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Annual Club Meeting/Officer Elections

First Coast Miata Club 2026 Annual Meeting & Elections Saturday, May 30, from 12 pm-2 pm

The First Coast Miata Club will be celebrating 35 years of being Northeast Florida's community for Mazda Miata MX-5 enthusiasts at this year's Annual Meeting & Elections! Join us Saturday, May 30 from 12 PM to 2PM in the Englewood Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 5675 Kennerly Rd, 32216. The church Fellowship Hall is located on the Southside of town, just off University Blvd between I-95 and Beach Blvd.

Hopefully you received the email from our President Sissy Horn with the details and the sign up for food and desserts to bring to our annual meeting. There is usually a raffle drawing for some cool Miata swag and stuff! More details to come!

We 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. Without club organizers to start, oil, and fuel the engine, it will stall and fail. The time commitment is what you make it, but the payoff is a working and enjoyable club. Please consider taking an active role in leading YOUR club!

The website and our Facebook page will have more details. We need your passion to help the club thrive, drive and survive. A Miata is a terrible thing to waste!

First Coast Miata Club

Board of Directors

President: Sissy Horn

Vice-Pres: Open

Events: Jim Sparks

Secretary: A Abdurraq

Treasurer: Lisa Corner

Membership: Mike French

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18th Annual Classic Mazda Racing Exhibition - April 11, 2026





Micanopy Drive - April 25, 2026





It's Club Officer Election Time!

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First of all, many thanks to our current FCMC Officers!

President: Sissy Horn

Vice-President: Open

Secretary: A. Abdurraaq

Events Coordinator: Jim Sparks

Membership Coordinator: Mike French

Treasurer: Lisa Corner

Elected Position Duties & Responsibilities:

- **President:** Conducts and presides over monthly meetings 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 with the goal of planning at least one Club activity per month. Assists club members with developing ideas into Club activities.
- **Membership Coordinator:** Keeps the club membership database (Microsoft Excel) up to date, provides club information to all prospective members.
- **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.

We will accept self nominations for all elected positions at the annual Meeting on May 30. If you are unable to attend but wish to be nominated in absentia, please contact Sissy Horn or any officer so you can be added to the ballot!

Non-elected, standing board positions: We also thank those who have continued with these responsibilities through the years! If you wish to assist in any of these roles, please contact the person below.

- **Newsletter Editor** (Colin Busch): Produces the "Road Runner" newsletter using Microsoft Publisher.
- **Web Master** (Brad Corner): Keeps the club web page up to date. Maintains the mechanisms that allow for online club enrollment and dues payments and coordinates new member and renewals with the Membership Coordinator and Treasurer.
- **Social Media Manager** (Hank McLeod): Keeps the club Facebook and Instagram pages up to date, moderates the Club "Community" Page.
- **First Coast Car Council (FCCC) Representative** (Open): Represents the club at FCCC meetings/events

FCMC EVENTS CALENDAR - WHAT COULD BE...

- **May 12 6:00 pm - Monthly Club Meeting**

Our monthly meeting will be held at Bob Evans, 3163 Hartley Rd, Jacksonville FL 32257 (at I-295 & San Jose Blvd near Whole Foods). Dinner & Social at 6:00pm. Our meeting will be at 7:00 pm.

- **May 30 12:00 PM - Annual Picnic & Officer Elections**

We are having our annual Club Meeting and Officer Elections at the Englewood Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. See the front page and page 6 for all the time-sensitive details!

Welcome To Our Newest Members:

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Web Page: www.firstcoastmiataclub.org

**Fan Page: [facebook.com/
firstcoastmiataclub](https://facebook.com/firstcoastmiataclub)**

Florida woman claimed driving 123 mph was OK because she was driving 'a Supra'

Blame it on the car. That's what a Florida woman tried to do recently after deputies pulled her over for allegedly driving 123 mph on a highway.

While the driver was going well over the posted speed limit of 50 mph, she was quick to offer an excuse to deputies in body camera footage released by the Lee County Sheriff's Office.

"Honestly, it's just because he has a Supra, and then I thought it was all right, OK to go fast and everything," the woman told police, referring to the red Toyota sports car she had been driving. The car apparently belonged to the male passenger who had been along for the ride.

Jail records show authorities arrested Siria Lopez, a 25-year-old from Bonita Springs, on suspicion of speeding and a DUI around 1 am Thursday, April 9. Lopez posted \$3,500 in bond money to the Lee County Sheriff's Office and was released from the county jail later that day.

"Super speed and super impaired," was how deputies described Lopez's arrest on social media. The post said a Breathalyzer test revealed that Lopez had a blood alcohol level of 0.23 — nearly three times the legal limit of 0.08.

According to the Lee County Sheriff's Office, this was not the first time that specific red Supra was used to reach such high speeds. In December 2024, the male passenger, whom Lopez said in the body camera footage owned the car, was allegedly cited for going 109 mph on the same road and in the same car.

"Last time I saw you, you were doing 110, so I knew you were doing 125," the officer remarked as he handcuffed Lopez.