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Double Your Fun Double Feature

On November 6th we will meet at Hardee's at 9210 Baymeadows Rd., Jacksonville FL 32256 to drive to the J-TECH training facility for an Old Fashion Drive-In Movie.

We will leave Hardee's at 5pm and caravan to J-TECH. The movies will be Disney's "Cars" and "Thunder Road". There will be food trucks on site.

The cost is \$10 per car, with all proceeds donated to Ronald McDonald's House.

So come one, come all and have a good time with your fellow MIATAPHILES. SEE YOU SATURDAY!!!



Mill Creek Horse Farm Drive - 10/23/21









FIRST COAST MIATA CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 11, 2021

Pavilion at Lake Bethesda Park
10790 Key Haven Boulevard
Jacksonville, FL 32218

Noon to 4:00 p.m.

\$10 per person for members and a guest

Catering by Monroe's Smokehouse and
BBQ

Menu consists of Pulled Pork, Smoke-
house Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Cole
Slaw, Baked Beans, Sweet Potato Soufflé,
Texas Toast, Monroe's Signature Sauces,
Sweet & Unsweet Tea, and Lemonade.

Guests are encouraged to bring a dessert
to serve 6-8. This is optional.



Each person who wishes to participate in the Gift Exchange will bring a wrapped gift valued at \$25 or less. Use your imagination. The gift does not have to be car related.

There will be door prizes and lots of gifts compliments of your local Mazda dealers, First Coast Miata Club, and Moss Miata.

If you have any Miata related items you no longer want, bring them for our "Give and Take" table.

RSVPs in the form of payment **must be in by November 15**. Mail or give your payment, by check or cash, to Paula Horning. Payment by credit card can be made at the November meeting. Questions? See your email invitation for more details or call 904-518-5300

We will need several volunteers for set up at 11:00 a.m. and to restore the room to its original condition at 4:00 p.m. If you are available for one or both times, please notify Paula.

It's been a while and we look forward to this fun event. Hope to see everyone there!

FCMC Events Calendar

- **November 6 — 5:00 PM: Double Feature Movie Drive**

We will meet at Hardee's at 9210 Baymeadows Rd, Jax FL 32256 to drive to J-TECH for an old fashioned Drive-In Movie double feature (Cars & Thunder Road)! See the front page!

- **November 9 — 6:00 PM: Monthly Club Meeting**

The meeting will be held at Whitey's Fish Camp at 2032 County Road 220, Fleming Island, FL 32003. 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!

- **December 4 — Green Cove Springs Christmas Parade**

More details will be coming soon here and on our club website and Facebook!

- **December 11 — FCMC Holiday Party**

In lieu of our monthly club meeting we will be having our annual holiday party at the Bethesda Center. All the delicious details are on the previous page. Come out to see everyone's ride and then enjoy all the food and swap gifts! See you there!

Happy November Birthdays To:

Stan Brunsman, Zach Ference, Joshua Torres, Anita Wiseman, Walt Boehme, Aryn McCall, Nancy Moore, Hamilton Olarte and Sue Stone

Welcome To Our Newest Members:

Patrick Vriesenga & Aryn McCall, Lisa & Tom Luptak, Stan & Joanne Brunsman, Jennifer & James Weseman (Returning) and Kevin & Marlene Koehl (Returning)

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you have to appreciate the
humour ... older guys will
understand



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Portland gets a little less weird as it takes down Merge Simpson sign

Portland never disappoints. An anonymous someone recently took advantage of a growth of ivy on a pole at the top of an I-405 onramp, and added a sign beneath it that said "Merge Simpson." As Nelson would say, ha-ha!

But The Oregonian reports that city officials, while surely tolerant of Portland's inherent weirdness — this is the town that just renamed a nearby bridge Ned Flanders Crossing — couldn't let this particular joke stand. Unfortunately, the likeness of Simpsons matriarch Marge covered up a pedestrian caution sign for the crosswalk at the freeway entrance. It's funny, but you'd hate to see a pedestrian get mowed down over it. So a city transportation crew has since taken Marge down.

Fortunately, Merge Simpson will live forever on social media. And between this and the Flanders bridge, you have to wonder what's next for "Simpsons" creator Matt Groening's hometown. The Merge Simpson onramp is from Northwest Couch Street, so maybe somebody can do something with the couch from the show's opening credits. Also, a lot of things in Portland could be considered Krusty.

