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MEET: ELKS LODGE 702 S. ORANGE AVE (US 17), GREEN COVE SPRINGS, FL 32043

WHEN: 8:00 am, Saturday, January 18th, 2020

DEPART: 9:00 am

On January 18th we will depart the Elks Lodge at 9 am for a leisurely drive down US 17 to Blue Springs State Park to view all the Manatees wintering in Blue Springs.



The springs usually accommodate

around 100 plus Manatees enjoying the warmer spring waters for the winter months.

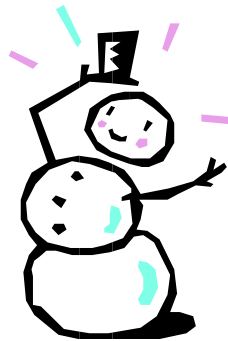
After viewing the "Sea Cows" and touring the park we will gather at a local eatery for lunch. These creatures are truly unusual and they cannot be found just any old place. We are fortunate to be afforded the opportunity to view them!

The Elks Lodge offers a superb breakfast with great coffee for a very good price, so come hungry. We can break bread together before Miataring to Manatee Land. **SEE ALL YOU MIATAPHILES ON THE 18th.**

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Green Cove Springs Christmas Parade - 12/7/19





Ripped From the Internet - The Best Miata Pictures of the Month





Mazda MX-5 Adds Tasty Updates For 2020MY

The Mazda MX-5 Miata (sold as the Roadster in Japan) will receive a number of updates as it enters its 31st year of production.

Previewed at the Tokyo Motor Show last month, the 2020MY Mazda Roadster is available to order in its home market from December 5 and will go on sale in other markets in early 2020. So far, it was confirmed for Australia but there's no official information regarding U.S. and European availability.

One of the main updates is the introduction of the new Polymetal Grey Metallic exterior paint, first seen on the all-new Mazda3 hatch earlier this year. This new color is said to fuse the hard appearance of metal with the characteristic glossy smoothness of plastic, highlighting the MX-5 body's flowing form.

In Japan, the Mazda Roadster also gains an optional Silver Top specification which includes a grey soft top, body-color mirror caps and 16-inch aluminum wheels in a bright glossy finish.

If those are too shiny for your taste, Mazda has also introduced new 16-inch forged aluminum wheels developed with Rays. These rims bring the weight down by around 3 kg (6.6 lbs), thus reducing unsprung weight for improved driving dynamics. Customers who select the new Rays wheels can also specify the optional Brembo front brakes.



Inside, the 2020 MX-5 brings revisions to interior materials, with RF hardtop models gaining Burgundy Nappa leather combined with light grey stitching for a more luxurious ambience. The automaker has made changes to both Tan and Black optional leather upholsteries, adding perforations that improve comfort and contribute to a sportier appearance, as well as stainless steel scuff plates.

In addition to these upgrades, all model grades adopt a new-look key fob and Mazda badging, plus a night pedestrian detection function for the Advanced Smart City Brake Support (Advanced SCBS) system.

Nothing changes under the hood, with the updated MX-5 offering a choice of SkyActiv-G 1.5 or SkyActiv-G 2.0 four-cylinder gasoline engines mated to six-speed manual or automatic transmissions.

FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **January 14 - 6:00 pm Monthly Club Meeting:**

Our monthly club meeting will be held at Tom Bush Mazda at 9876 Atlantic Blvd, Jacksonville FL 32205 for their grand re-opening celebration. The dealership will be providing food for the club so come out and see what's cooking in 2020!

- **January 18 - 8:00 am Blue Springs State Park - MANATEES!!!**

We are meeting at the Green Cove Springs Elk's Lodge (for breakfast if you like) and then departing at 9am for Blue Springs to spot the wily manatee in its natural environment! One of our favorite events!

Upcoming/Planned Events:

- **February - Something wonderful!**
- **March - Another amazing event!**
- **April - Definitely Top Down Driving Weather!**

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:

Jim Sparks, Jack Milano & Evan Silvi

Welcome to Our Newest Members:

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Computer Nerd Can't Crack The Parking Code

A California computer hacker nicknamed Droogie thought he could outsmart the state's DMV by getting a vanity license plate with the letters NULL (in computer code, that means "no value").

He figured that if he got a parking ticket, his plate would confuse the DMV computers. It did, but not in the way he wanted.

Instead of negating his fee, the computer associated his address with **every** outstanding ticket that had incomplete plate information (and so was entered into the system as "null").

Random bills—totaling more than \$12,000—started to arrive at the man's house.

