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MYSTERY DRIVE

WHEN: MARCH 20TH

MEET: 9:00A.M. RACETRACK GAS STATION 9980 NEW KINGS RD
JACKSONVILLE FL 32219

DEPART: 9:30AM

I WON'T TELL YOU WHERE WE ARE GOING OR HOW WE WILL GET THERE. I WILL TELL YOU THAT WE WILL HAVE FUN! THE ROUTE WAS MEANT FOR MIATAS AND GOOD TIME DRIVING. NO DRIVE SHEETS WILL BE PROVIDED UNTIL AFTER THE DRIVE SO YOU WILL HAVE TO KEEP UP AND HAVE FUN.

I WILL TELL YOU THAT GOOD FOOD IN A SUPERB LOCATION AWAITS US AT THE END OF THE DRIVE. SO FILL UP THE FUEL TANKS, POLISH THE PAINT AND PREPARE TO ENJOY THE DAY.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ALL YOU MIATAPHILES ON THE 20TH! (Ed note: The picture below in no way represents the drive or the destination. I used artistic license!)

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Road Runner

The Winter Rally (Military Demonstration) - 02/20/21 Pics by Irene Holt





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Special Invitation



To any & all Car Clubs and their Members

To our March 2, 2021 6:00 pm

"Social" Dinner Meeting

8813 Western Way Jacksonville, FL



Bring out your cars for the students to admire and have your catered dinner on us.

6:00 pm - Show off your car, tour Jtech Institute facilities, catered dinner.

7:00 pm - First Coast Car Council business meeting.

8:00 pm - Adjournment

Please RSVP with your name, type of vehicle, and number attending to both:

dwampler@jtech.org and longgreenwood@bellsouth.net

FCMC Events Calendar

- **March 9 - 6:00 P.M. Monthly Club Meeting**

Our monthly club meeting will be held at Buffalo Wild Wings at 1940 Wells Rd, Orange Park FL 32073. Stay for the meeting to get caught up on what's coming up for the club and then stay late to check out everyone's ride in the parking lot and pop a few hoods.

- **March 20 - 9:30 A.M.**

Come out and join us on a mysterious and fun adventure. Check out the front page!

- **April 13 - 6:00 P.M. Monthly Club Meeting**

Happy March Birthdays To:

Gene Suskalo, Gail LaFlamme

Stephen Waddill, Darlene Eakle and Steve Janas

And Welcome Our Newest Members:

Peter Komatz, Mark Saunders and Arthur Houde

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This tiny fire truck for sale comes with a cute little boat.

It's just about the cutest things on six wheels (and water)

There's always something bound to catch my eye while perusing modern-classic car auction websites, but this is the first time something made me stop, melt and go "awwwwww."

What we have here up for auction is a 1996 Mitsubishi Minicab Fire Truck imported from Japan, which itself is pretty damn cute, but augmented in cuteness by the addition of a custom-made, matching wee boat on a trailer.

Apparently, the little guy is an actual functioning fire truck with a light bar, siren, bell and a 650cc two-stroke two-cylinder Shibaura fire pump good for 50 horsepower. That's more than the truck's actual 44-hp three-cylinder engine. The boat is apparently a Tubby Tug outfitted for tiny fire-fighting with a functioning hose, top-mounted lights, a "big chrome horn" and tiny American flag. It has a four-stroke Mercury motor.

The seller does provide some additional background on the boat: "(This Tubby Tug) was made by a favorite Grandpa in Poulsbo, Washington. He used to lead the annual season opening regatta with it. It's amazingly solid and sturdy and well built. The transom has been extended back a foot or so, leaving the outboard in a protected well and giving room around the motor for storage lockers housing the toy fire pumps, battery, and gas tank."

