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## Fargo GA (Not North Dakota!)

Say it ain't so, we're going to Fargo! You heard it right!

On September 20th we are MIATARING to Fargo GA.

The drive will take us through scenic farm country, national forests and across the Suwannee River twice.

We will enjoy a country repast at the OLD SCHOOL DINER in Fargo GA.



MEET: 9:30 am at the Journey Food Store, 9206 County Rd 125, Glen St Mary FL 32040.

DEPART: 10:00 am.

All you miataphiles “shinem, gasem and drivem” to the start for a fun day of Miatarining. The Old School Diner is a one of a kind, unique Lunch opportunity.



## *Fish & Ships Drive - 8/16/25*

















## Mazda Is Making a New Rotary Sports Car. Here's Everything We Know

Mazda has a bad habit of teasing fans with beautiful concept cars that it never actually intends to produce. Remember the Furai? What about the RX-Vision? The list goes on.

When the company debuted the Iconic SP concept at the Japan Mobility Show in October of 2023, we thought it would be much of the same—yet another stunning concept car relegated to a museum somewhere, never destined for production. But apparently, that's not the case.

Rumblings from Mazda headquarters in Fuchu have all but confirmed a new sports car built alongside the Miata. Similar to icons like the RX-7 and RX-8 before it, this new one could also pack a rotary powertrain, while visually, it should look similar to the Iconic SP.

The Iconic SP will heavily inspire the look of Mazda's next sports car. At 164.5 inches long and 72.8 inches



wide, the original concept was 10.4 inches longer and 4.7 inches wider than the ND-generation Miata. Even though Chief Designer Masashi Nakayama said the company could theoretically shrink the concept down to the size of a Miata, the Iconic SP was meant to preview a larger sports car.

All signs point to a rotary engine under the hood of Mazda's new sports car. That said, we still don't know exactly what kind of rotary engine it may be. But again, we look to the Iconic SP concept for inspiration.

The Iconic SP concept produced 365 horsepower from an electric motor with a dual-rotor combustion engine serving as a generator to recharge the battery. Mazda executives noted that the concept had "top notch" performance and that driving it would put "a smile on your face."

The alternative setup would have the rotary engine drive the wheels, with some form of hybrid assist (rather than the other way around). Mazda is reportedly considering both options. Rear-wheel drive and a manual are all but confirmed. As for a fully electric version: Mazda says it won't happen.

One of the biggest questions surrounding Mazda's new sports car is pricing. With the company making a push upmarket, will this new coupe be a premium product? Or will it be priced to compete with alternatives like the Nissan Z and outgoing Toyota Supra? Right now, it's unclear.

If we had to hazard a guess, Mazda's new sports car will likely start at around \$50,000. That would make it pricier than the Nissan Z (\$44,110), but in line with the Toyota Supra when it was new.

Mazda hasn't confirmed when its new sports car will debut, but we haven't seen any prototypes just yet. We expect to see it sometime late in 2026 with an on-sale date of sometime in 2027.

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## ***FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR***

- **September 9 - 6:00 pm Monthly Club Meeting—Riverside Liquors**

Our monthly meeting will be held at Riverside Liquors, 1251 King St, Jacksonville FL 32204 (yes there is a restaurant here!) The food is great so get there early! The meeting will start at 7 pm.

- **September 20 - 9:30 am, Fargo GA - Old School Diner Drive** (Details on Front Page)

This is the drive that is full of choices! You definitely don't want to miss this! Check out the front page for all the details - ok, not too many choices or you would be overwhelmed and we wouldn't want that.

- **October 14 - 6:00 pm Monthly Club Meeting—location TBD**

The meeting will be held at a nice place that serves food, I bet! Make sure to be at the September meeting to help choose the best location. Make your voice heard! And keep an eye on our website and Facebook page!

- **October Event - Drive Is Under Construction**

Start time and location to be determined.

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### **Welcome to Our Newest Members:**

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## **Florida Drivers Stunned As Dozens Jailed Under Harsh New Super Speeder Law**

There was little doubt that Florida's new 'super speeder' law was going to have a noticeable impact. After all, troopers were arresting people for it just minutes after it went into effect. What wasn't so obvious is just how dumbfounded some drivers were by the law.

Since July 1, officers in Florida now have the ability to arrest anyone suspected of going 100+ mph or anyone going 50 mph over whatever the posted speed limit is in the area. Authorities have already charged 70 people under this new law. It's unclear if all were arrested though, as that is up to officer's discretion.

According to WFTV, trooper Migdalis Garcia was shocked by how many drivers they've caught under this new law. Of the 70, 49 were charged for going over 100 mph. Another accused of going 120 mph on Interstate 4 in a Honda Civic said he thought the trooper was trying to race him. One in a Volkswagen Golf was allegedly caught going 135 mph.

Those pale in comparison to the individual in a Dodge Challenger allegedly going 155 mph when police saw them. Video from that arrest shows the car billowing smoke out of the hood. Evidently, the majority of folks hauled off to jail post their \$500 bond quickly to get out. On top of dealing with the legal consequences, they have to pay for towing of their vehicle and impound fees.

Notably, the arrest figure will likely go up during August as some departments didn't have the code in their system to even make arrests under this law until mid-way through July. At some point, it seems reasonable to believe that motorists in the state will get the message via word of mouth. Triple-digit speeds in Florida are officially a very risky venture.