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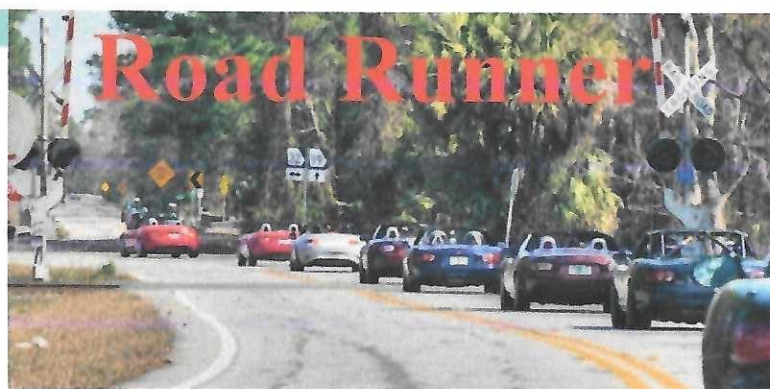
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A MONTHLY PUBLICATION FOR THE MEMBERS & FRIENDS OF THE
FIRST COAST MIATA CLUB

17th Annual Classic Mazda Racing Exhibition

When: Saturday, April 12th, Meet at 1:30 pm, Departure at 2:00 pm.
Where: Gate Gas Station on Durbin Lake Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32258.

WE NEED A DRIVE LEADER FOR THIS DRIVE!

Classic Mazda of Orlando will host its 17th annual Mazda Motorsports Showcase on April 12th, 2025 from 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm.

Classic Mazda's Race Exhibition is a motorsports-themed event geared towards local Mazda enthusiasts. This is their way of celebrating the kick-off of the 2025 Whelen MX-5 Cup season. A car show will be hosted in their main parking lot. The car show is open to all makes and models. Parking is first-come, first-serve.

We will have a group drive down to Classic Mazda for all who want to attend this amazing event. We will meet up at Gate Gas Station on 12705 Durbin Lake Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32258. This is the Gate Station off Old St Augustine Road at I-95. The first part of our journey will drive down I-95, but we will then exit off the interstate for a nice drive through Central Florida. We WON'T be driving on I-4 on the way down. You might want to take I-4 for the drive home though. Our route will include a toll road, so if you have a SunPass, make sure it's charged up, but you can also pay-by-plate if you don't have a SunPass. GMRS Radios not required, but HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for car-to-car communication.

We encourage everyone, that plan on going, to RSVP for the event. You can RSVP and receive a free, commemorative T-Shirt while supplies last! Here is the link to find out more about this fun event and to let them know you're coming:
<https://events.classicmazda.com/annual-race-exhibition>

See you on the 12th!

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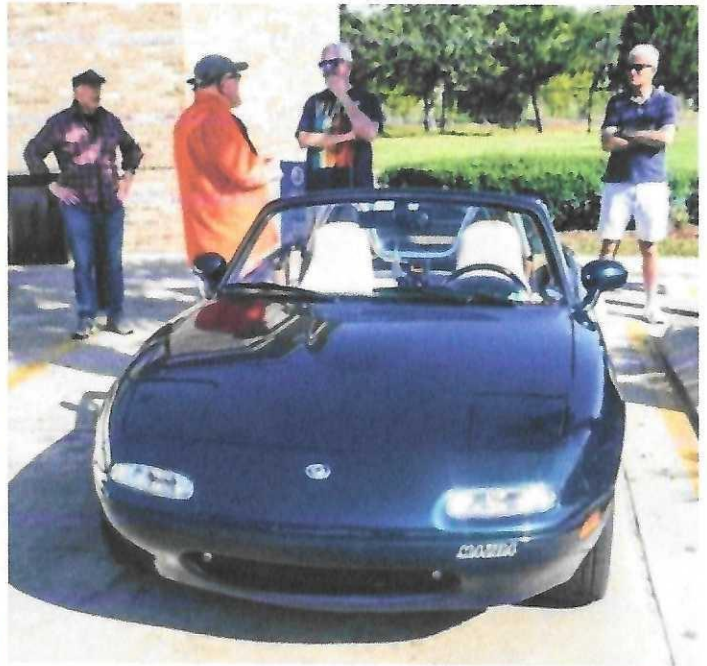
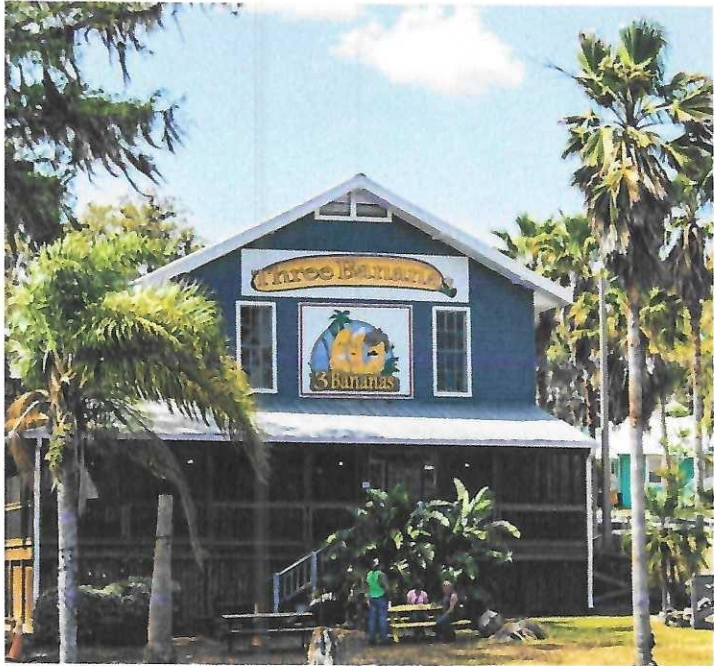
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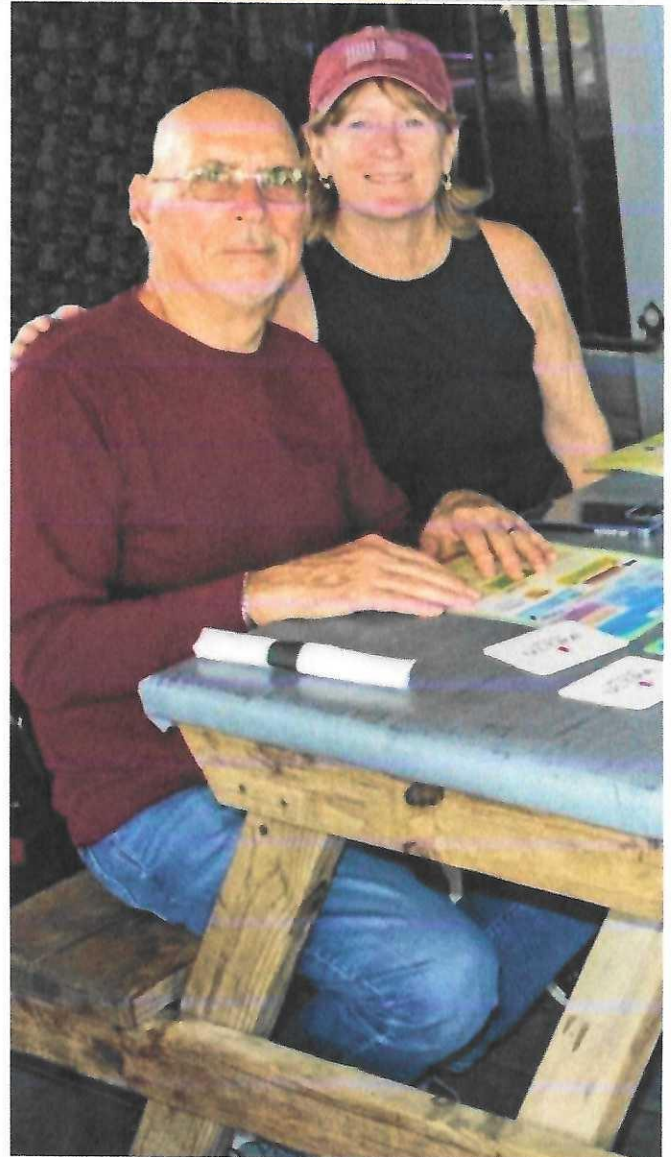
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Let's Go Bananas - 03/15/25







April Event 10th Annual San Jose Car & Truck Show

April 5, 2025, Saturday, 8:30 am - 11:30 am, Dupont Station shopping center, 6271 St Augustine Rd.

Come join us for the 10th Annual San Jose Car & Truck Show at Dupont Station shopping center, 6271 St Augustine Rd. 32217.

Because First Coast Miata Club members have had an active role in participating *and* helping with operating the show, the organizers are planning to add a Miata Class to the show. There will a "best of" Miata and two runner ups as well. There is a \$25 entry fee at the event, all proceeds are donated to the Bishop John J Snyder Community Center at the nearby San Jose Apartments- A HUD subsidized property for low-income seniors of all faiths. The Snyder Center itself relies on donations and is NOT HUD funded. Time to shine 'em up and show 'em off, all for a good cause!



10TH

ANNIVERSARY

PRESENTED BY

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Saturday
April 5, 2025

8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Dupont Station Shopping Center

6271 St. Augustine Road
Jacksonville, FL 32217

Entry fee:
\$25 per vehicle
Event Day Registration

Free Admission | DJ | Door Prizes | Refreshments

Entire proceeds will be donated to the Bishop John J. Snyder Community Center at nearby San Jose Apartments – a HUD-subsidize property for low-income seniors of all faiths. The Snyder Center receives no funding from HUD.

Cruise-in Car Show @ Destination Church

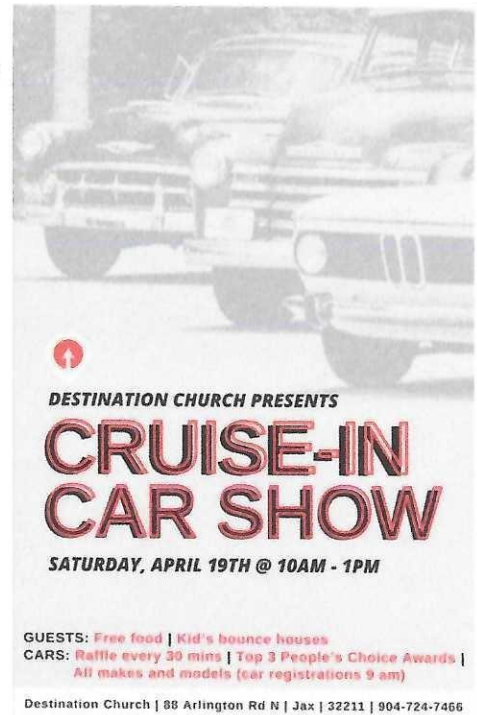
Saturday, April 19 10:00 am -1:00 pm , Destination Church,
88 Arlington Rd. N, Jacksonville FL 32211 (at Atlantic Blvd)

It IS Car show season! As that our drive is on April 12, if you're looking for something to do on the 19th, consider this possibility.

Destination Church has extended an invitation to the First Coast Miata Club to participate in their family friendly Cruise-In on April 19th, from 10:00 am -1:00 pm.

There will be bounce houses, free food and drawings for prizes. Awards will be 3 People's choice, and 1 Kid's choice.

Entry into the show is FREE and begins at 9:00 am.



May is the time for our annual meeting and elections, but we need YOUR help - and quickly!

Our annual Club Membership Renewal and Elections meeting is in May, and is usually scheduled for the third Saturday.

A new catered menu is planned but we still lack a meeting place. We require a place that can accommodate everyone (usually around 50 people), parking for all of our cars, and has bathroom facilities. It can be indoors OR outdoors, but consider that it's May, so it WILL be warm. Any outdoor facility would require a roof for shade, and especially in case of rain, such as a pavilion.

We can be flexible with the dates, Saturday, May 17th is the preferred date, but the 24th or 31st would also be okay if it allows us availability into a place.

Does anyone live in a community with a club house we could rent, or know of another such facility available? It does not have to be in Jacksonville proper, it could be in St John's or Clay counties, as long as it's not too far out of the city area.

Please contact Hank McLeod with your suggestions at hank@hjmcleod.com.

Location address, contact name and contact numbers would be VERY helpful. THANK YOU!

FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

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- **April 8 — 6:00 pm Monthly Club Meeting**

Our monthly meeting will be held at Bob Evans, 3163 Hartley Rd, Jacksonville FL 32257 (at I-295 & San Jose Blvd near Whole Foods). Dinner & Social at 6:00 pm. Our meeting will be at 7:00 pm.

- **April 12 — 1:30 pm 17th Annual Classic Mazda Racing Exhibition**

At Classic Mazda Orlando: Featuring historic and modern racing Mazdas, Giant Mazda car show, Hot Wheel races on the 100 foot racetrack (bring yours if you got one!) and just a giant celebration of Racing and car culture. Ask anyone who went last year how HUGE this event is! The exhibition is from 5:00pm—8:00 pm. We can have a group drive down to Classic Mazda that afternoon, but we need someone to lead it. See the front page.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:

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Trooper Crashes Innocent Driver's Toyota, State Refuses To Pay Claiming Immunity

Police should be the most trustworthy drivers on the road. After all, they're the ones tasked with enforcing the rules, and occasionally, they're given permission to break them in the name of duty, supposedly with the training to handle those situations safely. But, as with everyone else, officers are only human after all – and humans make mistakes. For one Minnesota resident, though, those mistakes came with a steep price: his totaled car and mounting medical bills, with no one willing to take responsibility.

Jamie Krueger was simply traveling down the road behind a Minnesota State Trooper. Then, the officer pulled off to the shoulder without activating their lights or sirens. As Krueger approached and began to pass, the trooper attempted a U-turn and hit the passenger side of Krueger's Toyota Toyota RAV4. His daughter took the brunt of the blow.

Both officers immediately admitted their fault. The accident report even clarified that the trooper who was driving performed an improper turn/merge. Despite that, the state says the officer is covered under immunity and so it won't be making Krueger whole.

While Kreuger and his daughter were ultimately okay after the crash, his SUV was written off as a total loss, and he's out \$1,000 for the deductible. What's even wilder, perhaps, is that the trooper didn't receive a citation of any sort.

"I'm not looking for a lottery ticket here. I'm looking for accountability. I'm looking for the right thing to be done," Kreuger said.

It's disheartening, really, to see the very people and agencies that are supposed to uphold the law actively shirking their responsibility when it's time for them to answer for their actions.