

Meet Our Members: Paula Horning

Paula has been a member of the First Coast Miata Club since she moved to the Southside/Mandarin

area from Fort Lauderdale in 2014. Paula's ride is a Silver 2006 GT, which is her third Miata. Her first encounter with a Miata was when a friend let her drive his 1990. Paula was instantly "smitten" and proclaimed her love. Unfortunately for the owner of the Miata, her love was for the car....

That fling led Paula to her first Miata, a Silver 1991, which met its demise during Tropical Storm Harvey.

It was eventually replaced, after an unhappy affair with a 4 door sedan, with another low mileage 1991 which Paula restored to top notch condition and repainted. This lucky '91 was her every day car until the NC's were introduced in 2006. Paula says "I have loved driving my Miatas for the past 17 years. They are reliable, economical, special and cute".

Paula is a multiple hobby kind of woman. Stamp collecting, bird watching, fishing, painting as well as a serious green thumb. She has a large collection of orchids and many other plants. She loves working in her garden, playing strategy board games, sailing, flying small planes (although it has been a while), and caring for her two kitty cats. She is passionate about watching NFL football and has her favorite team jersey. She plans her Fall events around her team's games.

A (mostly) retired Oncology Nurse, Paula occasionally dusts off her uniform to fill in when a friend needs some time off. Otherwise, she contents herself with her multiple interests and hobbies. This is what she has to say about the First Coast Miata Club:

"I love the friendly people and feeling like a part of the group. I attended my first meeting three weeks after I moved to Jax and sat across from Jim Padgett at Trent's. My favorite activity is the monthly drive where we zoom around in a line and meet for a fun experience at the end. It isn't the destination. It's getting there that's most fun." Paula isn't into the competitive events but get plenty of enjoyment out of her 3rd Miata and the friends who share her passion.

Zoom Zoom Paula!

