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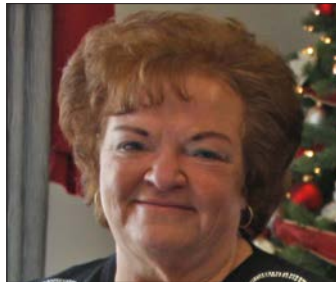
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On Z Road Again

Linda Williams



Are you ready for Thanksgiving? Neither am I!! What happened to this year? It seemed to have a slow start and now it's almost over. Be sure to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Sunday November 5th at 2AM, it's the end of Daylight Saving Time. YES, you get an extra hour of sleep!!

October was a busy month with our Annual ZONC Picnic and celebration of our birthday. We met at Coyote Point Recreation Area on Oct. 7th and had about 16 ZONC members and guests, as well as a couple of people that stopped in because they heard about it or saw it in the Z NEWS. The weather was perfect throughout the day without having any fog or wind creeping in to make the day a challenge.

There were several events happening that weekend, including the JCCS in Long Beach and the Fleet Week activities in San Francisco, which could have played a part in a small turnout. It didn't matter, we all had a great time eating and sharing great conversation. Unfortunately, we weren't able to see any

of the Blue Angels performance even though we were right on the Bay.

On Sunday October 8th, Andrea Ivan had a ZMARIO 30 YEAR OLD BIRTHDAY DRIVE. Unfortunately, ZMario didn't make the drive since he was still in the shop, but Little Mario Jr. filled in for him. We began in Livermore for a fun-filled day of driving back roads over to Copperopolis for lunch. Andrea would like to have another run when ZMario is back on the road. Got home in time to enjoy the San Francisco 49ers beat the Dallas Cowboys by a score of 42 – 10!!

We have our nominations for the 2024 ZONC Board Members and you (current members) should have received your voting ballot in an email. Please check your SPAM folder if you didn't receive one. All ballots needed to be received by October 20th with the results being announced by November 15th.

Our November meeting will be via ZOOM on November 12th, everyone is encouraged to attend. We will be making a decision of what we will be doing as far as a ZONC AWARDS BANQUET or FUN RUN. If you have any ideas, please let us know at the meeting or send me an email.

I'd like to wish you and your family a Very Happy Thanksgiving!

Safe travels....

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Congratulations

Congratulations to ZONC's VP!! Oscar and Sara tied the knot on **October 14th** in Manteca at their newly purchased home. We wish you both a very happy and healthy marriage that will last for many, many years to come.!

~From ZONC



ZONC ZOOM MEETING

November 12, 2023

11:30 am

ZONC 2023 Car Show Sponsors

Nissan-USA

Z Car Garage

BRE - Brock Racing Enterprise

Cynthia Myers Glass

ZCCA - Z Car Club Association

La Guera Taco Truck

Across The Bridge



Happy November Birthdays

Yolanda Atkinson

Marci Jenkins

Howard Johnson

Michael Jue

William Whalen

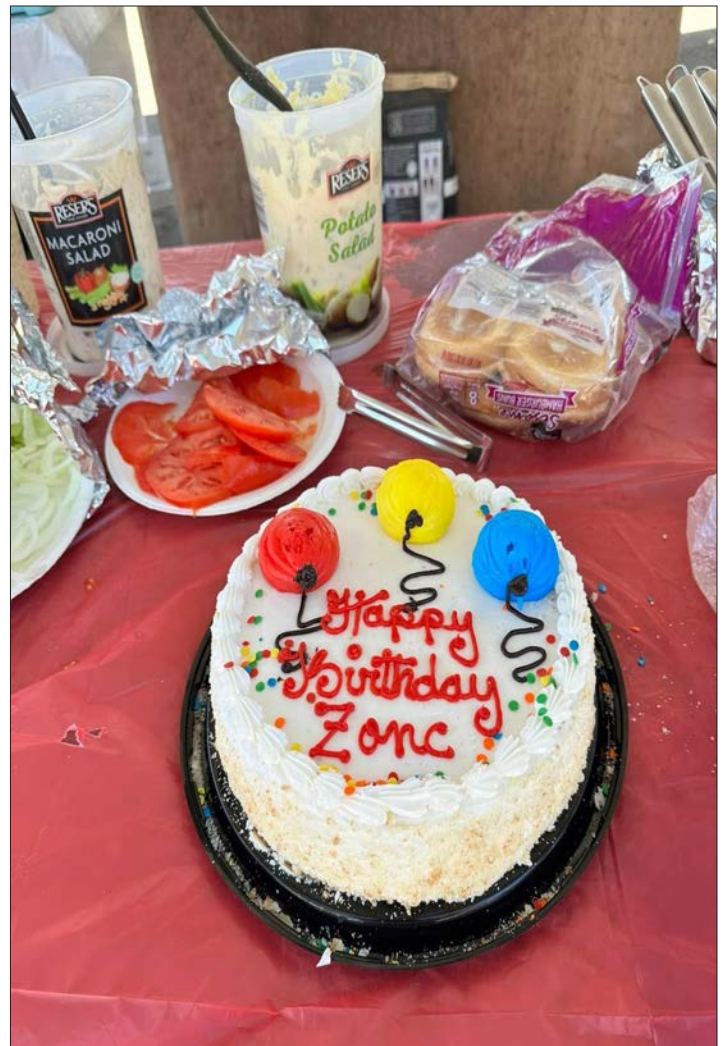
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And you're wished a Happy Birthday!*

ZONC ANNUAL PICNIC

October 6, 2023

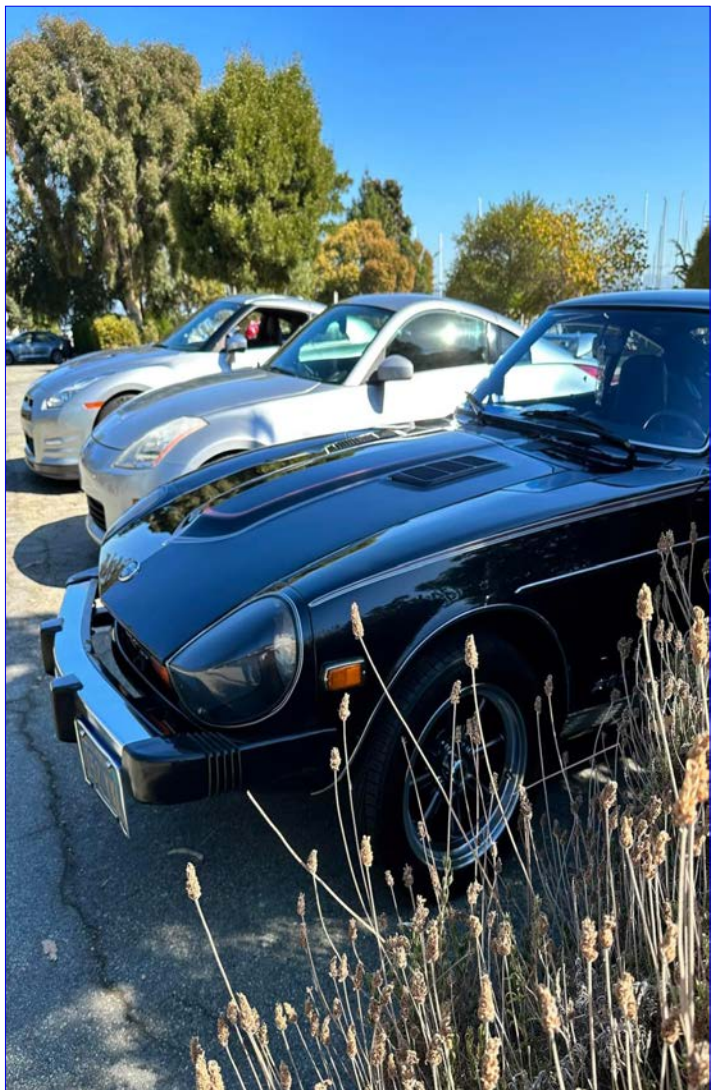
Coyote Point Rec Area

San Mateo, Ca.

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ZMARIO 30-YEAR OLD BIRTHDAY PARTY/DRIVE

as told to Andrea Ivan by Mario Junior

Photos on this page by Andrea, Raye and Gino

For what was to be a very joyous celebration, I was so sad not to have my hero not even be there for his own party! We all sang happy birthday to ZMario, but my poor owner's voice broke to hold back tears because she was as sad as I was! But she announced we would have it again, mid-November, when people could hopefully go before the craziness of the holidays to celebrate with him in-person for a belated happy birthday drive. Jennifer, who has a Miata (a cousin of mine actually, and this one was a grandpa cousin, a 1992), brought ZMario presents! A banner saying "It's my birthday" and a happy birthday sort of stick pin I think for a cake! Andrea took a picture (see pix) of it when she gave it to ZMario the next day at Portola Valley Garage. He was very appreciative and is looking forward for his belated birthday drive!

Many people showed up: Gino (such a nice guy!) and about 5 of the Datslocos people, Raye (another nice guy) and his Tesla, Linda the president of the Z club and her new Z, and a very nice couple (Gus and Natalie) and their very nice red 240Z! And Kevin from the Fiat club showed up with his beautiful 1997 yellow Ferrari! And the nice guy Keith, who was originally going to drive me so I could attend while Andrea drove ZMario! After all, I didn't want to miss this! It was all very exciting! Keith wanted to attend anyway, saying he wanted to be a part of the celebration, and he rode as a



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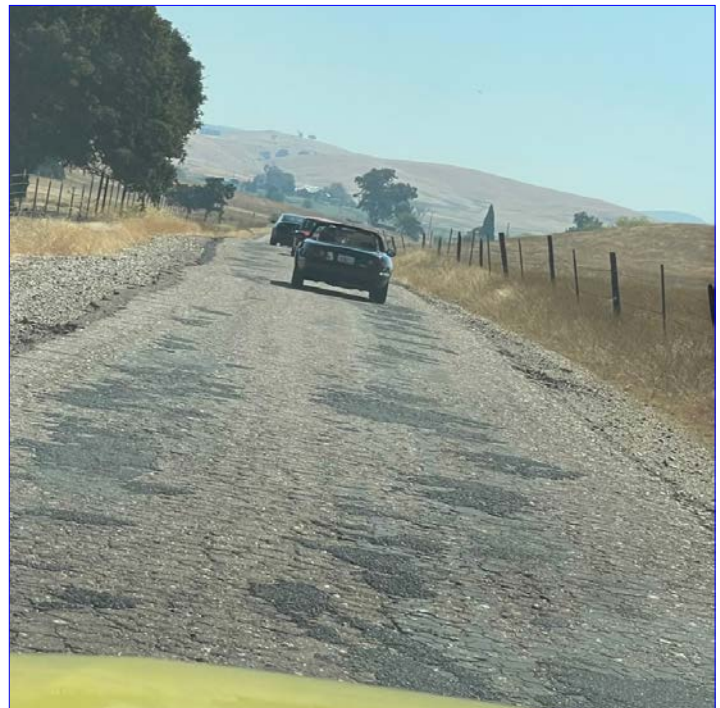
ZMARIO 30-YEAR OLD BIRTHDAY

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passenger in me! I don't have many passengers, so this was all very interesting.

The weather was nice, not too hot at the start. We started out on Corral Hollow Road, a very nice little travelled road, out to the Central Valley. Luckily Keith was telling Andrea where to go, so there were no last minute U turns or stopping to figure out what went wrong. We drove through farmlands which was very interesting, because Keith knew all the different kinds of crops and trees! So, this was very educational! Then we got on roads where Andrea knew, because of all her biking. On one of these roads, we turned right into where she had a lunch stop on one of these rides, and I think a red flag went up in her brain - a memory of being on her bike and looking at that road while waiting for her biking partner. When her biking partner arrived, he took a look at the road and made the remark, "Now that looks interesting. Maybe you should bring your car club out here?" She vaguely remembers asking another cyclist where it went, and he said Copperopolis, but that was before Andrea knew about Copperopolis! Anyway, 5 years later, here we were on the road. Well, I don't think we will go on it again. It was very bumpy for everyone (I actually didn't think it was that bad,



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ZCON 2023 Best of Show 240Z

Article by Ann Devor

Photos by Ann Devor & Paul Gommel

"This is the most beautiful car here!" I shot off a text with photos to a friend. Paul and I were at the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion at Laguna Seca, walking around in the pits and checking out all the racecars and other sports cars parked here and there. And then we saw a showstopper modified 240Z. It had mirror-finish rose-orchid paint, the hood opened to reveal an incredibly clean LSX engine with a polished stack intake manifold, smooth body work covering flared fenders over 3-piece racing wheels, slim shaved bumpers, and a Fairlady R badge on the tail.

"This is the most beautiful car here!" A week later, I got the same text from the same friend with a photo of the same modified 240Z, but this time at the Good Guys hot rod show in Pleasanton. Next day, we were there to see it in person, one more time.

We had a chance to talk to Mark Frazier about the car. Mark



was at the Good Guys show with his shop from the South Bay, Campbell Auto Restoration and High Performance Center. The 240Z belongs to Mark's daughter, Samantha. We learned a lot about the Z from Mark including the fact that it had just returned from ZCON in Ontario. It took a second to connect the dots and figure out that this 240Z was the one that we had been hearing about. This was the car that won the 2023 ZCON Best of Show award in the judged car competition after placing first in the Ultra Modified 240Z class. It also won the Gold Cup for modified cars by scoring 291 judged points. And it won the Jack Atkinson Design award for its sleek, modified body over a beast of a motor, suspension, and wheels. A sublime beauty clothing a monster, there are not enough words to describe it, so we took a lot of photos.

Samantha's 240Z project took off during the COVID shutdown. Needing a pick-me-up, Samantha and her dad worked on an old white 240Z that became the bones of the new car. It had rust and other problems and was the perfect



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car to tear apart. Stripped down, the rust was repaired, and a Subtle Z body kit was the starting point for the new car. Samantha learned to weld and do work with fiberglass. The car was further modified to smooth and push out the body lines between the wider fenders and the doors. They pulled the Datsun inline 6 and replaced it with an LSX engine that Mark started working on and Samantha finished. Mark told us that he showed Samantha how to do everything and she did the rest. All told, Mark said that Samantha put in 3,000 hours, Mark put in 4,000 hours and his buddy, Mike, put in an additional 4,000 hours doing painting and body work. So that's how the three of them spent 11,000 hours during the COVID lock-down.

Before these recent events in 2023, Samantha's 240Z was shown at the 2021 SEMA show in Las Vegas, where right out of the box, it was a finalist in the Battle of the Builders contest in the Sport Compact/Import class. If you are interested in hearing Samantha tell the story of her Z while she was at 2021 SEMA, YouTube has a great Larry Chen interview to watch at <https://youtu.be/YSvhirjRQwY?feature=shared>.

Congratulations to Samantha, Mark, and Mike for bringing Samantha's vision of a more perfect 240Z to the real world. We wish them the best of luck in the future. Wherever this 240Z goes it is sure to get a new award.



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but Andrea is a little crazy where she brings ZMario and me and we seem to survive), so she won't do that road again the next time. It was very pretty, though. We got to the top of the hill and there was a very nice secluded lake. The whole area was very secluded, just a few houses, and the road did improve greatly. But 7 of the 15 miles was not that great.

We arrived at the Copperopolis Center (by this time it was HOT) and had a great lunch at Griff's BBQ and Grill. Then we went on more back roads past Lake Tulloch and on La Grange Road where neither ZMario, Andrea, and I had ever been. This was the stretch where Gino was leading and all those little cute 510s were going 100mph!!! It was an amazing sight to see all this unravel in front of us! Everybody had a good time! Great roads, no traffic or bikes, just beautiful country that we don't get to see, which is the point of all this. We had to cut the ride short, because all of a sudden it was getting late, and as usual, Andrea had gotten' carried away with the roads she had biked before that she wanted to end the tour with!

Hopefully people will come out again, **Saturday, November 11**. She has told me no Rock Ridge Rd (the bumpy road) and she will try and make it shorter! Maybe something a little different! But we have to eat at Griff's BBQ & Grill.

Saturday, 11-11-23

**Gather at: Da Boccery, 175 E. Vineyard, Livermore
Meet at 9AM and depart at 9:30 AM**



August 1998 ZONC Tour

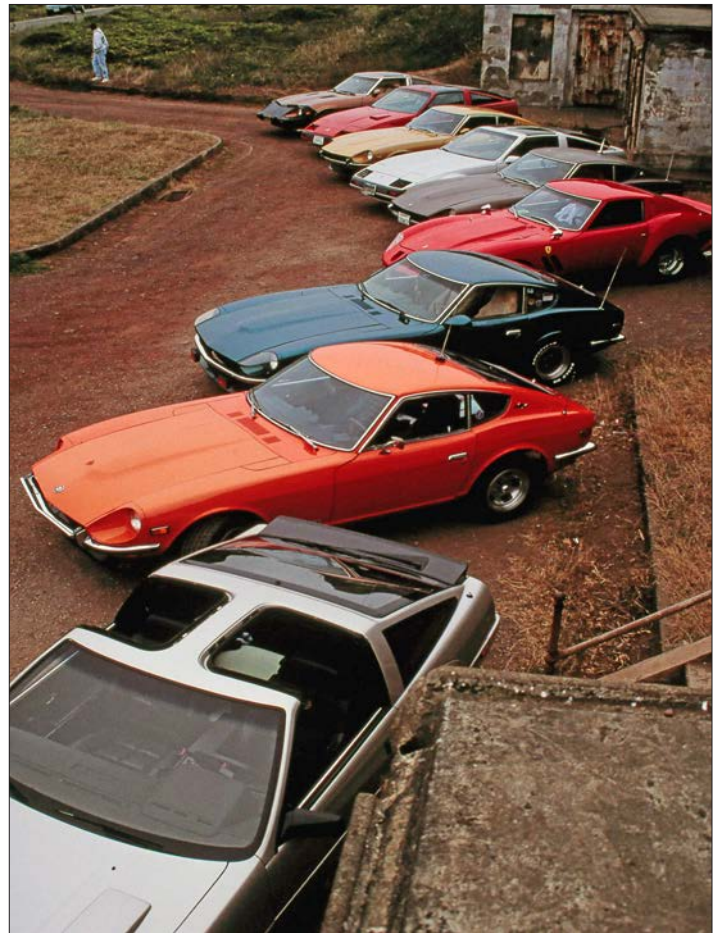
Information and photos by Bob Jenkins

The main start was in Point Richmond and went across the Richmond/ San Rafael Bridge south to Sausalito and the first stop at the San Francisco Bay Model. The Bay Model is the worlds largest working hydrology model of the San Francisco bay region.

From the Bay Model the tour went off through the Marin Headlands and up what would normally be a breathtaking view of the Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco, but they hit heavy fog, but that did not dim the spirts of the 16 participants in 9 cars. They parked at the top of the hill and walked to view the two 16" gun batteries built soon after the attack on Pearl Harbor. The grand photo shoot with our cars lined up in front of yet another decaying gun battery of years past. The next stop was the Marine Mammal Center.

Strangely no pictures of the tour appeared in the September ZNEWS, just an article by the leader Bill Halsey.

I was on the tour and took the pictures and that is my gold 240Z, the third Z in from the left.



2023 ZONC and Other Car Events

NOVEMBER

04 Calaveras Big Trees Fun Run (Sac Datsun)

12 ZONC Zoom Meeting

DECEMBER

02 Dave Pare Memorial Toy Run

TBA ZONC Banquet or Fun Run

(LS) Laguna Seca Raceway (SR) Sonoma Raceway

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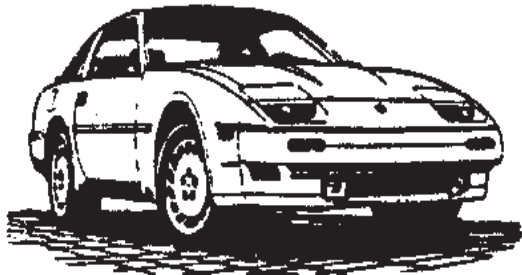
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