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the First Coast Miata Club

The Best Holiday Party EVER!

When/Where: Saturday, Dec. 1st at the Bethesda Center on Bethesda Lake 10790 Key Haven Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32218.

Party: 11:00 am - 2:00 p.m. Come early to help set up. Stay late to help clean up!

What to Bring: A food dish for the buffet, one wrapped gift for each person for the Crazy Gift Exchange, and your Miata!

Menu: The Club is Providing the main course: Honey-Baked Ham.

Fun Stuff Other Than Racing:

- ◆ Crazy Gift Exchange - Give one. Get one. Steal one? It's all in fun. Gift value NTE \$25 +/- (the gift exchange is optional. You can do one gift/person, or one/couple, or none).
- ◆ White Elephant Table - If you want it, take it, love it! It's yours.
- ◆ Raffle Drawings - Get a ticket. Place it in the bucket of the item you desire. If your number is called, you WIN!
- ◆ **What to Wear:** Casual holiday themed attire.

Need More Party Information: Call Linda French (904) 282-9116 (Home).



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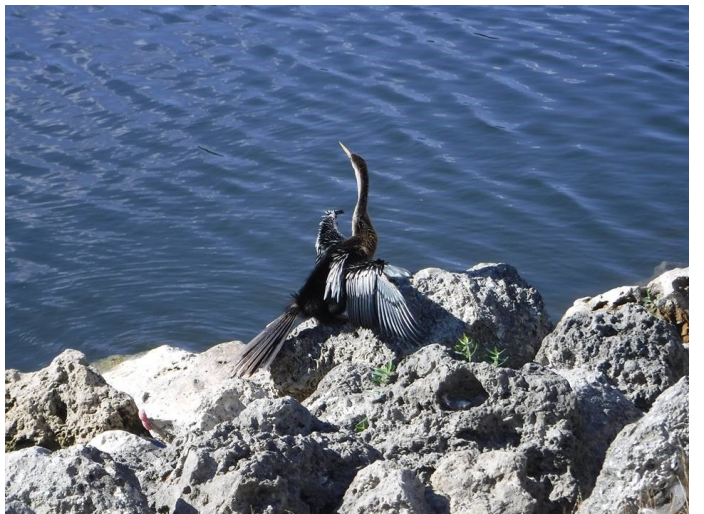


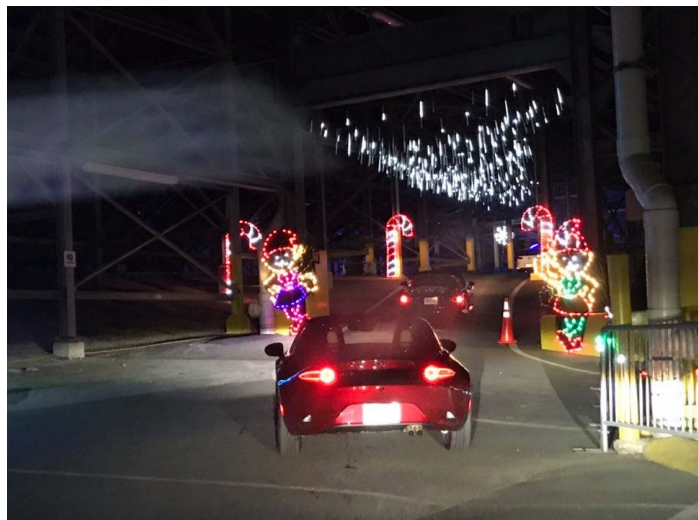
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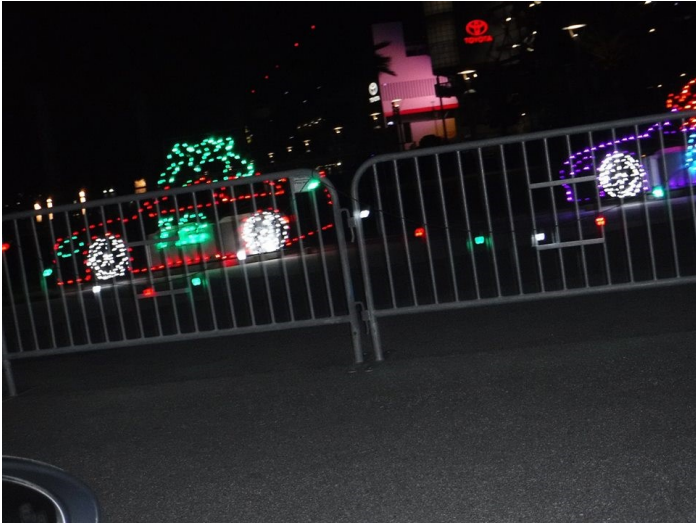


Drive to Altamont Springs & Daytona Magic of Lights











Meet Our Members: Paula Horning

Paula has been a member of the First Coast Miata Club since she moved to the Southside/Mandarin area from Fort Lauderdale in 2014. Paula's ride is a Silver 2006 GT, which is her third Miata. Her first encounter with a Miata was when a friend let her drive his 1990. Paula was instantly "smitten" and proclaimed her love. Unfortunately for the owner of the Miata, her love was for the car....

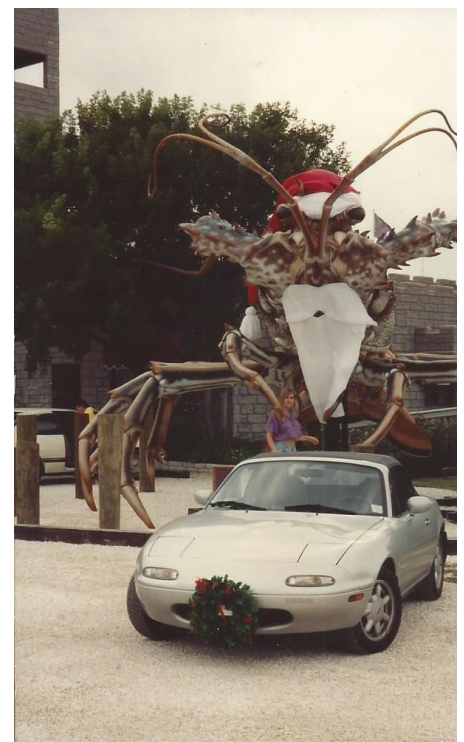
That fling led Paula to her first Miata, a Silver 1991, which met its demise during Tropical Storm Harvey. It was eventually replaced, after an unhappy affair with a 4 door sedan, with another low mileage 1991 which Paula restored to top notch condition and repainted. This lucky '91 was her every day car until the NC's were introduced in 2006. Paula says "I have loved driving my Miatas for the past 17 years. They are reliable, economical, special and cute".

Paula is a multiple hobby kind of woman. Stamp collecting, bird watching, fishing, painting as well as a serious green thumb. She has a large collection of orchids and many other plants. She loves working in her garden, playing strategy board games, sailing, flying small planes (although it has been a while), and caring for her two kitty cats. She is passionate about watching NFL football and has her favorite team jersey. She plans her Fall events around her team's games.

A (mostly) retired Oncology Nurse, Paula occasionally dusts off her uniform to fill in when a friend needs some time off. Otherwise, she contents herself with her multiple interests and hobbies. This is what she has to say about the First Coast Miata Club:

"I love the friendly people and feeling like a part of the group. I attended my first meeting three weeks after I moved to Jax and sat across from Jim Padgett at Trent's. My favorite activity is the monthly drive where we zoom around in a line and meet for a fun experience at the end. It isn't the destination. It's getting there that's most fun." Paula isn't into the competitive events but get plenty of enjoyment out of her 3rd Miata and the friends who share her passion.

Zoom Zoom Paula!





FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **December 1, 2018 - FCMC Holiday Party at Bethesda Center**

In lieu of our monthly club meeting and driving event, we will be having our annual holiday party at the Bethesda Center. All the delicious details are on the front page and an emailed flyer. Come out to see everyone's ride and then enjoy all the food and swap gifts! See you there!

- **January 8, 2019 - 6:30 PM: Monthly Club Meeting**

Our monthly club meeting will be held at St. John's Sea Food, 1161 South Lane Ave, Jacksonville FL 32205. So don't swim with the fishes or hit the mattresses. Come out and see what's cooking for 2019! See you there!

- **January 2018 - Club Event**

Plans are in the works for an exciting event for January. It could involve airplanes. It could involve food. It definitely will involve Miatas! Stay tuned to our Facebook and web page for all the details as they develop!

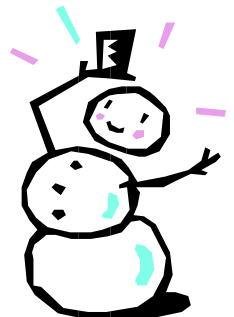


Happy December Birthday To:

**Gail Sparks, Anna Grass, Christine Janas,
Patricia Hearn & Tom Ray**

Welcome To Our Newest Members:

Donnie Thompson and Roy & Tabatha Dickman



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Police find lion cub in Lamborghini on Champ-Elysses

Paris police found a lion cub inside a green Lamborghini last night. The Lamborghini and the cubs' owner were sitting near the Champs-Elysses when bystanders alerted the police of what they thought was a lion cub in a car. The police officers found the 33-year-old man in the Lamborghini taking selfies with the lion cub.

According to reports, authorities took the driver into custody and gave the lion to the 30 Million Friends Foundation (animal rescue foundation). The Lamborghini didn't even belong to the lion owner — it was a rental, possibly explaining the lack of concern for the Lamborghini's leather-extensive interior (with the claws, and all).

France seems to have an ongoing problem with lions being kept as pets. This past month, a man was sentenced to six months in prison for attempting to sell a lion cub. The government is also currently investigating the presence of three other lion cubs in Paris suburbs.

