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Palatka Classic Airplane & Car Show 2019

Date: January 26, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Place: Palatka Airport:
4015 Reid St, Hwy
100, Palatka FL 32177

This is not about the drive, but actually about the destination. More details will be at the January meeting and on Facebook about possibly organizing a group drive to this event.

Google this event to see all the awesome air-planes and cars they have had in the past.

It is an event that you don't want to miss!

Hope to see you there!



*9th Annual
Palatka Classic Airplane and Car Show*

**Saturday, January 26, 2019
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Food, Fun and Flying

Featuring Warbirds, Antique and Modern Day Aircraft, Classic Car Show

Airplane, Helicopter and Open Cockpit Biplane Rides

Lunch Served Beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Skydive Palatka Actively Jumping Throughout The Day,

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Rain Date will be February 9 • For more information call (386) 329-0149

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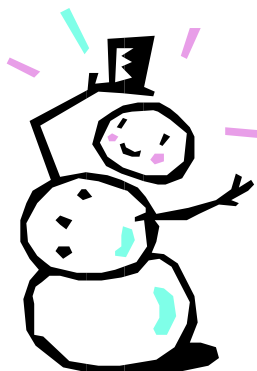


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FCCM Holiday Party at the Bethesda Center - 12/01/18









Meet Our Members: Walter “Wally” Boehme

Walter 'Wally' Boehme, Age: An 18-year-old boy looking out the eyes of a 65-year-old man. Been living in St Augustine since Oct. 2016. But enough about me, let's get to my favorite subject, my 2004 Mazdaspeed. Back in 2007, I knew I needed a change. Had a '71 Corvette and a '94 TransAm. I really loved the Vette, but it was too nice to drive every day and the TransAm seemed to be just a big pig. Oversized on the outside and small on the inside. So.... what to do? Get something I really liked and could drive every day. Was thinking about a Solstice, until I happened upon the MSM. Ohhhh - a turbo! More power! A trunk you can use! And on the Miata forum, one for sale in Erie, PA with only 2200 miles on it! Sweet! And when I got there, another surprise: I just thought it was red, didn't know about the 'Mica' - gold metal flake in the paint! And it was a GT model with leather seats and cloth top. Getting better all the time! Then, the owner told me that he had already done the intake and exhaust mods that kicked the HP from 177 up to approx. 220. The Miata may not have the long legs of the Corvettes, but I love how quick it is off the line and though some may complain about the tranny's close ratio, I love shifting thru the gears. After getting her home, I knew she needed a name, so I named her 'Sadie', after my favorite dog, as she was also quick and highly maneuverable.

I had been working at a saw blade company called Lenox Tools, as the Quality Control Lab's supervisor, where we inspected all incoming raw materials, samples from each batch of blades, and all vendor products. Also ran the R&D project expediting and testing departments where we tested new product performance and our regular products against all our competitors. Happy to say that 99% of the time, we beat everybody. And when we did not, we moved Heaven and Earth to find out 'why' and to make sure that we made improvements so that we would beat them next time. Great company, driven to excellence. So after 35 years, they graciously offered me Early Retirement in 2009. And boy, was I ready. We had already bought a piece of land on St Croix, USVI and so as soon as I got home that day, I called our contractor and told him to start building. It took about a year and in early 2010, we sold our house in Massachusetts, packed our bags, shipped the MSM and took off for the Caribbean. Pretty little island, but at that time, the roads were covered in potholes and so could not drive the Miata very much and certainly not fast! Stayed there for 6-1/2 years and decided we'd had enough of playing pirate. My brother-in-law had moved to the Tampa area and suggested we come to Florida. Did a Google Earth search, found South Florida a bit too crowded for our taste and started looking North. Saw St Augustine on the map and though we had never been there, the name 'rang a bell'. We had planned to come here after the St Croix house sold and rent for a few months to give us time to find a house, but, that was only a week or two after hurricane Matthew and there were no rentals! Uh-oh. So while still on St Croix, we scanned the internet real estate sites every day, kept coming back to one house, and decide to roll the dice and buy it sight unseen. Wound up in a great neighborhood, with the best neighbors on each side! And then to make it even better, we found something that had been lacking in Massachusetts and on St Croix - a real Miata Club!! Can't tell you how happy I was to find the FCMC. Love meeting new friends and going on the cruises, except the all day ones as we have a rather crazy dog (rescue from St Croix) that really can't be left alone all day. I like working on my car, but only the little things. Just did new plugs, wires, coolant, oil change - that kind of stuff. Electronics scare me half to death and I won't touch suspension parts.

The picture shows Sadie parked just above our house in St Croix, wearing the 15" rims I got so as to have taller side walls for the potholes.



FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **January 8 - 7:00 p.m. Monthly Club Meeting (Open for seating, dining & socializing @ 5:30 p.m.):**

Our monthly club meeting will be held at St John's Harbor Seafood Restaurant at 1161 S. Lane Ave, Jacksonville FL 32205 that has amazing seafood. So don't swim with the fishes or hit the mattresses. Come out and see what's cooking in 2019!

- **January 26 - 9:00 a.m. Palatka Classic Airplane and Car Show**

Here is a very unique event that the club has never done before!! See the front page for all the details! You don't want to miss this awesome event!

- **February 12—Monthly Club Meeting—Location TBA**

You definitively don't want to miss out on all the fun-filled, action-packed drives we have planned for this year with many more to come!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! ...and Happy January Birthdays to:

Rosa Friedl, Jim Sparks & Paul Herbst

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Florida woman accused of hit-and-run with an airplane

Police in Manatee County arrested a 40-year-old Florida woman this past Wednesday who they say crashed through a fence at Sarasota Bradenton International Airport, smashed her car into a plane and then barreled out of the airport through another fence. Cops caught up with her five minutes down the road. ABC Action News had the report from the ground in Florida.

Police say the driver, Mary Dostal, was tested with a blood alcohol level of 0.14, double the legal limit in Florida. Deputies reported that she smelled of alcohol, and had an open box of wine on the front passenger floor. They also say Dostal stated she'd only had one glass of wine and thought she was in Ohio. For those wondering, Ohio is a mere 1,000 miles from the Florida airport.

Thankfully, no one was killed or injured, but the damage totaled out to about \$10,000-\$15,000. The plane Dostal reportedly hit was a smaller aircraft used to train new pilots. If it all feels a bit like Grand Theft Auto, you're not alone. Crashing through two fences at an international airport meant to keep people out and then taking out an airplane before getting caught by the police is a storyline lifted straight out of a video game.

The chief operating officer of the airport says the alarm was sounded and authorities summoned as soon as she got through the fence. She reportedly drove around the airport grounds for two minutes before busting out. He also assured reporters that the airport is back to normal and secure now. Dostal was bonded out of jail.
