



October 2021 Lake 2 Lake Miata Club Newsletter

Garden Worship Center, Camels & Ice Cream

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On a warm Fall Florida evening, the thought of adults playing in a park-like setting, handing out treats to funny, furry friends and - are you ready? FREE ICE CREAM! Yes, sure to draw an eager crowd, and the best was yet to come ~

The gathering honored members of the Lake-2-Lake Miata Club at the Garden Worship Center, a multi-acred Spiritual Retreat in suburban Ocala. Our hosts for the evening, members Gail and Ron, are Caretakers there.

As we skimmed across the acreage in a land-hugging, multi-seated golf cart, an inquisitive llama (Sarah, by name), poked her head out over a double fence looking for treats. A wee black goat named Jacob nuzzled at his knees on the same quest. Lola the pig and Mary the sheep followed suit.

Suddenly a lofty duo of camels was seen loping down the hill, (not too close at hand as they don't think much of each other). But they accented the biblical landscape divided into vignettes depicting the birth, crucifixion and resurrection of Christ.

Moving right along, a refreshing ice cream break brought us back to the congregation meeting area for a Club meeting with our knowledgeable Member Speaker, Chris Mendoza. (Who's own garage - from a maintenance standpoint - must rival Jay Leno's). His topic was "Paint", in its' many permutations, as it relates to the "care and feeding" of our Miatas. And that goes from bare bones, through layers leading to color as we see it, with many details on fine tuning and maintenance, painting in place. As Chris stressed in his on-screen illustrations, with an array of tried and true products, maintenance clearly offsets the extravagance of financing a whole new paint job. Later he illustrated a few favored products on his own car that gave it such a shine that (yes, I tried it - you can FEEL it!). Very sexy...

Warm and fuzzy, soft and furry, delicious and informative...another Miata Meeting was brought to a close with comments from Interim President Bill Emerson. "Thankfully, our Club is in fine shape, financially, — and in every other way. As always, we would heartily welcome new members".

And again matching the old adage "what I say is what I do", Pres. Bill saw a non-member Miata pull into an adjacent parking spot at a favorite after-meeting restaurant. Bill sprinted over, introduced himself and our Club - and turned a stranger into a friend and a interested, potential Member.

