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Wilderness Adventure

Saturday, October 19

Meet at Journey's Food Store, 9206 CR125 in Glen St Mary, FL 32040

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We will meet at 8:30 am and depart at 9:00 am.

Art Houde has been preparing a nice long country drive that should be enjoyable on a mid-October day.

We will explore country roads along North Florida and South Georgia, concluding at the Craker Barrel in Valdosta!

We haven't had a good long drive in a while, so gas up your Miata because you'll need a full tank!

This is a drive to look forward to!

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It's a Swamp Thing - 09/21/24









When You Mix Miatas with A.I.



FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **October 8, 6:00 pm — Monthly Club Meeting**

Our monthly meeting will be held at Players Locker Room, 4456 Hendricks Ave, Jacksonville FL 32207. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm.

- **October 19, 8:30 am - Wilderness Drive**

We are meeting at Journeys Food Store at 9206 CR125 in Glen St Mary (At I-10). It's the same place we met for July's Ice Cream Drive. This is a great drive and a neat event so don't miss it! See the front page for all the details of this exciting and worthwhile drive!

- **November 2, 6:00 am — Cruise-In Summer Crush Winery Ft Pierce**

Check out the FCMC website for all the details!

- **December 7 — Green Cove Springs Christmas Parade Event**

More details as this gets closer. Expect the usual festive decorations and merriment that goes with this event!

Welcome To Our Newest Members:

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Oklahoma State Police traffic stop is a close encounter with a flying saucer

It's not hard to find weird, homemade cars on America's roads, but they're not always there legally. A pair of motorists recently found that out when an Oklahoma State Police officer pulled them over in their "flying saucer" car, which features a pop-up cockpit dome and shiny body panels.

Built on a 1991 Geo Metro, the car truly resembles a flying saucer on the road, but while its builder, Dennis Bellows, studied the rulebook during his build, he couldn't account for every traffic law. The driver, Steve Anderson, committed a lane violation, leading to a warning from the officer, who was the fourth cop to stop the saucer on its drive from Indianapolis to the Roswell UFO Festival in New Mexico.



It took Bellows eight months of night work to complete the car. Its bubble roof had to be formed by hand, with Bellows warming pieces of plexiglass to create the dome. The interior has custom toggle switches and standard automotive stuff like turn signal stalks, but there's no word on whether it has air conditioning to cope with what is likely a great deal of heat from the plexiglass. Though it has a horn, the OEM tone has been replaced with a laser sound.

Anderson had been to the festival before, but this was the first year he took the UFO along for the ride. His run-ins with the law have given him quite a sense of humor about the car, as he said that he occasionally hands over a fake license identifying him as "Al len" and tells officers that his home planet is Krypton.