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WINTER CITY ESCAPE DRIVE

WHEN: SATURDAY, JANUARY 15th

MEET: 9 am at PIG BBQ, 450102 SR 200, CALLAHAN, FL 32011

DEPART: 9:30 AM

Come gather with the FIRST COAST MIATA CLUB FAMILY for the first drive of 2022. The drive will be a short drive (by First Coast Miata Club standards) ending before lunch time. We will be traversing through rural North Florida and South Georgia along scenic back country roads, escaping the doldrums of city driving.

For those so inclined we will be imbibing on some good country breakfast comfort food at 8:15- 8:30ish at the PIG BBQ. You can tell the food is good by the number of pick-em up trucks in the parking lot.

Hopefully the weather will be cold so we can find out who amongst us has the nerve to go TOPLESS in Florida arctic weather. So all you MIATAPHILES gas up and come have some NEW YEAR's FUN!!!

SEE YA'LL ON THE 15th



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Green Cove Springs Christmas Parade - Dec 4, 2021





FCMC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY - DEC 11, 2021





Daytona Speedway Magic Lights - Dec 14, 2021 Pics by John Watson



FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **January 11 - 6:00 pm Monthly Club Meeting:**

Our monthly club meeting will be held at the Mudville Grill at 3105 Beach Blvd, Jacksonville FL 32216. You won't want to miss out on what's cooking for 2022!

- **January 15 - 9:30 am Winter City Escape Drive**

We are meeting at the Pig BBQ at 450102 SR 200, Callahan FL 32011. This is our first drive of the year and we will test the bravery of our Florida blood in the cold January air with our tops down, if you dare! See the front page for all the details!

Upcoming/Planned Events:

- **February - Something wonderful!**
- **March - Another amazing event!**
- **April - Definitely Top Down Driving Weather!**

You definitively don't want to miss out on all the fun-filled, action-packed drives we have planned for this year with many more to come!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! ...
and Happy January Birthdays to:

**Jim Sparks, Jacques Milano, Stephen Galaydick,
Patrick Vriesenga and Marlene Koehl**

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Class ring found 50 years ago in a Chevrolet Corvair reunited with its owner

In the late 1960s, the owner of a 1960 Chevrolet Corvair poked around the driver-side footwell to investigate a sticking pedal. Much to his surprise, the issue wasn't due to a linkage-related problem; it was a class ring that a previous owner or a previous passenger had lost.

According to The Oregonian, the owner kept the ring instead of selling it. He gave it (and, later, the car) to his daughter, Cindy Johnson, and she stored it in her jewelry box for over half a century.

Fast forward to 2020, and Johnson dusted off the ring in hopes of finding its owner. Admittedly, the odds were against her; the only information she had to work with were the initials SUHS, A, and an H. She quickly realized the first set of letters corresponds to the South Umpqua High School in Myrtle Creek, Oregon. The last two were likely initials, and scanning the school's yearbook gave her a name: Arch Hudelson. Luckily, Hudelson was the only 1968 graduate whose first name started with an A.

Contacted via email, he told Johnson that he had lost the class ring he worked hard to buy decades ago, and the two agreed to meet in a park in Fairview, Oregon, to see if he could identify it. It was indeed his, though he couldn't remember how — or when — he lost it. He said he had never owned a Corvair. He also remembered his briefcase was stolen in Portland, Oregon, decades ago, and his class ring may have been in it at the time.

"Found it in a Corvair? I'll be darned. I can't imagine how the thing got there," he told The Oregonian. He plans to have it resized so he can wear it occasionally, "but it's not going to wind up in a 1960 Corvair again."