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## ROAD RUNNER

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the First Coast Miata Club

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### 2025 FCMC HOLIDAY PARTY

Date: Saturday, December 13, 2025

Time: 1:00 pm

Location: Englewood Baptist Church Fellowship Hall

Address: 5675 Kennerly, Jacksonville, FL 32207

Menu: The Club will be providing Fried Chicken, Tea, and Water

Potluck Food: Members are asked to provide potluck dishes.

A sign-up sheet will be distributed via email through SignUp Genius. The sign-up will give us an idea of what members plan on bringing.

Activities: Raffle Items, Gift Exchange, Give and Take

Additional Info: Will be coming in email from SignUp Genius.

Volunteers: Volunteers are needed to: pick up food provided by club, set up, take down, facilitate gift exchange, and secure prizes for the drawing. Volunteer sign up will be included in the forthcoming SignUp Genius email.



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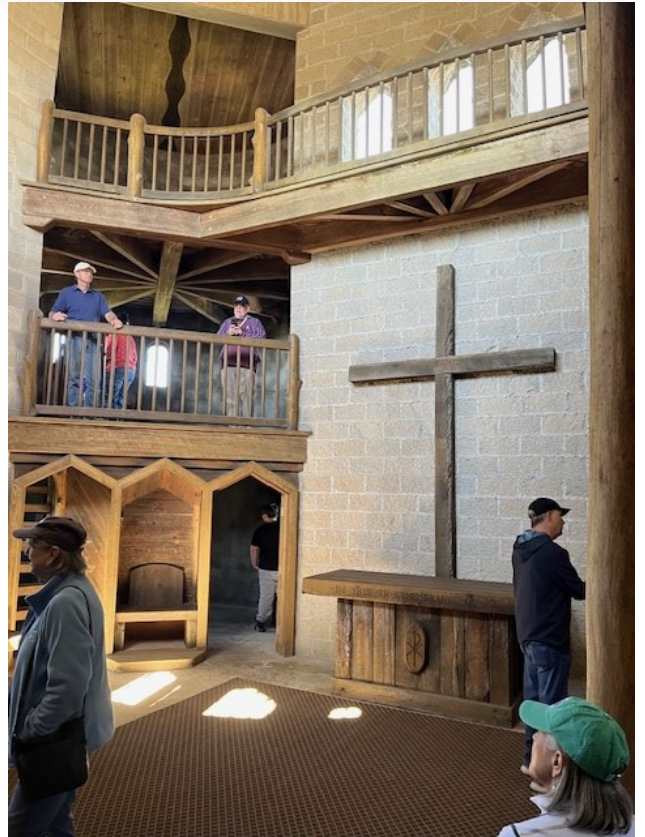
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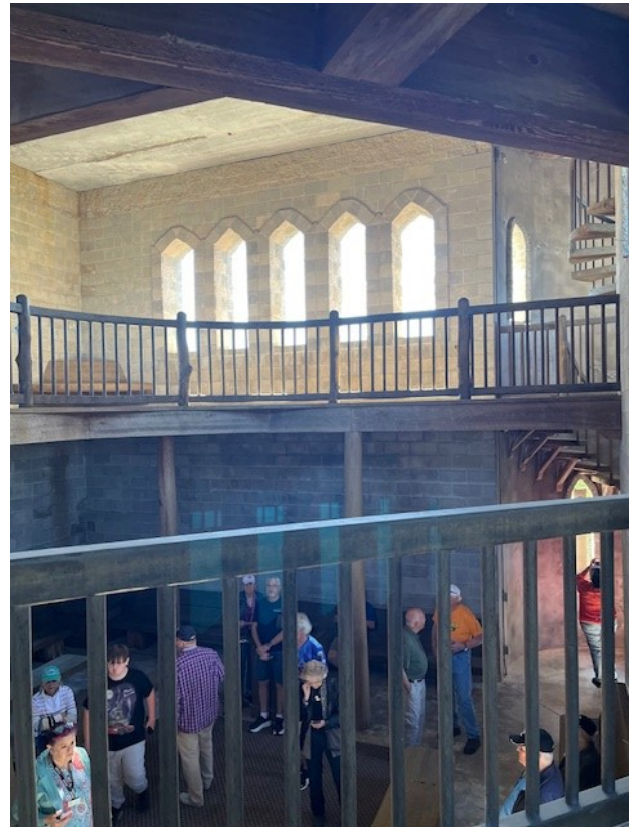


















## FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **December 13, 1:00 PM - FCMC Holiday Party**

The First Coast Miata Club will be having its annual Holiday Party the at the Englewood Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. For all the details please see page 1, or the club website, or our Facebook page!

- **December 2025 - FCMC Christmas Lights Drive**

Hank McCleod may be planning on leading a drive to see Christmas Lights. Keep an eye on our Facebook page and possibly our website. It may be a last minute thing!

- **January 13, 2026 - 6:00 PM: Monthly Club Meeting**

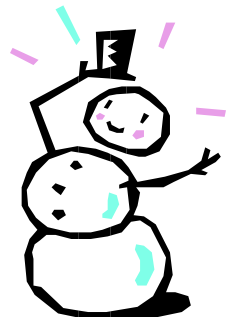
Our monthly club meeting will be held at Mr Crab at 1161 South Lane, Jacksonville FL 32210. You won't want to miss out on what's cooking for 2026! Hope to see you there!



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### Welcome To Our Newest Members:

**John & Dianne Giehrl and  
David & Debby Flesher**



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## **New Florida Law Just Made Your Cute License Plate Frame Illegal**

Florida drivers might soon discover that even the smallest detail on their license plates could cost them more than a shrug and a warning. What started as an effort to curb plate-hiding tricks is now sweeping up unsuspecting motorists who had no idea their car accessories might be illegal.

Florida's newly tightened rules on license plate visibility are already catching drivers off guard. That's especially true for those who never suspected their dealership-installed decorative frames could land them in trouble. That's right, something installed by a dealer years ago could land a driver in hot water today.

Under House Bill 253, which took effect Oct. 1, any frame or covering that obscures even the tiniest part of a plate is now treated as a second-degree misdemeanor. That means a potential \$500 fine and up to 60 days in jail for something as minor as a princess-themed border or a sports-team frame.

The law expands penalties for a wide range of plate-related modifications: altering colors, adding reflective sprays, attaching illuminated devices, or doing anything that interferes with the plate's readability or detectability. What once was a simple traffic infraction now lands in criminal territory.

There's another detail worth noting. Buying one is now a second-degree misdemeanor. Manufacturing or selling one is a first-degree misdemeanor. And using one during a crime can escalate penalties to a third-degree felony, carrying up to five years in prison.

Here's another interesting wrinkle. The law explicitly states that it applies to anyone who "sells, offers to sell, or otherwise distributes license plate obscuring device." That wording sure makes it seem as though it would apply to any dealership throughout the state.