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Laps For Charity

Saturday, January 22, 2022

at Sonoma Raceway

Three Laps and a picture of you vehicle on the track.

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https://www.speedwaycharities.org/ events/sonoma/laps-for-charity/

ZONC ZOOM MEETING

January 9, 2022

11:30 AM

The link will go out with the January ZNEWS.

We will be picking the dates for most of our events for 2022, so be sure and make this meeting

ZONC Turns 50!

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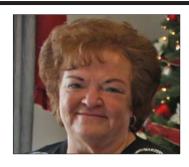
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On Z Road Again

Linda Williams



January 2022

Happy New Year!! May 2022 be a year of prosperity and good health for everyone.

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. This past year felt like it was getting closer to 'normal', if we really know what normal is now.

Our Holiday Banquet was replaced with a Banquet Fun Run on December 12th that was put together by Andrea Ivan. We began our run in Livermore with 9 cars, but unfortunately, we lost one car rather early on and he wasn't able to continue the run with us. The tow truck did come very quickly, so that was the good news. Hopefully they figure out what the electrical gremlin was doing that caused the problem. After a little rain, it managed to back off for a while and we enjoyed the backroads along the way. It was sad to see the burn scars left from the fires this past summer, especially in the canyons. We ended the run with lunch at Da Boccery in Livermore and a lot of good food and fun conversations. We also collected unwrapped toys for the kids, and Ken and Mary (and new puppy) were kind enough to drop them off at the Fire/Police station in Vacaville. Thank you, Ken and Mary!

We did not have a quorum for the December meeting (fun run). Our January meeting will be held on ZOOM and this will be the meeting where we discuss our plans for the upcoming year, such as dates for the car show, Blackhawk, fun runs, BBQs, our annual picnic and any other ideas you may have. Please put Jan 9th on your calendar as a reminder to attend the meeting.

Now for the big question.... when is the new Z going to go on sale to the public..... Anyone got a crystal ball for the answer?? There's sure a lot of chatter going on.

And for some GREAT NEWS!! **ZONC** is celebrating their 50th year as a Z Club! This is so exciting and

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hopefully we will have some exciting events to celebrate our special year.

Happy Birthday ZONC! Safe travels everyone! Stay healthy and happy! Linda

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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



ZCON 2022 - Birmingham, AL

The 35th Annual International Z Car Convention

July 25-30, 2022 - by Iron City Z Club & ZCCA

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In the Beginning: ZONC

Let's go back to the year 1972. Regular gas sells for about 30 cents and the speed limit is still 70 M P H. The 240Z is one of the most popular sports car on the market, and the fact that in most areas there is a waiting list of four to six weeks is proof of that. But though they are numerous on the roads, no one has started a Z club in the bay area.

Along comes a fellow named Jay (last name forgotten) who has acquired Z mailing lists from the local Datsun dealers. He sends out flyers inviting everyone to a Z gimmick rallye, with the entry fee including membership in a Z club.

After the rallye was over and expenses were deducted, everyone was informed that there was no club and no money left to start one.

Exit Jay. But not before a fellow by the name of Joe Roberts gets the list of names from him.

And it was in a pizza restaurant in Hayward that Joe Roberts and some of the people from that list got together and formed the 240Z Owners of Northern California, based in the Bay Area (there was a club in the Sacramento region already, and two more would follow: The Central Valley region and the Napa-Solano region. All three would later fold). Joe Roberts was elected Chairman (title later changed to President) and their first tour was to Felton in Santa Cruz in Sept. of '72, with about 16 Z's participating (the club's birthday was celebrated in Felton during the next four years.) At the end of 1972 the 240Z Owners had a grand total membership of 46.

I seriously doubt that back in those early days, anyone thought that the club would still be around 15 years later. But here we are and with a lot of history behind us.

Editor's note: [Article was in the January 1988 ZNEWS. Article is unsigned, but Editor was Virgil Caceres of Suisun.]

2022 ZONC and Other Car Events

JANUARY

09 11:30AM ZONC ZOOM Meeting **FEBRUARY** MARCH **APRIL** 15-15 GT World Challenge SR 22 Laps For Charity SR https://www.speedwaycharities.org/sonoma/ 22-24 Trans Am Speedfest LS 29 SVRA Sportscar Vintage Racing SR Solkvang Datsun Roadster Classic 29-30 MAY **DATSLOCS Car Show TBA** JUNE 12 Toyota Save Mart 350 NASCAR JULY 09 Windsor Tamale Fest & Car Show at Windsor Town Green ZCON 2022 Birmingham, AL 25-30 **AUGUST** 8-13-14 Monterey Pre-Reunion LS 8-17-20 Rolex Monterey Reunion LS SEPTEMBER

> (LS) Laguna Seca Raceway (SR) Sonoma Raceway

Firestone Grand Prix LS

Check websites and Facebook for the latest information to learn if the events are going to happen as scheduled.

Sac Datsun Events

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HOLIDAY RUN, DECEMBER 12, 2021

By Andrea Ivan

In lieu of our Holiday Party at the bowling alley, we decided to go on a fun drive. We met in Livermore in the shopping center where Da Boccery Restaurant is located on Vallecitos Rd and Vineyard Ave. This is a great meeting place as it has a Starbucks and Chevron Station, which has a great little store and a nice restroom, and is very close to all the backroads in the area.

The skies were very threatening, and rain was likely at some point; we were all hoping that it would hold off. Those in attendance were: Linda Williams (Cadillac SUV), Oscar Lemus and Sara (350z), Ken and Mary Clark (the red 240Z), Kim and Towns Townsend (smaller, older very fun sporty Lexus IS 300), Bryan Delohery (BMW), Allan Young (280Z Scarab), George and his son Ryan with a white 240Z which broke down shortly into the drive and ZMario (1994 300ZX with many, many miles).

As the light rain began, we hopped in our cars and started off. We zoomed along through Livermore's "wine country" and over Corral Hollow Road, and luckily the light rained stopped. The roads were slightly damp, so I had to control ZMario who loves to just zoom along zipping happily around curves. When we got down to the Central Valley, the rain came down pretty good. Luckily, these were the straight roads, and I had to slow down to make sure I didn't miss any of the turns on the small country roads I chose to avoid the very boring highway 5 to Patterson. We made it into Patterson without any issues or ZMario blasting by the roads we were supposed to turn on, which happened during the pre-run the week before, and the rain had lightened up again. As we were approaching Patterson on the last of the country roads, I could see the mountains we were going to drive over. I could see it was not raining, and I could tell by the sky, no rain was going to occur.

After a brief stop at a gas station in Patterson, we turned on to Del Puerto Canyon, which I have been on many times on my bike. ZMario has had to wait for me in Patterson during these adventurous bike rides for hours, as I would go all the way past the Junction to the top of Mt. Hamilton. He was very excited to be going up this road again, two weeks in a

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row, without having to wait for hours for me!! The road was damp in places but as we got toward the top, it was drier so ZMario could happily zip along. This road has deteriorated over the years and there were some rough spots along with those damn cattle guards!! Those are awful to go over on a bike, and not that much better driving over them in the car!! We made it to the Junction for a brief stop, and I looked down at the odometer - 364,994 miles.

I had bought some sparkling wine at that great stop 'n go at the Chevron Station at the start for the 365,000 miles celebration. So, I informed everyone that I was going to drive 3 miles towards Mt. Hamilton, and turn around, so I would be at 365,000 miles for the celebration at the Junction, where I have been countless times on my bike.

I returned and we cracked open the sparkling wine and toasted ZMario and all his magnificence!!! After a few pictures, we started off. The road was dry! I know every turn on this road having biked it so many times, so ZMario was totally in the zone, so happy he was involved instead of sitting waiting for me for hours on end, and so excited with his 365,000 miles!! We zipped along, zooming around the turns, and I realized at one point no one was behind me! So, I pulled over and waited until someone caught up, which was Towns, Bryan and Oscar. Apparently, Ken's little dog was getting carsick, so he had to slow down, and Linda stayed in the back to make sure everything was ok.

We arrived at Da Boccery and had a delicious lunch after a great 3-½ hour ride!

I think we should do this every year!!!



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Photo by Mary Ellen Rozmajzl

Ken Clark with Stormy, delivers toys collected on the Holiday Run to firefighters at the Vacaville Fire Department.

Behind Ken are the firefighters Justin Tabor, (left) and Jerry Difilippi (right).



NISSAN NISMO GT 500 RACE CAR

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License Plates from the 2014 ZCON in San Diego





















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2014 ZONC 42nd Birthday at Lake Sonoma

















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2013 Contra Costa Run

Lead by Ann Devor





















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American Autocross Series http://www.americanautox.com/schedule

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Sally Pringle

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