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When: September 21, 2019

Assemble: 8:00 am Race Trac Service Station, 9980 New Kings Hwy (US 1) Jacksonville FL 32219

Depart: 8:30 am SHARP

On a cool September morning we will be meeting at 8 am at the Race Trac Station, 9980 New Kings Hwy, Jacksonville FL 32219. We will depart at 8:30 am for a scenic backroad drive to the quaint hamlet of Folkston, Ga. Upon arrival we will enjoy and partake in one of the BEST country Buffet Breakfasts known to modern Mankind at the Okefenokee Restaurant.

After consuming copious amounts of country cooking, filling our bellies, hardening a few arteries and leaving a few pounds heavier, we will continue on our scenic backroads adventure along many twisty roads and some rolling hills perfectly suited for the Miata, working our way as indirectly as possible to Woodbine, Ga. We then will make a leisurely top down jaunt along US 17 back to Jacksonville. Although most will be topless long before we reach Woodbine.

Our drive should be completed before any College Football games kick off or the "feel-like" temperature hits triple digits. So it is once again time for all you FCCM MIATAPHILES to saddle up and have some festive food and a dadgum fun MIATA day.

SEE YA'LL on the 21st!

Mazda CX-5, Mazda6 and Mazda3 could stall due to software glitch

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Mazda is recalling 262,220 vehicles due to a software error that could cause the engine to unexpectedly stall out. The recall affects 2018-2019 CX-5 crossovers, 2018-2019 Mazda6 sedans and 2019 Mazda3 models.

According to NHTSA recall No. 19V497000, which was filed June 27, a programming issue in the powertrain control module (PCM) on select Mazda vehicles could cause the engine to shut down. More specifically, "the software controlling the hydraulic valve clearance adjuster may operate improperly when transitioning from cylinder deactivation to full cylinder activation modes." This could potentially cause the intake valve rocker arm to come out of position and hit something else in the engine. If this occurs, the engine could misfire, the engine could lose power, and the Malfunction Indicator Light would be triggered.

The recall affects 143,004 2018 CX-5s, 81,236 2019 CX-5s, 18,295 2018 Mazda6s, 2,551 2019 Mazda6s, and 17,134 Mazda3s. Some cars from those model years received the improved software at the factory and won't be affected by the recall.

Although the first report of a related issue was chronicled in January 31, 2018, no injuries tied to the problems have been reported. Mazda is expected to start its recall on or before August 26, 2019, and will reprogram the PCM with improved hydraulic valve adjustment control programming for free. Contact Mazda at 1-800-222-5500, reference No. 3719F, for more information.



2019 Mazda 3 recalled because the wheels could fall off while driving

Losing a wheel or two is never fun

Here's a recall we had to read twice before believing. Mazda is bringing in 25,003 Mazda 3s that just rolled off the assembly line, because the wheels may fall off while driving. All the Mazda 3s are 2019 model year cars, so it's only the totally new generation Mazda 3 under the gun here.



Thankfully, Mazda says there are no cases of this occurring to owners, and therefore no injuries or deaths related to the issue. As for the cause of the wheel detachment? Mazda put out a statement explaining the issue at hand.

“A manufacturing process error may result in a gap between the wheel hub bolt and hub flange during assembly. This gap causes loosening of the lug nuts though they were initially tightened to the correct specification at the plant. A rattling noise occurs prior to a wheel detachment from the vehicle,” Mazda says.

It's heartening to see Mazda did in fact tighten the lugs at the factory, but still extremely troubling to see that they can loosen all on their own. Our advice? Walk on out to your shiny, new Mazda 3 and torque those lugs to spec. If you don't have a torque wrench, then just use the wrench that came with the car to make sure they're not loose.

Those that have a new Mazda 3 should be on the lookout for a recall notice in the mail. You'll then be able to take the car to the dealer for Mazda to fix the problem. Until then, just keep an eye on your lugs. A wheel flying off while driving at speed is always a recipe for disaster, and we sure do enjoy driving the new Mazda 3 at speed.

Mayport Ferry to Fernandina Beach Dinner Drive (Pics by Irene Holt)

August 17th was a rainy day, but most of the rain had tapered off by the time of our drive. The hearty souls who came out enjoyed the trip across the water on the rebuilt/refurnished/repared ferry (no bridges required) and the scenic drive up the coast to Fernandina Beach for a wonderful dinner. Even Chuck Belinski was there!





2019 Ponte Vedra Auto Show

Name: 2019 Ponte Vedra Auto Show

Date: September 15, 2019

Time: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM EDT

Website: <http://www.pvautoshow.com>



UPDATE:

There are two events going on at the Ponte Vedra Auto Show. The actual Auto Show, and the Car Corral. The first is to show your car the second is to sell your ride. I marked in RED the Auto Show registration link.

The First Coast Miata Club would like to invite everyone to attend the First annual Auto Show at the Ponte Vedra Auto Show. This is not being sponsored by our club, but it would be a great event to show our cars! If you're able and willing please follow the instructions below. If you just want to attend its free to the public.

Event Description

Want to show off your ride or don't have a car to enter? Do you have a significant car or truck to sell? You are in luck for the first time the Ponte Vedra Auto Show has added a Car Corral to this year's show!

For \$25 you can reserve your space and expose your clean machine to hundreds of potential buyers. The area will be adjacent to the Auto Show field, exposing your vehicle to thousands of spectators maximizing exposure!

Car shows and Concours are great places to look for a classic or muscle car, the Corral will provide the opportunity to speak with a prospective buyer in detail about your car. This buying experience is much more desirable than buying a car from pictures online or from a classified advertisement. Sign up quickly as this is going to be sold out!

Reserve your space today-spaces are limited!

Auto Show Registration <https://www.sjcchamber.com/events/details/2019-ponte-vedra-auto-show-167>

Car Corral (Sell your car) <https://www.sjcchamber.com/events/details/car-corral-1295>

FCCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

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

The meeting will be held at La Casita Mexican Restaurant at 20 N. Orange Ave. Green Cove Springs, FL 32043. Come early and hang out with fellow club to get the most out of your evening. Then stay late to pop the hood on a Miata or two and check out everyone's ride! Note: Parking is in the rear.

- **September 21 - 8:00 am. Sept Drive (Details on Front Page)**

A leisurely drive through south Georgia

- **October 8 - 7:00 p.m. Monthly Club Meeting—location TBD**

The meeting will be held at a nice place that serves food, I bet! Make sure to be at the September meeting to help choose the best location. Make your voice heard! And keep an eye on our website and Facebook page!

Happy September Birthdays to:

Paula Horning, Mike Dougherty, Beth Walker, Ronald Emanation,
Mike Hearn, Irene Holt, Hank McLeod, Ann DeHart, Steve Lindsay,
Jody Kinney and Jackie Sobotka

Welcome to Our Newest Members:

Jack Milano (previous member) & Kathy Croft, Cecil & Nancy Broome
and Robert Bradley

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Florida carjacker thwarted by stick shift. Suspect couldn't drive car, stalled it.

(CNN) - A man was arrested in Florida after sheriff's deputies say he tried to steal a car from an elderly man in Orlando.

The reason he was unsuccessful? He didn't appear to know how to drive a stick shift, according to the Orange County Sheriff's Office.

The incident occurred when an elderly man left his car running with the keys in the ignition while he was putting his walker into the trunk.

According to the sheriff's office, a man, later identified as 25-year-old Jaylen Alexander, allegedly attacked the elderly man, slamming the hood of the trunk on his chest and his walker.

Alexander is accused of then getting into the man's car, locking the doors and trying to drive away. After stalling multiple times, Alexander left the car and took off running, the sheriff's office said. The elderly man told authorities he believed the reason Alexander stalled was because he did not know how to drive a manual transmission, according to a sheriff's arrest affidavit.

A few minutes later, Alexander allegedly stole a car from a health care clinic across the street, where a woman had left her car running while she went to get her mother from inside, the sheriff's office told CNN affiliate WFLA. Deputies say they chased Alexander, eventually catching him across town.

Alexander is charged with carjacking, battery on a person age 65 or older and grand theft of a motor vehicle, Orange County court records show. Alexander was arraigned Thursday. It is unclear whether he has formal legal representation at this time.