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Space Coast Warbird Show - Sat, April 7th

Start: Waffle House, 219 Sandy Creek Pkwy, St. Augustine, FL 32095

We will leave Waffle House at 8:15 am sharp. We will take a quick bio break and have a far south meeting point at the I-95 South rest stop South of St. Augustine at about 8:45 am. We will leave at 9:00 am from the rest stop and head to the air show. We will take A1A down as the sun is rising and also take a drive past NASA before arriving at the air show. We should arrive at the airshow by Noon. The aerial shows begin at 1:00 pm.

I have arranged VIP Parking for free...a \$10 value! There will be trams taking us to the airshow from our remote parking location. Admission: Adults \$20, Kids \$5

What to Bring: chairs...bag chairs fit nicely in your trunk. Hats, sunglasses, sunscreen and cash for food and drink vendors. Covered seating is available for an additional charge.

What is not allowed: Keep in mind the same rules that TSA uses for flying will be enforced. I was told large backpacks and purses are not allowed.

Seating is not provided for General Admission Ticket Holders. If you do not purchase any of the upgraded spectator seating offered, we recommend that you bring a lawn chair (and earplugs for the loud "bombing" and pyrotechnic displays!)

Shade is not provided for General Admission Ticket Holders. You can purchase upgrade tickets to the Beer Garden or the Executive Club that provide shade. Umbrellas are not allowed so we suggest that you have an appropriate hat and use sunblock.

Gates will open each day and all activity is "Weather Permitting". All ticket sales are final. No rain checks or refunds. In the event the AirShow is cancelled either Friday or Saturday your ticket will admit you to the following day's AirShow. If the last day of the scheduled AirShow is cancelled in its entirety your ticket will admit you to the Valiant Air Command Warbird Museum at a later date of your choosing.

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Royal Palm Railway Experience - March 24, 2018

We started before the crack of dawn on a clear chilly morning in Orange Park and arrived in Tavares with 21 Miatas all in a row. The town was bustling with a car and boat show that was a bonus to our drive. The train ride was relaxing and smooth enough to take a nap. I know!!!







Brunch and Silver Springs, Sunday April 29th

Launch Point: Whitey's Fish Camp 2032 County Rd 220, Fleming Island, FL 32003

We will meet for brunch at 11:30 am and leave when we are done...around 12:30 pm or so...it is Sunday, so we are not going to rush. We will take a leisurely 90 minute drive to Silver Springs to ride the glass bottom boats.

Located in the central and charming Ocala, Florida, Silver Springs State Park has been a natural landmark since the 1870s. As Florida's first tourist attraction and one of the largest artesian springs in the world, the park quickly became renowned for the Glass Bottom Boat tours: guided boat rides where guests could travel around the spring on a vessel with a clear bottom in order to view life underwater. Today, visitors still enjoy the Glass Bottom Boat tours on top of the same crystal springs that have been inviting admirers for decades and sustaining a wealth of aquatic life.

Silver Springs is often called the gateway to the Ocala National Forest, the second largest, most southern National Forest east of the Mississippi. The springs feeds into the Silver River, a 5 mile stream that flows east from the springs to the Ocklawaha river.

Designated as a National Natural Landmark in 1971, Silver Springs State Park and the surrounding areas offer a wealth of cultural and historical significance. Dating back to the 1500s, Native American settlers resided around Silver Springs, a tangible reminder of their presence, a dugout canoe, can be seen resting on the bed of the Silver River. Years later, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto moved to the area, his visit is thought to be the first European to experience the park.

Today, Silver Springs State Park is proud to offer a vast collection of natural habitats and eco-tourism activities that showcase our celebrated springs. Open 8:00 am – sunset, 365 days a year, we are excited to host you and welcome your inquires, 352-261-5840.

Park Admission Fees: The cost of admission to Silver Springs is \$2.00.
Glass Bottom Boat Tour pricing:

Adults \$11, Seniors \$10

Silver Springs State Park is open 7 days a week year-round.



APRIL 10 - MONTHLY CLUB MEETING

Hello all...we are going to try a fun meeting event...Cars and Canvas. YOU will have a chance to paint a silhouette of a Miata to take home. If you do not want to paint, come hang out, be an art critic and have some pizza. This was our favorite meeting in OH!

Painting cost \$20

Please bring \$5 per person for pizza...we will have plenty.

If you plan on painting, please register and pay ahead of time here:

<https://www.wineandcanvas.com/private-events-calendar-jacks>

For dinner we will have what is listed before. If you have special diet concerns feel free to bring food. There are a number of restaurants in the shopping plaza. Also, BYOD...you are welcome to bring beer or wine to contribute to your creative mood. Feel free also to bring any snacks or drinks for yourself or to share. (Chips, Iced Tea, etc.)

Dinner will consist of:

Papa Johns Pizza, Dessert Brownie & Choc Chip Cookie, Coke, Cherry Coke, Coke Zero, Sprite, Water

Here is the schedule:

6:15 pm to 7:00 pm Eat Pizza!

7:00 pm to 7:30 pm Paint our backgrounds

7:30 pm to 8:00 pm Club Meeting

8:00 pm to 9:00 pm Finish our Miata Painting!



LONG LIVE THE ROADSTER

FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **April 7 - 8:30 am Space Coast Warbird Show**

From trains, now to planes! Come join us as we head down to the Space Coast to catch the Air Show—Tora! Tora! Tora! See the front page for all the details. See you there!

- **April 10 - 6:15 pm Monthly Club Meeting**

Club Meeting open to all at “Wine and Canvas” at 9119 Merrill Rd Ste 15, Jax FL 32225. See the previous page for all the details!

- **April 29 - 11:30 am Silver Springs Glass Bottom Boat Tour**

Silver Springs here we come! See page 5 for our 2nd April event! Don't miss it!

- **May 8 - 6:30 pm Monthly Club Meeting**

The plan is to meet at Hodges Mazda. Don't forget our Annual Meeting is in June!

HAPPY APRIL BIRTHDAYS TO:

**Jose Cordero, Gary Trbovich, Sharon Gensch, Adriana Soto,
Istvan Kolozsvari, Carol Everitt, Chuck Tucker,
Mike Underwood & Richard Wagner**

**AND WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS:
Mark Geisler and Pat & Susan Morrow**

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Man drives stolen car to court to answer car-theft charge, police say

Cops waited for him after he left court

Stupidity exists on an endless spectrum. This boundless field can make it difficult to accurately measure just how half-witted someone or some act can be. There are people who don't wear a seatbelt or will text while driving. Those acts are stupid because they put people at risk of injury, be it yourself or others. There are also people like 25-year-old Jonathan Rivera. According to the Associated Press, Rivera showed up to court in Hartford, Conn., to answer a charge over a stolen car — and got there by driving a stolen car.

Rivera was charged with first-degree larceny and tampering with a motor vehicle. That theft occurred back in February. While Rivera was at court talking with a judge about that charge, parking officers were scanning license plates in the courthouse parking lot. They spotted a car that had been reported stolen, so officers waited for a driver to return. Police say Rivera was arrested as he tried to drive away.

Two new charges were added — second-degree larceny and taking a motor vehicle without the owner's permission. Maybe he's going for a hat trick, or, if he wants to keep things simple, steal a car straight from the courthouse parking lot.