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Road Runner

A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR THE MEMBERS & FRIENDS
OF THE FIRST COAST MIATA CLUB

March “In Like a Lion” (into April) - Take Two

Date: April 22nd

Time: Meet at 8:30 am; Depart at 9:00 am

Starting address: Journey Food Store 9206 CR-125 Glen St Mary, FL. 32040. The Glen St. Mary / CR-125 exit #333 off I-10.

On April 22nd we will meet at the Journey Food Store in the quaint community of Glen St Mary Florida to begin our own March Journey. The drive is a true country road Miata fun run! The route will take us through national forests and beautiful countrysides on twisty seldom traveled roads.

Our destination will be the Country Buffet in Lake City, Florida for a great meal of southern comfort foods. We have our own dining area reserved for us. So all you Miata-philes gas ‘em up and show up for another fun Miata Day.

See all YA'LL on the 22nd!!!



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Annual Picnic, Meeting & Elections in Mayport May 20!

The First Coast Miata Club will be celebrating 32 years of being Northeast Florida's community for Mazda Miata MX-5 enthusiasts at this year's Annual Picnic, Meeting & Elections! This year's event will take place on May 20, 2023, at the William 'Bill' Gulliford, Jr. Community Center at David Wayne Pack Park in Mayport from 11 am to 2 pm. The Gulliford Community Center is brand new, opened in January of this year. The community center is on Mayport Road, just past the ferry slips and around the Marina. Mayport Road (a.k.a Ocean St) ends with the large city boat ramp facility on the left, and the Community Center on the right. This is a City of Jacksonville facility, so please, no pets or alcohol.

We are planning on serving a catered lunch! Details on the menu and cost are still being worked out, so we will let you know what they are once they are confirmed. We will also have some Door Prizes and the "Give or Take" Table!

Each person attending will receive a free raffle ticket for the door prizes which are donated by our local dealerships and other businesses. For the "Give & Take" table, bring Miata related items you no longer need to pass on to someone else. Parts (yes, like the new starter for the 1992 Miata you traded in 12 years ago), accessories, memorabilia, shirts & whatever else you can think of. See something on the table you like, take it home!

After lunch, we will have a brief business meeting where we will conduct our annual elections. This meeting marks the end of the club's fiscal year and prepares to begin the next, with the election of new club officers. **WE NEED OFFICERS!** There will be more details on elections in another post.

Following our meeting will be more fun and the opportunity to talk and get to know your fellow Miatafiles! Don't miss out- see you there!



Special April Monthly Meeting Update!!!

After discussing it at the March meeting, everyone agreed that they would like to have the meeting while gathered at Caffeine & Octane at the Avenues Mall next month, on April 8th.

So we will be the Club of the Month with a special parking paddock for Miatas.

Caffeine & Octane starts at 8 am, and we would like to have everyone there by that time.

At 9:30, we will head into the food court, on the side opposite of Chik-Fil-A (near the bathrooms) for a brief meeting. We will discuss the April drive (a makeup for the March drive that was cancelled) and the picnic in May (see previous page). This will be in place of our regular second Tuesday meeting.

The next meeting will be at the picnic.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at Caffeine & Octane!!!



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FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **April 8 — 8:00 am Monthly Club Meeting**

Our monthly club meeting will be held during Caffeine & Octane at the Avenues Mall. We are the selected club of the month so we our own special area. The meeting will start at 9:30 inside in the Food Court. See page 3 for all the details!

- **April 22 — 8:30 am Country Road Ramble (Take 2)**

Just when you thought this drive was cancelled due to inclement weather, guess again. It's back for a second attempt! See the cover page for all the cool details!

- **May 20 — 11:00 am Annual Club Picnic/Officer Elections**

It is that time of year when we need people to step up and help lead our wonderful club. Please consider volunteering in a leadership role. We need you!!! See page 2 for all the details!

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO:

Jose Cordero, Gary Trbovich, John Chamblee, Carl Cerreto,
Gail Finneran & Nathan Yothers

AND WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

Paul Kahle and Davis Katakura

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LUVTOFU: Some Maine drivers protest vanity plate limits

While Virginia got the crown as the state with the most vanity plates, Maine drivers had the ability to slap almost anything they wanted onto the seven-character plates – until recently.

It was common to see F-bombs and lewd comments about moms on license plates for a long time. Some, like the one with the vegan-friendly phrase “LUVTOFU,” could be interpreted as a sexual proclamation instead of something to do with bean curd. Others, like the ones mentioned earlier, leave no room for interpretation.

So far, 13 Mainers have appealed the decision to strip them of their beloved plates, including the person with the tofu plate and another with a slang word for a female dog. The man with the love of tofu points out that his car also has a number of bumper stickers about tofu that clarify the matter for those with dirty minds.

Regardless of where you fall on the offended scale, Maine now finds itself in a challenging legal situation, now that it has actual standards like most states. That said, the state thinks the language used in its policy change is narrow enough to prevent serious legal challenges. If someone is really hurt over losing their plates, they can appeal to the state Superior Court, but no one has taken their appeal that far yet.

