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JACKIE DALE 280ZX

ZONC ZOOM MEETING
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On Z Road Again

Linda Williams



Where has this year gone?? It's hard to believe we only have a couple months till Christmas is here. I guess I should start my shopping pretty soon! ALSO, don't forget to turn your clocks BACK on Nov. 6th.

On **October 8th**, we had our **Annual Picnic** at the **Coyote Point Recreation Area** in San Mateo (see [pages 4 & 5](#) in this issue). We had a couple dozen people bring lots of desserts and other goodies to share. The weather was a little overcast and then the sun came out for everyone to warm themselves. A big thanks to Mary Rozmajzl (Clark) for taking on BBQing all the hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken patties and sausages. She was a real trooper, especially since she had never done it before because Ken usually does it. This year, Ken was unable to do the cooking due to an accident that he had with his right hand. This was preceded by an accident that totaled his truck about a month before. This definitely wasn't Ken's month. I'm wishing him a speedy recovery from his surgery on October 14th. Get well Ken!!

On **October 15th**, I had the **BBQ** at my home in Fort Bragg (see [pages 6 & 7](#)). We had some last minute cancellations, but all in all we (Bob, Marci, Lu, Kim, Towns, Curtis, Cheryl, Kira, Sean, Mike and myself) had a great time just relaxing after the long drive and enjoying everyone's company. Thanks to everyone that helped with bringing dishes to share. Hopefully next year will bring a few more people to the coast. The price of gas probably had a little to do with it too.

The most exciting news of the year for me is that I managed to purchase one of the new **Proto Spec Z's** and hope to have it home by the time this column is printed. I'm so thrilled and can't wait to put some miles on it. I would highly recommend Chico Nissan if you're in the market for a new Z. Sean (Sales Mgr.) was very professional and kept me in the loop all along the way through purchasing the

car. They are saying they may not have any markups on the Performance and Sport models of the new Z, but if they do, it will be very little compared to what other dealers are doing, which equates to highway robbery.

We still don't have a final decision on what we will do in **December**. We usually have an awards banquet along with the installation of officers for the new year.

I'd like to announce that the **ZONC Board for 2023** will be:

President - Linda Williams,

Vice President - Jason Green,

Vice President Admin - Oscar Lemas,

Treasurer - Wade Warren

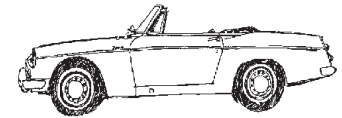
The Secretary position is OPEN if you're interested in joining the board.

Thanks to all of you for volunteering your time to make us so successful.

Our next meeting will be on **Nov 13th**, via ZOOM. We will be discussing the final choices for what we will do in December.

Safe travels,

Linda



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Profile Jason Guy



I have always been a fan of Nissan motorsports since I was a kid. I grew up mostly in California and Washington State, and my grandfather had a 280zx turbo that I absolutely enjoyed riding in. I had never felt such acceleration before. My uncle had a 300ZX and I fell in love with the shape and the speed. I have always loved the shape of the Nissan Z. After HS I joined the Marine Corps and ended up in San Diego, after that I moved to Santa Barbara to continue my college education. While living there I was able to purchase a 2006 Infinity G35 sport coupe. I absolutely loved that car and the performance of the sport package. The rear active steering and the drive of that motor got me hooked. My wife (now ex-wife) totaled the car on a drive up north, unfortunately she had been drinking. By luck, no one was hurt. Thank the universe. I was completely heartbroken not only by her actions, but she destroyed the car that I worked so hard for. After years of hard work I finally felt I was getting ahead in life, and then boom! Everything came crashing down in my world.

Fast forward to 2022. After all the grief and hassle of getting back on my feet, and driving a little commuter car for the last 4 years I finally was able to save up enough for the car I wanted and had been looking at for a while. I have always



loved the Nissan GTR but its just out of reach for me at this time, so the next best thing was to buy a Z. I was able to get a great trade in for my commuter car and a great deal on my new/old 2015 Nissan 370z. It had super low millage on it and had been kept in a garage most of its life. The previous owner slapped a full stainless steel exhaust system on it and a nice stereo. I had to beef a few things up including the stereo. It just spoke to me off the internet screen, and felt it was time to treat myself right. I plan on retiring in the next 5-7 years so I figured it was time to enjoy a gas dragon of a hot rod. Enjoy the last few years of being a petrol head. The plan is to retire somewhere tropical and I don't see myself driving sports cars into my older age, so now is the time. It will most likely be time for a scooter or minivan at that time. So.... YOLO.

I am 47, no wife, no kids, no pets, no goldfish. Just in love with my car.

I work for the Santa Clara Valley Water District (Valley Water) as a Water Operator. What's a water operator? Well, I sit behind a bunch of computer screens and push water and monitor the operations of the largest Reverse Osmosis plant in northern California. I have been in the water industry for about 22 years now. In a nutshell I am the Homer Simpson of water. I currently reside in Santa Cruz and enjoy living near the beach and Redwoods

Thanks again for the welcome letter, I plan on joining you all at the picnic in a couple of weeks and checking out all the cool cars people build and bring.

There are a few things I'd like to do to my ride, but I would like to get advice from other owners on their builds and see what they have done.

Cheers!

Jason

ZONC Marks 50th Anniversary at Annual Picnic



By Jason Green

On Oct. 8, 2022, Z Owners of Northern California held its annual picnic at the Coyote Point Recreation Area in San Mateo.

In addition to fabulous weather, more than a dozen attendees enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs, as well as an array of side dishes including baked beans, fresh fruit and potato chips.

The club also used the event to mark its **50th anniversary**. A cake celebrating that milestone was sliced and served to attendees.

Following the hearty meal, attendees gathered in a nearby parking lot packed with 11 Z cars, including five S30s. A 300ZX, two 350Zs and a 370Z were also on hand. The cars, along with a handful of upcoming club events, were topics of discussion.

ZONC and its executive board wishes to thank everyone who attended the picnic as well as any other events that were held this year. Your participation is the key to our continued success.



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ZONC BBQ IN FT. BRAGG

Article by Marci Jenkins, Photos by Bob Jenkins



The BBQ sadly, had several cancellations – you missed a great time.

Bob and I with our ex-Z owner friend, Lu were the last to arrive, but we live the closest.

We found out that Ken was having surgery on his hand so Curtis was tapped to lead the ZONC tour to Linda’s. However, Curtis slept in so, he and Cheryl in his red 370Z, came straight to Linda’s from the Sacramento area.

Luckily there was not a group of ZONCers waiting in Petaluma.



As Kim and Towns each drove a Datsun and took the long out-of-the way drive from Livermore to Fort Bragg.

We had led a two car tour to Mendocino where the ESCA club members stayed to walk the headlands instead of attending the BBQ. (Bob, Lu and I also belong to Empire Sports Car Association (ESCA), a non-mark club in Santa Rosa.)

Linda’s brother, Mike, served as the BBQ Master and did



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a great job. The food included Linda's homemade yummy pickled beets, a tasty potato salad, sweet corn on the cob and everyone brought something to share.

Our visitors during the BBQ were Z car enthusiasts, Kira and Sean. Sadly, We did not have any sightings of wildlife during our party.

The conversation was all things Datsun/Nissan, Z tours, car shows



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

Monterey Nissan/Datsun Auctions \$1,405,720



By Ann Devor

Ten Nissan and Datsun sports cars went up for sale at auctions conducted by Gooding & Company, RM Sotheby's and Mecum during Monterey Car Week this past August. All cars were in top condition as would be expected for the Monterey auctions, even though five of them could not be purchased or driven in California. Some had exceptional provenance and celebrity status, notably the Bayside Blue 2001 Nissan Skyline R34 GT-R V-SPEC II campaigned by Paul Walker to advertise the Fast & Furious film franchise. That blue R34 brought the top Monterey 2022 sale for a Nissan at \$577,500 from a Mecum bidder. The Datsun and Nissan auction cars attracted a lot of attention and only two Mecum lots did not sell. Total Nissan/Datsun sales from the three auctions amounted to \$1,405,720.

Gooding & Company offered two lots: a lime yellow 1972 Datsun 240Z that sold for \$51,520, and a 1971 Nissan Skyline H/T 2000GT-R 'Hakosuka' that fetched \$179,200. The 240Z was special if only for its unrestored originality. It had its original owner for 50 years, original paint and interior, original window sticker, manuals and warranty card. While it did not come near its estimated value of \$75,000, it was offered without reserve and away it went. The '71 Hakosuka GT-R was the far more interesting offering at Gooding. The boxy 2-door hardtop is in mostly original condition and still has its 24-valve S20 engine, three Mikuni carburetors and 5-speed gearbox. This Skyline was kept by its original owner in Tokyo for 46 years until it was sold to a new owner in the US and went into a private collection. Estimated at \$225,000, the GT-R was offered without reserve and

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someone (not from California) got away with a very good deal on an exceptional sports car.

RM Sotheby's joined in the Skyline fest and offered two R32 GT-Rs and an R33 GT-R. Top dollar and best Nissan car went to the 1994 Nissan Skyline (R32) GT-R JGTCC-GT1 by Hasemi Motorsport. This particular GT-R was owned and raced by Japanese racing legend, Masahiro Hasemi, a former works driver for NISMO who went on to race in Formula One and the 24 Hours of Daytona. This car placed 2nd overall in the 1994 Japan Grand Touring Car Championship and was campaigned in other Japanese races where Hasemi took first place twice in 1994. This R32 has been restored and its RB26DETT engine, Xtrac 6-speed transmission and bodywork are all preserved. The final bid sold the car for \$280,000.

RM Sotheby's also auctioned a Midnight Purple 1995 Nissan Skyline (R33) GT-R. Once again, the car was in highly original condition, with only 988 miles on the odometer, and had been kept in a collection in Hong Kong. Advertised as "entirely stock" and "as-delivered," this beautiful R33 sold for \$151,200. However, because of California emissions laws, this car could only be sold to a dealer or out-of-state resident. The second R32 up for auction at RM Sotheby's also could not be sold to a California resident. The black 1989 Skyline GT-R was listed as mostly unmodified except for exhaust and wheels, but an on-site inspection revealed additional modifications. This undoubtedly hurt its sales value and it ended up selling for \$72,800.

The third auction house we visited was Mecum. Putting

it kindly, Mecum's success floats more on volume than on quality although they had the most exceptional Nissan of the weekend - the Bayside Blue 2001 Skyline R34 GT-R mentioned above. While most R34 GT-Rs cannot be imported to the US under the 25-year import law, this car got in, then was sent to Germany to avoid destruction, and then came back to the US after an eventual bond release and pardon. Still to this day, it cannot be sold to a California resident. So not only is this car 'R34 unobtainium,' actor Paul Walker drove it for 18,000 miles to advertise the Fast & Furious movie franchise, adding movie stardust to its story. The car has the all-important RB26DETT engine plus a long list of upgrades to everything else inside and out. It had previously been auctioned for charity to the tune of \$1.37 million. Now, without the charitable donation, it sold for \$577,500.



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Mecum had additional success selling Datsun Roadsters. A beautiful award-winning 1964 Datsun Fairlady Convertible sold for \$60,500. This red-topped car had a substantial rebuild and restoration work done by Datsun specialists including Rebello Racing. And it was a California winner with awards from the Solvang Roadster show and the Shasta Roadster show. Mecum also sold a white 1970 Datsun 1600 Roadster for \$33,000 after initially not selling it earlier in the auction. This Roadster also had substantial restoration work done including a rebuilt engine and frame-off restoration



with a new luggage rack, convertible top, chrome trim and more.

Mecum was not able to auction an orange 1972 Datsun 240Z that did not sell at \$40,000. The car had been through a bare metal refinish and the engine bay looked good, but to no avail. There was nothing special that popped about this S30 and so it sat unwanted in the back lot. Mecum also was not able to move a 'Top Secret' 1993 Nissan Skyline R32 GT-R that did not sell at \$140,000. Featuring a twin turbo engine built by Kazuhiko 'Smokey' Nagata, this R32 has a myriad of after market racing equipment upgrades, but no apparent racing or competitive history. It could not be sold to a California resident and did not meet its reserve.

So there it is, \$1,405,720 in Datsun and Nissan auction sales for Monterey Car Week 2022. What an amazing turn of events over the years. Back in 2004, a 240Z sold for \$1,098 at the Silver Auction in Portland, OR. It had problems with rust, paint chips and dents. At that time, *Auto Week* commented that a nice 240Z could be found for \$25,000. Fast forward to eighteen years later when someone got a nice 240Z for \$51,520 at a Pebble Beach auction, amid many other more expensive high performance Datsuns and Nissans at auctions around town. Mr. K, if only you could see this now!

Happy November Birthdays ...

Yolanda Atkinson

Leon Fox

Marci Jenkins

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NOVEMBER

12 Calaveras Big Trees Fun Run (Sac Datsun)

13 ZONC ZOOM Meeting

DECEMBER

04 Dave Pare Memorial Toy Run (Sac Datsun)

03 ZONC Holiday Banquet Tour

(LS) Laguna Seca Raceway

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