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NISSAN CAR CORRAL
at the MAZDA LAGUNA RACEWAY
May 1 - 3, 2015
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ZONC Marin-Sonoma Coast Tour

By Bob Jenkins

On Saturday **June 6, 2015** ZONC will have a fun back roads tour from the PETALUMA MARINA, 781 Baywood Drive, off Lakeville Rd. in Petaluma. Meeting time will be 9:45am with **leave time at 10:15am.**

We will head out through Petaluma to the coast and up the coast almost to Jenner, before heading inland and to the town of Occidental for lunch. Bring a full tank of gas and a hand held radio if you have one. Distance to Occidental is 70 miles. It is a very scenic route on very twisty roads. More details in next month's **ZNEWS.**

If you plan to attend and eat lunch with the group, please email Bob at: thebeard@sonic.net or call him at (707) 546-6867.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL and
ZONC MEETING
May 17, Sunday

10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.
at Vallejo Nissan



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President's Corner By Ken Clark



Let's start out with an event at **MAZDA RACEWAY LAGUNA SECA** that begins in just a few days or hours (depending on when you read your **ZONC** newsletter e-mail or check your mailbox). It's the **CONTINENTAL TIRE MONTEREY GRAND PRIX** runs **May 1-3**. This is a great event because spectators have up-close access to the racecars and drivers. You can enter the paddock and watch the crews prepare their cars, take photos and talk to the drivers. Pricing varies depending on the number of days you plan to attend.

My favorite feature of the **GRAND PRIX** is the **NISSAN CAR CORRAL**... a great place to rub elbows with other Z (and non-Z) enthusiasts and check out their rides. A \$25 Corral fee gets you in. See flyer on **page 3** of this newsletter. Check out the race at **www.mazdaraceway.com**.

This next event is for all **ZONC** members with a sweet tooth. I'm inviting each one of you to the **VALLEJO NISSAN** dealership's parts department **May 17**, for an ice cream social. Come share a sundae or two and your thoughts about future **ZONC** events. We're still planning our **September 26 car show at BRISBANE** and would love your input. In fact, we're starting the hunt for show sponsors. They could be your favorite Z dealer, repair garage, detailer—anyone you'd love to see immortalized on the back of the official car show commemorative t-shirt. **Deadline for signing up sponsors is June 17.**

The **May 17th ICE CREAM SOCIAL** begins at **10 AM**, at 3287 Sonoma Blvd., Vallejo. I'll try to leave a little chocolate syrup and sprinkles for you. (I want to make sure there's enough for everyone, so, how about dropping me an **RSVP** if you are coming. I'm **oringken@pacbell.net**.)

Another fun event in May is the **28th ANNUAL SONOMA HISTORIC MOTORSPORTS FESTIVAL at SONOMA RACEWAY**. This year they are celebrating the early years of the iconic SCCA CAN-AM series. Racing aficionados will recall these were among the first racecars to sport wings, effective turbocharging and aerospace materials like titanium. The fun runs Saturday and Sunday, **May 30-31**. For more information, go to **www.RaceSonoma.com/historics**.

Now, I'd like to channel the Jay Leno in me and tell you about the "world's premier *vintage car* motoring event" held right here in our backyard. It's the **25th ANNUAL CALIFORNIA MILLE 2015**, running **May 26-30**. Most participating vehicles are 1957 or older, thus the "vintage" designation. I know this totally eliminates the Z car since it first hit the road in late '69. But, there will be plenty of other beauties to drool over at the **FREE car show** atop **San Francisco's Nob Hill** on **May 26th**. That's followed by four days of touring over 1,000 miles of twisty California back roads. Check it out at **Californiamille.com**.

In case you missed it, **SoCalZ** collaborated with 12 other Z clubs in California and Arizona to host the first ever **Z-Day** last month in **Pismo Beach**. **ZONC** was well represented. In fact, a big shout-out goes to **Jack and Yolanda Atkinson** for snagging **FIRST PLACE Z32** and **BEST OF SHOW** with their **300ZXTT**. And congrats to **Curtis Lewis** who took **FIRST PLACE 370Z**. Read all about it on page 5 in this newsletter.

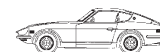
The **EMPIRE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION** also held it's big event last month – the **51st Annual April Fools Day Rallye**. Our own Bob Jenkins was the Rallyemaster, laying out a particularly challenging route for the participants. Can't say **ZONC** members aced the course or even came close to taking home the winner's trophy. But, it was a great day. (Check out the article on **page 6** in this newsletter.)

Before I let you go... Summer and that sizzling California sun are just ahead. One of the most dangerous places on a hot summer day is the inside of your car. We all know children and pets should never be left unattended in cars, but what else should be taken out of a vehicle, especially as the weather gets hotter?

Well, food, medicine, sunscreen. Also beer, soda and wine. (The obvious reason is that heating any of these above 78 degrees could ruin the taste or diminish their effectiveness.) But, more important for liquids like wine, you can also risk the cork popping out. The same goes for beer and soda whose containers could explode.

Also consider anything that could melt, like plastic sunglasses, dvd's or cd's. And finally, there's our favorite electronics – phones, laptops, cameras, tablets. Believe it or not, electronics batteries left in hot cars can overheat and burst, leaving you with a mess to clean up, not to mention a useless piece of equipment.

See you at the **ICE CREAM SOCIAL!**





Nissan Car Corral

Mazda Laguna Seca Raceway



May 1 - 3, 2015



\$25 Preferred Parking Corral Pass
Good for the Weekend!

Variable Pricing for 1, 2 or 3 Day Race Packages

To Purchase Tickets and Corral Passes Go To:

www.mazdaraceway.com

Or Call 831-242-8200 for Tickets





ICE CREAM SOCIAL & MEETING

MAY 17, 2015 (Sunday)

10 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.

Vallejo Nissan
3287 Sonoma Blvd.
Vallejo

RSVP to Ken Clark:
oringken@pacbell.net
by May 15th



From the South:

Hwy I-80 E to Vallejo

Admiral Callaghan Lane.

Take **exit** toward **Redwood St. W.**

Redwood St. to **Sonoma Blvd.**



From the North:

Hwy I-80 W to Vallejo

to Redwood Street.

Right onto **Redwood St.**

Left onto Sonoma Blvd.



Z-Day Pismo Beach Car Show

Article & pictures by Ann Devor

SoCalZ presented the first **Z-DAY** in Pismo Beach on Saturday, April 11. Zs from all over California attended from as far north as Sacramento and south as San Diego. The show combined everything we love – a car show with prizes, hot modified Zs parked everywhere, Z owners on road trips driving to a perfect beach town – and throw in a DJ and a couple of models and it was a Z party on the streets! It was all about the car show first and foremost, and this show concentrated on modified cars with a heavy emphasis on performance and upgrades for the track. Northern California basically stole the SoCal show with **ZONC**er **Jack Atkinson** taking **BEST OF SHOW** and **FIRST PLACE** for his “new” black second generation **300ZX Twin Turbo** with only 13,400 miles on it. This stunning ZX was one of the last Z32s to roll off the line and Jack’s work highlighted the car’s body lines, while leaving the ‘looks-new’ interior in full view through the windows and t-top. Also taking **First Place** honors was another **ZONC**er, **Curtis Lewis** for his outrageous **370Z** with a complete package of performance modifications.

Advertised only via Facebook and the internet, clubs from all over California volunteered their support for this unique gathering of an estimated 270 Zs, their owners and crowds of spectators. **Randy Rodriguez**, NISSAN’s designer



of the **370Z** marveled that he had never seen so many **370Zs** gathered together in one place. And on a personal basis, we had never seen so many **Z32s** all at the same time. Sadly, early Zs were in scarce supply although well represented by **ZONC**er **Michael Dalpogetto** and his beautiful silver **240Z**. There were no **Z30s** or **Z31s** at all with the trophies left for the taking. Our **350Z** was one of many other **350Zs**, among



which the first place winner was painted “cement with blue pearl” – one of those you have to see as it didn’t show well in photos.

Curtis Lewis led a group of 11 Zs from Sacramento including **ZONC**ers **Kevin** and **June Myose** in their white

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Rallye For Fun and Charity

By Bob Jenkins

April 12th was a great day for a rallye, well really it was a great day for anything, with blue skies, warm weather and a slight breeze. So rallyists from as far away as Los Angeles and Grass Valley and all over the bay area, plus locals gathered in Santa Rosa at the SNOOPY'S HOME ICE AREA's parking lot for the **51st** running of **EMPIRE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION's** annual rallye and scenic tour. The parking lot was full of pretty sports cars from many different car clubs.

Rallyists first went to registration, then got a better understanding of the rallye rules in the rallye school, and then it was time to line up and head out on the course after first getting your picture taken.

The route went North up into the Larkfield area, then further North into Windsor and almost to Healdsburg, before heading back on the opposite side of the valley and



to a checkpoint by the SONOMA COUNTY AIRPORT and finally back into Santa Rosa to the final checkpoint in the rear parking lot at a pizza parlor. Inside the pizza parlor it was pizza and drinks time and checking out the video of the rallye gimmicks on the big screen TV and talking over the rallye, while waiting for the awards.

Plus the fun day, all the profits from the rallye, and other donations went to CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE.

ZONCers participating in the event were **James & Roger Bramble** in their **250Z**, **Jim Johnson** with navigator, **Jim Sexton**, in his **240Z**, and **Ken Clark & Mary Rozmajzl** in their **240Z**. Thank you to those that supported this event!

To read more about this event see Mary Rozmajzl's article on page 7 in this newsletter. And more photos can be seen at <https://picasaweb.google.com/111600734044117488038/April12201551stAprilFoolsRallye>



Rest Stop - photo by Jim Johnson



April Fools Rallye is really a “Mind Game”

By Mary Rozmajzl

Ken Clark loves his 1970 “Porsche Red” Z. He also loves a sunny day, dry roads and hair-pin turns to challenge his “baby’s” engine and traction. So, when he heard **ZONC’s** very own Bob Jenkins was the Rallyemaster for the **EMPIRE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION’S 51st ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS RALLYE** last month, Ken signed up. And he brought wife, Mary, along for the ride.

Turns out the APRIL FOOLS joke was on Ken... the rallye (also known as an A/B gimmick rallye) had nothing to do with speed or tight-leaning curves. It was a “mind game,” literally. Each car needed a driver (Ken) and a navigator (Mary). The driver (Ken) would steer the car from point A to B to C, etc. But, it was the navigator (Mary) who was in charge of each and every turn. Teams were warned up front – this might not be a challenge for married couples. (You know, the wife says, “we need to follow the directions.” The husband responds, “I don’t need no stinking directions.”) That “instruction” to leave his wife at home was, to his credit, the only direction Ken ignored.

ZONC was well represented at the rallye. Members **James & Roger Bramble** entered their **250Z** (V8 motor), and **Jim Johnson** drove his lime green **240Z**. They lined up alongside Ford Shelby GT500’s, Austin Minis from the 60’s, Miata’s, Porsches, a Lotus Elise, and several BMWs.

Armed with the rallye’s multiple-page “instruction manual”, Ken and Mary joined those 36 other determined teams as they all meandered through urban neighborhoods and the rural countryside around Santa Rosa, CA. The going was slow. (Poor Ken) In fact, it was often stop and go because Mary would make Ken pull over while she tried to interpret rallyemaster, Bob’s intended instructions. You

see, according to A/B GIMMICK RALLYE rules, Bob would give two instructions for making the same exact move. But, “April Fools” rules only allowed one of them to be technically correct. And, the point of the rallye was to decipher the true meaning of every word in Bob’s directions and select the right one.

Confused? That puts you right there with Mary and so many of the other navigators. More than once, she had to tell Ken to make a u-turn and back track several feet or even blocks. And they weren’t the only ones. Every time Ken would turn around, that Lotus could be seen turning around as well. Then there was the BMW parked in a school yard with the passengers heads buried in their rallye manual. Oh yes, and the Porsche kit car and Cadillac were spied pulling away from a neighborhood playground... in opposite directions!

Cautiously, I’d say, “April Fools fun was had by all.” I say cautiously because I’m not sure everyone made it to the finish line in the allotted four hours. One team never showed up. (Probably drifting somewhere in the hills searching for the “true meaning” of “L first CH after RIP “James”.)

Good news... **ZONC’s** James and Roger Bramble finished. So did **Jim Johnson**. Ken and Mary made it to the checker flag as well, AND they were still speaking to each other. They plan on entering, and improving on their not-to-be-mentioned score next year.

Best news of all, the rallye raised over \$400 for CANINE COMPANIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE.





Z OWNERS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CAR SHOW



**THE BRISBANE MARINA
September 26, 2015**

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

400 Sierra Point Pkwy, Brisbane, CA 94005

≡★DATSUN ≡★NISSAN ≡★INFINITI

Z » 510 » Roadster » G Coupe » GT-R

Trophies for Best in Class and Best in Show

T - Shirts ! Goody Bags ! Raffle !

Swap Meet/ Vendor Area!

Pre-registration of show **until 9/12/15**

Event t-shirts available **until 8/10/15 at**

www.zonc.org

Pre-Registration Fee: \$25 - public * Pre-Registration Fee: \$15 - ZONC Member

Everyone: Fee at the Gate on September 26: \$30

Swap Meet/Vendor Area at nominal charge for non-show participants

T-shirts **must be** pre-ordered as limited number of shirts may or may not be available on day of event. **Shirts are not shipped.**

On site registration and staging begins at 10:00 a. m.

**From US 101, take
Sierra Point
Parkway exit**





Z OWNERS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ANNUAL CAR SHOW THE BRISBANE MARINA

September 26, 2015 – 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.
All Zs - 510s - Roadsters - GT-Rs - G Coupes

Name _____
Address _____

Phone/Cell _____
Email _____

★ **All on-line registration** ★
after Sept. 12th will be \$30

This applies to members and non-members.

Members – save now and register!
Non-Members – join now and save!



★ **Car Entry** ★

☐ Datsun ☐ Nissan ☐ Infiniti

Year _____

Model _____

☐ Stock ☐ Modified



Join ZONC now!
www.ZONC.org

Pre-Registration Ends Sept. 12, 2015!

★ **Pre-Registration Fees** ★

Member (\$15 Per Car) \$ _____

Non-Member (\$25 Per Car) \$ _____

Total for Car Entry \$ _____

★ **GRAND TOTAL** ★

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Limited Production Pre-Order Now! NO SHIPPING!

S \$15.00 each
ordered _____ Total \$ _____

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ordered _____ Total \$ _____

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2XL \$16.50 each
ordered _____ Total \$ _____

3XL \$18.00 each
ordered _____ Total \$ _____

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ordered _____ Total \$ _____

TOTAL T-Shirt Order \$ _____

Register online at www.ZONC.org under Event Registration or mail to:
ZONC, P.O. Box 184, 21001 San Ramon Valley Blvd., Ste. A4, San Ramon, CA 94583
(Post-marked **no later than September 12, 2015**) (ZONC Members will need Member ID #)

ZONC 2015 EVENT CALENDAR

MAY

1st-3rd CONTINENTAL TIRE MONTEREY GRAN PRIX at LAGUNA SECA
(NISSAN Corral)

17th ZONC GENERAL MEETING & ICE CREAM SOCIAL

30th SONOMA HISTORICS at SONOMA RACEWAY

JUNE

6th MARIN-SONOMA COAST TOUR by Bob Jenkins

20th ZONC ANNUAL PICNIC

JULY

14th-18th ZCON 2015 in Memphis, Ten

AUGUST

13th-16th ROLEX MONTEREY MOTORSPORTS REUNION at
LAGUNA SECA (possible ZONC Corral)

SEPTEMBER

12th GOLD COUNTY TOUR led by Ken Clark and Mary

26th ZONC ANNUAL CAR SHOW at BRISBANE MARINA

OCTOBER

17th CASTLE AIR MUSEUM TOUR led by Ken & Mary

NOVEMBER

15th ZONCERS GO KARTING AT DRIVEN RACEWAY in Fairfield

DECEMBER

6th ZONC BANQUET, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING,

Z-Day Pismo Beach Car Show

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370Z and Nick Fisher in his modified 280Z. Many other friends were there: Charlene and Jeff Braskamp, **CENTRAL VALLEY Z OWNERS** Stuart and Sandy Gates, and Lee Woolfolk to name a few. All in all, it was a spectacular day and if the **SoCALZ** folks are to be believed, they're going to do it again next year. Judging by the success of the first Z-Day, you won't want to miss the next one!

HAPPY
MAY
BIRTHDAYS



JOE ARMSTEAD

MATT GARDELLA

GARY J. KERCHNER

RAY RAIBLE

*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!*

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

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Total Enclosed: \$ _____



FOR SALE
1980 280ZX
(with mag wheels)

202k miles (202,754) but actually there is an extra 5k on the odometer, because I had to replace the speedometer/odometer with a used one that had more miles than my car actually had on it. It is silver with blue interior. The interior does need some repair. Car is in very good mechanical condition. I enjoyed it and would like someone else to enjoy it. I don't often drive it anymore. Car is in Stockton, CA

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(include membership # with ad)

Nonmembers: \$10.00 per ad or \$20.00 with photo.

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thebeard@sonic.net

Ads run for two months
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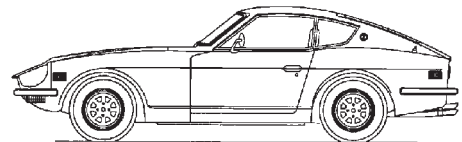
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Sherry: **slc1653@gmail.com**
(408) 945-6677 and we'll talk price.

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 I want to sell her to someone who will appreciate her as much as I have.



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