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A Change of Plans - Driving to Micanopy

Saturday, September 17

Drive start: Hardee's Middleburg (2730 Blanding Blvd, Middleburg, FL)

Meet at 9 AM, Depart at 9:30 AM

So, we were planning this month's drive to a creamery that makes its own cheese. We've been in communication with them, getting things prepared, and there's a snag. September 17, our normal drive date won't work for them (3rd Saturday is typical) and that's late breaking news in the planning stage. Bummer. So... now what?

Well, a quick look at the planned drive route showed that instead of taking a right turn toward the creamery, we can take a left turn that will take us right to the bustling metropolis of... Micanopy, FL.

Micanopy is a charming small town off US441 between Gainesville and Ocala. It is known for being the location where the 1991 Michael J. Fox movie, "Doc Hollywood", was filmed. Its downtown area has several antique stores & restaurants. The town's slogan is "The Town that Time Forgot."

Our drive to Micanopy will start at the Hardee's on Blanding Blvd in Middleburg at 9:30 AM. Our route will take us through Interlachen, Orange Springs, Island Grove and Cross Creek. Once we arrive and park in Micanopy, you are free to do as you please. Feel free to explore the town and get lunch in town if you choose. Or, after your explorations, you could return back to The Yearling restaurant for lunch. Or, you could drive into Gainesville for lunch.

Yes, it is a football game day, but it's an evening game. Enjoy, the choice is yours! Meet you at Hardee's on the 17th.

Oh, and the creamery? We'll look into trying that again, probably sometime in the spring. Sorry that didn't work out.

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











FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **September 10 - 7:15 AM Caffeine & Octane Car Show**

The Avenues Mall, 10300 Southside Blvd Jacksonville FL 32256. FCMC is the featured Car Club! See website event calendar for all the details!

- **September 13 - 6:00 PM Monthly Club Meeting**

Our monthly club meeting will be held at Mudville Grill at 3105 Beach Blvd, Jacksonville, FL 32216. Come out for the delicious food and stay late to pop a few hoods!

- **September 17 - 9:00 AM Micanopy (Details on Front Page)**

This is the drive that is full of choices! You definitely don't want to miss this! Check out the front page for all the details - ok, not too many choices, or you would be overwhelmed and we wouldn't want that.

- **October 11 - 6:00 PM 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!

Happy September Birthdays to:

Paula Horning, Irene Holt, Hank McLeod, Bob DeLoatch, Barb Bauer,
Julie Hamilton, Joe Iannotti, Raymond O'Mara and Bob Torres

Welcome to Our Newest Members:

Mike Cook

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Sheriff sends deputies on Batmobile arrest errand for a friend

It was revealed that Sheriff Carlos Bolanos had sent deputies to a shop called Fiberglass Freaks in Logansport, Indiana, which is licensed by DC Comics to build replicas of the George Barris Batmobile from the 1960s Adam West TV show. San Mateo real-estate agent Sam Anagnostou ordered himself up one of these \$210,000 crime-fighting machines, but he managed to forfeit his place in the line for Batmobiles. And yes, there's a line for Batmobiles.

Mark Racop, who owns Fiberglass Freaks, said he has nine Batmobiles in production. He said Anagnostou was actually first in line, but he missed a \$20,000 payment. "And he disappeared on me for over eight months."

When Anagnostou didn't get his Batmobile on time, Bolanos sent four deputies to Indiana, more than 2,000 miles away. They were traveling on the taxpayers' dime and arrested Racop on California felony charges and briefly threw him in an Indiana jail.

The real question is why would the sheriff get involved? Anagnostou first filed a lawsuit, which was dismissed, then tried to interest police in Indiana to no avail. That's when Anagnostou turned to his friend, Sheriff Bolanos - "Holy political favors, Batman!"

The sheriff obtained search warrants in San Mateo, yet the district attorney says he didn't realize the raid would happen in Indiana and said he didn't approve it. Now it sounds like the D.A. is going to dismiss the charges. So Anagnostou is without wheels. And Racop could be off the hook, just as Batman and Robin wriggled off so many hooks over so many pots of boiling oil.

