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Georgia On My Mind Drive

October 18, 2025, Saturday

Meet 8:30 am Depart 9:00 am

Start: Race Trac Gas Station 9980 New Kings Rd,
Jacksonville FL 32219

I said, "Georgia, Oh Georgia."

On October 18th we will be taking another adventure into South Georgia to enjoy twisty roads meant for MIATAS. The drive will cross rivers and streams and meander through some quaint Georgia towns. River Road will be the featured road with lots of curves and elevation changes. The drive will end in Folkston, GA at the Okefenokee DINER.

Meet with us to enjoy a day of Miata driving that our cars were designed to do! See you on the 18th and be prepared to have loads of fun driving the Georgia countryside.

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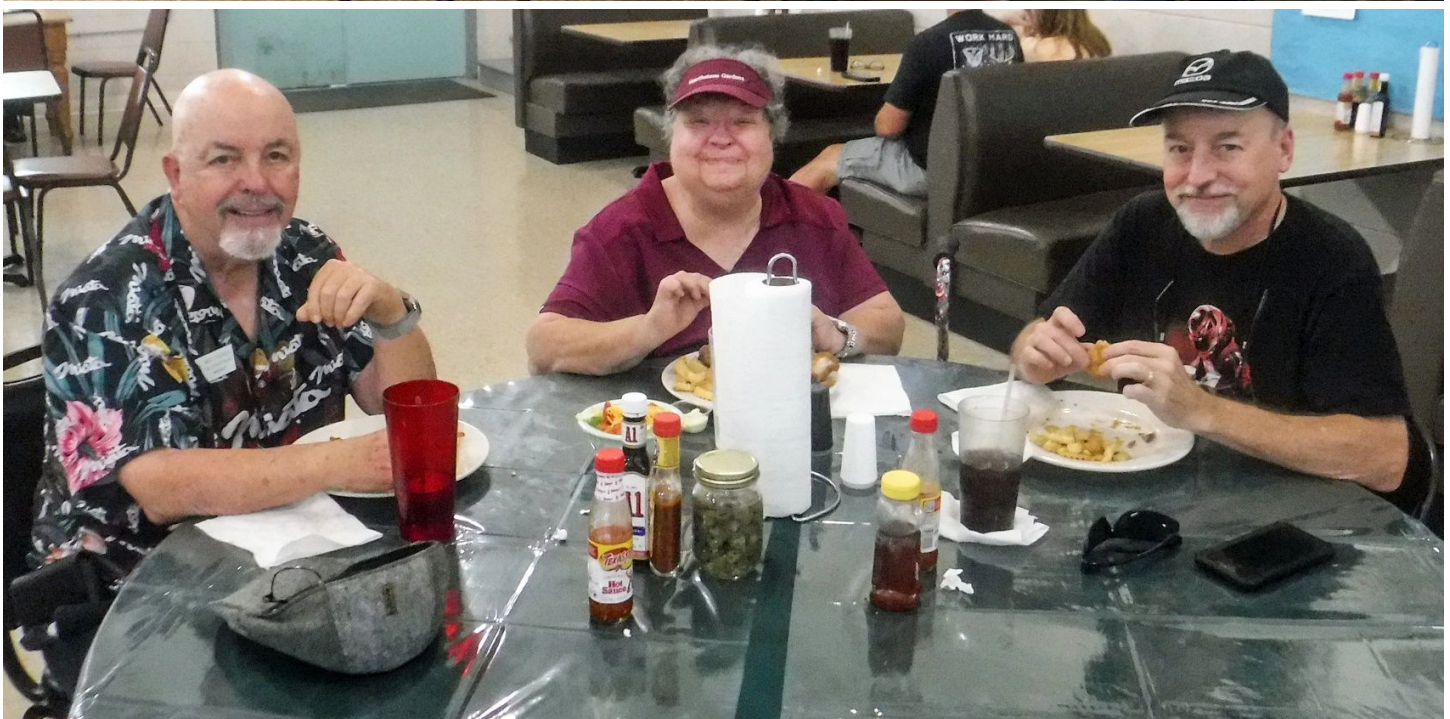
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FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **October 14 - 6:00 pm Monthly Meeting @ Mazda City of Orange Park**

Our monthly meeting will be held at Mazda City of Orange Park, 6919 Blanding Blvd, Jacksonville FL 32244. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. The dealership will be providing food for the club.

- **October 18 — Winding Roads Through GA Drive**

We are meeting at the Race Trac Gas Station at 9980 New Kings Rd, Jax FL 32219. This is a great drive and a neat event so don't miss it! See the front page for all the details of this exciting and worthwhile drive!

- **November 11 — 6:00 pm Monthly Club Meeting**

Site TBD. Check out the FCMC website for all the details!

- **November 15—Tour of Castle Ottis, Vilano Beach**

Walk through, up and around this stunning landscape-structure styled after a 1000 year-old Irish castle. Then, lunch! More details next month.

- **December — Green Cove Springs Christmas Parade Event**

More details as this gets closer. Expect the usual festive decorations and merriment that goes with this event!

Welcome To Our Newest Members:

Barry Thornton

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Cops Pulled Over A Driverless Car For An Illegal U-Turn And Couldn't Write A Ticket

When police set up a DUI checkpoint, they've got to be ready for just about anything. In between those who may or may not be under the influence, they'll sometimes find people with warrants or those with illegal items in their car. What they probably never expect is a car with no driver at all.

According to the San Bruno PD, officers conducting a grant-funded DUI enforcement operation watched as a white Waymo Jaguar I-Pace made an illegal U-turn near the city's Caltrain station. When it did, officers pulled the car over and, unsurprisingly, found nobody in the driver's seat.

The department leaned into humor on social media, posting, "No driver, no hands, no clue. Our citation books don't have a box for 'robot.'" In this case, it's the hands of law enforcement that are tied. California law doesn't currently allow moving violations to be issued to autonomous vehicles, so officers couldn't write a ticket. That said, officers were able to reach out to Waymo's operations team to report the glitch. In a perfect world, the staff will be able to update the system to never make another U-turn in that spot.

For now, Waymo escaped without a fine, but the stop highlights an issue we've seen before. As driverless cars become more common on public roads, law enforcement needs a way to deal with them when infractions happen.

The problem isn't confined to San Bruno. According to the San Francisco Chronicle, the city of San Francisco has already seen Waymo vehicles rack up more than \$65,000 in fines. At this point, federal regulators are investigating reports just like these with autonomous cars violating traffic laws.

San Bruno officers say their mission hasn't changed. "Whether it's drivers, passengers, or even driverless cars," the department said, "we'll continue to do our part to keep San Bruno's streets safe."