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Caffeine & Octane -PLUS- MIATA Lunch Drive

March 9, 2024, Saturday, open 7:00 a.m. Meet 8:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. The Avenues, 10300 Southside Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32256

Saturday, March 9, FCMC will once again be the First Coast Car Council “Club of the Month” at Caffeine & Octane Jacksonville. We will have our own special parking paddock in the Central Lot, down by the food court and the former Sears location. ALL MIATAS ARE WELCOME. The bouncy castles will be gone, so we will have plenty of space, but it is still limited, so come early! Last time we filled our space and still had Miatas parking all around.

Caffeine & Octane goes from 8 :00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., and parking opens at 7 a.m. We have a lot of Miatas in Jacksonville, and a lot of them attend Caffeine & Octane, so let’s fill our space up!

At 11 a.m. (at the conclusion of C&O), all Miatas are invited to roll out with us for a “short” Miata drive for lunch. We will take a scenic drive through St John’s County, ending at the Sonic at SR13 in Fruit Cove. The drive will take us down some canopy roads, through farmlands, and along the river, and last about 1 hour.

Yes, you could get from the mall to Sonic in under 20 minutes, but that’s not Miatas are for. □ ALL MIATAS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US ON THE DRIVE. If you have an FRS/GMRS radio, bring it. You will find it helpful. Drive routes will be available at the mall and posted online before the event. So shine ‘em up, and bring them out to the Avenues mall on March 9!



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Drive to Classic Mazda's 16th Annual Race Exhibition - 02/10/24











FCMC Events Calendar

- **March 9 - FCMC at Caffeine & Octane PLUS Post Drive!**

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- **March 12 - 6:00 p.m. Monthly Club Meeting**

Our monthly club meeting will be held at Culhane's Irish Pub at 9720 Deer Lake Ct, Jacksonville, FL 32246. Find out what's cooking by joining us for a First Coast Miata Club. The restaurant is located off Southside Blvd. right next to the Tinsletown movie theater. Dinner & Social at 6:00 p.m. Our meeting will be at 7:00 p.m.

- **March 30 - 9:00 a.m.—It's a Miata Renegade Drive!**

Let's take a drive along the river and across the river, to eat lunch on the river at Renegades on the River. See the newsletter addendum (included in your email) for details!

Happy March Birthdays To:

Stephen Waddill, Steve Janas and Davis Katakura

And Welcome Our Newest Members:

James & Carol McGrath

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Delta is using a Porsche 911 GT3 RS to help fliers make tight connections

Twelve years ago, Delta hooked up with brand partner Porsche on a VIP transfer service at the airline's primary U.S. hub, Atlanta Hartsfield-Jackson, that whisked certain flyers from one plane to another in Stuttgart style. The program has since expanded to eight additional airports, and there appear to be two access tiers. The best is the one with mysterious access — no one's sure how to get it, but being Delta 360 or Diamond Elite helps — that puts a flyer in a very special Porsche. Last summer, Delta added a 918 Spyder to the car pool of Cayennes, Macans, and Panameras at the Atlanta airport. And now, there's a 911 GT3 RS at LAX.

Until February 26, passengers chosen at random - and who we suspect are traveling alone, with modest carry-on baggage, and possessing the appropriate stature - will get between gates in the 518-horsepower track monster. A Delta agent meets the passenger on the jetway, the duo descend the steps to the coupe, then traverse the tarmac to pull up next to the appropriate plane. And who knows, if you're one of the lucky ones and your connection is extremely tight, the chauffeur might demonstrate that 2.7-second sprint to 60 miles per hour - or might not, as the speed limit on LAX ramp and apron areas appears to be 10 mph.

