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Drive To Gator Joe's!

When: February 15, 2025

Starts at: Hardee's at 2730 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg, FL 32068

Meet at 9:00 am, depart at 9:30 am

Join us February 15 as we will drive to Gator Joe's in Oklawaha, FL. The drive will take us through the Ocala National Forest along twisty roads and some elevation changes. The scenery is delightful, stoplights are scarce, and traffic is minimal. A perfect drive for Miatas.

Gator Joe's is located on Lake Weir on a pier, the food is good, the drinks are cold, and a great time can be had by all! So shine 'em up, fill 'em up and come enjoy another day of Miata adventure with your fellow Miataphiles. See you on the 15th!

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ROAD RUNNER





Celebrating 35 Years

For 35 years, the Mazda MX-5 Miata has been more than just a car — it's been a symbol of the driving spirit that unites us. As a Mazda owner, you already know the joy of the road, and now the MX-5 35th Anniversary Edition is here to take that experience to new heights.



FCMC Events Calendar

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

Our monthly club meeting will be held at Players Locker Room at 4456 Hendrick's Ave, Jacksonville, FL 32207. Find out what we are cooking up by joining us then. Dinner & Social at 6:00pm. Our meeting will be at 7:00pm. Topics of discussion will include upcoming events. Come early and hang out with fellow club members to get the most out of your evening.

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- **Future events in the works:**

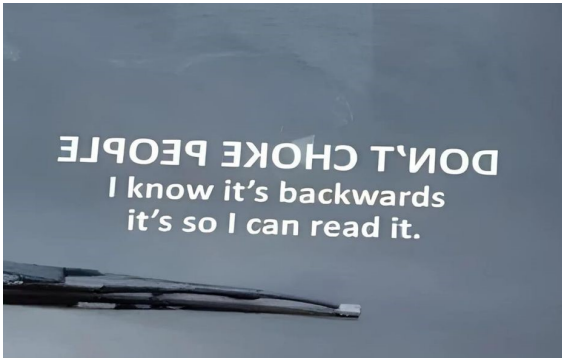
Drive to 3 Bananas in Crescent City on March 15, time and starting location yet to be determined.

Welcome To Our Newest Members:

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Broken Water Main And Freezing Temps Turn Cars Into Giant Popsicles

The community of Dearborn Heights, in Michigan just dealt with the aftermath of a broken water main. As temperatures plummeted, a main broke and spewed water all over several cars on Monroe Street. The vehicles affected ended up with heavy and thick layers of ice all over them.

To fix the issue, crews had to use heavy machinery to physically move the cars to a garage where they could chip away at some of the ice and slowly break it off. Authorities say to keep an eye out for this to happen again. Owners who have the ability to use remote start could warm up their car that way but moving it before it freezes over is, of course, optimal.

In Chicago, several cars ended up stuck in a similar but less dramatic situation. It appears as though another water main broke but rather than spew water over the entire car, this time, the water simply pooled around the wheels. Nevertheless, it froze in place, high up enough that it covered the lower portion of the rims, and stuck the cars in place as well.

As winter presses on it's important to be thoughtful about parking situations. Over the past few years, some who have parked next to bodies of water have come back to their car only to find it frozen over as well. That kind of cold can do damage to some components too. No doubt, diligence is needed during such chilly times.

