



Road Runner



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FISH AND SHIPS DRIVE

MEET: Saturday 8:00 am AUGUST 16, 2025 at the Ft. Caroline Post Office 10990 Ft. Caroline Rd 32225

DEPART: 9:00 am

It's that time of year for our fording of the mighty St Johns River.

We will wind through the wilds of Fort Caroline Rd, Wonderwood Rd and Scenic A1A to the historic Mayport Ferry. We will navigate the rushing torrents of the mighty St. Johns River utilizing the power of the majestic Mayport Ferry.

Upon making landfall on Ft George Island we will make a spirited drive northward on scenic A1A to the quaint village of Fernandina.

Our midday repast (lunch) will be held at the Crab Trap Restaurant. Hope to see all you Miataphiles as we beat the heat and once again conquer the mighty St. Johns River!!!



DON'T FORGET THE TOLL FOR THE FERRY! It is \$8 per car in cash or \$7.20 using the MyJTA app.

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8th Annual Jim Padgett Ice Cream Drive - July 19, 2025











FCMC Events Calendar

- **August 9, 7:00 am - FCMC Featured at Caffeine & Octane at Avenues Mall**

We will have our own special parking paddock in the Central Lot, down by the food court and the former Sears location. Space will be limited so come early! It goes from 8:00 - 11:00 am and parking opens at 7:00 am. Last time we filled our space and still had many other Miatas parking all around. This is a big deal so get there early and show your Miata pride!

- **August 12, 6:00 pm - Monthly Club Meeting - Bob Evans**

Our monthly meeting will be held at Bob Evans, 3163 Hartley Rd, Jacksonville FL 32257 (at I-295 & San Jose Blvd near Whole Foods) near the intersection of J Turner Butler Blvd and Philips Hwy. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

- **August 16, 8:00 am - Fish & Ships Drive**

With the sweltering heat of a Florida summer day ahead of you, what better way to enjoy your Miata than to drop your top and take a morning drive enjoying a ferry across the river to end up in Fernandina followed by a delicious lunch!!! See the front page for all the details.

Welcome To Our Newest Members:

Brina Ashe

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Dodge Driver Taunts Cop With “Hahaha, Psych!” Only To Crash In Front Of Another Cop

Running from the police is never a great idea. Even some of the few that initially get away end up right back in custody not long after. The majority don't even make it that far. That's why it's especially bold to taunt an officer before attempting to flee. And it's why some count it as karmic justice when the taunter ends up in jail shortly thereafter.

In this case, the taunting suspect was 42-year-old Eduardo Barbaro Gonzalez, according to Miami police. Officers allegedly attempted to stop Mr. Gonzalez in his Dodge Charger after allegedly witnessing what appeared to be a hand-to-hand drug transaction. When they moved in and told him he wasn't free to leave, Gonzalez made it clear he had other plans.

According to WPLG, the suspect exchanged a few words with the officer, then laughed and said “hahaha, sike!” (or “psych”) before driving off. The encounter took place at 2280 NW 28th Street, near a small store where officers had first spotted Gonzalez. He made it just two blocks before crashing into a semi truck at the intersection of NW 23rd Avenue and NW 23rd Street.

Of all the places to crash, Gonzalez just happened to end up colliding with a truck that had another police officer right behind it. Officers say he attempted to flee on foot after the crash but was unable to due to a leg injury.

From there, police took the suspect to Jackson Memorial Hospital, where he allegedly provided a fake name and date of birth. Only when an officer used a fingerprint reader on Mr. Gonzalez did authorities realize who he was.

It turns out that he's allegedly a wanted felon already with eight active warrants before the teeny tiny chase. Officers ultimately booked him into Turner Guilford Knight Correctional Center on a litany of charges. They include resisting an officer, fleeing, robbery, battery, assault, grand theft, burglary, possession of cocaine, criminal mischief, and more. Suffice it to say, he's facing serious time.