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CITY ESCAPE DRIVE

WHEN: January 23, 2021

MEET: 9:30 a.m. Publix parking lot 450 SR 13 St. Johns, FL 32259 (SR 13 & Racetrack Rd)

DEPART: 10 a.m.

Time to escape the winter grasp of city living and all of the COVID stuff for a while by going for a leisurely scenic drive. The drive will last about two hour and we should be done by lunch time.

The drive will be along the scenic and serene St. Johns river through the bustling city of Palatka and back up US 17. The drive will leave US 17 proceeding to County Roads 209 and 214 along with Decoy Rd thrown in the mix for a fun and relaxing morning.

The CITY ESCAPE DRIVE will end at the SONIC DRIVE IN on Fleming Island for a socially distant lunch as we return to the reality of city COVID life.

The Drive will be FUN and we already know that MI-ATPHILES are fun people, so shine 'em up, gas 'em up and come have a great time at the CITY GREAT ESCAPE.

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Daytona Speedway Magic Lights - 12/19/20 Pics by Irene Holt









Historic Springfield Main St Cruise - 12/26/20 Pics by Renee Parenteau



FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **January 12 - 6:00 p.m. Monthly Club Meeting:**

Our monthly club meeting will be held at a nice and tasty restaurant (the site to yet be determined). So keep an eye on your club webpage and/or our Facebook page! You won't want to miss out on what's cooking for 2021!

- **January 23 - 9:30 a.m. City Escape Drive**

We are meeting at Publix at 450 SR 13, St Johns FL 32256 and then departing at 10 am for a scenic drive along the St Johns River. After this relaxing cruise, lunch will be at the Sonic Drive In for a socially distancing lunch. See the front page for all the details!

Upcoming/Planned Events:

- **February - Something wonderful!**
- **March - Another amazing event!**
- **April - Definitely Top Down Driving Weather!**

You definitively don't want to miss out on all the fun-filled, action-packed drives we have planned for this year with many more to come!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! ...and Happy January Birthdays to:

Jim Sparks & Jacques Milano

Welcome to Our Newest Members:

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Class ring found 50 years ago in a Chevrolet Corvair reunited with its owner

In the late 1960s, the owner of a 1960 Chevrolet Corvair poked around the driver-side footwell to investigate a sticking pedal. Much to his surprise, the issue wasn't due to a linkage-related problem; it was a class ring that a previous owner or a previous passenger had lost.

According to The Oregonian, the owner kept the ring instead of selling it. He gave it (and, later, the car) to his daughter, Cindy Johnson, and she stored it in her jewelry box for over half a century.

Fast forward to 2020, and Johnson dusted off the ring in hopes of finding its owner. Admittedly, the odds were against her; the only information she had to work with were the initials SUHS, A, and an H. She quickly realized the first set of letters corresponds to the South Umpqua High School in Myrtle Creek, Oregon. The last two were likely initials, and scanning the school's yearbook gave her a name: Arch Hudelson. Luckily, Hudelson was the only 1968 graduate whose first name started with an A.

Contacted via email, he told Johnson that he had lost the class ring he worked hard to buy decades ago, and the two agreed to meet in a park in Fairview, Oregon, to see if he could identify it. It was indeed his, though he couldn't remember how — or when — he lost it. He said he had never owned a Corvair. He also remembered his briefcase was stolen in Portland, Oregon, decades ago, and his class ring may have been in it at the time.

"Found it in a Corvair? I'll be darned. I can't imagine how the thing got there," he told The Oregonian. He plans to have it resized so he can wear it occasionally, "but it's not going to wind up in a 1960 Corvair again."