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Annual Club Picnic/Officer Elections

HURRY, HURRY, HURRY! THE DEADLINE IS FAST APPROACHING!
PAYMENT NEEDED BY **APRIL 24TH** FOR THE **BEST EVER** FCMC END-OF-YEAR EVENT!

Event: May 8th - Time 5:00 p.m. (Dinner 5:30—7:00)

Location: Jumbo Shrimp Baseball Grounds. 301 A. Philip Randolph Blvd, Jacksonville FL 32202

Meeting Spot: Pick up tickets and directions to meeting area from Jim Sparks at entrance gate to “121 Financial Ballpark”

Parking: 3rd Floor of the parking garage across the street from the stadium (corner of A. Philip Randolph and E. Adams).

Problem or need info: Call Jim Sparks, 904-635-6030

Reservation and Payment Deadline: Saturday, April 24th (Jumbo Shrimp requires group activities to be paid in advance. Walk-ins are not allowed)

Cost: Member (Individual) - \$10.00, Non-member (Individual) - \$35.00

Maximum : 60

Payment includes: Private Meeting Area; A Catered Dinner; restrooms, and a separate Viewing Area for the ballgame.

Call Lisa now!

Credit Cards are accepted over the phone by Lisa Corner at (904) 982-9826. Checks can be mailed to Lisa at: 4531 Prayer Dr. N., Jacksonville, FL 32217. Because of the possibility of the mail not arriving in time, please call Lisa and let her know you mailed a check, and the amount. She will cover the check, if needed, and she knows where you live.

Dinner Menu:

BBQ Chicken, Pulled Pork, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Potato Salad, Pasta Salad, Cole Slaw, Sodas and Water. Adult beverages are available for an extra charge.

First Coast Miata Club

Board of Directors

President: Arved Grass

Vice-President: Hank McLeod

Events: Jim Sparks

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Burger and Museum Drive 04/17/21 - Pics by Irene









Call for Volunteers!

I know everyone has a lot on their plates, but consider carving out a small portion of your time to be an officer of the First Coast Miata Club. The club works like our Miata engines. Yes, you come to events, and monthly meetings when you can, and that is a large part of the engine. But without club organizers to start, oil, and fuel the engine, it stalls and fails. The time commitment is what you make it, but the payoff is a working and enjoyable club. Take a look at the lists below.

If you are interested in any position, please submit your name to any club officer (see the front page).

FCCM Officer Positions:

President
Vice-President
Secretary
Membership
Treasurer
Events Coordinator

Elected Position Duties & Responsibilities:

President - Presides over the monthly meeting and represents the club at functions, coordinates activities and distributes information across the board.

Vice-President - Stands in for the President if they are not available and handles special ad hoc activities as needed.

Secretary - Takes at the monthly meetings of any motions, decisions, or dates of club importance. These are typed up and distributed at the next monthly meeting.

Event Coordinator - Runs the club calendar of events ensuring at least one activity per month for the membership. Events can/should be planned by members, but if none are presented, the Events Coordinator tries to provide one. The Events Coordinator also assists club members to develop their event ideas into club activities.

Membership - Keeps the club membership database up to date, provides club information to all prospective members, handles club name badge orders and delivery to members, distributes club "stuff" (i.e., Club Window Stickers, First Contact Cards, and copies of the club by-laws). Also handles production and sale of club logo magnetic car signs.

Treasurer - Keeps track of all club monies and provides a balance report to the membership at the monthly club meetings.

There are also several non-elected, on-going positions (that anyone can volunteer for):

Newsletter Editor (Colin Busch) - Produces the "Road Runner" newsletter using Microsoft Publisher.

Facebook Manager (Hank McLeod) - Keeps the club Facebook pages (private and public) up to date.

Web Master (Steve Janas) - Keeps the club web page up to date.

First Coast Car Council (FCCC) Representative (Jim Sparks) - Represents the club at FCCC meetings and events.

FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR - WHAT COULD BE...

- **May 8 5 P.M. - Monthly Club Meeting & Officer Elections**

We are having our annual Club Picnic and Officer Elections at the Baseball Grounds of Jacksonville. See the front page for all the time-sensitive details!

- **June 9 - Monthly Club Meeting**

The site for this month's meeting will be decided at the May meeting. Hang tight!

- **June Umpteeth - Fun Drive**

I have been talking to Jim Sparks and he is working on a couple of doozies right now for June and July. I don't want to give anything away, but you definitely don't want to miss out on these future adventures!

Happy May birthdays to the following Club members:

Jim Cripps, Lisa Corner, Joseph Sizemore, Jennifer McLeod

And Welcome To Our Newest Members

Joseph Sizemore, Jacob Anderson, Tucker & Hannah McCullough,
Matthew & Viana Martin, Javier Fernandez, Tina & Mark Nelson

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Bird bombs truck driver with fish

It would appear that the long-simmering avian war upon humanity might be heating up again as an unsuspecting truck driver in North Carolina fell victim to a dive-bombing assault by an unidentified Carolina Bird-of-Prey. The payload, an as-yet-unidentified medium-sized fish, struck with 1.45G of force as the truck traveled across a bridge at 63 mph.

As the harrowing video shows, the driver from Wards Transport then slowed and pulled to the side of the road, assuredly taking stock of his good fortune in having survived the assault and mourning the death of the innocent fish at the talons of the avian bomber. The burial was at sea. Or the bird came back and ate it, we didn't follow up.

We can only assume this is but an initial volley in an upcoming wider assault planned by birds everywhere, not unlike the Great Northern California avi-an assaults of 1963 and the more recent Bosnian Crowning of 2019.

