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ZCON 2014 SAN DIEGO

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PRESIDENT'S UPDATES

I would like to invite you all to attend **ZONC**'s 42nd Birthday party on September 21st. The party is free to members and associate members and children under 13, with a cost of \$5.00 per guest. Just bring a side dish to share and **ZONC** will provide everything else. A folding chair is always handy but the picnic site at the Warms Springs Recreation Area at Lake Sonoma has great metal picnic tables with lots of shade. There is plenty of room if anyone wants to bring lawn games. There will be a show'n'shine after the picnic. The creative awards are usually useful!

As you will read we have nominations for Treasurer, Vice President, and Vice President of Administration, but none for President or Secretary. Please consider spending a year of giving back to **ZONC** and spending time with your fellow **ZONC** Board members. I truly think that with busy family and work lives, being an Officer in **ZONC** is workable. It's definitely fun! You meet great people!

Also hope that you're saving the date of Oct. 19th for the LONG MAY THEY RUN, FALL TOUR. Ann Devor and Paul Gommel have arranged a great driving tour in memory of the late Lyent Hogue Jr. and Rolf Johnson. Both Lyent and Rolf were active **ZONC** members and 2014 Officers.

The Board has decided to return to the Cache Creek Casino for the Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers in early December. It's a lovely drive. Look for details in the coming months.

ZCON 2014 is replayed in this issue. I want to congratulate all the **ZONC**ers who brought home trophies! Way to go **ZONC**ers!

Please Welcome
New Member . .

CRAIG HAMMOND 240Z

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

Enjoy the open road.

~ *Marci*

2015 ZONC BOARD NOMINATIONS

President: OPEN

Vice President:

I would like to nominate **Ken Clark** for the position of Vice President. Ken has done a great job of filling the office of Vice President upon the reluctant resignation of Lyent Hogue.

~ Marci Jenkins, Associate Member and current President.

Vice President of Administration:

I would like to nominate **Christy Nocon** for the position of Vice President of Administration. Christy has done a great job of filling the office of Vice President of Administration upon the reluctant resignation of Rolf Johnsen.

~ Marci Jenkins, Associate Member and current President.

Secretary: OPEN

Treasurer:

I would like to nominate **Wade Warren** for the position of Treasurer. Wade had filled long time Treasurer Roy Dorn's shoes extremely well these past two years.

~ Marci Jenkins, Associate Member and current President.

ZCON 2014

Z Cars in Paradise

The 27th Annual International

Z Car Convention



Kona Kai Resort San Diego home of ZCON 2014



JUDGED CAR SHOW at the Kona Kai Resort



Come join old friends and meet new ones on



September 21, 2014

42nd Birthday Party

at Lake Sonoma, Warm Spring Rec Area

Site # 3, Juniper Hill



11:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Free to All Members

BBQ at 12:15 PM

& Associate Members

Guests \$5.00

Bring a side dish to share.

kids under 13 are Free !

Show 'n Shine at 2:00 PM

RSVP by 9-17-14 to Marci Jenkins at thebeard@sonic.net

Contact number for day of the Picnic (707) 695-8252

Directions to Warm Spring Rec Area at Lake Sonoma Visitor Center and Fish Hatchery

3333 Skaggs Springs Road, Geyserville, CA

about 12 miles & 20 minutes from Healdsburg (*note: may be slow traffic, as there are about a dozen wineries on Dry Creek*)

- Hwy. 101 North to Healdsburg, Ca.

- Take Exit 505, Dry Creek Rd.

- Turn West onto Dry Creek Rd for about 10 miles.

- Dry Creek Rd. becomes Skaggs Springs Rd., once you cross the river.

- Visitor Center and Fish Hatchery are on the right - But, you stay on main road for a short distance to turn Left to the 2 large parking lots. Take the 1st Left into the 1st large Parking Lot. Drive around the end of the parking Lot to park close to Picnic Site # 3, at Juniper Hill.

Restrooms are across the parking lot from Site # 3, at the end of the parking lot.

The Lake is about 2 miles further on Skaggs Springs Road.

A visit to the Visitor Center and the Fish Hatchery and the Lookout at the Lake are on the must do list.



ZCON 2014

By Marci Jenkins with photos by Bob Jenkins

ZCON 2014 brought back days of ZCON 1991. ZCON 1991 was hosted by ZONC with headquarters at a nice downtown hotel in Pleasanton, if I remember correctly.

ZCON 2014, hosted by Z CAR CLUB OF SAN DIEGO was headquartered in a fantastic 5 star location on Shelter Island in San Diego, where nearly 400 people enjoyed the 5-day event. There were some consistencies between the two conventions held 23 years apart; including, a message from Mr. K, special car presentations, car activities, and the people. Johnny Gable attended both ZCONS, as did ZCCA Committee Members Mark Lambert and "Mad" Mike Taylor.

ZONC Award Winners were Marshall Adams: 260z a 1st Place in the 260z STOCK CLASS in the JUDGED CAR SHOW and a 1st Place in the 260z STOCK CLASS in the PEOPLE'S CHOICE SHOW.

Joseph Keawkalaya: 300zx a 2nd Place in the 300zx MODIFIED CLASS in the JUDGED CAR SHOW.

Dale Kusaba: 350z a 1st Place in the 350z ULTRA



ZONCer Stephen Wong's award winning Modified 280zx



ZONCer Chris Kusaba selling raffle tickets for ZCSD



ZONCer Dale Kusaba's award winning Ultra Modified 350z



ZONCer Marshall Adams' award winning Stock 260z

MODIFIED CLASS in the JUDGED CAR SHOW. Dale's win was impressive since the front spoiler of his show car had cracked and then been torn off when running an errand the day before the JUDGED CAR SHOW. The Kusaba's managed to find a body shop that repaired and painted the front of the car, that was now minus a spoiler. I thought it looked great and so did the judges.

Eric Lindrud: 300zx (z31) a 2nd Place in the GIMMICK RALLYE for ROUTE 2. Eric also was a victim of the parking problem at the Resort. If one left the car on street - it had to be moved in the wee hours of the morning per the parking signs. Apparently, he was one of many 2014 ZCONers who increased the revenues for the City of San Diego.

Curtis Lewis: 370z a 1st Place in the 370z MODIFIED CLASS in the PEOPLE'S CHOICE SHOW.

Stephen Wong: 280zx a 1st Place in 280zx STREET

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MODIFIED CLASS in the JUDGED CAR SHOW and a **1st Place** in the 280zx MODIFIED CLASS in the PEOPLE'S CHOICE SHOW.

Not entered in the car shows or autocrosses were **Dona & David Moody, Ruff & Lois Apperson**, and **us**. (If you were there and not mentioned in this article, I apologize. There was not a good time to gather all the ZONCers who attended and I do not have a list of ZONCers who did attend).

ZCON 2014 was book-ended by the long drive on very crowded highways for ZONCers.

ZONCers **Dona & David Moody** had the most tiring drive and shortest stay at ZCON, with a 10 hour drive each way, and a convention stay of only 10 hours, due to David's work schedule, making that a whirl-wind trip!

Special Car Presentations: A **FAIRLADY Z432** by Katsuhiko Endo, and a **PHANTOM Z**, designed by 240z Designer, Yoshihiko Matsuo and presented by Jay Ataka of JDM-CAR-Parts.com

Nissan Dignitaries: The following designers joined us for ZCON 2014. **Yoshihiko Matsuo**, worked with Mr. K. and was the designer of the **240z**. **Toshio Yamashita** designed



Herb and Linda from South Carolina and ZONCer Marci Jenkins

the **300zx**. **Randy Rodriguez** designed the **370z** and is currently working at the **NISSAN DESIGN CENTER**. Randy designed both the ZCON 2014 T-Shirt and the posters that were available for purchase at ZCON 2014.

While Mr. K. was not able to either attend in person or via electronic communication he did send a message that was shared at the AWARDS BANQUET.

Day 1 started with **REGISTRATION** and a visit to the ZCON store, where hats shirts, posters, bags, & pins, were available for sale. Registration goodies included a **ZCON 2014** T-Shirt, among other items in a small handy beach tote bag that included your Registration Card on a lanyard, which is a nice beer bottle opener, and the wristbands for all your activities of choice. There were also the freebies from



The PHANTOM Z by Yoshihiko Matsuo, presented by Jay Ataka.



Johnny Gable at the JUDGED CAR SHOW

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Hagerty and a chance to bid for the silent auction items.

The **SUDS AND SHINE** car detailing was held in the underground parking of the 2nd hotel, due to the California drought conditions.

The day ended with an **OPENING RECEPTION** with great finger foods and if you signed up for the **TEXAS CHILI**, you certainly got your monies worth.

Day 2 options were the **GIMMICK ROAD RALLYE** (which divided into 4 groups, each group with a different route); and the **HARBOR DINNER CRUISE**.

The morning started with the **ZCCA Meeting**. Where Bob and I learned that **NISSAN** now contributes mostly products and some cash to support **ZCON**. I also learned that **ZCCA** is seriously considering handling all the financial outlay for the clubs that host the **ZCON**. (I had heard that several of the **Z CLUB OF SAN DIEGO** members had put up thousands of dollars for **ZCON**.) Lastly, we were privileged to view a video of the racetrack that will be used for **ZCON 2015** in Memphis Tennessee. The date for 2015 will be set by the calendar of the Track. And we heard the rumor that 2016 may be Ontario.

After the meeting, I could not resist the temptation to sit for an hour or so, on the private Kona Kai beach and watch all the activity on the water and gaze at the lovely yachts

docked at the Kona Kai.

Bob and I opted for the **Dinner Cruise** where we were treated to some very smooth sake compliments of the dignitaries from Japan. **ZCON** also gave very nice Bose IE Audio headphones to each person who took the Cruise, which was an unexpected surprise. It was a great sunset cruise.

Day 3 options were the **JUDGED CAR SHOW** and the **MISSION BREWERY** evening with **Peter Brock, John Morton, Casey Mollett, John Knepp, Don Devendorf and Frank Honoswetz, VIPS** from Nissan, and Nissan



ZONCers at the PEOPLE'S CHOICE CAR SHOW are (L to R) are Marci Jenkins, Chris Kusaba, Dale Kusaba, Eric Lindrud, Yolanda Atkinson, Ruff Apperson, and Lois Apperson



ZONCers (Left to Right) Marci Jenkins, Yolanda Atkinson, Jack Atkinson, Marshall Adams, and Joseph Keawkalaya



Kevin Neeley (on the left) with ZONCers, Joe Keawkalaya at the PEOPLE'S CHOICE CAR SHOW



John Morton (on the right) answering questions at the Brewery



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ZONCers Yolanda & Jack Atkinson's modified 300ZX



ZONCer Curtis Lewis's award winning Modified 370z with Nissan 370z Designer, Randy Rodriguez

Designers, **Yoshihiko Matsuo**, **Toshio Yamashita**, and **Randy Rodriguez**.

During the **JUDGED CAR SHOW** Bob took photos of course and I volunteered to sell raffle tickets along with Chris Kusaba. There was the **COURTESY NISSAN** tent that had a great goodie bag for each person, included a T-shirt, a hat (which I quickly preferred), and a silver plated key fob, among other items. Bob's raffle ticket won a bag of GRIOT's auto wax and cleaner; Dale's raffle ticket won a \$200 dollar gift certificate for STILLEN. And another of Dale's raffle ticket won him a \$1,000 dollars off the cost of a Power Steering Conversion kit, which he was able to trade for an official black and white **Nissan** polo shirt.

The **BREWERY** was crowded and unfortunately the slide show was hard to see and the Q & A was hard to hear. But, it was fun.

Day 4 options was one of the four **SCENIC TOURS**, each lead by a local member of the **Z CLUB OF SAN DIEGO**, and, if you were one of the lucky ones, a tour of the **NISSAN DESIGN CENTER**.

We heard from ZONCers that the **SCENIC TOURS** were very fun! Bob & I had lunch with a friend who lives in San Diego.

There were 6 lucky ZONCERS who got to visit the **NISSAN DESIGN CENTER**: Marshall Adams, Yolanda and Jack Atkinson, Joe Keawkalaya, and us. It was a great experience, starting with the finger foods and a variety of bottled waters. The building has a great feeling, including one of peacefulness, despite its all concrete walls and floors, although we were only allowed in the library, the courtyard, and the lobby and the visitor restrooms. Photographs were not allowed. We heard from a Visualization Specialist who worked exclusively with the computer programs. Then Designer **Randy Rodriguez** and his team explained the making and the use of over-sized table clay car models that had a wrapped finish instead of paint. Plus we heard from an Interior and Exterior Color Designer who asked us to choose one color from about 20 colors for car finishes and explain why we choose that color; it was very interesting. Lastly, we were treated to a T-Shirt that was made for the 2014 MONTEREY ROLEX REUNION.

Day 5 options were the very long track **AUTOCROSS** and the **PEOPLE'S CHOICE CAR SHOW**. Awards were given out at the Autocross or People's Choice Car Show.

The Convention ended with a **Closing Banquet** where ZONCers sat together and with their new friends from many places. There were speeches by the three Designers, and a message from **Mr. K**, a live auction hosted by "Mad" Mike, and the much awaited awards.

Tired but happy ZONCers then found their way home



ZONCers Chris Kusaba, Lois Apperson and Ruff Apperson enjoying the veranda before the Awards Banquet

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ZONCers Bring Home Judged Car Show Trophies



ZONCer Marshall Adams with Award for 1st Place in Stock 260z



*ZONCer Dale Kusaba with Award for 1st Place in
Ultra Modified 350z*



ZONCer Stephen Wong with Award for 1st Place in Modified 280zx



*ZONCer Joseph Keawkalaya with Award for 2nd Place in
Modified 300zx*

More pictures of **ZCON 2014** can be seen at:

[https://picasaweb.google.com/111600734044117488038/
August592014ZCONSanDiego](https://picasaweb.google.com/111600734044117488038/August592014ZCONSanDiego)



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday Mr. K!!



Yutaka Katayama

JACK ATKINSON

MIKE BRIDGES

JOHN ETTARE

YUTAKA KATAYAMA

LOUIS A. RAMIREZ

JOHN SHEPORT



*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!

ZONC & non ZONC events

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**

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!

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3) Address: _____ 4) City: _____ 5) State: _____

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

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Total Enclosed: \$ _____

ZONC Long May They Run Fall Tour



Back Roads Tour to Lake Berryessa and Napa
in Memory of Lyent Hogue Jr. and Rolf Johnsen



Sunday, October 19, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

Meet at the Chevron Station at Cordelia Junction
4490 Central Way, Fairfield, CA 94534

Depart promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Lunch at Mt. St. Helena Brewery

ZONC Meeting to Follow

21167 Calistoga Rd., Middletown, CA 95461

Register by email to anndevor@gmail.com

by 10/12/14 for goody bag and lunch reservations

Bring FRS radio (if you have one)

Plans may change due to weather





FOR SALE

1973 240Z

With just 100 miles on a fully rebuilt engine; 5-speed transmission (original 4-speed provided); tires and battery almost new; upholstery excellent; no sun cracks on dash; paint job nice; extras. Original owner!

\$24,500 OBO.

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**Asking \$2000**

**Call: Karen at 510-821-1617**

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