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Wise Guys (and Ladies too!) Drive Miatas

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Meet at 8:30AM, Depart 9:00 am.

Meet at Hardee's, 2730 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg, FL 32068

We're gonna take an October drive to Ocala to look at the leaves! Spoiler: they're GREEN leaves. It's FLORIDA after all. We will meet at the Hardee's in Middleburg (2730 Blanding Blvd, 32068) at 8:30 am for a 9:00 am departure. We will drive through forests and farmlands on winding country roads, ending in Ocala, FL at Wiseguys Pizza for a great meal of pizza and other Italian fare.

So if you're wise, you'll be there, cleaned up and gassed up and ready for another great Miata drive. See you on the 21st! Don't forget your FRS/GMRS radios, if you have them, bring them!

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Summer Crush Cruise-In

Summer Crush Cruise-In: FCMC Caravan

When: November 4, 2023

Time: Meet 5:00 am - Depart 5:30 am

Meets Where: RaceTrac Service Station located at I95 & SR 207
(2511 State Rd. 207 S, St. Augustine FL 32084)

Summer Crush Cruise - In: The Event

When: November 4, 2023

Where: Summer Crush Vineyard & Winery, 4200 Johnston Rd, Fort Pierce, FL 34951

Time: 12 pm - 3 pm (Cars arrive between 10:30 am and 11:30 am).

What's to Eat: Food Trucks TBD PLUS Summer Crush Charcuterie and cheese boxes, fish dips, Chips & Salsa, Ice Creams and more! NO COOLERS OR OFF PREMISE FOOD OR BEVERAGES (INCLUDING WATER) ALLOWED.

Description: It's a Miata & British Invasion! This event is a statewide Cruise-In and Car Show for Miatas and British "Tunes". Probably the largest gathering of Miata's in Florida, maybe the country. Clubs and individuals will be coming from across the state.

Admission: To spectate and enjoy, \$10.00 per person at the gate. Online ticket sales are \$6.00 (subject to change) and stop at 9 am the morning of the show. So, get your tickets in advance and save (<https://www.summcrushwine.com/event/615>).

Car Show Details: Co-Hosted by No Name Car Club. People's choice voting. Winners announced at 3 pm. \$20.00 per car to enter which also includes gate fees for driver and passenger and a raffle ticket. No pre-registration. To get your car into the show, or for more car show info, contact: Carlos at No Name Car Club at (772) 528-4247.

Additional event and route information was included in a previous email. Hotel information, including arranged group rates was also included for those that would like to make it an overnigher (recommended).

Irene Holt is the FCMC coordinator for this event. If you have any questions or concerns, text or call her at (904) 424-2810. Irene would also appreciate anyone planning on attending to let her know for coordination purposes between Summer Crush, the hotels and our participants.

Taking Flight—September Drive 09/16/23







KNOW YOUR CAR WARNING SYMBOLS ;)



ENEMY
SCANNER
ACTIVATED



CURFEW
FAIL



SMELLY
SHOE ALERT



CYCLONE IN
VEHICLE



DON'T DRIVE
WITH
BEACH BALL



SORRY
YOU DID
NOT SURVIVE



KEY SINKING
IN RIVER



YOUR WISH
IS GRANTED



FLEX YOUR
ABS



FOR SPANISH
MARQUE #2



SLEEPING
BODIES
DETECTED



THE SERPENT
IS LOOSE



WAG TAIL
UP OR DOWN



RELEASE THE
COBRA



FOREIGN
OBJECT IN
EYE



ACTIVATE
GHOSTS



CONFUSED
ROBOT



INCOMING
OBJECT



OBJECT
EVADED



MARSHMALLOW
CREAM CENTER



LET IT GO
ALREADY



DRIVE ON,
DRIVE ON



THE KIDS
HAVE ESCAPED



SHOELACE
UNTIED



ARMS
DEFLATED



RESTRING
YOUR HARP



ANGRY
OWL AHEAD?



EMOTICON
FAIL



RADIOACTIVE
PIZZA



TOAST IS
BURNING!

FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **October 10 - 6:00 pm Monthly Club Meeting**

The meeting will be held at Culhane's Irish Pub at 9720 Deer Lake Ct, Jacksonville, FL 32246 in Tinseltown. Come early and hang out with fellow club members to get the most out of your evening. !

- **October 21 — 8:30 am. Wise Guys (& Gals too) Drive Miatas**

We are meeting at the Hardee's on Blanding Blvd. This is a great drive and a neat event so don't miss it! See the front page for all the details of this exciting and worthwhile drive!

- **November 4 — 5:00 am. Summer Crush Cruise-In**

See page 2 for all the details!

- **December 2 — Green Cove Springs Christmas Parade Event**

More details as this gets closer. Expect the usual festive decorations and merriment that goes with this event!

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

Cindy Busch, Chuck Belinski, Linda French, Dave Talbert, Mike Cook, Bob Crews, Fred Lozano, Robert Mayfield and Joshua Torres

Welcome To Our Newest Members:

Tim & Karen Watko and Bobby & Lynn Campbell

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Nebraska cops pull over car with bull in the passenger seat

One Nebraska driver learned the hard way just how much B.S. the Norfolk Police Division will tolerate when it comes to proper loading of a vehicle. According to News Channel Nebraska, Lee Meyer of Neligh, Neb., was pulled over Wednesday morning for cruising down U.S. 275 with an adult bull in the passenger seat ... and on the hood, and perhaps part of the roof.

"The officers received a call referencing a car driving into town that had a cow in it," Norfolk Police Division Captain Chad Reiman told the outlet. "They thought that it was going to be a calf, something small or something that would actually fit inside the vehicle."

Instead, what they found was an adult bovine — a Watusi bull, to be precise. According to local comments on the story, the bull's name is Howdy Doody and he's a fixture of local events, and seeing him ride shotgun with Meyer is not unusual.

According to Oklahoma State University, a fully grown Watusi bull can weigh 1,000 to 1,600 pounds. By itself, that's not necessarily concerning. A mid-'90s Ford Crown Victoria should have a gross vehicle weight rating somewhere north of 5,000 pounds.

Remember, these things were engineered to hold at least two police officers and all of their field equipment; they're quite sturdy. With a light enough driver, it's possible that the vehicle was still under its safe hauling limit, but that's not a bet we'd take just eyeballing it. Regardless of his weigh-in results, Meyer was issued a warning before being told to pack up and leave town.

