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## MYSTERY DRIVE

WHEN: Saturday, September 19, 2020

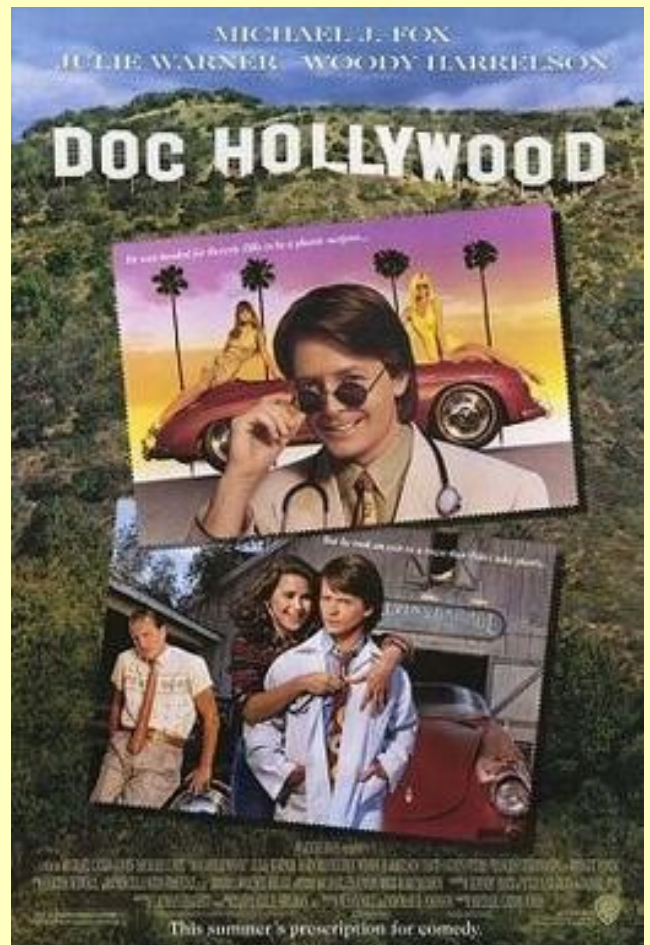
MEET: 9:00am, Hardee's, 2730 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg, FL 32068

DEPART: 9:30 am

Winding country roads, scenic farm country, majestic moss-covered oak tree canopies this Mystery Drive has it all. Throw in a touch of Hollywood, a dose of old Florida history and an opportunity to sample home grown spirits make this drive one not to miss.

So all you MIATA-PHILES saddle up, gussy up, bring your masks and enjoy a super social distancing fun day.

SEE EVERYONE ON THE 19th!!!



## *Mayport Ferry to Fernandina Beach Dinner Drive - 8/22/20*









## **Mazda braces for record annual operating loss as car sales slump**

TOKYO — Mazda Motor Corp forecast a record annual operating loss on Friday as the Japanese automaker continues to be pummeled by falling vehicle sales due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Japan's No. 5 automaker anticipates a 40 billion yen (\$383.5 million) loss for the year to March, joining a growing number of automakers, including Ford and Nissan, which expect annual losses after the virus shuttered vehicle plants and kept customers away from car dealerships.

Even before the coronavirus outbreak, the maker of the CX-5 SUV crossover and the Mazda3 sedan had been suffering from sliding profits for the past two years as slim new vehicle offerings has knocked sales in the United States and China, its two biggest markets.

In the year to March, Mazda anticipates an 8% fall in global vehicle sales to 1.3 million units, its lowest in seven years, which will likely result in an operating loss. The automaker said it would forgo paying a dividend this year.

Ahead of Friday's announcement, the company's shares fell 7%, as the consensus forecast in a Refinitiv poll of 19 analysts was for a 46 billion yen annual loss.

Mazda posted an operating loss of 45.3 billion yen for the first quarter, its weakest in 11 years, due to a 31% drop in vehicle sales between April and June.

In the April-June quarter, sales fell to 244,000 units, largely due to a drop in demand at home and in Europe. Sales in North America, Mazda's biggest market, fell 19% in the same period.

But China was a bright spot, as sales rose 13% during the quarter as car demand has returned to the world's largest auto market, having recovered relatively quickly from the virus.

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## ***FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR***

- **September 8 - 6:00 p.m. Monthly Club Meeting**

The meeting will be held at 4 Rivers Smokehouse at 220 Park Ave., Orange Park, FL 32073. Come early and hang out with fellow club to get the most out of your evening. Then stay late to pop the hood on a Miata or two and check out everyone's ride!

- **September 19 - 9:00 a.m. Sept Mystery Drive (Details on Front Page)**

This is the drive that is full of surprises! You definitely don't want to miss this! Check out the front page for all the details - ok, not too many details or it won't be much of a surprise! The picture is a big hint!

- **October 8 - 7:00 p.m. Monthly Club Meeting—location TBD**

The meeting will be held at a nice place that serves food, I bet! Make sure to be at the September meeting to help choose the best location. Make your voice heard! And keep an eye on our website and Facebook page!

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### **Happy September Birthdays to:**

Ronald Emanation, Mike Hearn, Irene Holt, Paula Horning, Jody Kinney,  
Steve Lindsay, Hank McLeod and Jackie Sobotka

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### **Welcome to Our Newest Members:**

Renee Parenteau, Stephen & Tara Galaydick and  
Jeff Carling (returning member)

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## Woman's driver's license arrives from DMV, with picture of an empty chair

CENTERVILLE, Tenn. — Driver's license photos aren't always the best, but when a Tennessee woman received her new ID the picture was perfect — for a furniture store. Jade Dodd renewed her license online and received it last week, but to her surprise, the photo wasn't a picture of her. It only showed an empty chair.

“The lady at the DMV did not really believe me when I was like, ‘Hey, I need my license fixed,’” Dodd said. “Then, she looked it up in the system and goes, ‘Oh, I need my manager for this.’”

The chair ended up being the focal point of the license because it was the last photo taken and saved to Dodd's file, the Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security told WKRN-TV. The photo was taken accidentally, the department said. Dodd said she wasn't upset by the mistake. Instead, she said it lightened the mood amidst the coronavirus pandemic and provided her and her coworkers with a few laughs.

“My boss thinks it's funnier than anyone,” Dodd added. “I was at work Friday and he pointed to a chair outside of his office door and was like, ‘I thought this was you, I waved at it this morning.’”



She posted the photo to Facebook on Aug. 6 and as of Wednesday, it had been shared more than 19,000 times and turned into several memes. Dodd received her new license Monday — without the chair.