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ZONC's 50th Birthday Celebration!

By Linda Williams

Wow, we did it!! Our birthday celebration at the Blackhawk Museum was a success considering we had to deal with a few drizzles.... The day began with people beginning to arrive about 7:30 in the lower lot, wiping the cars down after a long drive from the eastern foothills of California. I met with Terry from Blackhawk to confirm the previous arrangements and everything was as planned. The new Z had arrived and we made our way to the plaza where we positioned the car in front of the main fountain as the centerpiece of the event. The keys were passed to me (YES!!, No I couldn't take it for a spin) with a promise to give them to Rob Fuller so he could bring the car

back to Z Car Garage at the end of the day.

All the plaza cars/race cars had been sent a map for parking on the plaza as well as a reminder to be there by 8AM. Believe it or not, everyone was there on time and we were ready to go by 8:15AM!! What a relief! We were missing one car due to it having a major problem a couple days before so we were on the hunt for a Z31. I asked Alvin (Z Car Garage) if he could go down to the lower lot and possibly find one and he did, a beautiful example of the 300ZX - Z31. What a surprise for the owner of the car to have it on the plaza. It completed our display of all the generations of Z cars making the total display complete.

The display of race cars on the plaza drew a very good crowd throughout the day with people being able to ask questions about their cars and racing history. Lots of history and stories were told between all the them. Glenn C brought the Bay Area Datsun Dealers F.A.R. Performance 240Z, Troy (Ermish Racing) had a 510 and Rob Fuller had his 240Z IMSA GTU. Linda Williams had her 1972 240Z Tribute Z on display to share its history alongside Rob's car since his car was one of the original pace cars in the California "500" Race, Sept 1972 at the Ontario Motor Speedway. The tribute car was 1 of 50 for the same race, and were then given to the Datsun dealers in the Los Angeles area for promotional displays.

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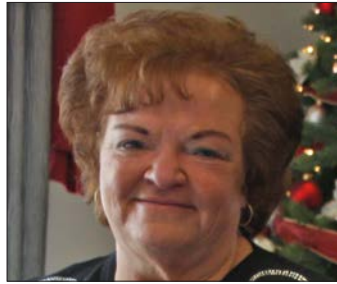
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On Z Road Again

Linda Williams



Happy 4th of July to all of the **ZONC** members and their families. I hope you have some great plans to celebrate our wonderful country!! We are so fortunate to have our freedom.

Well, June was a terrific month for **ZONC**. We had our birthday celebration at the Blackhawk Museum on June 5th, and we had a tremendous turnout despite a little bit of drizzle. More information is in the article about the event. I'd like to thank everyone that helped to make it such a successful event for our club. Yep, we're 50 years old, and I don't think we look any older!! Cheers to many more successful years. We did have some inquiries about joining **ZONC** at Blackhawk and we are following up on the potential new members.

We held our June meeting via ZOOM and things are still moving along. Not much of a change in our calendar. Future meetings will continue to be via ZOOM until further notice.

The Annual Car Show is still on target for Sept. 11th at the Brisbane Marina. I'm hoping for a good turnout after what we saw at Blackhawk, and if we're lucky, maybe someone will have a new "Z" by then to bring to the event. I do have a question for you all..... Do you want to have the raffle be similar to the one we had last year with the tickets going into 1 container and being drawn for the various gift cards and donated items? This was a change from previous years where there were individual containers to put your tickets into for a specific item. Also, there has been discussion on t-shirts..... Do you want the t-shirt to have the years (1972 – 2022) included on the shirt with our logo and date/location? Let me know and we can move forward on them. Email: president@ZONC.org.

The **ZONC Annual Picnic** will be **October 8th** at the Coyote Point Recreation Area, more info to follow.

The **Fort Bragg BBQ** is really going to happen!! My deck is completed and looks great! I have been working with Marci and Bob Jenkins, and Ken Clark and Mary Ellen Rozmajzl,

and have extended an invitation to ESCA (Empire Sports Car Association) to join us (**ZONC** members) for the BBQ at my house in Fort Bragg. The date we have planned on is **October 15th** so mark your calendars. Marci has managed to work with the **Hill House** in Mendocino and get reduced room rates (\$129/night) that do not require a two-night stay. If you want a room, please call them and make your reservations early. Ask for the group of rooms that Marci Jenkins has reserved under the ESCA name. Also, if anyone is planning on staying longer, feel free to set up a day-drive to get there and possibly visit other attractions in the Mendocino/Fort Bragg area.

If you attend any cars and coffee events or car shows, please take pictures, write a short article and send them to Bob and Marci to be included in our Znews.

Please begin to think about the Board Members that you would like to have for next year.....Nominations will be requested in the next few months.

Safe travels as you get your cars out to enjoy the roads.....(I know gas is expensive!)

ZONC's 50th Birthday

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The lower lot (full at times) had a wonderful display of all models of the Z car as well as other Nissan and Datsun cars. Did I mention that there were about 15 GT-R's that showed up? What a beautiful display! It was also wonderful to hear people chatting and running into old friends from the past. There were several people that used to be **ZONC** members that no longer own Z cars but were happy to see that the club was still alive and doing well. Maybe we can do another 50 years!

I'd like to thank **everyone** for their help in making this such a memorable event for the club. From monitoring the cars coming into the lot, giving directions, issuing the wristbands for the discounted tickets to the museum and all its displays, parking cars on the plaza, getting displays set up and taken down, etc., I couldn't have done it without all of you. I would also like to thank the Blackhawk Museum and Terry Thompson for always making us feel welcome and providing a venue that is number 1 in my book!!

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Meet ZONCs Newer Members

Ethan Fields

My father bought the 1977 Datsun 280Z brand new from Hayward Datsun. It is the car I learned to drive in when I was in high school. I got the car when my father passed away in 1982. In 1993 I dropped the car off to get refurbished and finally got it back 17 years later! So happy to have the car back and running well!



Melissa Metz

My name is Melissa Metz, and I am a new member of **ZONC**! Here is some information about me:

1. In 2015, my neighbor let my Dad know that he was selling his 350z as he knew I was on the market for a new car. So, I asked to test drive it. After getting behind the wheel, I instantly fell in love and knew I wanted a Z. Unfortunately, the timing to purchase that 350z was not right for me as I was commuting daily from Benicia to Richmond to Pleasant Hill and needed a car to drive daily. So, I still bought a Nissan, but a more practical one (i.e. Nissan Altima).

2. After saving for five years, I finally had the opportunity to buy a Z in 2020. I knew it was time to buy, as Nissan had announced that 2020 would be the last year they would be producing the 370z. So, I began looking at inventory at every dealership from Daly City to Vacaville. In that initial search, I couldn't find the color I wanted, or the specs I wanted. I had been told by several car sales people that collectors were buying them up with cash. So, I expanded my search to include dealerships that were further out of the area or

state, and Craigslist. Finally, I found exactly what I wanted on Craigslist! It was a black 2016 Nissan 370z Sport with only 19k miles on it. It was kept in mint condition by a retired Veteran and Engineer named Alfred. He was only selling the car, because he had just bought a boat and a Jeep. So, he didn't want the extra payment. So, I went to see the car and knew I had found my Z. A week later, I picked it up and drove it up the mountain to Tahoe to my friend's wedding the same day!

3. Some additional information about me is I am a Real Estate Agent with Keller Williams Realty East Bay office in Walnut Creek, and I am also a commissioned notary that serves Contra Costa County and beyond. I also am a certified paralegal, love traveling abroad, hanging out at the lake, and going to car events regularly.

4. Photo of my car:







July 25 - 30
Birmingham ZCON

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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2022 ZONC and Other Car Events

JULY

- 10** ZONC ZOOM Meeting
16 Feather River Fun Run (Sac Datsun)
23-24 Korbel Hillclimb
25-30 ZCON 2022 Birmingham, AL

AUGUST

- 13** Ice House Fun Run (Sac Datsun)
14 ZONC ZOOM Meeting
13-14 Monterey Pre-Reunion - LS
17-20 Rolex Monterey Reunion - LS

SEPTEMBER

- 10** US 40 Fun Run (Sac Datsun)
10 Japanese Classic Car Show at Long Beach

11 ZONC Annual Car Show - Brisbane Marina

- 9- 9-11** Firestone Grand Prix - LS

OCTOBER

- 15** Leafers Fun Run (Sac Datsun)
08 ZONC Annual Picnic at Coyota Point
15 ZONC Mendocino Ca./Fort Bragg Tour

NOVEMBER

- 12** Calaveras Big Trees Fun Run (Sac Datsun)

DECEMBER

- 04** Dave Pare Memorial Toy Run (Sac Datsun)
TBA ZONC Holdiay Banquet

(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.

Please Welcome New Members . . .

Ken Firch	240Z
James Lofton	240Z
Melissa Metz	370Z

October 15th Tour to Fort Bragg

By Marci Jenkins thebeard@sonic.net

Save the date and tour with Ken Clark and Mary Ellen Rozmajzl from Petaluma to Fort Bragg for the Fort Bragg BBQ on President, Linda William's brand new deck! This year the BBQ will include Empire Sports Car Association (ESCA) members. See flyer on [page 12](#) of this issue.

Details of this senic Tour will be in next month's Z NEWS.

The Hill House Inn in Mendocino is providing ESCA with a block of rooms for \$129.00 for the night of **October 15th**, plus tax. You can now make your reservation by placing a call to (707) 937-0554 and request your room be part of ESCA. Pets are allowed, please check on extra fees.



Datsun Z Video

Here is a great video on Datsun and the Z.

The Nissan 240Z changed the reputation of a whole country | Revelations with Jason Cammisa - Hagerty Media

ZONC ZOOM MEETING

July 10, 2022

11:30 AM

The link will be sent with the ZNEWS.

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



Aerial photos on this page by Bryan Delohery



Blackhawk - photos by Bob Jenkins

More Blackhawk - photos by Bob Jenkins

Blackhawk - photos by Jason Green

More Blackhawk - photos by Jason Green



DATSUN | NISSAN | INFINITI

ZONC CAR SHOW SEPT. 11



2021 "Best of Show" 1969 Datsun 2000 Roadster

PRE-REGISTRATION

- ✓ ZONC member \$20
- ✓ Non member \$30
- ✓ After 9/4/2022 \$35

SHOW RUNS 10AM - 2PM

- ✓ Trophies
- ✓ Goodie Bags
- ✓ Raffles



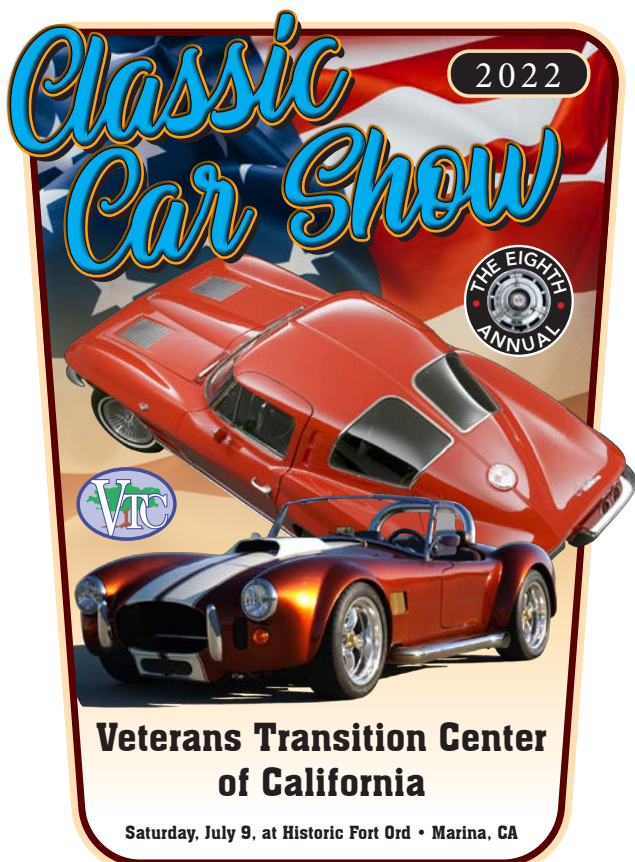
 **SHOW CHECK-IN 10AM**




**BRISBANE MARINA
400 SIERRA POINT PARKWAY
BRISBANE, CA**



 **REGISTER AT WWW.ZONC.ORG**



Classic Car Show 2022

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL

VTC

Veterans Transition Center of California

Saturday, July 9, at Historic Fort Ord • Marina, CA

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1st Friday of the Month
Starting March 4th 2022

4pm to 8pm

**9580 Micron Ave Ste C,
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Presented by




Stardust Vintage Emporium MEAN MACHINE CAR CLUB

For more info contact Karen 916-712-5920



Prunedale Host Lions Second Annual

Car Show

**July 23,
2022**

Coffee & Donuts provided
by Prunedale Host Lions

Enchilada Luncheon can be
purchased at Grange Hall

Prunedale Grange Hall • 17890 Moro Road, Prunedale

Vehicle Entry Fee: \$40

****Entry deadline is July 9th • First 100 Cars Only****

All proceeds go to Prunedale Host Lions
Eyeglasses and Sight Fund




Cypress Gators & Gold Coast Rods Present
A Benefit for the Cypress Gators Baseball Team



FOURTH ANNUAL

GATORS & RODS

Car Show
ON CANNERY ROW

**Saturday
July 30, 2022
9:00am-4:00pm
El Torito Restaurant
Parking Lot
600 Cannery Row
Monterey**

Open to Rods, Customs, Classics,
Muscle Cars and Trucks



**MUSIC
AWARDS
RAFFLE
POKER RUN**

\$60 per car
All registered cars receive Two (2) FREE Lunch
Tickets to our Taco Bar provided by
El Torito Mexican Restaurant.

Cypress Gators Baseball | P. O. Box 2451 | Monterey, CA 93942
Cypress Gators is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Organization



OCT. 15-16, 2022



Explore Mendocino, CA Little River • Casper • Albion • Ft. Bragg



RUN STARTS 8 AM, PETALUMA MARINA

We'll drive north to Cloverdale, then west to the redwoods and the Pacific Coast. Contact Ken Clark at oringken@pacbell.net if you wish to meet us along the way.

ENJOY BBQ LUNCH NEAR FORT BRAGG

ZONC President, Linda Williams will host a potluck BBQ at her home south of town.

OVERNIGHT IN MENDOCINO

The Hill House Inn is offering a 1-night special. Mention ESCA (Empire Sports Car Association) when you call for reservations (707) 937-0554.

MORE DETAILS IN
AUGUST Z NEWS

Datslocos May Car Show

Photos by Linda Williams



Z MART ADS

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(include membership # with ad)

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thebeard@sonic.net

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Please make check or money order payable to: **ZONC**.
Please send ad with payment to:

BOB JENKINS, Z MART
2173 DOLEN CT., SANTA ROSA, CA 95401

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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Z Car Garage

BRE - Brock Racing Enterprise

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Rock Auto

ZCCA - Z Car Club Association

La Guera Taco Truck

**HAPPY JULY
BIRTHDAYS...**

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Ricardo Catahan

Jason Dove

Ken Kawabata

Mike Keller

Eric Lindrud

Horacio Martin

Jason Townsend

Edwin Velazquez

Mary Velazquez

Eugene Veteska

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!*

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