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It's A Swamp Thing!!!

No, not the movie! The actual Okefenokee Swamp!

Destination: Okefenokee Adventure Park, 4159 Suwannee Canal Rd, Folkston, GA 31537

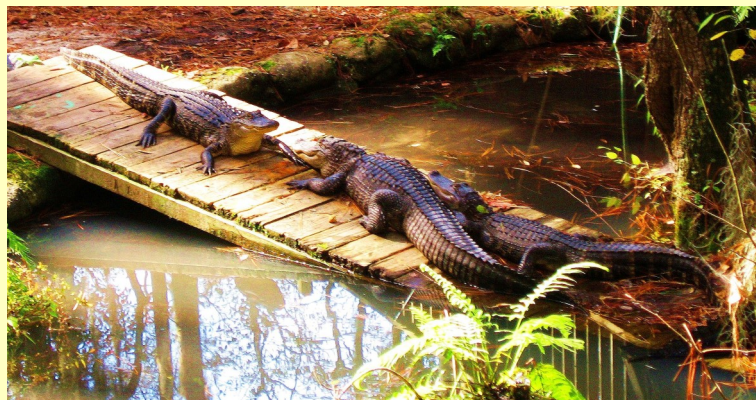
When: Saturday September 21st 2024

Meet at RaceTrac 9980 New Kings Rd, Jax FL 32219 off of 295 bypass. Meet up at 8:00 am. departure time 8:30 am.

If we come up there with at least 15 people the price will be \$27.50 per person for the boat ride. And for the meal which will consist of hot dogs, hamburgers & baked beans, would be \$10.50 per person. For a total of \$38 plus tax.

If we should come up there with 30 people the price will come down to \$25 per person for the boat ride. And the meal will still be the same \$10.50. For a total of \$35.50 plus tax.

There is a \$5 charge per car load to get into the park, but if you have a senior citizen's pass it will be free



Fish & Ships Drive - 8/17/24





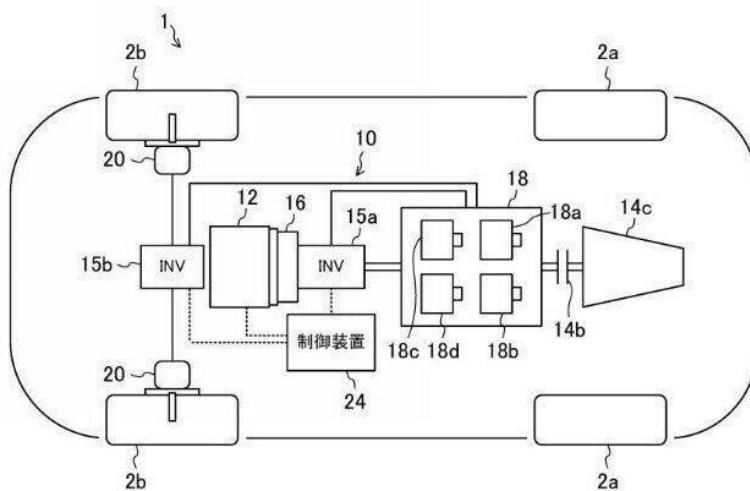




New Mazda Patent Will Please Rotor Heads

Mazda's Iconic SP rotary powered sports car is closing in on production, and according to a patent filing in Japan its Wankel engine will be much more than just a range-extender for an EV powertrain.

When it was first shown as a concept in 2023 it appeared that the Iconic SP would employ a similar setup to the MX-30 R-EV, with a compact rotary engine generating electricity for a trio of electric motors. In fact, says a report by Japan's Best Car, the car's Wankel motor will be the main source of motion for the pretty coupe.



A recent patent for a “vehicle drive system” shows a mild hybrid installation with the rotary engine mounted behind the front axle, connected to a 33-hp electric motor which then sends power via a propshaft to a rear transaxle transmission. This arrangement means that the e-motor could provide useful torque-fill for the rotary at lower engine speeds. Two further electric motors of 23-hp apiece drive the front wheels and

could allow the car run in pure EV configuration without firing up the Doritos in the engine bay.

By stitching together two of the 830 cc rotary units featured in the MX-30 it is estimated that the total output would top 350 horsepower, making it the most powerful rotary road car in Mazda's history. What's more Mazda has proven that the rotary can run on a wide range of fuels from pump gas to bio and e-fuels, and even hydrogen, which would future proof the sports car.

We reckon it will be on sale in 2026. Hopefully it will also mark a return for the RX moniker—Mazda just needs to pick a number.



FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR

- **September 10 - 6:00 pm Monthly Club Meeting—Bob Evans**

Our monthly meeting will be held at Bob Evans, 3163 Hartley Rd, Jacksonville FL 32257 (at I-295 & San Jose Blvd near Whole Foods) near the intersection of J Turner Butler Blvd and Philips Hwy. The meeting will start at 7 pm.

- **September 21 - 08:00 am Irene Drive (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 8 - 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!

- **October Event - Drive Is Under Construction**

Start time and location to be determined.

Welcome to Our Newest Members:

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C6 Chevy Corvette 'Trail Boss' continues tradition of dirt-loving Vettes

If it's a C6 'Vette off-roader you're waiting for, here you go. GM Authority ran an April Fools joke two years ago purporting to show spy shots of a C8 Corvette Trail Boss. This Facebook Marketplace user built a Vette with the same name but on a chassis from 2013. The listing's got more photos than information; it looks like the engine's been untouched save for a cold-air intake, and the odo shows under 50,000 miles; 430 horsepower and 424 pound-feet of torque runs through a six-speed manual to the rear wheels. The builder installed Fox shocks with remote reservoirs, the better to play with the 33-inch Toyo Open Country A/T tires wrapping Fuel off-road wheels.

This C6 is up for sale on Facebook Marketplace for \$23,000. It's had a bit of buy-sell-buy-sell history in the recent past, but the video shows what it can do in the right hands. Whoever takes it home will want to keep a recovery strap in the cargo area — RWD with no lockers is a good way to spin wheels.

