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The Official Newsletter of Z Owners of Northern California

ZONC on ZOOM

Sunday, September 13, 2020

Join us on September 13 at 11:30am. The link will be sent in the email when the September Z NEWS is sent.

Discussion will be about the remainder of the year events and runs.



ZONC Member Profiles Wanted

Let your fellow ZONCERS get to know you better! Your ZNEWS is starting up the member profile again. We're asking all members who would like to write a short profile about themselves and their car(s) to send it in.

You can write about the things you have done to your car, the ZONC events you like to attend, when you joined ZONC, and/or your hobbies other than ZONC.

Please hold your article to no more than one page.

Also include a picture of yourself and your car and send to the ZNEWS editor at:

thebeard@sonic.net

33rd Annual ZCON in Nashville

September 14-19, 2020

<http://zcon.org/conventions/2020/>

The Nominations for 2021 ZONC Board of Directors are:

President – Linda Williams

Nominated by the Board

Vice President – Jason Green

Nominated by Linda Williams

Vice President Admin - Oscar Lemas

Nominated by Linda Williams

Secretary – There were NO Nominations

Treasurer – Wade Warren

Nominated by Bob Jenkins

The nominated candidates for elected office must submit their acceptance or declination of nomination in a statement not to exceed 150 words by September 10th to the Secretary at: secretary@zonc.org

The Secretary shall provide the official ballot listing the nominated candidates of record by September 15th for publication.

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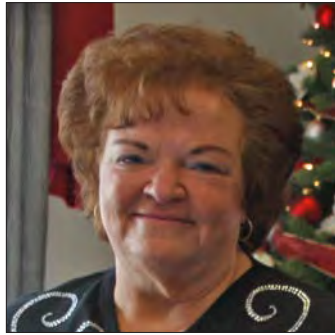
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On Z Road Again

By Linda Williams



September ZNews

Greetings **ZONC** members! Wishing you all a wonderful Labor Day and hope you have plans to enjoy it the best way you know how during this crazy time in our lives. Some members are getting out for some short runs, but since many businesses have not opened up, restrooms are like trying to find a mouse in a cheese maze.

We had our second **ZOOM** meeting on August 9th and had a good showing. It's ending up being a so-so year for our club since we haven't had any 'official' events or runs. We are definitely being careful with making the decisions we have made. With that being said, we have cancelled our Annual **ZONC Picnic** that was scheduled for the **27th of September**. We were able to get our deposit refunded and hope to reschedule for next year. The **Pescadero Fun Run** and the **Canapa Run** were also cancelled. We were reminded that Canapa has a 'virtual' tour of their showroom and collection of beautiful cars, if you're interested. Here are the two links:

Part1 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qv8oXXZ2vPw> (in the showroom and museum)

Part 2 <https://youtu.be/SAVfBg97KdY> (in the shop)

The **Fort Bragg Fun Run and BBQ** could still happen if Mendocino County restrictions are lifted a little. I will have to keep everyone posted if this is going to take place. It will be with limitations and an RSVP will be necessary.

ZDay is still tentatively scheduled for Sept 26 & 27th... Please check the www.SoCalZ.net website for any changes that may occur.

Datslocos and Sac Datsun events have been postponed/cancelled. Please check their FaceBook pages for any fun runs that might be happening. These are very fluid situations and dates and times change accordingly.

Nominations for the 2021 Board was discussed and all the current members were nominated to the positions they

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are currently holding. Letters of acceptance will be due **Sept 10th**.

Discussions were held as to how to handle the swearing in/ installation of the officers and it was decided that we would, most likely, hold it via **ZOOM**. With that being said, we decided that having an **Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers** would not be held in December as we usually do. We really want to keep everyone safe and not jeopardize anyone's health.

Again, please stay safe and healthy.

Safe travels to all.....



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS...

Jack Atkinson

Mike Bridges

Martin Burkhardt

John Ettare

David Gurule

Raleigh Hill

Robert Nelson

Brian Peters

Jason Pi

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!



Andy's History of His 240Z

By Andy Wiskes

I had wanted to buy a Datsun 240Z (or in it's maiden form- a "Fairlady" in Japan) in the early seventies, but there was always a waiting list. At the time of its release, it was nothing sort of revolutionary. A two door, six cylinder sports car weighing 2300 lbs. Not only that, there was generous leg room and cabin space, a necessity for those of us who are proportionally challenged. It also had beautiful lines and handled like a dream. In my now distant past, as a youth in Wisconsin circa 1968, my first car was a 1963 TR4. It was the only one in South Eastern Wisconsin. It had SU carbs! Pure technological mysticism in the land of Harley Davidson and big block Chevies. It was a great car and my introduction to Lucas electrics-enuf said! And then San Francisco called and I went. The Triumph sale funded a Chevy van that moved me to San Francisco. At the time I was 20 years old and had just gotten my first job working in a recording studio. In those days, the pay wasn't great, but the projects were. I got to mix "Charlie Brown" specials and work with great Bay Area Producers, Editors, and Musicians, including my favorite, Vince Guaraldi. Driving a van in SF got very tiresome, and with more hope than salary I started looking for another sports car. And there was the 240Z - but it was unobtainium. You could get on a waiting list and then watch them sell for way over MSRP. I was never patient enough to wait for one. My brother waited and got one, my neighbor waited and got one. Even my boss managed to get one. I was young and impatient and tired of my Chevy van. So I found a well maintained 1969 Alfa Romeo Spyder. Even with its Auto Delta engine (per Griswalds), it couldn't keep up with my boss's 240Z, but it was a convertible! It would also take me to Santa Cruz for lunch on the boardwalk, add a quart of oil, and be back in

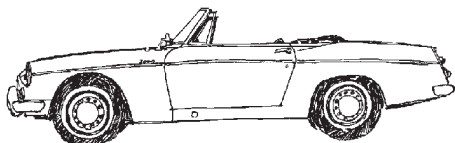


time for an afternoon session. It met an untimely demise in the hands of a fool (not me) But I always had the idea in the back of my mind... the 240Z...someday.....someday. Fast forward 38 years, and I was looking at photos from the good old days. Flash bulb went off and it was time. That was about 10 years ago. I decided the time was right. My son and I started looking for one. It took a while to find an original that hadn't been modified or wasn't rusted out. We found one that had recently been restored to a very high level. It was

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Virtual Car Shows

Check out Autoweek.com for a list of virtual car shows. Let ZONC know if you've entered your car.

The 1st video is **The Petersen Museum's Global Cars & Coffee**. Followed by the **Gilmore Car Museum**. There is a **Ford Performance Virtual Car Show** and the **Good Guys Rod & Custom Shows**. Then there is the **Holley Has Virtual Car Shows**. Also, a **Radwood Offers VRadwood**. **DUB Magazine's DIB Show Worldwide**. Also, **Craftsman Auto Care**. A **Hot Rod Hotline** and **Racing Junk**. Lastly, **Shining Bright Virtual Exhibition at Audrain Automobile Museum**.

<https://www.autoweek.com/car-life/events/g32310921/top-10-virtual-car-shows-2020/>

Andy's History of His 240Z

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located 2 1/2 hours away in Morgan Hill. The day we went down it was raining and the owner didn't want us sliding around on wet roads, but it was THE car for us. (BTW, my son is 6'4" tall and fits in it just fine) Over the next month we kept trying to get together for a test drive, but it kept raining (oh, the good old days) Finally we got to do our test drive and the rest is history. Since acquiring the car: I've put on 5 slot mags (I have the original hubcaps and steelies for shows), a new adjustable suspension, new brakes, dropped and cleaned the tank, flushed all fuel and brake lines, upgraded electrical, and added lot of wax. It's still takes a few turns to start (a 123 distributor is on the "to do" list).

She still gets regular drives around Marin. My grandkids love taking rides. One of the best times I had with it was when I took my 82 year mom for a few hot laps at Sonoma Raceway (Sears Point to most of us). With a camera rolling, all she said was "I'm not going to scream!" And she didn't.

Check web sites for the latest information and to learn * if the events are going to happen as scheduled. *

2020 ZONC & Other Car Events

SEPTEMBER

- 04-06 Sonoma Speed Festival, Sonoma Raceway
- 11-13 IMSA, Laguna Seca
- 14-19** [ZCON](http://www.zcon.org/conventions/2020/) Celebration in Nashville
- 19-20 Grand Prix of Monterey, Laguna Seca
- 26-27 ZDAY CALIFORNIA
- 27** **ZONC** Annual Picnic *Canceled*

OCTOBER

- 03-04 CSRG Charity Challenge Historic- Sonoma

DECEMBER

- 12** **ZONC** Annual Banquet



2005 Monterey Historics



ZONC's 1991 Convention

By Bob Jenkins

The **Fourth Annual National Z Car Convention** was hosted by **ZONC** in the San Francisco Bay Area in August 1991.



The host hotel was the Sheraton Inn in Pleasanton and the autocross site was the Pleasanton Fairgrounds. There was also a San Francisco Bay Night Tour, a Rallye that ended at Wendt Bros Winery in Livermore, and a Car Show. Two days of Tech. Sessions, one on SU Carb Rebuild lead by current member Bruce Leininger. Wrapped up by a Semi-Formal Awards Banquet at Castlewood Country Club in Pleasanton, where the 1992 300ZX Convertible was unveiled.

Sponsors were Nissan, Tokico Gas Shocks, Steve Millen Sports Cars, Motorsport Auto, Jim Cook Racing, and Foreign Auto Tech Inc, and Tweaks.

The **ZONC** Organization Committee: Chairman Mike Chew, Registration Paul Vancas, Ron & Jan Zacharias. Publicity Bob Jones, Sponsorship: National Mike Chew, Sponsorship: Regional, Hotel Paul Vancas, Cocktail Reception/Pool Party Paul Vancas, Mike Chew. Tech Sessions/ Seminars Rex Jennett, Car Show/ Trade Show Alan Pong, Awards Banquet Mike Chew, Paul Vancas, Tour Rick Cassell, Autocross Andy Craig, Rallye Bill Jones.

Marci & I had fun in my gold '70 240Z, as seen below, but, we did not trophy in the car show.





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(541) 772-7314

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