

# ZNEWS

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## The Official Newsletter of Z Owners of Northern California

# On Z Road Again



**Linda Williams** 

Greetings everyone!

It's great to see the rains with some bits of sunshine that make our driving outlook better. The reservoirs are looking like they are catching much of the needed water that we have been lacking for some time now. Let's keep our fingers crossed and continue to conserve our water usage for a little bit longer.

As we begin 2022, we had our fun run/event planning meeting on January 9th. With most of the regular attendees, we reviewed the results of the survey that was sent out asking for your input on the activities. Here is a recap of our discussion:

1. We will have an event at the **BLACKHAWK MUSEUM** and hopefully combine it with a **50**<sup>th</sup> **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION of ZONC** as a club. Possible ideas included inviting all BA (and beyond) Datsun/Nissan clubs. If we can get a couple Datsun/Nissan race cars and possibly the new Z, we'd like to have a 'showcase' up on the Blackhawk plaza, and then we would have the lower lots for all the car club and vendor tents, and car displays.

- 2. The **Annual Car Show** will be at the **Brisbane Marina** and we hope to hold it in **September**.
- 3. The **Annual Picnic** will be at the **COYOTE POINT RECREATION** area and will be in **October**.
- 4. The **Awards and Installation of Officers Banquet** is to be determined. Most votes wanted it to be at the **Stars Recreation Center** in Vacaville. As of now, they are not doing any banquets, so Covid will play a role in our decisions.
- 5. **ADDITIONAL FUN RUNS/EVENTS** may include a Contra Costa Run, Petaluma to the Coast Run, Fort Bragg BBQ fun run (2 days), Lake Tahoe fun run and stop at the auto museum (2-3 days), Central Coast fun run that could join up with the San Diego Z Club somewhere near Cambria/ Hearst Castle (3 day), Canapa fun run Aug Sept TBD.
- 6. The Datslocos Annual Swap Meet and Show will be May 21, 2022. ZCon will be in Burmingham Alabama July 25-30, 2022. Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion (RMMR) is Aug. 17-20, 2022.
- 7. Any member that is interested in setting up an event/ fun run, please let me know and we can work on putting it together. All ideas are welcome!

We would love to see a lot of participation in our events as well as volunteers to help set up and work the events. Every

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## On Z Road Again

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little bit helps us put on a successful event, keeping Covid restrictions in mind when we schedule them.

We still have 2 open Area Representative positions (Solano and Sacramento) as well as the Secretary position.

If you're interested, please contact me for more info. (President@zonc.org)

Our next meeting will be on Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 11:30am via ZOOM.

The March meeting is tentatively scheduled via ZOOM for March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 11:30am.

All future meeting dates and times to be determined.

I'd like to wish you all a very **Happy Valentine's Day!** Stay healthy and drive safely wherever your travels take you.



#### **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

#### **ZONC ZOOM MEETING**

## February 13, 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

# Tentative **ZONC** EVENTS for 2022

June

DTB BLACKHAWK MUSEUM

(and hopefully combine it with our 50th Birthday Celebration of ZONC as a club)

September

**DTB ZONC** Annual Car Show at Brisbane Marina

October

**DTB ZONC** Annual Picnic Coyote Point

No Month Yet...

**DTB** Contra Costa Run

**DTB** Petaluma to the Coast Run

**DTB** Fort Bragg BBQ fun run

DTB Canapa Fun Run

**DTB** Lake Tahoe Fun Run with auto museum (2-3 days),

**DTB** Central Coast Fun Run with the San Diego Z Club somewhere near Cambria/Hearst Castle (3 day)



**Z News** 

# 2022 ZONC and Other Car Events

FEBRUARY

	FEBRUARY					
19	Capay Valley Fun Run (Sac Datsun)					
	MARCH					
16	Knight's Ferry Fun Run (Sac Datsun)					
	APRIL					
16	Bridgeport Fun Run (Sac Datsun)					
15-16	GT World Challenge - SR					
22-24	Trans Am Speedfest - LS					
29	SVRA Sportscar Vintage Racing - SR					
29-30	Solvang Datsun Roadster Classic Mee					
	MAY					
21	DATSLOC Swap Meet & Car Show					
	JUNE					
12	Toyota Save Mart 350 NASCAR - SR					
23-25	Mt. Shasta Roadster Show					
	JULY					
09	Windsor Tamale Fest & Car Show at					
	Windsor Town Green					
16	Feather River Fun Run (Sac Datsun)					
25-30	ZCON 2022 Birmingham, AL					
	AUGUST					
13	Ice House Fun Run (Sac Datsun)					
13-14	Monterey Pre-Reunion - LS					
17-20	Rolex Monterey Reunion - LS					
	SEPTEMBER					
10	US 40 Fun Run (Sac Datsun)					
9- 9-11	Firestone Grand Prix - LS					
	OCTOBER					
15	Leafers Fun Run (Sac Datsun)					
	NOVEMBER					
12	Calaveras Big Trees Fun Run (Sac Datsun)					
	DECEMBER					
04	Dave Pare Memorial Toy Run (Sac Datsun)					

(LS) Laguna Seca Raceway (SR) Sonoma Raceway

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

## ZONC Member Paul Sullivan's 300ZX



My name is Paul Sullivan and I recently rejoined ZONC after I got this 300Z from my mom. My parents bought it new in 1986. I got it when they could no longer drive.

This is the fourth Z car I've owned. Two were 240Z's and the other was a 280Z. I owned those when I lived in Sonoma County. We now live in El Dorado County and love it up here.





# The ZCar Garage Open House Photos of the new Nissan Z by Linda Williams on October 22nd.



















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#### ZONC and the "Nostalgic Hero" Magazine

By Linda Williams

In June 2021 while ZONC was having Museum, I was approached by a gentleman then he asked if he could take a few pictures of he came over and asked if he could write an I agreed. In September, Hisashi and his wife which lasted a couple of hours. We took a take a few more pictures. I didn't realize that he event as well as the Datslocos Annual Swap the previous month (May).

The Japanese translation was challenging, best of her ability and sent it back to me.



their annual Meet and Greet at the Blackhawk named Hisashi. We chatted for quite awhile and my 1978 280Z, of course I said 'yes'. A little later article for the Nostalgic Hero Magazine, again came to my home and he began the interview drive around the Santa Clara/San Jose area to would also write articles about the Blackhawk Meet and Show that had taken place in Manteca

but a friend managed to get it completed to the

The numbers in the article below provide translations corresponding to the numbers printed on the pictures on pages 9-13.

The Nostalgic Hero Magazine is not available in the USA, but copies can be ordered online at

https://www.amazon.co.jp/ノスタルジックヒーロー編集部/dp/B09HQS6J1T/ref=rvi\_2/357-8582109-8176749?pd\_rd\_w=HjNRZ&pf\_rd\_p=a4dc92d7-7100-437e-b3e3-2349e8298523&pf\_rd\_r=HKJGFEN6GKEKQTQG3P9K&pd\_rd\_r=f5e359cb-be81-4a6d-acae-edac1ee6bd58&pd\_rd\_wg=XiFXH&pd\_rd\_i=B09HQS6J1T&psc=1\_

## ZONC Blackhawk and Linda W.'s 1978 280Z in Japans' "Nostalgic Hero"

By Hisashi lida and translated by a friend of Linda Williams

- 1. A female owner who has made a voltaic encounter with 280Z
- 2. Ms. Linda Williams's 1978 style Datsun 280Z. It has the orthodox Z's appearance including its rear looper. She guided me around the quiet Levi's Stadium. The entrance to the brand new stadium, which is about twice the size of a professional baseball stadium in Japan, with a capacity of up to 75,000 people, has its own individual name, and next to the Intel Gate was the Toyota Gate.
  - 3. From America! How to enjoy classic Japanese cars
- 4. 280Z, a sports car representing Japan but was not sold in Japan. Evolved from 240Z, it could be said that it was a car that ran through the transition era of the United States in the 70s when environmental problems became severe. There is a female owner in California who cannot forget the shock when she met such a car and love because it's 280Z.
  - 5. Ms. Linda Williams, President of ZONC, has been

- driving 280Z for 42 years, including both of her two cars. I can imagine the huge impact on her when she first encountered the 280Z as a high school student.
- **6.** About a 5-minute drive from her house was a huge park in a wetland, the southern tip of San Francisco Bay, called Alviso. "I've been here to take a picture of Z," said Ms. William.
- 7. It was equipped with a split sunroof which is a dealer option. "The owners of 240Z say it's not a proper way." However, it seems that she does not care what they say. The big dome light was placed in the center of the car.
- 8. The original L28 engine looks huge, probably because the engine room is packed full compared to 240Z. Although the battery is not a genuine product, Ms. Williams uses genuine Nissan products for everything up to oil filters.
- 9. Her house is in a quiet residential area of Santa Clara. A highway runs beside the soundproof wall and Levi's Stadium can be seen from its front yard. The license plate "78280" attached to the 280Z looks like "zero" but it's actually a letter "O". "Two, eight, zero was already taken, but I am satisfied with it."
  - 10. All the on-vehicle tools remained original under

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the luggage space. Even compressed air cans that inflate emergency tires were just as they were back then. It's surprising.

- 11. The rear looper is a flip-up type through its upper hinge, making it easy to clean the rear window.
- 12. The cabin is not only original, but also the wear of switches is minimal, and all the printed white letters remain just as new. Ms. Williams rides manual shifts smoothly, showing that she is a long-time driver of Z.
- 13. The rubber flap appears when opening the refueling port. It seems to be used against dripping. The rubber is in great condition and side molding and pinstripes, which are dealer options, were also not damaged at all.
- 14. The structure behind the bumper is rarely seen. In the mid-1970s, when the North American market required a five-mile bumper, the company responded by combining a strong bumper with a damper. It seems to have been designed to absorb shrinkage by the resin bellows on both sides of the bumper.
- 15. Looking at the chassis of the car, there was a part of it that was brand new. "There was one time when there was a difference in level between railway and road at the railroad crossing just after the construction work was done, and I got up vigorously in the middle of the night. And that's when I damaged the suspension." She even went to the railroad company to complain.
  - 16. The 16th Datslocos Show
- 17. Even two hours after it started, there are still cars coming in from here and there. The Datsun Roadster was in the minority this time, with 3 beautiful red and 1 white participating.
- 18. There are also some American cars. It seems that the American car owner also could not stand the temptation of participating in the show. I got the impression that cars are parked broadly, maybe because the size of the car varies. Broad America, broad California.
- 19. This show also has a swap meet, and auto-mobile parts shops are thriving.
- **20.** Some sellers sell like this. They lean back with the "product" on the trailer and watch the buyers freely check its rust.

- 21. The Datsun 620 Series Pickup was transformed into a camping car. They didn't even forget to dress up the chin spoiler and other parts.
- 22. The participants, who were sitting in the shade, were trying to hand over their unnecessary parts by arranging them on tables and the ground.
- 23. A black whale crown suddenly appeared. It's overwhelming. "Why is this car in America?" The young owner, who was teased by audiences, proudly smiled.
- 24. I sometimes see a modified open car that just has its roof cut out, but there are only a few cars that have done it so beautifully.
- 25. The Orthodox Nissan Bluebird was shining brightly in the middle of Remodeling and Individuality Group being the mainstream. It was a Japanese domestic market specification 1600 Gal.
  - **26.** Owner's Club of Z with nearly 50 years of history
- 27. 240Z kept originally had an authentic wheel cap which is now rare.
- 28. The racing-style 240Z with a chin spoiler and a rear spoiler is equipped with the US Racing Libre style wheels that became a standard in BRE.
- 29. The banner shines in the blue sky. Z owners of Northern California, known as "ZONC", is a long-running club, and this day they gather as many car owners as their annual meeting.
- 30. The Z33 and Z34 series are also major models in the club.
- 31. The swap of the V8 engine is not unusual in the United States. When trying to make a cap like a classic muscle car, they must make a large hole inside the bonnet.
- 32. In the late 1970s, large bumpers were installed for safety measures, and the amount of engine capacity increased. Some owners dislike this 5-mile bumper and remodel their cars like 240Z.
- 33. & 34. Even though it's a Z-based club, Roadster (Datsun Fairlady) is the origin of Datsun sports cars, so Z owners always pay respect to them.
- **35.** Ms. Linda Williams is the Club President of ZONC. There are quite a few operation members of ZONC. Because the club is a legal body, they are responsible for its management decisions and financial management.

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What is the most important thing in your life?

"When there was a fire in their house, the first thing they did was to push this car out of the garage."

Thanks to this, there were only minor scratches on the 1978 Datsun 280Z, now owned by Ms. Linda Williams. "I heard the story when I went to see the car for the first time", said Ms. Williams.

"The old couple kept this 280Z in their garage, which the wife used to commute to work every day before she retired. Because the battery was dead from not driving, there was no other way but to push it out by hand during the fire."

Although the former owners were able to save the car with only minor damage, they decided to let go of it because they thought that it would be difficult to store it in another place while they rebuild the house. When Ms. Williams came to pick up the car, she met the husband. "He threatened me by saying, 'You're pulling this car away from us," but I told him "I won't do anything to make you regret it,' and he finally smiled."

Ms. Williams, born in Montana, the northwestern United States, was first introduced to cars by her father in high school.

"I had the opportunity to ride the 280Z, and I liked it, and in 1979 I got a secondhand 280Z with 15,000 miles. I kept on driving until it failed to pass the emissions test when it just went over 310,000 miles."

As the days went on with her thinking what to do with the car kept in the garage that could not be driven, she was staring at her computer to see if any 280Z would be available for sale somewhere. It was worth looking for it, and four years later in 2008, she found this car in the city of Santa Cruz.

"I was used to driving black cars, so I preferred a dark body color. That was the only disappointment in the beginning. But I kept telling myself, "I'll definitely get used to this bright blue."

Her second car was so original that it could be an example, and she gradually started liking its bright body color.

High emission Z-type appeared only in overseas markets

The 240Z, which first appeared in the United States in 1969, began to attract attention as if it were a prediction of the future success of an exceptional small sports car. Behind the unabated popularity without any rivals, were the environmental and safety issues creeping into the times.

Z was the witness of the time. The 240Z called series 1 and series 2 is equivalent to the initial model and the early model of the Japanese market specification Fairlady Z. 260Z and 280Z are equivalent to the late model. Although some emissions measures were implemented at the end of the 240Z model, this became conspicuous with 260Z replacing it in 1974. The maximum engine power was reduced, and although the engine output was increased in the later model, it was only to compensate for the increase in weight from large bumpers on the front and back. The 260Z, which even continued to adopt the Capleter, is said to be a transient model for just one year. And the addition of 2+2 was distinctive.

280Z produced the year after was a model that can be said to be the full-fledged compatible car. The engine that adopted the large bumper, the distinctive feature of the model, and injection reduced the compression ratio further. Even though it increased its body weight by 200kg, the expansion in engine displacement abled it to run. It was Z that survived through high expectations for cars in the 70s in America.

Z Owner's Club in Northern California

There are many Datsun clubs all over the United States. Ms. Williams has been president of the Z Owners of Northern California (ZONC) for three years.

"I am busy now preparing for the autumn club show", said Ms. Williams.

Besides being busy as president of ZONC, Ms. Williams also works in the suite at Levi's Stadium. Levi's Stadium is home to the San Francisco 49ers, a popular football team. "There are about 140 guest rooms from the fifth to eighth floors. I am in charge of two of them for carrying meals and providing service our guests ask for."

Since the construction of the stadium in 2012, which can be seen from her house, she had decided to work at the stadium. With the completion in 2014, she easily passed the job interview and changed her job from the previous one, which the boss she worked with for 28 years was very surprised. The Super Bowl, which is the largest sporting

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event in the United States, was also held there in 2016.

"I met David Beckham (soccer player) and Shaquille O'Neal (basketball player). But according to the rules, we can't take a picture with them."

"Oh, I haven't told you that yet," she continued.

"The other one finally entered the repair shop. It's a 240Z tribute car."

Looking at the history of the 240Z, it was used as the official car of a famous race. One of them was the race held at Ontario Motor Speedway in California in 1972. As a tribute, Nissan produced 50 units of the model. However, there is no record as it is scattered all around the world, and the only way to discover them today is to rely on individual documents and residual body paint.

"I happened to hear about it and I bought it last year with the advice from experts 'You should get it, you won't regret it.'After waiting for half a year, I finally got the appointment at a specialty shop, so I'm getting a full repair."

Next year, two of her beloved cars will be in her garage. A car that you live together with may be the most important thing in your life.

#### Main B (on pages 10 and 11)

In late May, the sunrise in the Bay Area is before 6 am, and the Datsun Show began at eight in the morning. The city of Manteca is an inland area 120km east of San Francisco, and unlike other hot days, it was blessed with mild weather this day, and more than 200 cars gathered.

In California, San Francisco and Los Angeles are two major cities, both of which have large Datsun populations. However, due to the pandemic, shows were not held for more than a year in both cities. This time, as the first show after the pandemic, even those Datsun owners from Los Angeles have come a long way over 500km to join the show.

The participants who lined up their cars enjoyed chatting and walking around the aisles one by one to take photos and videos. Not only did car supply stores open their booths, but those owners who wanted to sell parts that they no longer need also found areas in the shade and lined up their "products". And in between their "business", they went looking for products they want.

The show took place in a brand new suburban shopping mall, but there are no tenants at the time due to the economic slump, and the parking lot was empty. Suddenly all these classic cars appeared.

#### **ZONC Meet and Greet (on page 11)**

The sky in California was clear. Danville, the inland city of the Bay Area, is a city filled with green and high-class residences, and in the center of the city is the Blackhawk Museum, which is famous for its classic car collections. On this day, the members of Z Owners of Northern California, known as ZONC, gathered in the museum's front yard.

ZONC was established in 1972 and incorporated as a non-profit organization in 1976. The characteristics of this long-established club are that the S30 series and the S130 series Z are the mainstream. Among them, about half of them kept the original model. The rests are the L-type engine tune-up and the V8 engine swap models. The Z23 and Z24 series are also popular in the club, while the Z31 and 32 are in the minority. In particular, there were no Z31 series participating this time. "The Datsun 510 owners take the engine off and take it away", not sure if they were joking or being serious.

Many people joined the show even those who were taking a walk around the shopping mall. Looking at those spectators who stopped by and the participants looking at cars together and talking about it, it seemed that the regular meeting for classic car fans has finally returned, showing such a change from the pandemic time.



Linda William's Tribute Z

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Joseph Longmire Janet Russell

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

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