

# ZNEWS

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Above Photo by Matthew Hansen of Blackhawk Museum

# Blackhawk 2024

By Linda Williams

On June 9<sup>th</sup>, **ZONC** returned to the **Blackhawk Museum** for another wonderful gathering of Datsun/Nissan/Infiniti car enthusiasts. The weather was perfect, not too hot, not too cold and just a gentle breeze to keep us comfortable all day long.

The morning began with **ZONC** members offering their assistance to make sure the cars were in the proper parking lots and separating the **ZONC** members and their cars for the plaza parking. Thanks to everyone that made this so easy!

One of the surprises for everyone was having two gentlemen from Japan, Mr. Kyosuke Uemura, manager of a famous JDM dealership (https://clasica.yokohama/#google\_vignette) called Clasica Yokohama and Mr. Haruki Ohta, a salesman for the dealership, and former designer of Nissan car parts. I was introduced to Kyo and Haru through Ichitaro, a friend of Hisashi Masui, the writer from Nostalgic Hero Magazine (Japan) who wrote articles about my 1978 280Z and the new 2023 Nissan Proto Spec Z for the magazine. Kyo was particularly interested in meeting American S30 car owners.

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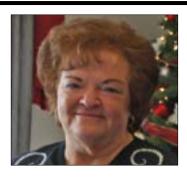
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# On Z Road Again

Linda Williams



# **JULY 2024**

Welcome Summer!! It's time to get your cars out of the garage and take some long, fun rides..... no matter where you decide to go.

June has been exciting and lots of fun. Bryan D and I joined up with Datslocos for a fun run to the Uvas Reservoir for a picnic and fun. After a leisurely lunch, we decided to go down to Gilroy and catch Hwy 152 East over Hecker Pass to Watsonville. The road had been repaved and was very good to drive, despite it being only 2 lanes and some slow traffic. We came back the same way and headed into the Almaden Valley where everyone went their separate ways to head home. Lots of fun!!

On June 7th, Kim and Towns, Bryan D and I met with the 2 gentlemen from Japan and their contact at Starbucks in Santa Clara for a quick introduction and friendly conversation about why they were in the US and their interest in S30 American car owners. After a short discussion, Kyo and Haru wanted to see my 1972 240Z Tribute car before taking the '78 280Z up for a photo shoot and interview at Villa Montalvo in Saratoga. We were close to my house so we all headed over for a quick look at the Tribute car. When we got ready to leave, I asked Kyo if he'd like to ride with me over to Saratoga, and he said 'yes'! While we were driving, he made a comment that he hadn't met a woman driver that could drive the car, shift the gears and talk on a 'transmitter' (walkie-talkie) all at the same time. I chuckled and politely said, 'thanks'. Once we arrived at the Villa, Kyo asked me about 10 questions regarding my interest in Z's as well as questions about sourcing parts, how long I've loved Z's, how I became associated with **ZONC**, and a few more questions. After my interview, they went on to interview/video Bryan about his '77 280Z and Kim about her 510. As the afternoon

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wound down, we were given some thank you gifts from them. The interviews and video should be available after they do all the editing upon returning to Japan. This should be really fun to see when it's completed and posted on Kyo's YouTube channel.

On June 9th, Kyo, Haru and Ichitaro joined us at Blackhawk for the Annual Meet and Greet. When they arrived, they were all wearing the **ZONC** baseball hats that I had presented them with on Friday! I gave them a quick idea of what would be happening up on the plaza as well and the lower lots, and they were on their way to find other Z enthusiasts that would be interested in being interviewed. They didn't know what to expect and Blackhawk didn't disappoint, having a spectacular Classic Car Collection, The Spirit of the Old West, Art of Africa, Into China and World of Nature galleries for them to see. As the **ZONC** event was finishing, the gentlemen were heading back into the museum to continue seeing the areas that they hadn't already visited. Several people thought that Nissan had sent them over and I had to say that Nissan didn't have anything to do with this, it was Hisashi that put Ichitaro in touch with me to make this happen.

Here's a link to the pictures that Matt Hansen from Blackhawk shared with me: https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/m9449f4hggc60r5coitjt/AK73XkFbmRATwPTtfkcfJgA?rlkey=8js3gyo5ip0t6revzquoz1ack&st=pbwld7v2&dl=0

I hope you all had a wonderful Father's Day!! Have a safe and sane 4<sup>th</sup> of July!! Safe Travels,



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# Hi Everyone!

By Linda Williams

You are invited to a BBQ at my home in Fort Bragg, CA on July 13th. Address is: 16700 Pearl Ranch Rd. Fort Bragg, CA 95437. Please RSVP no later than July 6th to:

<u>President@ZONC.org</u> with the number of people that will be coming. This will let me know how much food to buy. I hope you can make it!!

Also, Eugene Turkov (**ZONC** member) has a workshop in Little River and he's offered to dyno your car for a discounted rate. It's regularly \$170 and he's giving **ZONC** members \$50 off, this will include 3 pulls and a printed report.

The roads leading to Fort Bragg will take you through beautiful redwood forests, lots of wineries, provide you with lots of fun/challenging roads to drive and then give you the beautiful Pacific Ocean once you hit the coast. You can choose to take Highway 128 from Cloverdale to Fort Bragg OR you can come into Willits and head west on Highway 20 to the coast. It's a little shorter and a few less curves than Hwy 128 but takes a little longer since you have to head further north to head to the coast.

This post is just for **ZONC** members and their family. Please DO NOT post this on any social media site, as I don't want my personal address floating around anymore than it might already be.

I will be going up to Fort Bragg on the Thursday with my brother to get things organized and ready for everyone. I will provide the hamburgers, sausages, rolls/buns, potato salad, condiments, snacks, water, soda and some beers. If you would like to bring any other side dishes or desserts, I'll leave that all up to you guys. If you want anything else, please feel free to bring whatever you'd like. This will be a very casual, relaxing day.

I was planning on having people arrive about noon and they can stay and chill 'till whenever. I have plenty of room on the deck and back yard to relax and just enjoy the ocean air and redwood trees that surround my home. There's plenty of room for parking your cars.

If you are planning on spending the night, I'd start to look for

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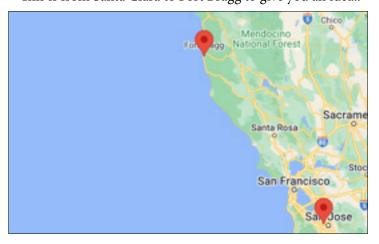
# Hi Everyone!

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rooms soon. Both Fort Bragg and Mendocino are very popular vacation destinations and rooms can be very expensive. Shop around and possibly look at some Air BnB's..... Some places have a 2 night minimum to be aware of.

Here's a link that you could start with: https://www.hotels.com/Hotel-Search?selected=3100252&startDate=2024-07-13&endDate=2024-07-14&mdpcid=HCOM-US.META.HPA.HOTEL-CORESEARCH-desktop-PROMOTED.HOTEL&MDPDTL=HTL.3100252.20240713.20240714.DDF.32.CID.21237361095. AUDID.&adults=2&children=&mctc=10&mpf=175.94&mpg=USD&mpl=USD&mpj=20.24&rffrid=sem.hcom.US.156.003.localuniversal.02.desktop-1.kwrd%3DGGMETA.3100252USen-20240713-N-ABW%3D32-camp%3D21237361095-aud%3D-P&rateplanid=389826643&mpm=24&mpn=315972232&mpo=EC&mpp=1&locale=en\_US&siteid=300000001@ionId=7294&destination=Fort%20Bragg%2C%20California%2C%20United%20States%20of%20America&theme=&userIntent=&semdtl=&useRewards=false&sort=RECOMMENDED

This is from Santa Clara to Fort Bragg to give you an idea..





# Happy July Birthdays

LOIS APPERSON KEN KAWABATA ALSON LARA

ROBERT MCMILLEN

AARON TAYLOR
MIKE THOMAS
JASON TOWNSEND
EUGENE VETESKA

**ANDY WISKES** 

9f 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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# Please Welcome New Members . . .

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Josiah Amen350Z NismoGordon Dyer300ZX TTFrank Dale280ZXVernon Anderson240ZArsenio Berrios300ZX IIAlex Trang370Z

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# Blackhawk 2024

All Photos on this page by Matthew Hansen of Blackhawk



plaza and parking lot meeting many **ZONC** members and other attendees of our **ZONC Meet and Greet**. They were so impressed with the knowledge and the passion that the owners showed for their cars. They conducted many interviews (including video) with the car owners and were so excited to see all the beautiful cars. After the editing of the video interviews, Kyo may be posting them on his YouTube Channel

#### https://www.youtube.com/channel UCRjZbfzcZ4dL9f3QT2aGKOQ.

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I've invited them all to return next year to join us for this event!! It was truly a memorable event for **ZONC** and everyone that attended.









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# More Blackhawk 2024

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# **ZONC June Membership Report**

Area	Member	Assoc
Alameda	16	1
Contra Costa	24	2
Marin/Sonoma	11	4
Mendocino/Lake	0	0
Monterey	6	0
North/Central Valley	7	0
Out of Area	3	0
Sacramento region	15	0
San Francisco	8	0
San Mateo	10	0
Santa Clara	8	0
Santa Cruz	3	0
Solano	5	2
Total Members	116	9
NEW Members YTD	16	
Car Models		
240Z	43	
260Z	0	
280Z	11	
280ZX	2	
300ZX -Z31	3	
300ZX-Z32	14	
350Z	11	
370Z	7	
Z (RZ34)	6	

GT-R	2	
G35	2	
G37	1	
510	4	
Datsun Roadsters	5	
Unknown	11	
Total	122	

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Congratulations to
Curtis & Cheryl Lewis
on their June 8, 2024 wedding!









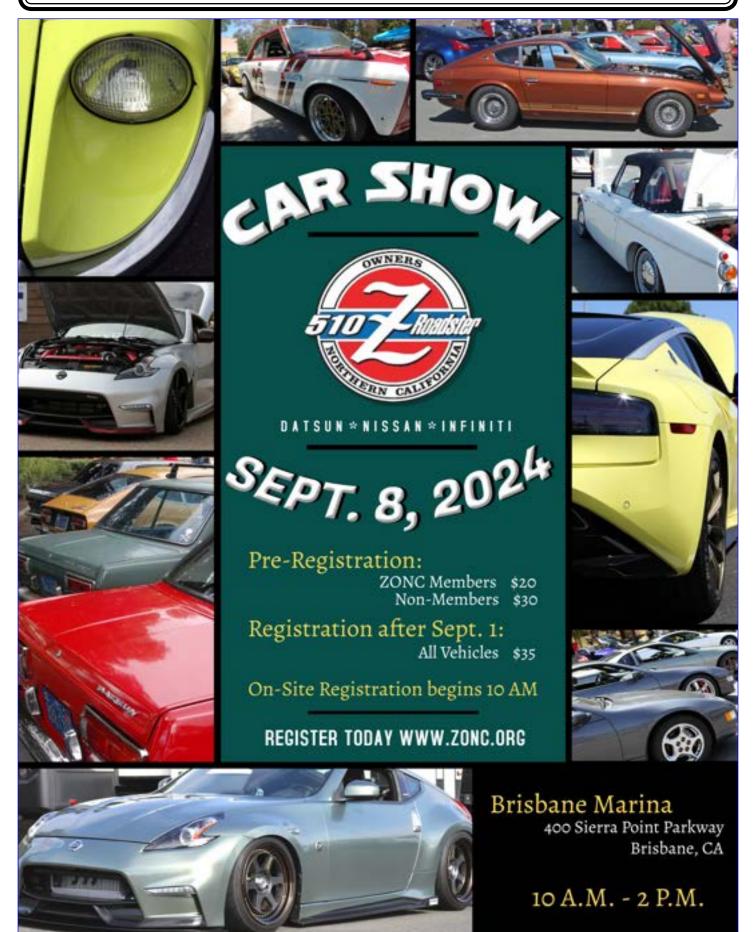
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Nissan-USA
Z Car Garage
BRE - Brock Racing Enterprise
Cynthia Myers Glass
ZCCA - Z Car Club Association
La Guera Taco Truck



Bob Russell's new Z, trying on APEX wheels.

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# TSD

(time, speed, distance)

# ROAD RALLY CAMP FAR WEST

**Saturday, July 20th** 9 am – on-site checkin

# WHERE:

Signature Wheel, 2437 Front St, West Sacramento, (port industrial park).

# **Open to all car types**

Timing will be done by GPS using the Richta Timing and Scoring System. All entries must have a GPS enabled cell phone or tablet.

# PRESENTED BY

SACRAMENTO VALLEY REGION, PORSCHE CLUB OF AMERICA



# COST

\$30 per car (2 people) If navigator is under 18, then special insurance waiver signing is required

# REGISTRATION

svr.motorsportreg.com CLOSES July 19th

# OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

TWO people per car required to run the rally (PCA general liability waiver signing required).

# **QUESTIONS:**

rally@svr-pca.org

Event Publicity Notice – you land those who accompany you) may be videotaped, photographed, and recorded while attending this event.

# **FOR SALE**

Brand new, never used, **set of 4 VTO Classic 8 GTR wheels** for 1970 - 1978 Datsun Z car.

15x7, 0mm offset, 4x114.3 bolt pattern. Silver with machined lip. Also includes: 4 center caps 16 lug nuts, 4 valve stems, 4 "Z" logo stickers Everything you need except tires. These are brand new from VTO and still in the boxes.

Never mounted or used, only took 1 wheel out of the box for photos. Have invoice from VTO. With shipping and tax, this package is over \$1200 from

VTO. **Asking \$900**Pick up in Concord, or delivery negotiable.

Call or text Erik at 1-510-220-2570





# **For Sale**

**Engine** from a 1978 Datsun 280 Z

It has a rebuilt short block and includes the head and intake manifold with 2 SU carbs.

Pick up in Sacramento.

\$1,300

Call or text Jon at 1-916-672-9417



# Z MART ADS

**Members:** no charge for nonbusiness ads (include membership # with ad)

**Nonmembers:** \$10.00 per ad or \$20.00 with photo. Please send via email with photos, if possible (.gif or .jpg of 100 to 150 KB in size) to:

#### thebeard@sonic.net

Ads run for two months (unless you tell me to remove it after one month). Please include your complete address with ad. **DEADLINE**: is the 15th of the month, for inclusion in the next issue.

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

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	MONTHLY	6 MONTHS YEARLY			
Full Page	<i>\$55</i>	\$303	\$495		
1/2 Page	\$35	\$184	\$315		
1/4 Page	\$25	\$125	\$200		
Bus. Card	\$15	\$68	\$90		

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# 2024 ZONC and Other Car Events

# JULY

13 Sac Datsun Msquito Bridge Fun Run

**13 ZONC BBQ in Ft. Bragg (See flyer)** 

20-21 **CANCELLED** Korbel Hillclimb

### **AUGUST**

10 Sac Datsun Ice House Fun Run

10-11 Monterey Pre-Reunion & Corkscrew Hillclimb (LS)

14-17 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion (LS)

24 Ferrari Challenge North America

# SEPTEMBER

07 Santos Family Annual Car Show

**08 ZONC Annual Car Show** 

09-14 ZCON, Tampa, Florida

14 Sac Datsun US 40 Fun Run

13-15 CSRG Charity Challenge (SR)

#### OCTOBER

06 **ZONC** ANNUAL PICNIC

04-06 Velocity Invitational Sonoma Raceway

12 Sac Datsun Leafers Fun Run

#### NOVEMBER

01-03 CSRG Season Finale, Thunder Hill

09 Sac Datsun Calaveras Big Trees Fun Run

#### DECEMBER

07 Sac Datsun Dave Parr Memorial Toy Run

TBA ZONC Annual Banquet/Fun Run

# (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.

# Sac Datsun Events

For more infomation go to

www.facebook.com/sacdatsun/



# **ZONC Member Profiles Wanted**

Let your fellow **ZONCERS** get to know you better! 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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