



December 2021 Lake 2 Lake Miata Club Newsletter

St. Augustine Night Lights Adventure 12.15.21

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Lake-2-Lake Miata members ushered in the Yuletide on Wednesday with a day trip from Ocala to St. Augustine. Nowhere else in the state is more renowned for bright lights in a quaint historic village at Christmas.

The ball got rolling on the dot of 10:00 a.m. under the able leadership of the Club's Chris Mendoza. Clear caravan directions – along with a visual scavenger hunt – led us to a lakeside seafood restaurant in Palatka for a lavish lunch and some good conversation.

On the road again, we advanced on St. Augustine and most parked in the central parking garage there. From then on: “free play” – a late afternoon to wander amongst charming shops, historical points of interest and purveyors of food and drink.

The life and times of Henry Flagler, creator of the historic village and architect to many design highlights along the way, were of tremendous interest and eye candy to us all. His first hotel, now housing Flagler College, served as centerpiece..

As the sun set, the lights came up. Seemed like millions all around. Horse drawn carriages joined tourist trolleys on the magical streets aglow throughout the village.

If there's an adventure involving a drive that you know about -and wish to share - Bring it to the Club's attention. For this one, all thanks to Chris Mendoza for a true Holiday spectacular!

