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## Green Cove Springs Christmas Parade

December 3, 2022 - Meet: RaceTrac Gas Station at 3106 US-17, Green Cove Springs, 32043 at 3:00 PM.

The Club membership is planning on participating at the annual Green Cove Springs Christmas Parade. It is a fun time to decorate your car and show your Miata Christmas Time Spirit.

This "Drive" will be short and at low speed. But it will be fun, because IT'S A PARADE! It's a night parade, so light up those Miatas! The parade begins at 6PM, but staging begins at 3:30.

We will meet at the RaceTrac Gas Station, just north of Green Cove, at 3:00 PM. We will leave there by 3:15 to check in and proceed to the staging area together. You will then be able to decorate your cars and get ready for the parade there. Bring a flashlight - you may need it if you need to remove decorations in the dark after the parade.

THE TIMES ABOVE MAY CHANGE AS THE EVENT NEARS.



# Best British Car Show - 10/22/22













## Miatas in the News

At noon on Friday, October 14th, Mike French and Jennifer Weisman drove their Miata's in the Clay High School's Homecoming Parade. Mike was supposed to drive the Grand Marshal, Clay County's Sheriff Cook, but when she showed up for the parade she was sporting a full leg cast and crutches. The new additions prevented her from negotiating the roll bar on his Miata so she rode with Jennifer. Instead, Mike drove, "The Queen". The parade route ran from Clay High, through Green Cove Springs past Charles E. Bennett Elementary, GCS Junior High, down Walnut Street and through town. Lots of cheering spectators loved the bands, firetrucks, floats and Matias!



# FIRST COAST MIATA CLUB ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 10, 2022

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

1:00 p.m. 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,  
Smokehouse 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 other businesses.

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 December 1. Mail or give your payment, by check or cash, to:

Paula Horning, 12533 Woodfield Circle West, Jacksonville, FL 32258.

We will need several volunteers for set up at noon 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 8 — 6:00 PM: Monthly Club Meeting**

The meeting will be held at St Mary's Seafood at 8129 Point Meadows Way, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

**PLEASE CONFIRM BEFORE FRIDAY, Nov. 4, at our Facebook site,**  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/firstcoastmiataclub>

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 3 — Green Cove Springs Christmas Parade**

All the details are on the front page and will be coming soon on our club website and Facebook page!

- **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:

Anita Wiseman, Stan Brunsman, Reuben Dennis, Zach Ference,  
Adam Plante, Joshua Torres, Walt Bohme, Sally Henry,  
Aryn McCall, Nancy Moore, Helen O'Mare & Diane Torres

## Welcome To Our Newest Member(s):

Daniel Wood

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**First Coast Miata Club**  
**c/o Mike French**  
**4027 Pinto Rd.**  
**Middleburg FL 32068**

The only appropriate paint job for this car.



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## One of Japan's weirdest cars crashes into Japan's oldest outhouse

If you had to pick a place to crash your car, a public restroom is probably pretty low on the list. Even worse would be if that restroom was a particularly historical one. That's exactly what happened to a driver in Japan with a weird little Toyota.

Someone working for the Kyoto Association for the Preservation of Ancient Cultures thought they had shifted their car into drive, but were actually in reverse. The outcome was backing right into the Tosu, at the Tofuku-ji Zen Buddhist Temple in Kyoto. The Tosu is the large restroom for the monastery, and the oldest toilet of its type in Japan. And that's really old: the temple, which is a complex of 25 smaller ones, was founded in 1236 and mainly completed in 1255. Reports indicate this awesome 20-hole outhouse is 500 years old.

The crash ended up damaging doors and pillars, but they will be repairing the building. Whether this poor driver will be able to repair his reputation and retain his job are less certain.

But besides the temple, we were surprised to see the car that was involved. In the photo at the top, you'll see the wrecked car is a Toyota WiLL Vi. It was a compact car with some really funky styling. The rounded shape and the rear window hanging over the trunk are reminiscent of some '50s cars. But the thick strakes and simple surfacing are much more in keeping with styling of the early 2000s, which makes sense as the car launched in 2000, and was only built until the end of 2001.

