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THE BEST ENGLISH SPORTS CARS EVER BUILT

WHEN: October 22,2022

MEET: 9:30 am, PUBLIX, 450 SR13, St. Johns, FL 32259

DEPART: 10:00 am

Our jaunt will take us along lush green countryside traversing SR13 to SR16a. Highway 16a will take us to SR16 and then to the International Golf Parkway and through a few miles of scenic canopied roadway to reach our destination.

Our destination is the Kings Head British Pub, which is hosting the 2022 All English Car Show. Our intent is to park close to the show so all the participants may view "the best english sports car ever built - the Miata". After viewing the show cars and allowing ample time for our Miatas to be viewed, it will be time for lunch.

Lunch could be of an english flavor such as fish and chips or perhaps shepard's pie. Lunch could be an all-american pulled pork bbq sandwich at Bucee's or maybe even an all-american hamburger at Angel's in Palatka. The choice will be up to each participant.

So shine'em, gas'em, throw a lawn chair in the trunk and let's let them see the sports car England should have built, but thankfully did not!!!

See all you miataphiles on the 22nd!

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Driving to Micanopy - 09/17/22







Caffeine & Octane - Featuring Miatas 09/10/22





FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **October 11 - 6:00 pm, Monthly Club Meeting**

The meeting will be held at Top Dawg Tavern at 13820 Old St Augustine Road, Jacksonville, FL 32258. Come early and hang out with fellow club members 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!

- **October 22 — 9:30 am, The Best British Car Ever Made Drive**

We are meeting at the Publix in St Johns. This is a great drive and a neat event so don't miss it! See the front page for all the details of this exciting and worthwhile drive!

- **December 3 — Green Cove Springs Christmas Parade**

More details to follow!

- **December 10 — FCMC Holiday Party at the Pavilion at Bethesda Park**

More details as this gets closer: 10790 Key Haven Blvd, Jax FL 32218.

Expect the usual fun and games and delicious food and drinks!

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS TO:

**Cindy Busch, Chuck Belinski, Linda French, Joan Dennis,
Marsha Headrick, Mike Cook, Robert Mayfield & Dave Talbert**

Welcome To Our Newest Member(s):

Robert Mayfield

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Tennessee man sets Guinness World Record for fastest mile driven in reverse

Any fan of "The Fast and The Furious" movies can name at least two times someone drove a car in reverse as fast as they were driving forward. Of course, some of that is movie magic, but there are some real mechanical "things" happening that we can't see. In the real world, a Tennessee man has made it his life's mission to test and document the top reverse speed of vehicles. He recently set a Guinness World Record for the fastest mile driven in reverse with an average speed of 48 mph. He hit a peak speed in that average mile of 54 mph. The drive took place in June, and he just won Guinness recognition.

Scot Burner runs the YouTube channel "Always in Reverse," where he takes cars on-track in reverse to test their top speed. His record attempt took place in his 2017 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray at the National Corvette Museum's Motorsports Park in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Burner told Fox News that his technique is simple: He turns around with his right hand on the passenger seat and steers with his left. The rear window is his only view onto the track ahead, which can be disorienting at first, but Burner says he's been at it since 2000, giving him plenty of time to practice.

Cars feature speed limiters that prevent them from traveling more than 60 mph in reverse, meaning the cars in the movies have been heavily modified to deliver 100 mph-plus speeds. Paul Walker did it with a Mitsubishi EVO 12 in "2 Fast 2 Furious," and Vin Diesel did the deed in a flaming hotrod in "The Fate of the Furious" (or stunt drivers did, anyway.) Luckily for Burner, he wasn't running from gangsters, and his car didn't end in flames. Still an impressive record, however.

