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“A Bridge Too Far” or “A Bridge over the River St Johns”

DESTINATION: Fernandina Beach via the Mayport Ferry (maybe)

DATE: Saturday, August 17, 2019

MEET: 5 PM at US Post Office 10990 Ft Caroline Rd Jax FL 32225

DEPART: 5:30 PM to catch the 6 pm Mayport Ferry (if working)

On August 17th the FCMC will be Miataring north from Mayport to the Surf Restaurant at Fernandina Beach.

The drive will be scenic and fun utilizing the Mayport Ferry to cross the St. Johns River to Fort George Island. If the ferry is not operational, we will be taking “The Bridges of Duval County.”

We will cruise north on scenic coastal A1A over Ft. George Inlet, across Talbot Island and over Nassau Sound to The Surf Restaurant.

The food is GOOD, the BEER is cold and the drive will be FUN !!!
So all you Miataphiles get casual, put on you driving shoes and enjoy!

SEE Y'ALL on the 17th!!!

(At the time of this publication the Mayport Ferry was out of service. We are hoping that by August 17th, everything will be fixed and back in working order. If not, then that is why we have all the bridge jokes in the title and the article. Either way, we will make it to Fernandina Beach!!!)

If you have any question just call Jim Sparks at 904-635-6030.

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2nd Annual Jim Padgett Ice Cream Drive - July 20, 2019









Are Toyota and Lexus planning to use Mazda's straight-six and new platform?

Japan's Best Car magazine has what appears to be a whopper of a rumor. The mag said it scooped Mazda's development of a straight-six engine that Mazda only revealed in March, the carmaker having buried the information in a financial statement. By way of Lexus Enthusiast and according to Google translate, Best Car writes that as it was speaking to a Toyota source on an unrelated matter, the magazine found out that Mazda's work on the straight-six was predicated on the engine's use in Toyota Group vehicles, which includes Lexus.

Here's the account of how the engine and Mazda's coming front-engined rear-drive platform, dubbed "Large Architecture," will make their way to Toyota City:

The first appearance for the straight-six, predicted to come in at a hair under 3.0 liters, is the Mazda Atenza/Mazda6 successor coming around 2022. The powertrain will get a 48-volt hybrid system for increased fuel economy, and the automaker's said to be considering a plug-in hybrid version.

Toyota's first shot at the platform and the straight-six will be whatever fills the slot of the Japanese-market Mark-X sedan. We once had a version of the Mark-X in the U.S. as the Toyota Cressida. In Japan, it's sold as a rear- and all-wheel drive option to the Camry. The Mark-X is slated to end production in December this year — a "sporty four-door coupe" on Mazda's platform and with Mazda's engine eventually taking its place.

Lexus has a number of plans for the components from Hiroshima. The next Lexus IS is said to evolve from the current sedan, using a Lexus V6 but migrating to Toyota's TNGA platform. Best Car says the IS after that, perhaps sometime around 2026, will hop onto Mazda's new platform and use the inline-six engine.

Before that, the replacement for the Lexus RC in 2022 will sit on the Mazda platform and get that inline-six. What's more, Lexus will introduce a new model to slot between the \$64,750 RC and the \$92,950 LC employing Mazda's architecture and engine. Best Car says the model will act as a "next car" for RC owners, but we can't tell if the magazine means a two-door or a four-door coupe; the article also says the Lexus model will compete with the Audi A7.

Toyota and Mazda partnered up in 2016 on technology sharing. Best Car's take is that, as was done on the Supra, Toyota is picking up all the tech can from suitable sources so that it can continue to sell models that don't make sense to develop alone. If the side effect of that is getting big sporty Mazdas to go with it, well, so much the better.



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FCMC Events Calendar

- **August 13 7:00 PM Monthly Club Meeting**

The meeting will be held at Junior's Seafood at 9349 N Main St, Jacksonville FL 3218. The meeting starts at 7 PM but come as early as you can to get the most out of your evening. Enjoy dinner at your leisure and mingle with your Miata friends. There is lots to talk about. What an evening!

- **August 17 5:00 PM - Mayport Ferry (or Bridge) to Fernandina Beach Dinner Drive**

With the sweltering heat of a Florida summer day behind you, what better way to enjoy your Miata than to drop your top and take an evening drive with the end result being in a location like Fernandina Beach for dinner! See the front page for all the details.

- **September 10 7:00 PM Monthly Club Meeting**

The meeting will be held at a nice restaurant somewhere in our area. Come to the August meeting to find out or keep an eye on our website or Facebook page! The meeting always starts at 7 PM but come as early as you can to get the most out of your evening.

Happy August Birthdays To:

Mary Lyons, Mike French, Gloria Talbert, Lance Moore Phillip Cram, Sandra Stockwell, Nancy Rentz, Paul Hellings, Robin Graham & Mary Frisbie

Welcome To Our Newest Members:

Alan Singer

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Rattlesnake, whiskey, uranium found in traffic stop of stolen car

GUTHRIE, Okla. — Police in Oklahoma say they found a rattlesnake, a canister of radioactive powdered uranium and an open bottle of Kentucky Deluxe whiskey during a traffic stop of a vehicle that had been reported stolen.

The traffic stop happened June 26 in Guthrie, about 30 miles north of Oklahoma City. Guthrie police Sgt. Anthony Gibbs told Oklahoma City TV station KFOR that police don't know why the uranium was in the vehicle or how it was obtained, though uranium ore can be bought on Amazon.

Gibbs says police also found a gun in the console and a terrarium in the backseat containing a pet timber rattlesnake.

Gibbs says the driver, Stephen Jennings, was charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, transporting an open container of liquor and driving with a suspended license. His passenger, Rachael Rivera, is charged with possession of the firearm as a convicted felon.

And then there's the uranium. Said police Sgt. Anthony Gibbs, with understatement, "The uranium is the wild card in that situation." No one's been charged yet over the uranium. Police are trying to figure out why the suspects had it.

And there are no charges over the rattlesnake. Oklahoma, it seems, has a rattlesnake season.

"It happens to be rattlesnake season at the time, so he can be in possession of this rattlesnake because he has a valid lifetime hunting and fishing license," Sgt. Gibbs said.