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“Golden Triangle Route” Train Ride

Saturday, April 20 from 8 AM - 5 PM

Breakfast start: Elks Lodge 1892 702 S Orange Avenue (US 17 S) Green Cove Springs, FL

We will be meeting for a wonderful breakfast in Green Cove Springs and then ride on to the train station in Tavares Florida. This is the “Golden Triangle Route” train. We are planning on taking the 12:25 pm train from Tavares to Mt. Dora. Tickets purchased are good all day.

“Florida’s finest tourist attraction on rails. Entertaining excursions through central Florida’s Golden Triangle aboard classic rail cars. Comfort and style are the way to ride the rails. Enjoy the climate controlled environment as you embark on a trip that take you back in time to the Golden Age of passenger rail travel.

Adult coach fare, ages 13 and up: \$25.00: children 2 –12: \$15.00

Enjoy Premier seating in the upper dome of the Jackson Square:

Adults \$35.00 and children \$25.00

Link to purchase tickets in advance:

<https://eztrainticket.com/events/event-single.php?eventID=36&dateRange=2019-04-20%2012:25:00&eventScheduleID=4941>

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The Great Palatka Mural Scavenger Hunt! - March 16, 2019











FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **April 9 — 7:00 P.M. Monthly Club Meeting**

Our monthly club meeting will be held at the Olive Garden Restaurant at 10144 Philips Hwy, Jacksonville FL 32256. Open for seating, dining and socializing @ 5:30. Stay for the meeting to get caught up on what's coming up for the club and then stay late to check out everyone's ride in the parking lot and pop a few hoods.

- **April 20 — 8:00 A.M. “Golden Triangle Route” Train Ride**

Train rides here we come! See the front page for our April event! Don't miss it!

- **May 14 - 7:00 P.M. Monthly Club Meeting and Election (Officer positions and Duties are included)**

Will it be Olive Garden again? Come to the April meeting to find out!

***** Don't forget:** May is the end of our membership year. A renewal application is included for your convenience ***

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO:

**Jose Cordero, Gary Trbovich, Carol Everitt, Richard Wagner,
Mike Underwood, Jeff Carling, Anna Curiel & Bob Macdermid**

AND WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

**Anna Curiel & Dan Taylor, Earl Dorn, Bob & Laura Macdermid
& Jody Kinney (returning member)**

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See the wild censored license plates the California DMV rejected

Freedom of speech has its limits, including what a person can put on a custom vanity plate. The Department of Motor Vehicles in each state reviews thousands of applications and can deny any combination of letters and numbers if they find it offensive. Los Angeles Magazine recently launched an entire article dedicated to the ridiculous license plates that didn't make the cut. Some seem innocent while others are blatant in their messaging.

According to the report, the California DMV can see around 20,000 applications per month, and in 2018, there was a grand total of almost 250,000. Each application asks for the plate the person desires, as well as a brief explanation of what it means and why they want it. These forms then go to a panel of four "judges," who decide yes or no, like an emperor deciding a gladiator's fate.

Per policy, the DMV will not allow "any personalized license plate configuration that [carries] connotations offensive to good taste and decency." Phrasing it this broadly allows it to catch a variety of offenses, including things that are sexist, racist, or otherwise derogatory.

The rejected plates aren't always intentionally in poor taste. The DMV considers nicknames, slang, and other euphemisms that could potentially indicate something other than what was intended. A couple examples include BEMYBAE, ITSLIT, and FSHBALL. "Bae" means poop in Danish, "lit" can mean intoxicated, "slit" can be a used crudely, and anything with "fish" and "ball" could be misconstrued as sexual.

Check out the hilarious full list at Los Angeles Magazine online.