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CARS AND COFFEE AT BLACKHAWK MUSEUM

followed by a ZONC Meeting

Sunday, March 2, 2014

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CONTRA COSTA CRUISE Saturday, March 15, 2014

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## PRESIDENT'S UPDATES

Well, for being in the middle of a drought, it rained on ZONC's 1st event of 2014! And, it rained so much that the ZONC meeting scheduled for the next day was cancelled!

I know we need the rain, but, I am hoping that it does not rain on March 2nd, which is our Cars and Coffee event and meeting at the Fieldhouse Sports Grill in Blackhawk. Also, I'm wishing for no rain for our Annual Contra Costa Cruise and lunch at Brenann's in Berkeley, on March 15th. Especially, since some of us don't like to take that favorite ZONC car out in the rain!

I hope to see many of you at our March events.

Then in early April ZONCers are invited to the 50th Annual April Fools Rallye presented by the Empire Sports Car Association (ESCA). This A/B Rallye is written by RallyeMaster, Bob Jenkins (ZNews Editor). RallyeMaster Bob the Beard has written 49 of the 50 rallyes (he ran the 1st April Fools Rallye). You will drive about 50 miles through scenic Sonoma County ending at the Round Table Pizza in Rohnert Park. Profits from this Rallye will be donated to the Canine Companions for Independence.

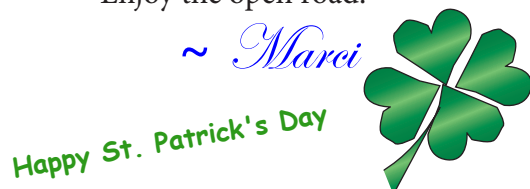
Are any of our ZONCers interested in doing a weekday event? I ask this because we have been told that it may be possible to tour at Beale Air Force base, which Rolf Johnsen would like to lead; and, that a private tour at the Budewiser Brewery may be possible thanks to Ann Devor.

Do we have a T-Shirt designer in the ZONC membership that would like to volunteer to do our 2014 Annual Car Show T-Shirt design? Our design is limited to 3 spot colors on a white t-shirt. If you're interested please let me know.

Please start looking for donations to our Raffle that we hold with our Annual Car Show.

Keep checking at [ZONC.org](http://ZONC.org) for updates and. . .

Enjoy the open road.



## BLACKHAWK MUSEUM CARS AND COFFEE

March 2, 2014

ZONC Member Gary Kerchner, thought a Meet and Greet, at the Blackhawk Museum's Cars and Coffee in Danville, would be fun.

Cars and Coffee is the first Sunday of the every month and occur in many places. Blackhawk's Cars and Coffee is advertised on their website with a note that on those Sunday's the Museum opens at 9am.

Plan to join us sometime between 8am and 10am for the free Cars and Coffee on Sunday, March 2nd, followed by a ZONC meeting and no host brunch at the Fieldhouse Sports Grill at 10am. The agenda will include updates on events planned for the 2014 ZONC calendar and work on the Car Show. Everyone is welcome.

ZONC Members Ann Devor, Paul Gommel, and Ray Raible attended the February Cars and Coffee. Ann learned that at the January event they had over 150 cars!

So, wash and polish that favorite ZONC car and join us! And, don't forget to bring your camera as there will be cars of all makes and models.

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HAPPY
FEBRUARY
BIRTHDAYS



RALPH A. GUNBY
BARRY STOELTING

*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!*

CONTRA COSTA CRUISE



Presented by Z Owners of Northern California

Saturday, March 15, 2014
Concord to Berkeley



***Go for a morning run through beautiful
Briones Regional Park and
the East Bay hills to Tilden Park
and lunch in Berkeley***

Sign-in at 9:00 a.m. at

Panera Bread

***The Willows Shopping Center
1975 Diamond Blvd.
Concord, CA***



Depart promptly at 10:00 a.m.

11:30-1:30 p.m. lunch at Brennan's

***700 University Ave.
Berkeley, CA***

Optional return to Orinda and Hwy. 24 after lunch

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BUD & JELLY BELLY TOURS

By Ann Devor

It was a dark and stormy Saturday morning in the midst of a record-breaking drought for ZONC's Winter Double-Header tours of the Budweiser Brewery and the Jelly Belly Factory located only a few blocks apart in Fairfield. Yes, we scheduled indoor activities – a ZONC rarity – simply because it's winter and there's no telling what will fly in off the beautiful Pacific at this time of year, even in a drought. So now the prevailing thinking is we should schedule more drought-busting activities, yes? Back to the subject at hand...

Dona and Dave Moody were already parked in their metallic blue IMSA Z in the Budweiser parking lot when we arrived in the midst of a torrential downpour. With water flowing freely across the asphalt, Paul popped the hood of his 240Z to proudly show off his triple Mikuni carburetor linkage, newly fabricated by ZCar Garage. Not to be outdone or out-drenched, Dave popped his hood just in



time for Ken Clark and Mary Rozmajzl to drive up in their bright red 240Z and the impromptu classic Z show was on: add together parking lot, Z's and the people who love them and it's show time!

Mary, Dona and I went inside the spacious Brewery lobby, and scoped out the numerous beer key fobs, beer t-shirts, beer glasses, beer novelties, beer gift packs and much more! Soon David and Veronica Morse arrived in David's 350Z, known to many as The Flames Car. Gloria and Lyent Hogue joined us and after a short wait, the tour began with our tour guide taking us to a conference room inside the plant. We watched a short video about the founding of Anheuser Brewing Company in 1860, its transformation to non-alcoholic products during prohibition and the vast expansion of its product lines today, including Beck's, Stella Artois and many other brands. The company is now owned by InBev and Bud is distributed worldwide with 13 breweries operating in the United States.

Then it was off to see the brewery. First we went into the big



building we see from the freeway where the beech wood aging process occurs in 120 gigantically enormous tanks that are stacked atop each other in beds of steel girders. From there we went back to the canning facility to see how the beer is canned on automated production lines. The Fairfield brewery produces only canned beer – Bud, Bud Light and Natural Light - and that day we saw cans of Natural Light being transported on conveyor belts at an alarming speed. Over 1,000 cans a minute are filled by a large carousel of spigots and are then sealed under pressure (for freshness and the pop!) and transported away like a small marching army on another set of conveyor belts. Beer is produced in varying amounts depending upon the season and is transported from the brewery by railcars and trucks.

After the tour, we were treated to a free beer before dodging the deluge to get back to our cars. Fortunately, after a few short blocks and a couple of turns we were at Jelly Belly where we met Fred and Loretta Brooks for lunch in the cafeteria. From there we lined up in the lobby for the tour of the candy-making factory. Our guide told us about the history of the company and how Jelly Belly came to worldwide fame when President Reagan had their jelly beans at the White House. We entered the factory on a perimeter catwalk that overlooked the production facilities. The factory is basically shut down on the weekends and there is no activity on the production floor. Instead we saw the gleaming kettles where jelly belly slurry is mixed with flavors before being pressed into beans. We also saw how jelly beans are prepared at work stations along the way and we were treated to samples of the jelly beans in various stages. The jelly beans are coated and cured in stacks of trays before being stamped with the Jelly Belly logo and bagged for shipping. And before leaving, we were each given a sample bag of jelly beans for the ride home. It was a great way to pass a rainy day afternoon in good company, and all of us looking forward to getting in our cars for another possible drought-busting event. OK, Mother Nature, are you up to it?

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NISSAN PLANS TO RESURRECT THE DATSUN NAME

from ZCCA



TOKYO -- Nissan is bringing back the Datsun three decades after shelving the brand that helped build its U.S. business. This time, Nissan hopes the name synonymous with affordable and reliable small cars will power its growth in emerging markets.

Nissan Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn made the announcement Tuesday while in Indonesia, one of three markets besides India and Russia, where the Datsun will go on sale from 2014.

Datsun debuted in Japan in 1932, and hit American showrooms more than 50 years ago. It was discontinued globally starting in 1981 to unify the model lineup under the Nissan brand. Nissan also makes Infiniti luxury models.

Nissan has often toyed with the idea of reviving the Datsun brand because it is associated with value and reliability -- selling points that Nissan and other Japanese automakers built their reputation in the American market.

Nissan said the Datsun name will help its profile in newer markets, where it is counting on solid growth in coming years. Nissan expects its vehicle sales to nearly double in Indonesia by 2017 from last year.

Nissan plans to sell 60,000 vehicles in Indonesia for fiscal year ending in March 2012. Overall, about 890,000 vehicles are sold in Indonesia a year, making it an important Southeast Asian market, according to Nissan. Ghosn met with Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and reiterated Nissan's commitment to the Indonesian market a key production site.

"Nissan is bringing new jobs and new vehicles to Indonesia," he said.



50TH ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS RALLYE Sunday, April 6, 2014

By Bob Jenkins

On Sunday, April 6, 2014 sports cars from all over Northern California will meet at the Charles M Schultz Museum parking lot, 2301 Hardies Lane in Santa Rosa, for the 50th Annual April Fools Rallye, again a charity event for CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE.

Registration will be from 10:30am to 12:30pm and the entry fee is \$17 per car, and you can also play poker for .50 cents per hand.

There is a short rallye school for those new to rallying at 11:00am at the start. There are six classes to run in from Master Expert to First Time rallyist, with awards in all classes. The 50-mile course ends in Rohnert Park at a Round Table Pizza Parlor, with awards and a video of the course.

The rallye has a web site where you can run a practice A/B type Map Rallye and see the event flyer and pictures from past rallies: <http://www.sonic.net/~thebeard/>



EMPIRE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION
presents the

50TH ANNUAL

APRIL

FOOLS



RALLYE

AN A-B RALLYE OPEN TO ALL TYPES OF CARS

DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2014

START: THE CHARLES M. SCHULZ MUSEUM PARKING LOT - 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 AT HARDIES. THEN LEFT INTO THE SECOND DRIVEWAY, WHICH IS THE CHARLES M. SCHULZ 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

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Canine Companions for Independence®

FINISH: ROUND TABLE PIZZA IN ROHNERT PARK

RALLYMASTER, BOB THE BEARD - FOR MORE INFORMATION

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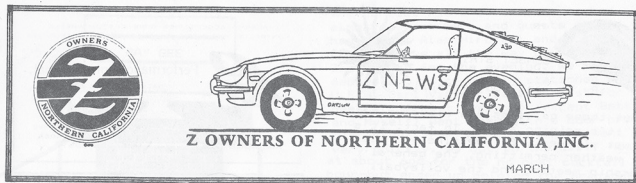
You can run a practice A/B Map Rallye there.

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.





LONG AGO IN ZNEWS

March 1986

By Bob Jenkins

On the cover was **ZONC**'s Hot Line number for Tours, Rallies, and Autocross events.

Inside was a column by Lin & Bob Pearsall the ZNEWS editors that talked about the articles in the paper and did a ZGossip about **ZONC**ers.

The GEE Spot by President Ray Gee, talked about the **ZONC** Banquet that was held at the Cliff House in San Francisco, that had a total of 100 people attend, and a new award called the "Potty Seat Award" was started. He also acknowledged Alan Hirotani and wife Conne for driving down from Sacramento.

There was a flyer for a volleyball game between San Mateo County (Yolanda Atkinson) challenging Alameda County

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(Howard Mordell) at Westborough in South San Francisco, and stating that any county could challenge any other county to a game of volleyball, softball, bowling or whatever.

There was a WANTED ad for gossip, profiles, jokes, reports to fill up the space in ZNEWS.

There was a picture of Jack & Yolanda Atkinson's Primadonna Z in the Oakland Roadster Show.

A March Autocross article by Kevin Urbain talked about his experience autocrossing and working the event in the rain at Pleasanton, along with about 20 other Z owners. He also stated that a **ZONC** autocross had won "Autocross of the Year" for 1985.

RMG Racing was the title of an article by Bob & Mary Beth Gagen, who stated they had been in the club since 1978 when the club was more involved in the racing community, with Z Corrals, and parade laps.

There was a flyer for a Poker Run for all cars, starting in Pleasanton, by the TRI-Valley Classic Chevy Club.

Another flyer invited **ZONC**ers to a day at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, lead by Jack & Yolanda Atkinson.



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Total Enclosed: \$ _____

ZONC & non ZONC events

- Mar 02** ZONC Blackhawk Cars & Coffee
Mar 15 ZONC Contra Costa Cruise
Apr 06 50th April Fools Rallye Santa Rosa
Apr 13 ZONC Meeting in Modesto
Apr 26 MSA Party One day event
May 02-04 Tudor United Sports Car Championship at Laguna Seca with **Corral**
May 10 ZONC Meeting in Vallejo
May 17-18 Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival at Sonoma Raceway
May 24 ZONC 4th Annual Castle Air Force Base Run
Jun 01 ZONC Meeting in Benicia
Jun 22 ZONC Mt. Hamilton Run
Jul 05 ZONC Goody Bag Meeting
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 06 ZONC Annual Birthday Party Picnic
Sep 13-14 FIA World Touring Ca Championship at Sonoma Raceway
Oct 04 ZONC Tour to Eagle Field Historic Drag Races
Oct 04-05 CRSG Charity Challenge at Sonoma Raceway
Oct 05 ZONC Meeting in Fairfield
Oct 10-12 SCCA National Championship Runoffs at Laguna Seca
Oct 24 ZONC Canepa Design Run
Nov 15 ZONC Berryessa Run
Dec 06 ZONC Annual Awards Banquet

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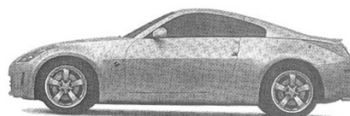
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