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### October 17, 2020

**Drive to Ft Clinch State Park** 

Date: Saturday, October 17, 2020

Meeting Time: 9:00 am - Departure Time: 9:30 am

Meeting Location: Gate Gas Station, 4100 Hecksher Drive., Jax., FL 32226

We will take Highway A1A North to peaceful and relaxing Amelia Island. There we will visit the historic Fort Clinch at Fort Clinch State Park. Entry Fees are \$6 per vehicle for the park, \$2.50 per person to enter the fort. If paying

with cash, exact change only. Credit Cards and FL State Park Passes are accepted. After the tour of the fort, lunch will be at the Natural Slice Pizza and Surf Shop. Create-Your-Own or Specialty to make your perfect pie.



#### Inside this issue:

**Mystery Drive** 2 Leave the Gate gas station and turn RIGHT onto Hecksher Dr., .8 miles. Continue straight on Hecksher Drive to Florida A1A N, 21.3 miles. 3 Mystery... At the traffic circle, continue straight on Florida A1A N, .1 miles. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> traffic circle, continue straight on Florida A1A N, .5 miles. ...Drive At the 3rd traffic circle, continue straight on Florida A1A N, 2.0 miles. At the 4th traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto Florida A1A N/S Fletcher Ave., **Magical Mystery Drive** 5 3.7 miles. At the 5th traffic circle, continue straight on Florida A1A N/S Fletcher Ave., Stolen from the Internet 2.0 miles. Turn LEFT onto Atlantic Ave., .2 miles. **FCMC Events Calendar** 7 Turn RIGHT onto Fort Clinch Rd., .01 mile and we are THERE! Tour the fort we will then travel in caravan to 75 Amelia Village Circle, Faux Enzo Fiero!?!?! 8 Fernandina Beach, FL to the Natural Slice Pizza and Surf Shop.

Below is our route. Print a copy to keep on hand for directions.

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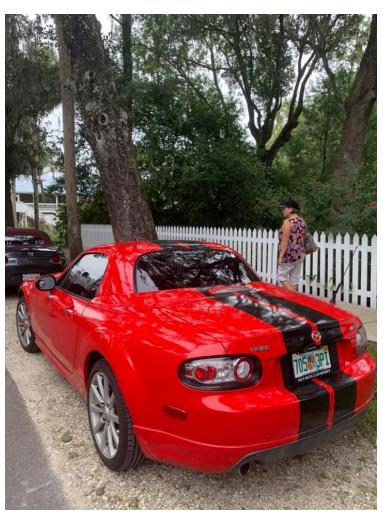




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### **FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR**

October 13 - 6:00 pm Monthly Club Meeting

The meeting will be held at 4 Rivers Smokehouse at 220 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073. Come early and hang out with fellow club members 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!

October 17 — 9:00 A.M.: Drive to Ft Clinch State Park

We are meeting at the Gate Gas Station on 4100 Heckscher Dr. This is a great drive and a neat event so don't miss it! See the front page for all the details of this exciting and educational drive!

November 10 − 6:00 pm Monthly Club Meeting

The November monthly meeting will probably be held at a restaurant. Place your bets. The oddsmakers give it 2-1 odds.

December – FCMC Holiday Party

More details as this gets closer, but expect the usual fun and games!

#### **HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO:**

Cindy Busch, Chuck Belinski, Linda French, Jeff Eakle, Dave Talbert, Stan Sobatka, Patrick Morrow and Ken Tureski

Welcome To Our Newest Members:
Roger Ross

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### Want to buy a worst-in-show-winning Faux Ferrari Fiero?

Today we bring you something truly terrible. It's not just a fake Ferrari built on the guts of an old Pontiac Fiero, it's actually the world's worst fake Ferrari built on the guts of an old Pontiac Fiero. And it's got the award from the Concours d'Lemons to prove it. It's so heinous, in fact, that it has somehow managed to become desirable, at least judging by the bidding history of this bright red affront to Maranello.

Powered by a 140-horsepower 2.8-liter V6 engine (covered by an unconvincing and broken fake V12 cover) hooked to an automatic gearbox, this gloriously poor Prancing Horse won't be winning many stop light drag races. There are bundles of stray wires hanging down from the dashboard, it has high mileage, most of its lights don't work, and it's ugly. Like, really ugly. And to top it off, this Fauxrarri can't currently be registered in its home state of California because it has failed its most recent smog test.

Put simply, you're looking at a total piece of junk. But a piece of junk with internet notoriety, having been featured on an episode of Jay



Leno's Garage after attending the 2019 Quail Motorsports Gathering — by mistake at first, and then earning a special place next to the porta potties — being the focus of a video series on YouTube and winning the aforementioned ribbon for Worst in Show at Lemons. Somehow, bidding has topped \$4,000 at the time of this writing.