of the Battlefield on U.S. 90, directly across from the Baker County Correctional Institutional. No shuttle buses will operate west of the Battlefield.

12:00 p.m. Period music concert at demonstration area.

1:00 p.m. Medical demonstration for the public at the Medical tent. All medical units are invited to participate.

1:30 p.m. Ladies Tea at the Ball Tent. Program: TBA

2:30 p.m. Period music concert at the Battlefield.

3:30 p.m. Battle reenactment begins on the battlefield.

Civil War not your thing? The Annual Olustee Festival & Craft Show features homemade Arts & Crafts from vendors all over the United States, Food & Entertainment of all kinds, and a Kids Area featuring Bounce Houses, Pony Rides, Rock Climbing Walls, Train Rides and much much more (fees apply for some attractions). It will be held in downtown Lake City, nearby.

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Meet Our Members - Kim T Pepe - Cordero

Kim T. Pepe-Cordero has been a First Coast Miata Club Member since August 2002 and is the proud owner of a super clean 1999 10th Anniversary Edition Sapphire Blue Miata named "Azul" (Blue in Spanish). Kim bought "Azul" in January of 2006 and after Kim and José carefully inspected it, they started on an upgrade path similar to the ones that José performed on his Miata first. The first priority was a good brake system. To help stop faster: Hawk HPS pads gripping the StopTech SportStop Drilled Rotors with stainless steel lines. Next, upgrades to the factory instrumentation to monitor proper engine operation, a RoadsterSport exhaust for a better breathing engine. To help go faster.....Forced Induction courtesy of a BRP-62 Supercharger.

Kim is now retired after realizing that it was more beneficial from a tax point of view. She is a CNA and multitalented in office and medical management. Being retired makes it easier for her to enjoy some of her favorite things (aside from husband José and Azul the Miata) like spending time with her grandchildren and playing and watching her favorite sports, Football and Volleyball.

Kim has some competitive spirit and has taken her car to the drag strip in Buds Creek, Maryland and in Green Cove Springs during a Miata Club Drag Strip event. She is proud of the fact that she was able to best her husband on the track that night in spite of the fact that José's car was compromised by a mechanical failure. "Azul" is quite a step up from Kim's first car, which was a Chevy Cavalier, which wasn't even supercharged like her current ride. In addition to Kim and José being long term FCMC members, Kim has been in charge, until recently, of the Club's Website. Long May You Zoom Kimmy!



Meet Our Members - José Cordero

José has been a member of the First Coast Miata Club since 2002. As a retired Naval Officer, of 32 years, he keeps his Miata is up to very high standards, having been a project manager for Trainer Aircraft repairs at N.A.S. Jacksonville. José is the proud owner of a 1996 Montego Blue Miata, which he purchased in 2000. It may have been the easiest sale the dealer ever made as he was ready to drive it away before the salesman ever got to make his pitch.

After taking possession and thoroughly detailing and inspecting it José started laying out his plans for improvements with the first priority being a sound system: JVC digital media head unit with Polk speakers in the doors and Alpine woofers in the rear deck (yes, there is room on the rear deck), a Blaupunkt amp in the trunk. Some minor additional accessories include a Voo Doo shifter, sill plates, clear front corner lights, and a K&N filter. For help sticking to the road I chose Potenza RE-71Rs on Konig wheels riding on FM V-Maxx XXtreme coilovers Sport Package. To help stop faster: Hawk pads gripping drilled and slotted rotors with stainless steel lines. If all those mods weren't enough José answered the need for speed with a Jackson Racing Supercharger.

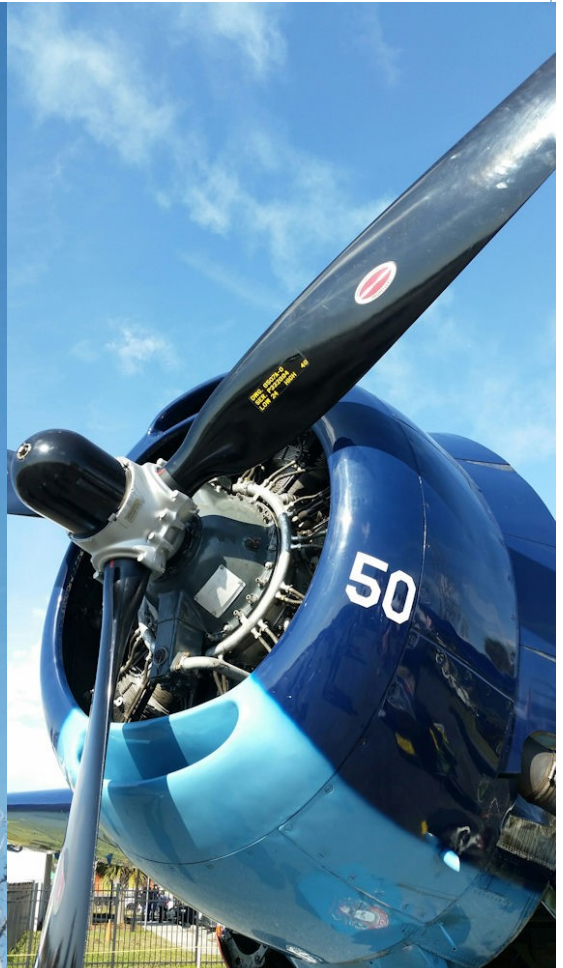
These days, though retired from the military, José still works in the same field as a civilian contractor, but finds the time to spend with his grandchildren and tinkering on projects for his house, in Mandarin, where he lives with his wife Kim T. Pepe-Cordero who is a Miata owner herself.

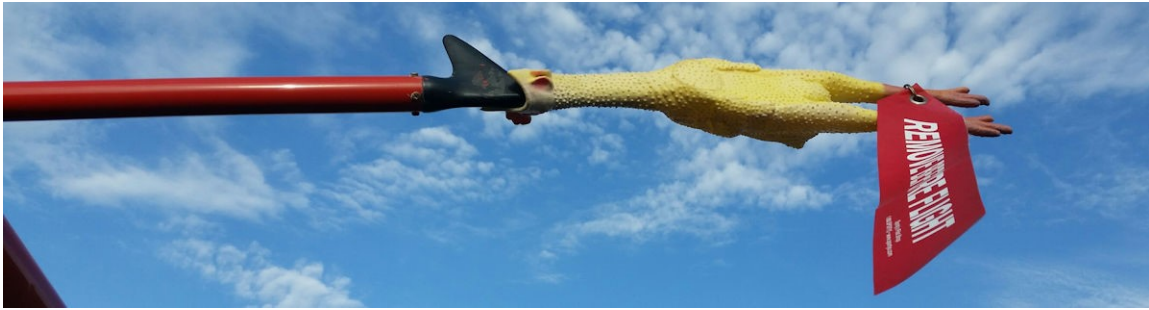
He enjoys the Miata Club and would like to see more Tech sessions and overnight events. In the past, he has trailered his Miata to Pocono Raceway for a high performance driving event. All in all it has been a long journey for José from his first car, a faded yellow 1974 Pinto with a green door. Four cylinders is about the only thing that it had in common with his pristine '96 Miata.



Palatka Classic Airplane & Car Show 2019 - Paula Horning

It was a great day after the initial chill wore off and infinitely better than the rainy day on Sunday. I talked to Mark Laszlo, who had told us about it originally at the November meeting. He said it will be on again next year. Yay! I was so excited seeing all the planes that I forgot to take pics of the wide variety of classic cars and others that were there (LOTS!). My two favorite pics are the guy with the windsock on his cap which should be captioned "a guy who always knows which way the wind blows" and the rubber chicken pitot tube cover. Why didn't I think of that?





2019 Mazda MX-5 Miata 30th Anniversary Edition coming to Chicago

It will make its debut where the original was first revealed.

While most people in the auto industry are fixated on the Detroit Auto Show just around the corner, Mazda is getting ready for the Chicago show next month. The company will celebrate the anniversary of the reveal of the original Miata there with a 2019 Mazda MX-5 Miata 30th Anniversary Edition.

Mazda released a single teaser image of the car, and it took us a minute to realize it really was a photo of a car. Looking closely, you'll be able to make out the roofline of a Miata RF in bright red. It also appears to have some gunmetal metallic wheels.

Based on those details, the car sounds similar to the 25th Anniversary Edition Miata. That model featured a special white leather interior and a matching Tourneau watch. Mazda seems to like giving out watches with its anniversary Miatas, having provided Seiko watches with the 10th Anniversary cars. Those were painted in a special blue with a matching blue top and blue and black leather interior. We're sure to have all the details on the new anniversary model's special features closer to the car's debut in February.



FCMC Events Calendar

- **February 12 - 7:00 p.m. Monthly Club Meeting**

Open for seating, dining & socializing @ 5:30 p.m. This month we'll meet at: St. John's Harbor Seafood Restaurant at 1161 S. Lane Ave, Jacksonville FL 32205

- **February 16 - Battle of Olustee!** See Front of this Newsletter for the details!

- **March 12 - 6:30 P.M. Monthly Club Meeting**

Club meeting site to be determined. It will probably be at an excellent restaurant again! That's my guess. The suspense is killing me... Stay tuned.

- **March 16 - Fun Scavenger Hunt Rally!**

Details to follow.

Happy February Birthday to:

Kim Pepe-Cordero, Bill Ogden,
Kenneth Hall, Rich Iulucci, Pierce Crabtree

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Dad not surprised 14-year-old accused of stealing pizza delivery car

Somebody needs to tell this girl that she could do anything for love, but she can't do that. The 14-year-old, police say, jumped out of the bushes to steal a pizza delivery car in Lehigh Acres, Fla., in an effort to see her boyfriend.

In a plan she reportedly devised with her boyfriend, officers say the teenager plotted the theft by first ordering the pizza to a random house, according to a report from NBC 2 out of Florida. When the delivery driver arrived and brought the pizza to the door late in the evening, that's when a witness says the girl popped out of the nearby woods and got into the car.

The getaway didn't last long. After a drive through a front yard and along a canal, the car was spotted by a police aircraft about six miles from where it was stolen. The girl was arrested, and police recommended charges of grand theft auto. She briefly spent four hours in jail. Her father, however, wishes her time in the slammer had been longer.

"She needs to go to jail," the dad said in the video report. "It's the only way you're going to teach a 14-year-old kid the facts of life."

The dad also said he saw text messages on her phone discussing robbing people with her boyfriend. Thankfully, nobody was harmed during the incident, the car was returned to the owner, and the cops got some free pizza.