



# Z NEWS

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## **Z CAR GARAGE CELEBRATION**

**Saturday, April 5, 2014**

**9 AM - 3 PM**

**140 Archer St. San Jose**

See flyer on page 3

## **50th April Fools Rallye**

**Sunday, April 6, 2014**

**Registration 10:30AM - 12:30PM**

**SNOOPY ICE AREA parking lot, Santa Rosa**

See flyer on page 4



2014 Contra Costa Cruise Photo by Peter Iozzia

## **ZONC BOARD Meeting**

**April 13, 2014**

**Sunday at 11:00 AM**

**Cenarios Pizza 364 Pittman Rd. #1, Fairfield, Ca**

**RSVP to [anndevor@gmail.com](mailto:anndevor@gmail.com) by 4-10-2014**

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## PRESIDENT'S UPDATES

April already - well spring is here and it's time to get those favorite **ZONC** cars out on the road. Some of us got a head start on spring by joining **ZONC** Secretary and Member Representative Ann Devor and husband, Paul Gommel, on a drive through the lovely back roads of the bay area on a warm day in mid March. One forgets that there is very scenic country in the east bay between Concord and Berkeley. However, it just wasn't a lovely drive, but, also a hunt to complete a picture puzzle (you had to put the pictures in the correct order of when the scenes occurred on the drive). Also, it was a great time to see friends that you have not seen recently. Enjoy the photos of the drive taken by Bob Jenkins, unless the photographer is named, and Ann's article elsewhere in this issue. Also, Peter Iozzia shared his photos on the **ZONC** Facebook page.

The 1st weekend of April has two events. 1st is the 10th year celebration for Z Car Garage in San Jose. This open house on Sat., April 5th, should be lots of fun. If you're planning to go, you'll want to see the flyer in this newsletter and at [www.zonc.org](http://www.zonc.org). **Congratulations to ZCG!**

The 2nd weekend event is the 50TH APRIL FOOLS RALLYE, this fun event is on Sunday, April 6th. If you're planning to attend there are a few things you should know - there is a new start location in Santa Rosa. It's starting from the parking lot of the SNOOPY ICE ARENA (just across the street from the previous start). The 1st 40 cars also receive a magnetic participation plaque. You should also bring a clipboard, post it notes, a highlighter and a pen. And plan to have a late lunch at the finish (Round Table Pizza in Rohnert Park). And, you'll want to see the flyer in this newsletter and at [www.zonc.org](http://www.zonc.org).

The following weekend sees the **ZONC** membership meeting at CENARIOS PIZZA on Pittman Rd., in Fairfield at 11am. See the notice on the front page of this issue of **ZNews**. The meeting will review plans for the Annual Car Show in July and the calendar of events for the next several months. Remember that what makes a great club is YOU!

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And it would be terrific if every member could talk with their favorite car shop, dealership, or store, and secure an item for the raffle at the car show.

The month of May brings the new race at Laguna Seca and there will be a **ZONC** corral, please see the flyer in this newsletter and at [www.zonc.org](http://www.zonc.org). The race is called the CONTINENTAL TIRE MONTEREY GRAND PRIX, Powered by Mazda this race introduces the new TUDOR UNITED SPORTS CAR CHAMPIONSHIP. This new racing series is a merger of the GRAND-AM ROLEX SPORTS CAR and the AMERICAN LE MANS organization. It showcases two styles of cars, Prototype and GT (Grand Touring).

I recently read in the NORCAL UFO newsletter that this will be their last year of autocrossing at the Marina site.

Former **ZONC** member, Bill Clark shared his experience in reviewing the 370z Nismo, which he drove for a week, you can read it here

<http://www.ebaymotorsblog.com/review-2014-nissan-370z-nismo-searching-for-z-nirvana/>

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### Please Welcome

### New Members. . .

<b>DENORIS SMITH</b>	<b>300ZX</b>
<b>JASON LAMPEN</b>	<b>370Z</b>

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**HAPPY  
APRIL  
BIRTHDAYS**



**GARY KERCHNER  
RAY RAIBLE  
JOE ARMSTEAD**

*If you're not listed - it's because the Data Base Manager does not have your month of birth.  
And you're wished a Happy Birthday!*

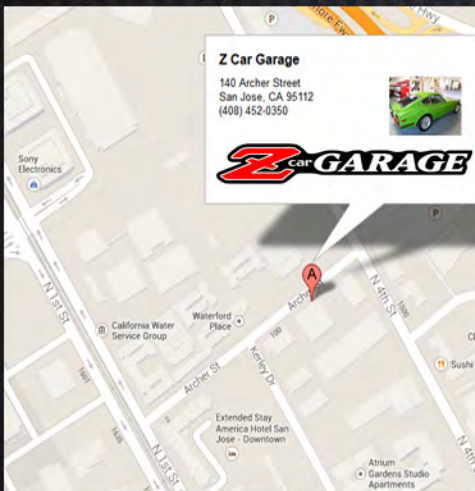


Join us as we celebrate 10 years of



Come down and enjoy the day filled with  
cool cars and great people

Giveaways / Food / Good Times



April 5, 2014

9 AM - 3 PM

140 Archer St.

San Jose, CA - 95112





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50TH ANNUAL

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RALLYE

**AN A-B RALLYE OPEN TO ALL TYPES OF CARS**

**DATE:** SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2014

**NEW START:** SNOOPY'S HOME ICE, 1667 W. STEELE LANE, SANTA ROSA - TAKE THE STEELE LANE EXIT OFF U.S. 101, ONE MILE NORTH OF DOWNTOWN SANTA ROSA. GO WEST ON STEELE. CONTINUE ONTO GUERNEVILLE. TURN RIGHT AT RANGE. TURN LEFT ON W. STEELE. TURN RIGHT INTO THE SECOND DRIVEWAY AND GO TO THE BACK OF THE PARKING LOT.

**TIME:** REGISTRATION 10:30AM to 12:30PM,  
FIRST CAR OUT AT 11:45AM, LAST CAR OUT AT 1:00 PM

**FEE:** ENTRY \$17.00 PER CAR - \$.50 POKER HAND (OPTIONAL)

**CLASSES:** MASTER EXPERT, EXPERT, SENIOR, NOVICE, BEGINNER, FIRST TIMER

**AWARDS:** MASTER EXPERT CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST AND SECOND PLACE  
EXPERT CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST THRU THIRD PLACE  
SENIOR CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST THRU THIRD PLACE  
NOVICE CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST THRU THIRD PLACE  
BEGINNER CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST THRU FOURTH PLACE  
FIRST TIMER CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST THRU THIRD PLACE  
POKER, ~ AWARD ~ \$10.00 CASH  
A PARTICIPATION PLAQUE TO FIRST 40 CARS  
THE OVERALL WINNERS WILL HAVE THEIR NAMES ENGRAVED ON A LARGE PERPETUAL TROPHY  
THE PROFITS FROM THIS RALLYE WILL GO TO CHARITY:  
*Canine Companions for Independence®*



**FINISH:** ROUND TABLE PIZZA IN ROHNERT PARK

RALLYMASTER, BOB THE BEARD - FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CALL (707) 546-6867 OR E-MAIL [thebeard@sonic.net](mailto:thebeard@sonic.net)

THE APRIL FOOLS RALLYE WEBSITE IS: <http://www.sonic.net/~thebeard/>  
You can run a practice A/B Map Rallye there.

**THERE WILL BE A SHORT RALLYE SCHOOL AT 11:00 AM FOR ALL THOSE NEW TO RALLYING**

A RALLYE IS NOT A SPEED EVENT. A RALLYE IS A TEST OF A TEAM'S ABILITY TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ALONG THE ROUTE, WHILE LOOKING FOR SIGNS AND SITUATIONS THAT FIT THE DEFINITIONS OF THE RALLYE.





# NISSAN CAR CORRAL

May 2 - 4, 2014 | Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca



Exclusive NISSAN ONLY corral pass  
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## ZONC Goes to Cars & Coffee

By Ann Devor

ZONCers showed up early for the March 2 CARS AND COFFEE at the BLACKHAWK MUSEUM in Danville. Kevin Neely was already parked in the Museum lot showing his Z32 when Paul and I arrived in our 350Z at 7:30 a.m. The Museum lot was nearly filled with some of the show cars parked across the driveway closer to the theater – the same location where ZONC last held its BLACKHAWK car shows. It was kind of like revisiting old times at Blackhawk – only one coffee shop open, all the rest of the shops closed, including the restaurant where we thought we would meet – and the lot filled with beautiful sports cars, including a few of ZONC's best Zcars. Volunteers for the CARS AND COFFEE organization handed out free passes to the AUTO MUSEUM and there was plenty of hot coffee courtesy of SCOTT'S RESTAURANTS to help keep us warm in the damp drizzly morning.

Soon after we backed our Z in, Dale and Chris Kusaba arrived in their jaw-dropping 350Z and Dale raised his Lambo doors to show his recently updated interior and carbon fiber goodies. And there were a lot of admirers who stopped to check out his Z. Ray Raible drove his newly restored 240Z and got one of the last parking spots, backing his car in to show off his covered headlights. Ken Clark and Mary arrived in their outstanding 240Z and found a spot just outside the lot but within sight of the rest of us. A couple of GT-Rs showed up to round out the Nissan spectrum of cars.

Other cars of special note: three Model A pick-up trucks, an elegant pre-War Packard, a couple '32 Ford hot rods, a Lotus 7, a TR-4, a BMW M1, and assorted Porsches, Ferraris

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and C-7 Corvettes. Also in attendance but with Zs not on the road were Gary Kerchner and Marci and Bob Jenkins. When the car show was over at 10 a.m., we gathered together at the restaurant (that was not open) and talked about our upcoming events and especially our Annual Car Show. We looked at trophies and awards and generally had a good time hanging out together.

If you want to see and enjoy an informal show of exotic and historic sports cars, CARS AND COFFEE meets at the BLACKHAWK MUSEUM on the first Sunday of every month.







## Cruisin' through the East Bay Parks

By Ann Devor

The Eighth ANNUAL CONTRA COSTA CRUISE took off from Panera Bread in Concord on a perfect blue sky morning on March 15. Sixteen Zcars gathered together with 28 drivers and passengers for a scenic ride through the Briones and Tilden Regional Parks. Well, easy for some but not all – for the first time in all eight years of CONTRA COSTA CRUISING, we had some Z issues on the road – a flat tire, a busted electrical and cooling system, and an inexplicable stall with difficult restart. We won't mention names, but one of the Z's belonged to me and another belonged to ZONC's Treasurer. But never say 'die' when running a Z, and we all made it to our destination at Brennan's for lunch and home again to drive another day.

At last count, we had two 240Zs (Ken "Cookie Man" Clark and Mary Rozmajzyl, and Wade and daughter Dylan Warren); a 280Z driven by Chuck Moll; Stephen Wong's one-off 280ZX; two beautiful Z32s driven by BayZa superstars Steve Schrammel and Kevin Monahan; seven 350Zs (Lois and Ruff Apperson, Fred and Loretta Brooks, Karen and Pete Iozzia, Marci and Bob Jenkins, Jacob Mattson in a Nismo, David "Flames" and Veronica Morse, and me and Paul Gommel); and three 370Zs (Cynthia and Harvey Laskey, Corey Smith

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and Seruki "the Sprite" Liudzius, and new members Jason and Vanessa Lampen).

The Cruise started off on city streets toward the green hills in the west. From Reliez Valley Rd. we entered the first part of Briones Regional Park while heading toward the twisty Alhambra Valley canyon. After making the turn to Bear Creek Road, we stopped on a long hill to take pictures and wave to motorcyclists and bicyclists also enjoying the day. From there, we crossed over San Pablo Dam Road and began the winding ascent up Wildcat Canyon Road to Tilden Park.

Once we were in the Park, we made our way past numerous vistas, points of interest and bicyclists to the merry-go-round where we stopped for a break. The merry-go-round was running, and the sound of the mechanical band



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Photo by Paul Gommel



accompanying the prancing horses brought happy memories to many of us, made all the more enjoyable with Dylan's sale of delicious Girl Scout cookies to hungry Cruisers. Shortly we made our way out of the Park, across Grizzly Peak Blvd., and over to the parking lot above UC Berkeley's Lawrence Hall of Science where we were rewarded with a spectacular bird's eye view of the Bay, its bridges and San Francisco in the distance.

Back on the road, we traveled down Strawberry Canyon to the Berkeley campus and past the Greek Theater. Traffic in Berkeley was as bad as usual and we'll leave it to Wade to say whether he hates Ashby Ave. as much as he hated the turns

from Oxford onto University Ave. After a few stops for red lights and a couple more turns, we arrived at the Fourth St. parking lot and Brennan's. Everyone enjoyed heaping plates of food served cafeteria style in the private room reserved for ZONC. We gave out St. Patrick's Day prizes and had some good laughs about the ride and the puzzle of pictures along the way.

Many thanks to everyone who came along for the CRUISE. We'll put on an equally fun event next year, but we promise to stay away from Berkeley streets!



**IF IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP, SEND IN THIS FORM BELOW WITH YOUR DUES!**

**ARE YOU MOVING?? PLEASE FILL OUT CHANGE OF ADDRESS BELOW!**

☐ ZONC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM ☐ Change of Address (complete 1-8 only below)

Send your check payable to: ZONC to: Ann Devor 2916 Eccleston Avenue, Walnut Creek, CA 94597

1) Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ 2) Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

3) Address: \_\_\_\_\_ 4) City: \_\_\_\_\_ 5) State: \_\_\_\_\_

6) County: \_\_\_\_\_ 7) Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ 8) Home Telephone ( \_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Enclosed are my \$30 dues for the next 12 months ☐ Enclosed are my \$55 dues for the next 24 months

☐ Enclosed is an additional \$10 per person, per year, for an associate membership for \_\_\_\_\_

Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_



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**ZONC** is now a Partner Club in the ZCCM (Z Car Club Magazine); this nationwide Z magazine will now include **ZONC**. We'll get an opportunity to feature **ZONC** in the Club Spotlight. A big thanks to the 10 **ZONC** members that subscribed to ZCCM. These members can now submit an article on their car, project or how-to-do experience with their Datsun/Nissan car. You can always add a subscription at [http://www.ebay.com/itm/271383473443?ss ... 1558.l2649](http://www.ebay.com/itm/271383473443?ss...1558.l2649) or [zcarclubmag.com](http://zcarclubmag.com)

Keep checking at **ZONC.org** for updates and. . .

Enjoy the open road.

~ *Marci*

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### ZONC & non ZONC events

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| <b>Apr 05</b>    | <b>ZCar Garage celebration San Jose</b>                                          |
| Apr 06           | 50th April Fools Rallye Santa Rosa                                               |
| <b>Apr 13</b>    | <b>ZONC Meeting in Fairfield</b>                                                 |
| Apr 26           | MSA Party One day event                                                          |
| May 02-04        | Tudor United Sports Car Championship at Laguna Seca with <b>Corral</b>           |
| <b>May 10</b>    | <b>ZONC Meeting in Vallejo</b>                                                   |
| May 17-18        | Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival at Sonoma Raceway ( <b>Corral Pending</b> ) |
| <b>Jun 01</b>    | <b>ZONC Meeting in Benicia</b>                                                   |
| <b>Jul 12</b>    | <b>ZONC Annual Car Show at Brisbane Marina</b>                                   |
| <b>Aug 05-09</b> | <b>ZCCA ZCON in San Diego</b>                                                    |
| Aug 8-10         | Monterey Histories Pre-Reunion events at Laguna Seca Raceway                     |
| Aug 15-17        | Rolex Motorsports Reunion at Laguna Seca Raceway with <b>Corral</b>              |
| Aug 22-24        | Go-Pro Grand Prix of Sonoma (Indy Car) at Sonoma Raceway                         |



## Z MART

### Z MART ADS

Members: no charge for nonbusiness ads  
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Nonmembers: \$10.00 per ad,  
\$20.00 with photo.

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Ads run for two months  
(unless you tell me to remove it after one month).

Please include your complete address with ad.

**DEADLINE: is the 15th of the month,  
for inclusion in the next issue.**

Please make check or money order  
**payable to: ZONC.**

Please send ad with payment to:

**BOB JENKINS, Z MART  
2173 DOLEN CT.  
SANTA ROSA, CA 95401**



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