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Fort Bragg Tour & BBQ

Saturday, July 10, 2021

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August 12-15 2021

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On Z Road Again

Linda Williams



Happy 4th of July! It's hard to believe that the year is halfway over and it seems like **ZONC** has just begun to enjoy the weather and the fun runs/events.

On June 12th, we had our **Meet and Greet** at the Blackhawk Auto Museum and had a really good turnout. Without many RSVPs, we weren't really sure how many cars would show up for the event. Terry (at Blackhawk) was very accommodating and pretty much just went with the flow and said, "Let's just put everyone up on the Plaza". I said "sure"!! When I arrived at 7:30am there were already about a dozen people there, some to help and others just wanted to be sure to have a spot on the plaza. With a lot of help from **ZONC** members, we began the process of sending cars up to the plaza to be staged for parking. By 8am, we had almost filled the entire plaza with 35 cars. We had to have a few cars park in the overflow upper lot and a few more stayed in the lower lot. With approximately 47 cars attending, we had a very colorful display!

Datslocos had a good showing of cars along with another group of 4 GTR's that really had people excited. The museum had put up "Car Show" signs down on the main street and entering the parking lot which seemed to bring a lot of people up to the plaza to wander around and ask a lot of questions.

Several people, including Blackhawk's photo journalist, were taking pictures with their cameras and phones, as well as Bryan Delohery bringing his drone for some aerial shots. Hisashi Masui, PH. D. of "Nostalgic Hero Magazine" will be writing an article that will be coming out in the future. He was very excited to see all of our cars and did a couple interviews with the owners to get more information about them. It was a very fun day and the weather was perfect.

The **Fort Bragg Fun Run** for **ZONC** members is now on the books for **July 10th**. Ken and Mary will begin the run in Vacaville and take everyone on a fun-filled drive to Fort

Bragg. Once you arrive at my house, I will have lunch waiting for you. Planning on a BBQ with the fixings, but I need to know how many are planning on coming up. Please RSVP to oringken@pacbell.net so that I know how much food to purchase. There is a lot of space for everyone to park and lots of room on the deck to relax and enjoy a bite. A few people are planning on spending the night (you make your own arrangements, where ever you want to stay), and then spend a little more time on Sunday enjoying the sights of the Mendocino/Fort Bragg area.

The July General Meeting is cancelled due to the Fort Bragg Run and a quorum will not be present. I will keep you posted on the August meeting and hopefully we will be able to hold it in person with the restrictions being lifted for most areas.

Our Annual Car Show will be at the **Brisbane Marina** on **Sept 12th**, mark your calendars!!

Happy Summer and safe travels!

Tribute to Louise Liao Dorn

May 28, 1949 - June 21, 2021

It is with great sadness that we announce that former **ZONC**er Louise Dorn very unexpected and quickly passed away on June 21, 2021.

Louise and Roy Dorn were very active in **ZONC** during the years 2003-2014, joining the club with a new black 350Z, later trading up to a GTR (the 1st in the club). Roy



was the **ZONC** Treasurer 2006 -2013. Louise and Roy made many of the multi-day trips with friends including several **ZONC**ers.

Louise is a native of Taiwan. Her four brothers still reside in Taiwan. Her careers included teaching grade school in Taiwan and 32 years of food service at Denny's restaurant in Petaluma. Ten grandchildren, two daughters, one step-daughter, and two step-sons and Roy survive Louise.

Louise and Roy were married for almost 35 years and loved to travel, visiting all 50 states. Louise also loved to spend time with her family and to shop for them.

Memorial Service at Santa Rosa Bayside Church, 3175 Sebastopol Road, Santa Rosa, **Saturday, July 3** at 11:00am.

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FORT BRAGG RUN / JULY 10, 2021

Enjoy

- 1 to 2-day run
 - Botanical Gardens tour
 - Point Cabrillo Lighthouse
 - Awsome sea life and sunsets
 - **Welcome barbeque at Linda Williams Fort Bragg home**
 - Sign-Up and Confirm BBQ reservations by July 6, 2021.
- Email:
oringken@pacbell.net



Route

8 A.M., 07/10/2021

Start at Stars Recreation Center, 155 Browns Valley Pkwy, Vacaville, CA.

Travel through Putah Creek Wildlife Area, along the western shores of Lake Berryessa, through Pope Valley, Past Clear Lake and Lake Mendocino.

Then it's on to Willits, CA. Jackson State Forest and, finally, the Pacific Ocean.

Want to join along the route? Contact Ken Clark at oringken@pacbell.net for a time and place.



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SEPT 12 CAR SHOW



10am-3pm

**Trophies
Raffle
Goody Bags**

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**Pre-Registration: ZONC Member \$20
Non-Member \$30**

**Registration after August 20, 2021: \$35
On-Site Registration Begins at 10 AM**

The Brisbane Marina

400 Sierra Point Pkwy., Brisbane, CA

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REGISTER TODAY @ WWW.ZONC.ORG

2021 ZONC Blackhawk Meet & Greet



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RMMR is Back at Laguna Seca

By Ann Devor

The **Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion** is set for **August 12-15, 2021**, at Weathertech Raceway Laguna Seca. There will be a **Nissan Z corral** in the lakebed (green) parking area. The corral parking package includes a parade lap (date/time tbd) and a gift package. The other corrals also parked in the lakebed are Alfa Romeo, Jaguar, Lexus (new to RMMR), Mercedes (new to RMMR) and Shelby. BMW, Porsche and Mazda will have their usual corrals at Turn 5. The honored vintage marque for 2021 is Ford Trans-Am – be sure to bring your ear plugs!

Race tickets and corral passes are being sold directly by WeatherTech Raceway. In order to get a corral pass, drivers and passengers must purchase 4-day tickets (drivers: \$175; passengers: \$150). Ticket prices will increase on August 11. There is a \$10 service charge and, depending upon your choice, tickets will either be mailed to you or held at will-call.

The racetrack is complying with COVID-19 related health restrictions. The rules may change by the time of the event in August, but at the time of this writing, you must agree to the track's Health and Safety policy as part of your ticket purchase. Some of the highlights I noted are: (1) tickets are available only to CA residents, (2) you must be tested for COVID within 72 hours or have a vaccination card that could be checked, and (3) masks must be worn and social distancing must be observed. You may buy additional tickets only for members of your household.

To purchase your ticket packages including corral passes and parade lap, please go to <https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/government-links/weathertech-raceway/upcoming-events/monterey-reunion> and use the link to purchase tickets. If you have any questions about the Z corral, please contact me at anndevor@gmail.com

34th ZCON

August 16-22, 2021

Colorado Springs, Co

<http://zcon.org/conventions/2021/schedule/>

www.ZCON.org



ZONC at the 2021 DATSLOCOS Car Show & Swap Meet

Article and photos by Bob Russell

As the Covid pandemic eases, more car events are resuming, and that includes the **Annual Datslocos Car Show and Swap Meet** in Manteca.

Linda Williams and I set up a **ZONC** table at Datslocos to support the Datsun community and to recruit and renew **ZONC** members.

Nick Fisher, from SacDatsun also joined us for the day and helped promote the clubs.

We sold \$145 of **ZONC** shirts, masks and hats during the show and had a great time checking out all the beautiful and interesting Datsuns.



August 2010 Ft. Bragg Run



Cookie Man and Mary Ellen's 2021 Roadtrip

I swear that was a herd of llamas running alongside our car. A lot of them. And they weren't on anyone's ranch. There were no fences anywhere. I'd have pictures, but Ken didn't want to stop for yet another one of "Mary Ellen's photo detours".

In all fairness, it was pretty dark, those llamas were moving pretty fast, and Ken feared we were pretty much screwed if the gully-washed dirt path we were driving on suddenly ended. Fact is, our cell phones both read "Offline."

So, you'll just have to take my word about the llamas. You'll also have to trust me about the three bright lights circling above us in the night sky and the repetitive musical cords coming from their direction. Not what we envisioned when we scrapped our usual I-80 route from Omaha, NE to Vacaville, CA, two days earlier.

You see, Ken wanted to venture only two-lane highways and county roads for a journey free of 80mph speed limits and congestion. His route would ultimately venture through "The Loneliest Road in America," Highway 50, Nevada.

Day One played out as advertised. Just outside of Omaha, Ken merged onto Highway 6; the backbone of one of the earliest "Transcontinental Highways." (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lincoln_Highway) Highway 6 ambles beside newly planted corn and soybean fields, and through southern Nebraska towns and hamlets populated in the teens -- many, as you might guess, rural victims of I-80's passing them by and leaving their economies frozen in the 60's. What's the expression? "Harkening back to a simpler time."



Their fossilized motels and abandoned diners spoke more to lost dreams and the modern-day struggle to survive. A life-size cowboy painted on the side of one such eating establishment read, "Whoa Folks. Don't Miss Mom's Café." A sign on the front door read, "Mom's not missing it. She left years ago." The place is boarded up.

Down the road, Minden, Nebraska's "World Famous Pioneer Village" (<https://pioneervillage.com>) offered free admission to anyone staying just one night at their namesake motel. Not many takers. Only 5 cars in the parking lot. That's probably the same daily admission as two summers ago before Covid-19, and even two decades ago after traveling families discovered the benefit of Nebraska history, conveniently packaged in an overpass museum, spanning I-80 just outside Kearney (<https://archway.org>).

With Nebraska quietly recessing in our rear view mirror, we navigated the final miles of Highway 6, then 14 and 34 to the entrance of the day's real attraction... Rocky Mountain National Park, next door to Estes Park, Colorado (<https://www.nps.gov/romo/index.htm>). Ken planned a scenic 60-



mile tour through forests and meadows with panoramic vistas of the eastern Rockies as a backdrop. Along the way-- elk, big horn sheep and moose. (I recall an electronic sign at the park's entrance and some reference to the main road and winter. However, this was late May, so Ken kept driving without a second look.)

The views were stunning, the wildlife was abundant. And Highway 34 (known as Trail Ridge Road inside the park) was closed at Medicine Bow Curve, elevation 11,700 feet. Yes,

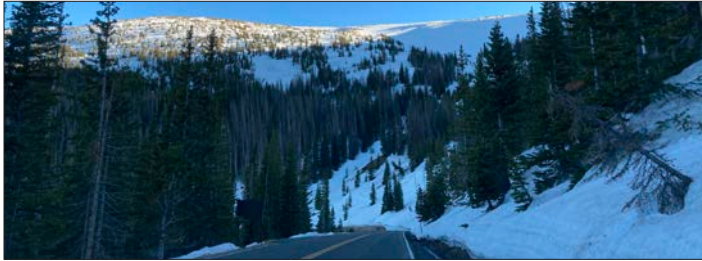
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2021 Roadtrip

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Ken, it was May, but it was also 11,700 feet above sea level. In the end, that short cut through Estes turned into a 24-mile backtrack, overnight lodging in Estes Park, and a 126-mile southern detour past Burnt Mountain, Hurricane Hill, Mud Lake and Lump Gulch.



Midway through **Day Two** we said goodbye to Colorado just west of the town of Dinosaur (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dinosaur,_Colorado), featuring Brontosaurus Boulevard and Brachtosaurus Bypass. Highway 40 melted into 191 in Utah, complete with the arid high desert scenery one expects of the state. Few vehicles, even fewer towns.

At one point, boredom prompted Ken to ask, “A cemetery. Want to stop?” It looked typical for a middle-of-nowhere graveyard. But, it was a chance to stretch our legs for five to ten minutes. We stayed for almost an hour.

Turns out Castle Gate Cemetery (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Castle_Gate_Mine_disaster) holds two records. It is the burial site for Utah’s 2nd worst and America’s 10th worst coal mining accident with the loss of 171 miners from three underground explosions on March 8, 1924. In just 20 minutes, 415 women and children lost their husbands and fathers. Unmarried miners mostly survived because they had recently been laid off; saving jobs for those with families to support.



The burials came so fast, and money was so scarce – few headstones were erected. Simple metal crosses, bearing the date, mark the plots.



Life and death in the Castle Gate Mines filtered through our thoughts and conversations the next 30 miles until, ironically, we passed Winter Quarters Road, and the entrance to the abandoned Scofield Mine (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scofield_Mine_disaster).

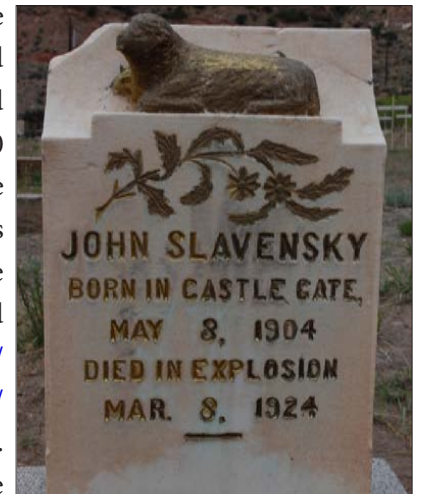
Twenty-four years before the Castle Gate explosion, 200 miners died here in Utah’s worst coal mining disaster. You have to wonder how many of the surviving miners moved to Castle Gate before 1924.

Enough looking back. It was time to look forward to the afternoon sun and the western slopes of the Mani-La Sal National Forest (<https://www.fs.usda.gov/manilasal>). We were heading to Nephi, Utah, and the big prize for **Day-2**.

Two hours later . . .

The sunset colors of rose and orange were quickly fading to gray above Juab County, Utah as our brief run on the rich black asphalt of I-15 gave way to the crackling gravel of Mills Road along Chicken Creek. We’d missed our turn-off 18 miles back, (just outside Nephi) in search of the legendary, “Loneliest Road in America” -- Highway 50. But, we were sure two intelligent travelers as ourselves could easily find an alternate connection. After all, we were equipped with two cell phones, complete with “Google Maps” apps and an old-school backup... a paper AAA map of Utah.

*The Rest of the Story. . .
will be in the August ZNews*



Please Welcome New Members

William Breen	300ZX
Garett Fujimura	240Z
Cary Hoetker	260Z
Kevin Nerona	300ZX
Anthony Rasella	G35
Marc Rasella	G35
Karen Self	240Z

Warning about Hackers

ZONC Board members will never email you and ask you to buy cash cards for anyone or anything. It is a scam.

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Don't to it!

If you have a question about an email sent to you from a Board Member, please check with that Board member.

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HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS...

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Ricardo Catahan
Beau Davidson
Ken Kawabata

Mike Keller
Eric Lindrud
Jason Townsend
Edwin Velazquez

Mary Velazquez
Eugene Veteska
Melinda Wilson
Andy Wiskes

*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!*

2021 ZONC and Other Car Events

July

10 ZONC Ft. Bragg B.B.Q (See flyer on page 3)

August

07-08 Monterey Pre Reunion (LS)
 12-15 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion (LS)

September

10-11 IMSA Monterey Sports Car Championship
12 Annual ZONC Brisbane Car Show
 17-19 IndyCar Grand Prix (LS)
 22 Sonoma Speed Festival (SR)

October

02-03 CSRG Charity Vintage Car Races (SR)

10 ZONC Annual Picnic

December

12 ZONC Annual Banquet

Editor's Note: (LS) Laguna Seca Raceway
 (SR) Sonoma Raceway

Sac Datsun Events

July 17	Feather River Fun Run
August 21	Santa Cruz Fun Run
September 11	US 40 Fun Run
October 16	Leafers Fun Run
November 20	Calaveras Big Trees FunRun

For more info go to
www.facebook.com/sacdatsun/

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1/4 Page	\$25	\$125	\$200
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ZONC Member Profiles Wanted

Let your fellow **ZONCERS** get to know you better! 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

Autocross & Hill Climb Websites

American Autocross Series

<http://www.americanautox.com/schedule>

SFR SCCA:

www.sfrscca.org/autocross

Northwest Hill Climb Association (541) 772-7314

<https://www.nhahillclimb.org>

Redwood Sports Car Club Eureka (707) 441-1603

www.rsccl.net

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(include membership # with ad)

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I am new to the club and I am getting interested in finding a nice **2dr 510**. I am not afraid to pay good money for the right car. I would prefer a finished and sorted car, but, I would consider all cars.

Thank you

Jeff Hyosaka

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Thunderhill Raceway Park

in Willows, CA

Aug. 26, 2021

Sept. 23, 2021

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