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4th Annual Jim Padgett Ice Cream Drive

When: Saturday, July 17, 2021

Meet at: Baldwin Park & Ride, 801 W Beaver St, Baldwin FL 32234 at 6:00 pm; Depart: 6:30 pm

The annual Jim Padgett ice cream drive will take us from Baldwin, FL To Powell's dairy freeze in Starke, FL for a myriad of cool summer treats as well as burgers, fries and whatever.

The drive will meander thru farm and cattle country along scenic byways offering Miata driving roads with minimal traffic and only two traffic lights after we leave the thriving metropolis of McClenny FL.

The "Lake to Lake" Miata club from Ocala is planning to join us at Powell's. So gear up bring your hats, your appetites and of course your Miatas for a delightful evening of Miata fun.

See all you miataphiles on the 17th!!!



“A Work of Art” Drive Article by Linda French



Tropical Storm Claudette threatened but was never an issue. It turned out to be a perfect driving day. Around 25-26 Miata's (depending on who counted) showed up and were ready for a treat! They were not disappointed. This event had it ALL! Art Houde devised a fantastic route in and around Lake City showcasing great back roads with exceptionally light traffic, LOTS of curves, “hills” (this IS Florida after all), and sharp 90 degree turns.

But like any event it also had a couple of bumps. Gerry Trbovich's Check Engine Light came on and forced him to pull out early. He drove back home hoping his car would be ok to make the trip. It was. He reported he made it back safely and we are still waiting to hear about the cause of the warning light. When leaving the pit stop one Miata suffered a dead battery. But Irene Holt saved the moment by pulling out her handy-dandy Jump Starter and gave his battery the needed “goose”! Later, a couple of Miata's missed a turn but were quickly hunted down by a couple of our fastest drivers and returned to the caravan. If all of this wasn't enough excitement, a box turtle tried to hot foot it across our path. But with keen eyes and a radio “heads-up”, we all missed him! There was plenty of open road behind the last vehicle, so we are certain he made it to cool green grass.

They were ready for us at Ken's BBQ. They served us quickly and the food was outstanding. After lunch, a second volley of driving took place for those who just could not get enough of the curves and turns. In every way a terrific drive! Thanks Art!









Caffeine & Octane and Cars & Coffee Are Joining Forces!!!

On July 10th, Cars and Coffee will return to the Avenues Mall from 8 am - 11 am. Cars and Coffee is partnering with the world famous "Caffeine and Octane of Atlanta". The new name of the event is Caffeine and Octane of Jacksonville. Folks this is a big, big deal!!!

The event organizers have approached our club with two needs.

First, they could use our help on Friday, July 9th, setting up the parking lot with signage and barriers for Saturday's event. We are asking all those interested in helping to meet at the Ale House Restaurant at the south end of the Avenues parking lot at 6:30 pm for dinner. At 8 pm we will meet with the organizers to assist with the set up (about 1 & 1/2 hours).

The second request is a great opportunity for our club. The event would like to feature the First Coast Miata Club in the "Enthusiast Paddock". Only Miatas will be allowed in the defined area. Those participating need to arrive by 7:15 am on Saturday, July 10th to be guided to the appropriate parking area. The event ends at 11 am however, participants may depart the paddock area at any time they choose. This invitation, extended by the organizers, is truly an honor for our club, so let's do it right and be a valuable part of the historic first ever Caffeine and Octane of Jacksonville.



FCMC Events Calendar

- **July 10 - 7:15 am Caffeine & Octane (previously Cars & Coffee)**

See details on page 6.

- **July 13 - 6:00 pm Monthly Club Meeting**

Our monthly club meeting will be held at Culhane's Irish Pub at 9720 Deer Lake Ct, Jacksonville FL 32246 (Tinseltown). Come out for the delicious food and stay late to pop a few hoods!

- **July 17 - 6:00 pm 3rd Annual Jim Padgett Drive to Powell's Dairy Freeze**

To beat the summer heat, we will be driving in the evening to our favorite ice cream spot in Starke: Powell's Dairy Freeze. Take the road less travelled, but take it in the evening! See all the details on the front page. Come out and beat the heat with your fellow Miataphiles with some ice cream!

- **August 10 - Monthly Club Meeting**

This will be fleshed out at the July meeting. Time to get creative. Show up at the July meeting to throw out your suggestions! More details coming soon!

- **August 21 - Take the Ferry Drive to Fernandina**

Another evening drive to beat the heat of a Florida summer. Beat global warming with some delicious ice cream after beautiful evening drive and dinner in Chuck Belinski country! Much more details to follow!

Happy July Birthdays to:

**Patrick Graham, Colin Busch, Carole Bush, Javier Fernandez,
Renee Parenteau, Nancy Deloatch & Cathie Tureski**

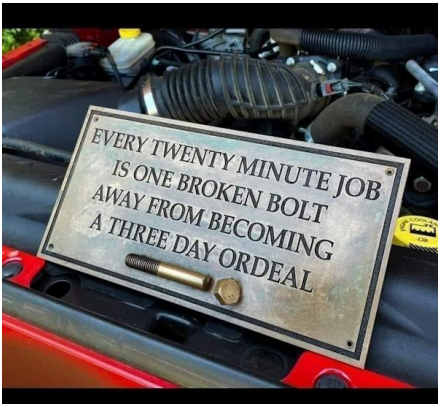
Welcome To Our Newest Members:

Fred & Natalyn Lozano (returning members) and Charles & Teresa Lifer

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Dog ejected from vehicle in Idaho crash found days later herding sheep

SPOKANE, Wash. — A pet dog who vanished for two days after being ejected from a vehicle during a car accident has been found apparently doing the job it was bred to do — herding sheep.

Linda Oswald's family and their dog, Tilly, were driving along Idaho State Highway 41 on Sunday when they crashed into another car, launching the dog through the rear window, The Spokesman-Review reported. The unharmed but stunned dog then ran away, prompting an immediate search with at least six complete strangers who witnessed the crash and pulled over along the highway to help, Oswald said. "People just kept going out," Oswald said, noting that the search lasted about 10 hours on Sunday before the family went home. "We were sore and exhausted."

Oswald said the family then wrote a Facebook post that included a picture of the male 2-year-old border collie and red heeler mix and more than 3,000 people shared the post. That's when Tyler, Travis and Zane Potter recognized the dog in the photo as the same dog they saw on their family farm south of Rathdrum on Tuesday. At first they thought he was one of their herding dogs, but he wouldn't come when they called him. Both the Potters and Oswald think Tilly was drawn to the farm and their sheep. "I think that dog was trying to herd," Travis Potter said.

"He'll herd anything," Oswald said. "When I go to the dog park, he tries to herd the people into one group." Oswald said if it weren't for the Facebook post, he would still be out there.

But the story ended well, at least in dog terms. When Tilly got home, "The first thing is he ran in and drank out of the toilet, which he's never done," Oswald said. "He was so thirsty."

