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In Memory of Jack Atkinson

By Ann Devor with photos from family and friends

Jack Atkinson, creator of the Primadonna Z, visionary designer and fabricator, passed from this world on July 15, 2022. Jack, along with his wife Yolanda, have been lifetime members of **ZONC**. In the past 20 years, Jack and Yolanda have contributed to **ZONC** in a variety of special ways, helping us build our Z club with car shows, event t-shirts, and the design of our current **ZONC** logo. But Jack will be forever remembered for the road trips he led all over the United States and for his artistry in the garage.

Jack was at his happiest on the road and in his garage.

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It's ZONC Nomination Time

Officer Nominations for 2023 are now open.

Once again it is time to nominate people for the **ZONC**. **Board**. This is a very important time of the year for **ZONC**, as it will lead to the selection of who will be leading the club for 2023.

Nominations of candidates for elected offices must be submitted in a written statement not to exceed 150 words, by **August 10, 2022** to the **ZONC** Secretary for inclusion in the **September ZNEWS**.

Incumbents must also be nominated in writing.

The offices are President, Vice President, Vice President Adm, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Send Nominations to: **Secretary@zonc.org**

Note: It is best to ask the person you would like to nominate, before nominating them.

ZONC ZOOM MEETING

August 14, 2022

11:30 AM

The link will be sent with the ZNEWS.

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On Z Road Again



Linda Williams

I sure hope everyone is enjoying their summer and getting out to drive their cars. With this being the 3rd summer that Covid has affected our lives, **ZONC** hasn't had many events with our members. We are always open to suggestions or even pop-up fun runs if you're thinking of just getting out for a few hours and enjoying the driving experience that our Bay Area roads give us. I've been on a few runs up into the Santa Cruz Mountains, making stops at Pescadero and Alice's Restaurant along the way. Usually it's a last-minute run, but if you're interested, drop me a line and I can let you know when we're headed out again.

We are getting ready for our **Annual Car Show at the Brisbane Marina on Sept 11**th. As we review our needs, I am wondering if you might have a folding table you could bring to help with the display of trophies and raffle items. If you have one, please contact Linda at **president@zonc.org** to let me know you can bring one. I have sent letters to various vendors and sponsors, but this year is not producing as many donations for the show. If you have any ideas or have any donations, please let me know so we can prepare for them. We are planning on trophies as we have done in the past and will have a limited number of shirts available for sale. These will be a dark blue with our logo and "1972-2022" date on the shirts, along with the names of our sponsors on the back.

The **ZONC Annual Picnic will be October 8**th at the Coyote Point Recreation Area, check out our website (zonc. org)for more information.

The Fort Bragg BBQ is happening on October 15th so mark your calendars. I have been working with Marci and Bob, and Ken Clark and Mary Rozmajzl, and we have extended an invitation to ESCA (Empire Sports Car Association) to join us (ZONC members) for the BBQ at my house in Fort Bragg. Marci has managed to work with the Hill House in Mendocino and get reduced room rates (\$129/night) that

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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. This will be a potluck BBQ (I will provide Hamburgers/sausages/hot dogs), side dishes and desserts will be needed. I will have water and limited sodas available, BYO beer/wine/etc,.

Who would you like to be our new Board Members for 2023?? Nominations will be requested this month.

Safe travels!

ZONC 2021 Car Show Sponsors

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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

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In Memory of Jack Atkinson

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He and Yolanda put together amazing road trips to places we had never seen before. Jack's incredible knowledge of places along each route, side roads connecting to each one, and historic meaning to our present day, always kept us entertained and anticipating what he would bring to us next. Take the Loneliest Road, US 50 across the valleys and over the mountains of Nevada. That could be a monotonous grind but with Jack on the CB and a few competitive sprints along the way, it was pure magic under the big open sky. And he never got our Zs (and GT-Rs) in trouble, although his excellent record would be broken years later while leading a group of Corvettes. And oh! the places we would go! Among my personal favorites was the 2008 trip to Durango, CO. Along the way, we hiked to Delicate Arch in Arches Nat'l Park in Utah, rode the Durango & Silverton Railroad along the Animas River in Colorado and, after a short stretch on a gravel road, stopped at the Little A'Le'Inn near Area 51 in Nevada. You never quite knew what would happen next!

Another of Jack's favorite routes was Hwy. 25 south to the Indian Valley gravel road (RIP ground squirrels) on the way to the coast and San Simeon for our North meets South Z get togethers. Those were special times when we met Johnnie Gable and Inland Z friends around the firepit at the Quality Inn. But there were many more trips just like that with cavalcades of as many as twenty cars going to places like Mt. Rushmore, Death Valley, Las Vegas and SEMA, Hetch Hetchy, Devils Tower, the Beartooth Hwy. and Yellowstone Nat'l Park, not to mention trips with the Corvette Club to Canada for the Calgary Stampede, and across the country to the Corvette factory and Museum. Just to name a few.

Jack was well known for his award-winning Zs, from his earliest work redesigning 240Zs to his later day artistry with 300ZXs. These Zs became Jack's Primadonnas and there was and is nothing else on the road like them. Jack built three Primadonna 240Zs and two Primadonna Z32s. He and Yolanda recently found his first Primadonna, still located in the Bay Area, and had it towed to ZCar Garage

where Rob Fuller got it running again. Rob also helped Jack make his dream come true for his Z32 LS3 Primadonna and did the mechanical work to earn Jack a prize at 2021 ZCON in the Z32 Ultra Modified category. This was in addition to dozens of awards that Jack won for his cars such as ZDay 2015 Best of Show for his Nissan-powered twin turbo Primadonna Z32 at Pismo Beach. Jack was such a guaranteed award winner that at times he wanted only to show his cars, not competing for prizes to keep the competition open for everyone else.

Jack, with Yolanda's assistance with fiberglass molding, designed and fabricated all manner of auto body parts - fenders, noses, tails, splitters, wings, all to accommodate the bigger wheels that were necessary for his aerodynamic designs. And the wheels were big! Wheels for Jack's cars were custom made and it was always one of his favorite jobs to put his new wheels on for the first time. And to his last days, he wanted a set of new wheels for one of his cars.

Jack was always thinking about the next big thing he wanted to do, whether it was a road trip or a new design for a car. When Jack started working with vinyl applications and graphics, a whole new world opened up and added to Jack's already respectable number of design innovations. Jack's cars visually popped with their huge wheels covered by muscular fenders, big wings, splitters just barely clearing the asphalt and car paint clothed in colorful spears, stripes, arrows, and emblems. There is nothing else like Jack's cars. They are unique just like Jack.

There are so many stories that could be told, so many times laughing our hearts out, and so many days we spent driving with one of the finest gentlemen in the car world. It is not enough to say that he will be missed. We send our deepest condolences to Yolanda and best wishes for better times ahead. There are plans being made for a Celebration of Life to honor Jack sometime in the next few months and possibly a Tribute Run to the memorial in Southern California. ZNews will provide updates and for information, as it becomes available, please contact Ann at anndevor@gmail.com.

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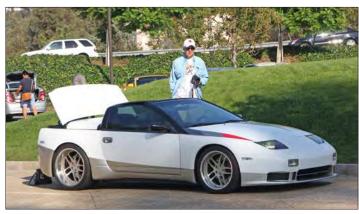
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PRE-REGISTRATION

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

SHOW RUNS 10AM - 2PM

- Trophies
- **✓** Goodie Bags
- ✓ Raffles



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Two ZONCers at the 66th Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance

Article and Photos by Bob Russell

Two **ZONC** Members took the top awards in the Japanese car class at the 66th Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance. Bob Russell's 1973 240Z and Bruce Leininger's 1971 240Z were very popular, as so many attendees at such events have great memories of the Zs they once had or still have. Even the head judge of the Japanese car class admitted that he had owned a 240Z for 10 years.

Bruce's Z was an excellent example of a "period correct" modified Z, with its unobtainium JDM balance tube resulting in an exceptionally uncluttered engine bay. And Bob's restored-to-the-day-he-bought-it-new '73 240Z (with its original window sticker) was very popular. Both cars were great representatives for **ZONC**.

Although Zs are not as rare as some of the spectacular cars at a Concours event like Hillsborough, they are just as "Elegant" and it is great fun to go to see and be seen.









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2022 ZONC

and Other Car Events

AUGUST						
13	Ice House Fun Run (Sac Datsun)					
<u>14</u>	ZONC ZOOM Meeting					
13-14	Monterey Pre-Reunion - LS					
17-20	Rolex Monterey Reunion - LS					
SEPTEMBER						
<u>03</u>	Santos Family Free Car Show, Alviso					
10	US 40 Fun Run (Sac Datsun)					
10	Japanese Classic Car Show at Long Beach					
<u>11</u>	ZONC Annual Car Show - Brisbane Marina					

9-9-11 Firestone Grand Prix - LS

OCTOBER

15 Leafers Fun Run (Sac Datsun)

ZONC Annual Picnic at Coyota Point 08

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....

Mark Oneill 240Z **Jaanisar Khan** 370Z **Noel Curry** 280ZX

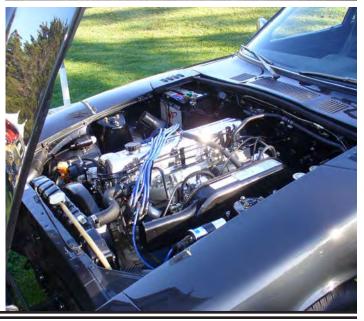
Sac Datsun Events

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

66th Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance Photo's by Bruce Leininger's



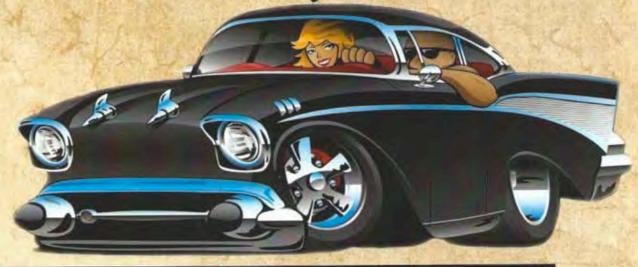






September 3RD from 7AM to 3PM

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FREE Admission / FREE Participation
FREE Dash Plaque for the 1st 500 Participants

ALL MAKES & MODELS ARE WELCOME

NO PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED

The Santos Family would like to thank San Jose's Council District 4 and the San Jose Police Department. Also a special thanks to Rod and Wheelers for volunteering. All raffle proceeds go to Santa Visits Alviso a 501(c3) charity

PLEASE NOTE: Absolutely NO Cars Parked Before 7:00AM



240RBZ at Good Guys Summer Get Together

Article and photos in this column by Ann Devor

Congratulations to Michael DalPoggetto, **ZONC** San Mato Area Representative, who was invited to show his TRBUTEZ at the Good Guys 27th Summer Get Together on June 4-5, 2022, at the Alameda County Fairgrounds. Michael D. had the only foreign car in any of the three Indoor Car Shows at the event. Two other Z's were spotted at the fairgrounds: "LSZ" parked outdoors sporting a Corvette engine stuffed under the hood, and a 240Z spinning wheels on the autocross course. But none matched the elegance of Michael's "240RBZ," his tribute to all of the Z's he has ever owned. His car attracted a steady stream of admirers who couldn't take their eyes away from his hot-rodded RB25DET Skyline engine. Michael invited people to step inside the roped-off area for a closer look at all of the upgrades: power steering, updated Tokiko suspension and related gear, dash with all the electronics, and per Michael D., "everything you would get in a new car." Michael would have shown his car at **ZONC**'s 50th Anniversary celebration at the Blackhawk Museum, but the Good Guys invitation intervened. We can't thank Michael D.



Photos in this column by Michael dalPoggetto

enough for getting a Datsun in the Good Guys' exhibition hall. Now that's a real tribute to all of our Zs everywhere!







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"Discover Mendocino" Run

By Mary Ellen Rozmajzl

Mendocino County - with its rugged coast line, redwoods, wineries, state parks and seriously good food – is the perfect destination for **ZONC**'s Fall Run, October 15-16, 2022. Come join us.

We'll meet at the Petaluma Marina parking lot (781 Baywood Dr., Petaluma, CA) at 7:30 am, and head out at 8:00. Ken Clark is leading the tour and providing chocolate chip cookies and printed maps.

Want to go, but prefer to meet us along the way? Fine... Just contact Ken at oringken@pacbell.net and you can set a time and place.

Our route is pretty straight-forward, traveling up Highway 101 to Cloverdale. Then it's a quick jog on N. Cloverdale Boulevard to Oat Valley Road (also known as Highway 128). The final leg begins at the Navarro River Bridge, where Highway 128 joins Highway 1, heading north to Mendocino County.

For the second year, **ZONC** President Linda Williams will be hosting a pot luck BBQ at her Fort Bragg home, 16700 Pearl Ranch Road, Fort Bragg,CA. Linda has plenty of room for cars and even more room for lunch guests on her spacious deck and back yard that adjoin the tree-laden Mitchell Creek. Mountain lions, and coyotes and bears. Oh, my! (Seriously... Linda has spotted, and video captured some pretty remarkable, wild neighbors roaming her property.)

Getting back to lunch, Linda suggests guests can bring side dishes and desserts. She will supply hamburgers, hot dogs, sausages and water. Let Ken know if you plan to attend the barbecue, and what you'll be bringing for everyone to enjoy, whether you sign up for the run or plan to travel to Fort Bragg on your own.. Again, Ken's email is oringken@pacbell.net.

Those planning on a one-day trip to Mendocino will still have time after lunch to visit the coast or head inland to one of the several state parks or other attractions before returning home.

Anyone planning to stay overnight and return home on the 16th should check out Z News Editor, Bob Jenkins, recommendation of The Hill House Inn (www.hillhouseinn.com) in the village of Mendocino,. It's offering a "one-night" special rate for ZONC members who mention ESCA (Empire Sports Car Association) a car club Bob and his wife, Marci,

are also members of. Marci suggests you book soon, as a limited number of rooms are being held for that weekend.

Now that you have a room and an extra day, how about some things to do?

Within walking distance of the Hill House Inn is "downtown" Mendocino where you can peruse the book shops, galleries, cafes and boutiques selling local goods. Head west a few blocks and you're in the Mendocino Headlands State Park (www.mendoparks.org/mendocino-headlands) with its bluffs overlooking the Pacific Ocean and Goat Island. (The goats are long gone.) Walk just south of town and dip your toes where the Big River meets the Pacific Ocean in Mendocino Bay. (Might be a bit chilly in October, but still...)

Nautical history buffs will enjoy the Point Cabrillo Light Station, www.pointcabrillo.org. And horticulture enthusiasts will enjoy the Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, www.gardenbythesea.org.

For additional "nature experiences," head two miles north of Mendocino to Russian Gulch State Park (www.meetmendocino.com/russian-gulch-state-park) where you'll find everything from headlands views to a fern canyon to a beautiful 36 foot waterfall. Take note, there is an \$8 cash entry fee per car. And make sure you bring layers of clothing for your outdoor activities. Fog is a constant companion along the Mendocino Coast in the mornings though it typically burns off through the day.

Probably the most unusual beach along this part of California's coast is Glass Beach (www.californiabeaches.com/beach/glass-beach) in MacKerricher State Park. That's about a 15 minute drive north of Mendocino in Fort Bragg. Glass Beach doesn't look like much from above, but once you take the narrow path down to the sand you'll realize it's actually made up almost entirely of "seaglass" of all different shapes and colors. (Truth...It's the result of Mother Nature "cleaning up" after humans.)

Come with **ZONC** and enjoy Fall in Northern California. Join us for our October 15-16, 2022, Mendocino Run.

Want to check out the route ahead of time? Download at: tinyurl.com/ZONC-2022-Mendocino-Run.

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Ten Years Ago in ZNEWS August 2012

By Bob Jenkins

The cover had information on August events, Monterey Motorsports Reunion, Grand Prix of Sonoma, Hot Sumer DayZ, and a **ZONC** Board Meeting.

In a President's Corner column by President Lyent Hogue Jr. he talked about the up coming **ZONC** Car Show, a Gold Country Run, and **ZONC** elections.

A Gold Country Run article by Rae & Mark Davis, with pictures by Patty Blakely, talked and showed about the run to Columbia Sate Park.

A Nomination Acceptance column showed Marci Jenkins accepting the Presidents nomination, Lyent Hogue Jr. accepting for Vice President, Rolf Johnsen accepting for Vice President of Adm., Ann Devon accepting for Secretary, and Wade Warren accepting for Treasurer.

A **ZONC** – The Early Years article talked about things in 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, and 1977.

There was a full-page flyer for the Monterey Motorsports Reunion, Hot Summer Dayz in Dublin and **ZONC**'s 40th Annual Picnic at Allan Witt Park in Fairfield.

Five new members were welcomed into **ZONC**, Chuck & Debi Freeland, Thierry Florent, Michael Dalpoggetto, and William Cowan.

There was an article about the ZCON 2012 to be held at the Wild Horse Pass Hotel and Casino in Chandler Arizona in September.

A 2-page ballot for 2013 **ZONC** Officers, the Best **ZONC** Run was contested by 7 events lead by Curtis Lewis (1), Rolf Johnsen (3) Ann Devor (2) Rae Davis (1). Also Outstanding Member, Potty Seat Award, and Bent Z Award.

In the For Sale section were a 1976 280Z for \$2,700 and a 1983 ZX for \$4500.

The 2012 **ZONC** Officers were President Lyent Hogue Jr., Vice-President Ann Devor, VP-Adm Peter Iozzia, Secretary Marci Jenkins, Treasurer Roy Dorn, ZNEWS Editor Bob Jenkins.





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