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## BURGER AND A MUSEUM

**WHEN: SATURDAY APRIL 17, 2021**

**MEET: 10:00 AM GATE STATION US1 (PHILIPS HIGHWAY) AND CR 210**

**DEPART: 10:30 AM**

WE WILL DEPART THE GATE STATION AND MOTOR TO THE FORD GARAGE AT BOZARD FORD IN ST. AUGUSTINE FOR AN EARLY LUNCH. THE RESTAURANT PROVIDES A UNIQUE SETTING AND GOOD FOOD.

AFTER LUNCH WE WILL TAKE A BACK ROADS DRIVE TO THE CLASSIC CAR MUSEUM FOR A TOUR. THE MUSEUM IS LOCATED JUST SOUTH OF ST. AUGUSTINE. (4730 DIXIE HWY (US 1) 32086)

THE ADMISSION FEE FOR THE MUSEUM IS \$12 PER PERSON.

THE MUSEUM WILL BE HOSTING A CARS AND COFFEE CRUISE THAT AFTERNOON STARTING AT 5 PM FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN STICKING AROUND.

A DAY OF TOPLESS DRIVING , GOOD FOOD AND CLASSIC CARS SOUNDS LIKE THE THING TO DO ! I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL YOU WILD AND CRAZY MIATAPHILES ON THE 17TH.

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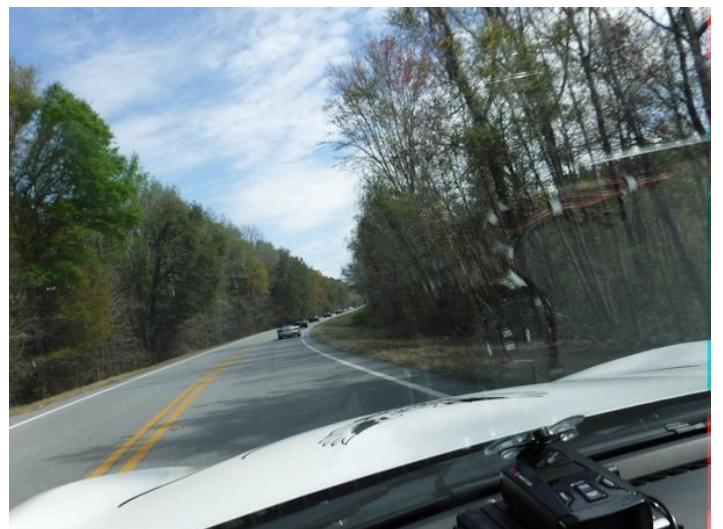
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## Mystery Drive - 03/20/21 Photos by Irene Holt









# BEST MIATA PICS STOLEN FROM THE INTERNET



## FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **April 13 — 6:00 PM Monthly Club Meeting**

Our monthly club meeting will be held at Mazda City 6916 Blanding Blvd, Jacksonville FL 32244. The dealership is catering the meeting so plan on attending!

- **April 17 — 10:00 AM Burger and a Museum**

Just when you thought you've seen it all. Well, you haven't. See the cover page for all the cool details!

- **May 8 - Annual Club Picnic/Officer Elections**

We will meet at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville to catch a game and elect new officers. The food is being provided by the Jumbo Shrimp. We will have good food, good fun and catch a game as well! See you there!

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May is the membership renewal month and the time that we elect new officers. Positions are available and ***volunteers are needed***. Please consider volunteering to serve. Board duties are not overly time intensive and routinely take only a couple of hours every month. Without your involvement, nothing would happen. If you are interested let a board member know.

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### HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO:

**Jose Cordero, Gary Trbovich, Jeff Carling, John Chamblee,  
Gail Finneran, & Greg Hassler**

### AND WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

**Rick Frey & Eddie Tukiendorf**

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## Mercedes wants to put sketchy valets out of business with Intelligent Park Pilot

For true car enthusiasts, there's few situations quite as chill inducing as pulling up to a venue and realizing that it's valet parking only. Mercedes-Benz has released a short film that plays on those fears to promote the new S-Class. Specifically, "Valet Guys" is an ad for the new Intelligent Park Pilot function that allows your car to find its own parking space (in properly equipped parking structures).

For most of the two-minute video, a group of guys pull J-turns, donuts and drifts in a bunch of near-classic Benzes. They even launch an R107 Mercedes SL into the sky, Dukes of Hazzard-style. It's actually a pretty entertaining reminder of how 80s and 90s make great pre-CGI stunt vehicles.

Oddly, the video doesn't really show what Intelligent Park Pilot actually does, which feels like a bit of a fail. It's much more than the automatic parking system that Lexus introduced on the LS some 15 years ago. Here, you pull the car up to a designated zone in the parking garage, leave the car, and activate the self-parking system on your smartphone.

After clicking through a few warnings (Did you leave anything in the car, like belongings or a child?) the car will seek out its own parking spot, reversing, steering, and even stopping for other cars as it navigates the garage on its own. Then, when you're headed back towards the garage, you can summon the car with your phone so it's ready and waiting for you in the drop-off/pick-up zone.

Here's the web address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2fTdLO0WKA&t=91s>