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7th Annual Jim Padgett Ice Cream Drive

When: Saturday, July 20, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.

Meet: Journeys Food Store, 9206 County Rd 125, Glen St Mary, FL 32040

It's time to beat the heat with an evening drive! This drive was a favorite of our late member, Jim Padgett, which is why it is named in his memory.

The drive will take us from Glen St Mary to Powell's Dairy Freeze in Starke for a myriad of cool summer treats as well as hot dogs, burgers and fries, and other goodies.

We will meander through farm and cattle country along scenic byways offering Miata driving roads with minimal traffic and traffic lights after we leave the bustling metropolis of Glen St Mary, FL.

We will make a "pit stop" at Hardee's in Lake Butler (not to dine - that's why we're going to Powell's!). Powell's has a variety of food and ice cream treats! My recommendation is the Chocolate Coke milkshake!

See you on the 20th!!!

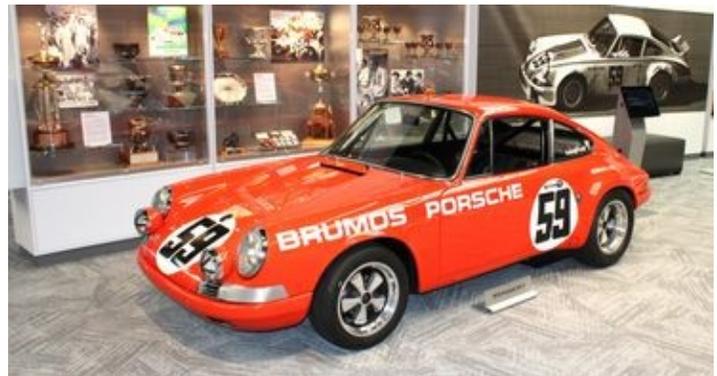


Brumos Car Museum - 6/15/24









Mazda, Toyota, and Subaru Collaborate on "Engine Reborn"

Mazda, Toyota, and Subaru walk into a bar... Just kidding, but they did host the Multipathway Workshop to announce their joint "Engine Reborn" initiative.

The three big Japanese Automakers committed to developing new engines tailored to reach carbon neutrality with motors, batteries, and electric drive trains. Oh, and they're trying to decarbonize ICEs by making them compatible with carbon-neutral fuels.

"Given the rotary engine's compatibility with electrification and carbon-neutral fuels, Mazda will continue to develop the technology through co-creation and competition to ensure it can contribute broadly to society" - Masahiro Moro, Mazda Motor Corporation.

Hopefully this means that we'll see that Rotary Sports car sooner rather than later! I mean, Mazda can't tease us with an RX revival and expect us to forget, right?



Consumer Reports Says Miata Owners Hate Getting In And Out Of Their Cars

Miata is always the answer. If cars were a religion, we would worship at the altar of the Mazda Miata. Mazda can tell us it's called the MX-5 now all that it wants, but to us, it will always be the Miata. It's ridiculously fun to drive, affordable, good on gas and basically has no flaws. Unless you ask actual Miata owners, that is. Apparently, even those who love their Miatas have one specific complaint — they hate getting in and out of their absolutely perfect sports cars.

Consumer Reports recently published the results of their annual owner satisfaction survey. Overall, Mazda came in 18th among automakers when owners were asked whether they would definitely buy their car again if given the chance. As Mazda fans, we would have liked to see the Zoom, Zoom brand perform better, but it's really not a bad showing. Maybe some owners got pregnant with twins after buying a CX-5, so it's not really the car's fault that they wouldn't buy it again. If we're talking about comfort, the Miata has a red circle with two arrows down, which is the worst rating you can earn from Consumer Reports. In the breakout article, the editors specifically noted that "Miata owners repeatedly noted how hard it was to get in and out of."

As a huge fan of the Miata, I have to admit they're probably right. A while back, I had a Miata as a press car for a week and had an absolute blast. The one and only downside, though, was getting into and out of the car. If I was taller or fatter, that would make more sense, but I'm almost exactly 5'10" and probably weighed between 175 and 180 at the time. I could have used to lose a few pounds, but I was still barely considered overweight. It's just a very low car for something that a lot of people are going to use as a daily driver. And funny enough, while we don't have any data on owners leaving the top down as much as possible, it appears that even the owners who complained to Consumer Reports about getting in and out of their Miata appear to still have no plans to get rid of their cars. If you check the Miata's predicted owner satisfaction score, it gets a perfect five out of five. Which means that owning and driving a Miata is so enjoyable, even the people who hate how low it is would still happily buy it again.

FCMC Events Calendar

- **July 9 - 6:00 p.m. Monthly Club Meeting**

Our monthly meeting will be held at Bob Evans, 3163 Hartley Rd, Jacksonville FL 32257 (at I-295 & San Jose Blvd near Whole Foods) The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m.

- **July 20 - 5:30 p.m. 7th Annual Jim Padgett Drive to Powell's Dairy Freeze**

To beat the summer heat, we will be driving in the evening to our favorite ice cream spot in Starke, Powell's Dairy Freeze. Take the road less travelled, but take it in the evening! See all the details on the front page. Come out and beat the heat with your fellow Miataphiles with some ice cream!

- **August 13 - Monthly Club Meeting**

Our monthly meeting may be at Bob Evans again, but we will wait to see how it goes first in July. If not here, then another suitable location will be chosen. Come to our July meeting and throw out other suggestions for this or future dining/meeting locations!

- **August 17 - Fish and Ships Drive (Saturday morning, time TBD)**

You read that right! We'll be taking our annual ferry voyage across the St John's River starting at the Arlington Post Office and ending at the Crab Trap Restaurant in Downtown Fernandina for a seafood lunch. More details as they develop!

Happy July Birthdays to:

Colin Busch, Nancy Deloatch & Ed Spencer

Welcome To Our Newest Members:

Ashley & Sissy Horn

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These are the car names people gave to their babies last year

The folks over at Scrap Car Comparison decided it would be fun to scan the American Social Security Administration's rolls of baby names, and those of the U.K.'s Office of National Statistics, to find the countries' most- and least-popular names for newborns — that are also names of cars.

In some of these cases, however, it's not fair to say the babies were named after cars. The Hudson Motor Co. went out of business in 1954, so even though Hudson tops the list of boy names, those kids were not named for cars that nobody of child-rearing age remembers. On the girls' side, the top name is Nova. Probably best to bless your child with the name for a dazzling interstellar event, rather than a 60s economy car.

It's doubtful Maverick was named for a little pickup truck, but rather for a blockbuster Tom Cruise movie. Cooper is one of those last-names-as-first-names. Coopers were tradesmen who made wheels long before there were cars. Now that seems solidly vehicular.

Boys named Lincoln might well be named after the Great Emancipator. And the genesis for naming a girl Genesis might well be the book of Genesis, not a Korean luxury car. But only the parents can know for sure.

Leon is Spanish for lion, which is why the Spanish car company SEAT named a car Leon. But more important, boys named Leon are probably named Leon because Leon was already a legit given name.