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Marin/Sonoma Great Z Time

Article by Bob Jenkins, Photo's Ann Devor & Bob Jenkins

We departed the PETALUMA MARINA a little late with ZONC's newest member Tina Skates and her father, Harold, in her gray 350Z convertible, followed by Harold & Cynthia Lasky in their very red 370Z, followed by Ann Devor & Paul Gommel in their modified gray 350Z, with Bob & Marci leading in their orange 350Z.

We went through Petaluma and out D Street past all the historic homes and then out onto the scenic country roads, out past the MARIN CHEESE FACTORY and the Nicasco Reservoir and through the town of Point Reyes Station and onto Sir Francis Drake Blvd. to Drakes Beach. Yes there were other cars on the road



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ZONC CAR SHOW

July 12, 2014

Saturday 10-3pm

Brisbane Marina



HAPPY
JULY
BIRTHDAYS



LOIS APPERSON
DALE KUSABA
DENNIS SMITH

*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!*

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATES

Sadly, **ZONC** has lost another very active member to cancer this past month, Rolf Johnsen. When Rolf joined **ZONC** with his 350z he jumped in with both feet and was extremely active in the club, and in promoting the club in his area. He will be missed very much. Ann Devor and Paul Gommel have written a very nice tribute to Rolf on page five.

I recently received an email from a former **ZONC**er who asked on the **ZONC** Facebook page: "What happened to the meet ups or all the runs this club used to do?? I see more talks and part sales then I do fun runs or shows :-("

Another **ZONC**er recently asked someone at membership renewal time: "Will you be staying active in **ZONC**, as I'm not sure about renewing my club membership if you're not going to be active in the club?"

I've pondered why **ZONC**'s membership is at nearly a record low in it's 42 years and what makes a car club strong.

I've realized that the answers to these two questions are really the key to a strong car club.

Friends want to hang out with other friends and **ZONC**ers want to drive and show off their cars.

So, please tell your friends about **ZONC** and about our upcoming **CAR SHOW** on July 12th (information on pages three and four or at www.zonc.org) they can enter the show the day of the event - they do not need to be **ZONC** members, but, of course we would hope that they would join! Those raffle items are looking good and we're giving the profits from the raffle to the **CANCER RESEARCH INSTITUTE**.

Now, regarding driving events - we all have that favorite drive - so why not contact a board member (quick phone call or email) and share that route with them and we'll see about putting it on for members. There are lots of people to help if you want to organize it. Please share. There's a great drive

for everyone coming up on **September 21st**. Our **free ANNUAL PICNIC** will be held in the wine county at **LAKE SONOMA** (outside of Healdsburg). And getting to **LAKE SONOMA** is a lovely drive for everyone. **So save the date!**

Please let me know what you think **ZONC** needs to be a more active club. It's not within my abilities to lower gas prices or to eliminate the traffic on the road, or to raise the speed limits, aside from these, please do share your thoughts.

ZCON is just a month away - whose going to the **Convention** besides Bob & me? I have only heard of about four other **ZONC**ers who plan to go? Are you going? How about a caravan to San Diego?

Please Welcome New Members . .

TINA SKATES **350Z CONVERTABLE**

JAMES SMITH **280ZX**

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

Enjoy the open road.

~ *Marci*

Notes From the Editor

✓ If you download your **ZNEWS** from the **MEMBERS ONLY** section of www.zonc.org. Remember to **CHECK your MEMBERSHIP EXPIRATION date**.

✓ Check your email this summer for the **ZNEWS SURVEY**. The **ZNEWS** will be sending out a **SURVEY** this summer via email to all those member's who have provided **ZONC** with their email address to inquire if you would like to receive your **ZNEWS** via email instead of either ~~paper copy or~~ downloading from www.zonc.org.

✓ When you request a user name and password to access the **MEMBERS ONLY** section of zonc.org, remember to include your **ZONC** membership number.



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SHOW



THE BRISBANE MARINA

JULY 12, 2014

10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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Z ★ 510 ★ ROADSTER ★ G COUPE ★ GT-R

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On site registration starts
at 10:00 a.m.

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Z OWNERS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA
ANNUAL CAR SHOW
THE BRISBANE MARINA

JULY 12, 2014 – 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
All Zs - 510s - Roadsters - GT-Rs - G Coupes

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www.ZONC.org under Event Registration

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Car Entry

☐ Datsun ☐ Nissan ☐ Infiniti

Year _____

Model _____

☐ Stock ☐ Modified

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Total for Car Entry \$ _____



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Rolf S. Johnsen 1951 – 2014

Rolf Johnsen, a ZONC member who served for many years on our Executive Committee, passed away on June 13, 2014 in Modesto, CA.

Rolf had been in ill health for a short while and only recently found out that he had terminal lung cancer. Rolf bravely faced his future, kept his good spirits and was honored to receive several retirement awards just the day before his passing.

Rolf's life was dedicated to serving our country. He served in the United States Marines during the Viet Nam war and helped evacuate Americans during the fall of Saigon in 1975. Once out of the service, Rolf began working for defense contractor Lockheed Martin Missiles & Space and later worked for over 40 years as a Technical Management specialist in quality control for the Defense Contract Management Agency of the Department of Defense.

A motorcycle rider in his early years, Rolf loved his pearl white 350Z and worked hard to bring members to ZONC from the North Valley area. He was always doing something with his car and proudly showed off his engine bay at our events. He is credited for getting Central Valley Nissan's sponsorship for our car shows for several years as well as organizing the CASTLE AIR MUSEUM and the CHEESE & APPLE PIE runs. Rolf participated in almost all of our events until this year. He regularly attended our Board meetings, always volunteered to help out when needed and took many pictures for our website and ZNews. His dedication and enthusiasm will always be missed.

Services were held at the Neptune Society in Modesto on June 16. In addition to his family, many friends also attended including ZONC members David and Veronica Morse, Ann Devor and Paul Gommel.

By Ann Devor and Paul Gommel

(Photos by Bob Jenkins & Ann Devor/Paul Gommel)



LONG AGO IN ZNEWS July 1993

By Bob Jenkins

On the cover was an article about the 9th ANNUAL DATSUN/NISSAN meet at Mt. Shasta in July, sponsored by the DATSUN ROADSTER ASSOCIATION. The event had an autocross, show & shine, swap meet and something called MODESTO COAST and a banquet.

Also on the cover was an article about a MONO LAKE/MAMMOTH MTN. RUN for two days with an over night stay at the Shilo Inn.

An article inside had a TECH TIP for an extra gear for your 240Z, and was reprinted from a ROAD & TRACK article.

A flyer invited member to a S.F. Giants baseball game and tailgate party.

There was a large article with pictures called Z GREAT CALISTOGA FUN RUN. The run started from the Nut Tree Restaurant in Vacaville and then went to Lake Berryessa and then Middletown, before ending up in Calistoga at the Napa Creek Winery.

An article called RACE DAYZ AT LAGUNA talked about the June SCCA races at LAGUNA SECA. They got some rain, but still had a good time and signed up 11 prospective members.

There was a notice of a Sacramento meeting at CAMELOT AMUSEMENT PARK in Sacramento.

ZONC ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PICNIC was to be held at KENNEDY GROVE REGIONAL RECREATION AREA, located at the base of San Pablo Dam.

There was a notice that the 6TH ANNUAL NATIONAL Z-CAR CONVENTION was to be held in St. Louis, and hosted by the GATEWAY Z CLUB.

A **ZONC** Rallye Report by Sally Theroux on a May Rallye called MAY FLOWERS, reported that ZONCER John Ettare came in first in the FIRST TIMER class and most of the BEGINNER class was made up of members. Bob Jenkins took first place in the EXPERT CLASS.

Rick Cassell was listed as **ZONC** President, Carolyn Dudley was Vice President, Paul Carrol was Secretary, and Heather Ippoliti was Treasurer.



4th Annual Castle Air Museum Run

Article and Photos by Mary Ellen Rozmajzl

By 1972 the Vietnam War was being fought to a standstill between the U.S. and North Vietnam. In late December, America's B-52 strategic bombers were called upon to lead a nine-day offensive campaign over Hanoi to force the Vietnamese back to the negotiation table. Many historians credit the might of the B-52 during that 9-day battle with the eventual signing of the peace accords one month later.

One of those B-52's and other vintage U.S. air power (many long since retired) stand proud at the CASTLE AIR MUSEUM near Atwater, California, waiting for military aviation buffs like the 16 ZONC members and their guests who visited May 24.

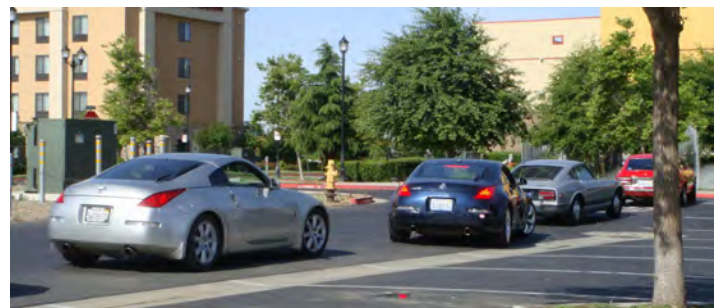
Ken Clark hosted the 4th annual trip to CASTLE; filling in for the late Rolf Johnson who designed and inaugurated the Memorial Weekend run back in 2011. For added security, Ken enlisted his wife, Mary, to navigate. It was to be a brief 60-mile trip from

Manteca to Winton, followed by a guided tour of over 50 aircraft used in WWII, and the Korean, Vietnam and Cold Wars. .

Nine cars headed out, Google maps in hand, and only 17 simple turn and merge instructions to the destination. What could go wrong? Nothing, unless you count Mary's missing step 12, "turn right on Santa Fe Ave., Modesto."

Before anyone realized the mistake, all but one car were on their way to the foothills west of Yosemite. (Joe Armstead correctly navigated the turn.) Ken's lost souls wound past almond orchards, walnut orchards, grape vineyards and cattle pastures. Then the landscape turned to the foothills and Mary confessed she was lost.

Fortunately, Eric Lindrund came to the rescue with



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his GPS. The good news—only 34 miles off course. The bad news—just 15 minutes to lunch reservation at the TEQUILLA CAFÉ in Atwater, CA. Suddenly the leisurely run became a time trial through winding, rolling, tight-turning county roads. (A bit bumpy in some places, very bumpy in others!)

Instead of arriving 30 minutes early for lunch, they were 15 minutes late. But, the service was great, and the food even better, so the group was back on schedule when departing for CASTLE.

Museum docent, Air Force Command Pilot (retired), Larry Ffrice, started in the museum parking lot with war stories of the B-2 “Spirit” stealth bomber displayed there. He detailed the military campaigns of this aviation giant and every other air ship displayed in the museum. He recounted stories of military aviation heroes like General “Jimmy” Doolittle and his Doolittle Raiders who flew B-25’s in WWII. He added his own stories of flying B-52’s during his 21 year career through the Vietnam and Cold War. And he explained how and why the military evolved from propeller to supersonic power.

Larry introduced us to the SR71 “Blackbird” reconnaissance aircraft that in 1974 was documented flying from London to Los Angeles in less than four hours. He said the pilots wanted to guarantee a record and waited a bit too long to begin slowing down to landing speed. As a result, the sonic boom they created blew out many windows of homes in the Hollywood

Hills. “Uncle Sam wrote a few checks that day,” Larry commented.

Then there was the story of the KC135 “Stratotanker” refueling crew that was told to stay clear of North Vietnamese air space because they had no defense weapons onboard. But, then a F-105 “Thunderchief” fighter jet was hit in the gas tank during a run over Hanoi. The jet didn’t have enough fuel to make it back to the South China Sea, let alone its carrier. Against orders, the KC135 crew flew into North Vietnam, docked its fuel line to the fighter, and the two flew



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planes flew together until they reached the coast and a rescue rendezvous point. The KC135 released the fuel boom from the fighter jet, the pilot ejected from the plane and he was safely rescued..

ZONC member, Joe Armstead, knows these stories well. He was an Air Force pilot for seven. He's flown to every continent but Antarctica.



The CASTLE AIR MUSEUM visit turned into a "three-hour tour." But, this one didn't leave anyone stranded. (Bad pun.) Instead, **ZONC's** members and guests were reminded of the challenges our military has faced in the air, and the patriots who have bested those challenges. In addition to Joe Armstead, run participants George Mattos, Dick Lawless, Paul Gommel, Eric Lundrud, Ruffin Apperson and Ken Clark all served in the military. Their presence at CASTLE was the perfect complement to this Memorial Weekend run. Thank you gentlemen and all **ZONC** military members for your service.



Marin/Sonoma Great Z Time

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and bicycle riders, but they never got in our way.

The beach cafe was closed, but we had all brought our own lunches and sat on the cafe's picnic tables in the warm sunshine out of the cool sea breeze. After a leisurely lunch we hit the road again and headed up Shoreline Highway (Highway 1) stopping in the village of Marshall where we said good by to Tina & Harold who were stopping to try some oysters. We then continued on to the town of Tomales, which was the tour's final stop. After a brief pit stop everyone headed off for home, ending another fun day driving Zs on sunny Marin and Sonoma roads.

Until next time.

Pictures can be seen at <https://picasaweb.google.com/111600734044117488038/June142014DrakesBeachTour>



ZONC & non ZONC events

- Jul 12** **ZONC Annual Car Show,**
at **BRISBANE MARINA**
- Aug 05-09** **ZCCA ZCON in San Diego**
- Aug 8-10 MONTEREY HISTORIES Pre-Reunion events
at LAGUNA SECA RACEWAY
- Aug 15-17 ROLEX MOTORSPORTS REUNION at LAGUNA
SECA RACEWAY with **Corral**
- Aug 22-24 GO-PRO GRAND PRIX of Sonoma
(Indy Car) at SONOMA RACEWAY
- Sep 21** **ZONC's free ANNUAL BIRTHDAY PARTY PICNIC**
- Oct 04-05 CRSG CHARITY CHALLENGE at SONOMA
RACEWAY
- Oct 10-12 SCCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RUNOFFS
at LAGUNA SECA
- Oct. 19th** **ZONC BERRYESSA RUN**
- Dec 06** **ZONC ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**



Flyer from ZCSD April 2014 Newsletter

ZCON 2014 - San Diego AUGUST 5th TO 9th

The **Kona Kai Resort** has already been completely booked and a second hotel, the **Consulate Hotel** is now taking reservations. Registration is now open for the convention at:

<http://www.zccazconvention.com/conventions/2014>

If anyone is interested in leading a **ZONC** tour to **ZCON** please contact a board member.



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So, do be thinking about **who you would like to see as a ZONC Officer for 2015.**

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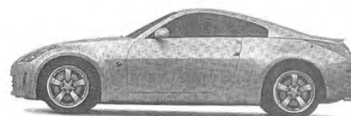
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