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Annual Club Picnic/Officer Elections

Event: May 21st - Time 10:00 am - 1 pm

Location: Metropolitan Park, 1410 Gator Bowl Blvd, Jax FL 32202

It will be a real picnic so bring your preferred grub and beverages. Since it is a City park no alcohol allowed.

See page 6 for all the Annual Officer Election Details. We need volunteers to keep our club active and strong!

We hope to see all of our members come out for the picnic and support our club! Also, it's that time (if you have not done so already) to renew your annual membership!

First Coast Miata Club
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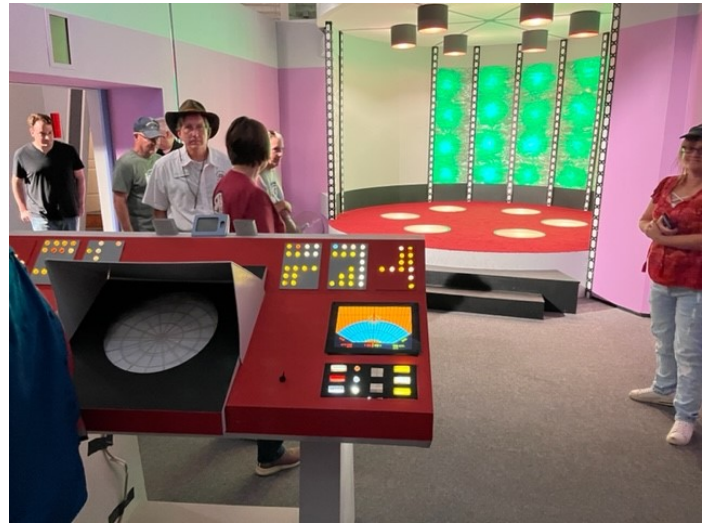
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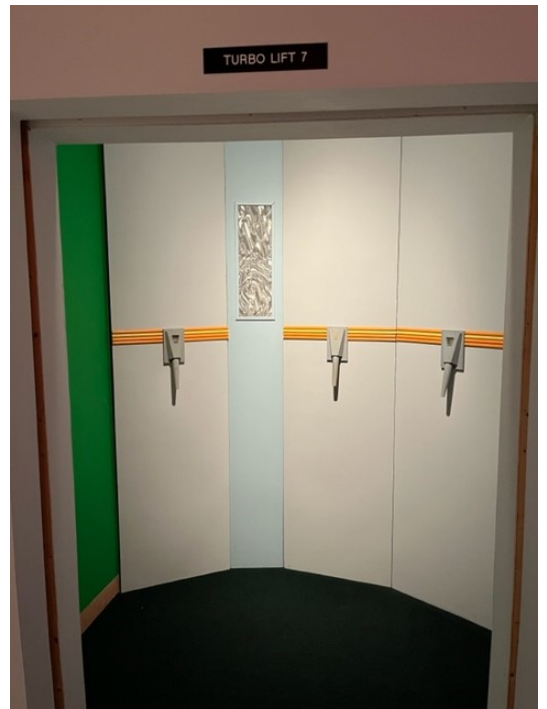
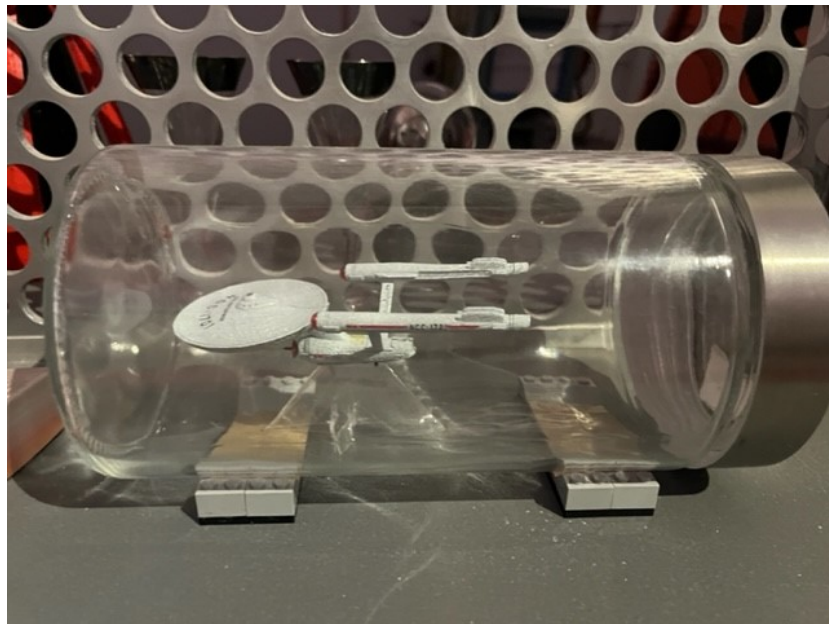
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To Boldly Go Where No Miata Club Has Gone Before! - April 16, 2022









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 minute 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 (Microsoft Excel) 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. Writes checks for all approved expenses.

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 21 10 am - Monthly Club Meeting & Officer Elections**

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

- **June 14 - 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:

**Jennifer McLeod, Lisa Corner, Karen Dougherty, Jim Cripps,
Peter Pluymers, Joseph Sizemore & Genevieve Hall**

Welcome To Our Newest Members:

Raymond & Helen O'Mara and Adam Plante (returning member)

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Hungry javelina hunting Cheetos gets stuck in car, takes a ride

CORNVILLE, Ariz. — A hungry javelina in Arizona ended up going for a drive when it became trapped inside an empty car and bumped it into neutral.

Deputies in Yavapai County responded to a call last week in Cornville, a community 10 miles (16 kilometers) south of Sedona, about a javelina stuck in a Subaru station wagon. Javelinas are pig-like desert animals. After speaking with the car's owner and other residents, deputies determined the car's back hatch had been left open overnight. The javelina jumped in to get to a bag of Cheetos. The hatch then closed, trapping the animal inside.

Authorities say the javelina ripped off a portion of the dashboard and the inside of a door in an attempt to escape. The animal then managed to knock the car into neutral, causing it to roll down the driveway and across the street. The Subaru came to a rest, and the javelina was not injured.

A deputy opened the hatch, and the javelina was able to run back into the wilderness. Deputies said he did manage to polish off the Cheetos.

