



# Z NEWS

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**ZONC MEET & GREET**

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3700 Blackhawk Plaza, Danville, CA  
June 11, 2023

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**2023**

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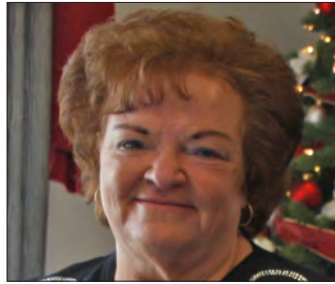
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## On Z Road Again

Linda Williams



Welcome to Summer!! It's hard to believe that we're almost half way through this year and still have snow in the mountains! This is so crazy!! The good news is that we can get our cars out and enjoy them.

The **Sonoma Coast Fun Run** that Bob and Marci set up on May 7<sup>th</sup> was a lot of fun. The weather was almost perfect for the drive and the ocean was spectacular, as always. There were 7 cars and we almost had a complete Generational Display with the 240Zs (3), 300ZX, 350Z, 370Z, and the 2023 Z. It was a very colorful display of our cars with lots of thumbs up and smiles along the way.

Hopefully you made it to the **Datslocos Annual Swap Meet** in Manteca on May 20<sup>th</sup>. It's always such a fun event with lots of cars to see and more stuff to buy for your projects.

It's almost here!! Our **Meet and Greet at Blackhawk** on **June 11<sup>th</sup>** which will be open to all Datsun and Nissan owners. Current **ZONC** members will have the opportunity to have their car up on the Plaza and we should be able to fit approximately 25 cars. It will be a first come, first to be invited upon the plaza. Once the plaza is full, the balance of the cars will be in the lower lot.

On **June 25<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a **Cars and Coffee at P&S Detailing** in Hayward that RBZ240 will be hosting. There were about 300 cars at the last event that was held there. This is for all makes and models of cars, not just Nissan/Datsun. Roger Hernandez has invited **ZONC** to join them for this event.

The new Z's are showing up! We currently have 3 **ZONC** members that own them and welcome more as they become part of the family. Looking forward to seeing them at Blackhawk!

**ZCON** is right around the corner..... If you are planning on going and would like to ship your car, I have 2 spots left on the covered transport that will pick up and return the cars

to Z Car Garage in San Jose. The cost is \$1500/roundtrip! Mansey Transport handles car shipments for Rob (Z Car Garage) and I can also vouch that they do excellent work. They transported our cars to Colorado Springs in 2021 and were awesome!! Contact me if you're interested in a spot on the truck. ([president@zonc.org](mailto:president@zonc.org))

Mark your calendars for the **ZONC Annual Picnic** that will be at **Coyote Point Recreation Area** on **October 7<sup>th</sup>**. More info will be shared as the time gets closer.

Cheers to all the Fathers in our lives! Happy Father's Day to you all!

Our next meeting will be at **Blackhawk** on **June 11<sup>th</sup>** if we have time.

Safe travels,

### PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

James Jamieson	240Z
Gus Venancio	240Z
Todd Yarbrough	240Z
Charles Jones	NEW Z

### Sac Datsun Events

For more information go to  
[www.facebook.com/sacdatsun/](https://www.facebook.com/sacdatsun/)

### ZONC MEETING

**June 11, 2023**

**At Blackhawk if there is time.**

### 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](mailto:thebeard@sonic.net)

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# Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance

## June 23-25, 2023



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**9:00 AM–3:00 PM**  
Martinez Hall · Marina, CA · [www.vtcofcalifornia.org](http://www.vtcofcalifornia.org)





### From New ZONC Member Robert DiGiovanni

I am new to the area. I moved here from Florida to be close to my grandchildren. It was a great move. It is so great to see the development of the grandchildren.

A little history. I owned a 260Z in 1974 as a graduation gift so I have been locked into Zs. That car is long gone but I was on a business trip in Redondo Beach in 1988 and found a 1971 Z from a local dealer and had it shipped to MA where I lived at the time. It has the hatch vents rather than the side vents so I think it may be a series 1. Anyway, it took many years but I completely rebuilt the car from the frame up. It is not "original" since I changed a few things but I am never planning on selling it so I made it to my liking. The most challenging was converting it from an automatic to a 5-speed manual. The car still has a few bugs to work out but I am working on them. I look forward to meeting fellow Z owners.

Robert



### From New ZONC Member Chuck Jones

Hi my name is Chuck Jones. I have a 2023 Nissan Z. I got my Z because I love Nissan sports cars and I used to have a 350z.

I've had my Z for about 2 months.

I have a lot of plans for my Z. So far I've done a full suspension upgrade, wheels and tires and a tune. I have many more things in store for my Z and I hope to meet many like minded Nissan enthusiasts like myself through ZONC.

If you'd like to follow my build. Follow my [IG@bigznrg](https://www.instagram.com/bigznrg)







## A Great Day for a Drive!

By Bob Jenkins

The Z's came from all over the bay area, from Roseville to San Jose and in different colors, and models. Vince Stewart's green, Gus & Natalie Venancio's red and Larry & Robin Roberts' blue 240, Gary & Veronica Moore's Mist Blue 300ZX, Bob & Marci Jenkins' orange 350, Curtis Lewis & Cheryl Hale's red 370, and the yellow and black new Z of Linda Williams.

The weather for the day was clear and sunny, with a cool breeze, and maybe because it rained on Saturday, traffic was light, and there were few bicyclists on the roads.

The Petaluma Marina was a good location to line up the Z's for pictures, and then it was off through the Petaluma Historic district and out into the lush green hills of Marin County to almost Pt. Reyes Station and then North on Highway One to the town of Tomales for a short break and more pictures. Afterwards Bob went ahead and stationed himself to take photos as the group came around a corner. After passing through the town of Valley Ford, we continued up the coast through the town of Bodega Bay and onto a new section of road (to get the road away from the crumbling section to close to the ocean). Next came a stop at a large pull-out to get photos of the cars by the ocean. Then after crossing over the Russian River we took Highway 116 inland through Duncans Mills and into Guerneville, where we hit the twisty stuff to Forestville. We stopped at Carr's Drive-In in Forestville for a late lunch and the end of a fun day.



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To see more photos:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/p1zs2rhJ56RaNP7w5>





## SVRA Races at Sonoma Raceway

By Ann Devor

Photos on this page by Paul Gommel

Sportscar Vintage Racing Association (SVRA) put together amazing days of racing at Sonoma Raceway the weekend of April 27-30. Hagerty Insurance hosted a Cars & Caffeine Car Show on Saturday, the 30th in the paddock, and away we went to see the races and the Hagerty show. Hagerty also offered a parade lap at noon, but with so many people and racecars to see, we missed it by 10 min. Oh well, we can't be everywhere all at once.

SVRA Group 8 featured one of the biggest fields of B-Sedan Datsun 510s of any recent Northern California vintage auto race. Twenty Datsun 510s, a Nissan Bluebird and a Datsun 240Z registered as B-Sedans (BS class), with an additional nine 510s entered as Historic B-Sedans (HBCBS class). An astonishing 49 sportscars were on the Group 8 starting grid for Saturday's NetJets Feature Race, the first race of the afternoon.

The Group 8 racecars were lined up on both sides of the

pre-grid area. SVRA opened it up to spectators to meet the drivers with their cars prior to the race. Parker McKean's #90 Alfa Romeo GTV continued to dominate the Group 8 field and started at the pole. Troy Ermish and his #38 510 started in 2nd place and Rob Fuller in his #7 510 started in 4th. Several other 510s on the starting grid were under the ZCar Garage tent including #8 (Gabriel Rothman) at 11th, #64 (Kenny Tse) at 22nd, and #72 (Tom Dockery) in the 33rd position.

As expected, once the pace car dropped off the track, the Group 8 racers quickly gained speed to meet the uphill challenge from Turn 1 to Turn 2. With so many racecars tightly grouped together, there was only one lap before an incident slowed the race down. A full course yellow went into effect for the next six laps nearly to the close of the race. Sadly, a driver in a BMW 2002 lost control of his car, taking out two 510s in the twisty and tricky downhill curves to the raceway's Carousel. Fortunately, with proper safety equipment in place,



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Photos on this page by Ann Devor

all drivers escaped harm but still had broken hearts over the damage to their beloved HBCBS racecars.

NetJets Feature Race ended with six 510s in the Top 10. McKean and his #90 Alfa Romeo stayed in first place. Troy Ermish's #38 510 placed 3rd (even though the 2nd place 8AP class Porsche 911 passed Troy on the full course yellow flag). Rob Fuller's #7 510 was a close half second behind Troy.

Sunday's Group 8 morning feature race ended with almost everyone in the same position. In 1st place again, McKean finished in 15:06.576 total minutes, followed by Ermish's 2nd place finish at 15:27.401 minutes. But wait, there was more! The B Sedans raced again Sunday afternoon in the Toyo Tire Challenge. No surprise, McKean AGAIN took 1st with a best lap time of 1:52.438 closely followed by Ermish with 1:52.770. Fuller came in 6th but was Race Hero's Hard Charger for gaining 19 positions with a best lap time of 1:55.256 minutes.



Sonoma Raceway presents a challenging road course that requires experience and skill. As SVRA's General Rules clearly state: "Vintage Racing is an amateur sport where the pleasure of "Taking Part" must exceed the desire to "Win at All Cost." All competitors must know the limits of their skills and of their machines." It is in this spirit that vintage racecars

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Photo by Ann Devor



and their drivers participate in the SVRA series. Per the rules against metal-to-metal contact and overaggressive driving, the BMW 2002 driver has been banned for 13 months. We wish the 510s speedy recoveries and a quick return to vintage racing.

If you would like to see our 100+ photos, please contact me at [anndevor@gmail.com](mailto:anndevor@gmail.com) and I'll be happy to send you a link to our online album.

Photo by Paul Gommel



## ZONC 2022 Car Show Sponsors

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## Happy June Birthdays ...

Robert Gooyer

Alan Hirotani

Oscar Lemus

Linda Williams

*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!*

Northern California Engineering Contractors Association

**Father's Day**  
**28th Annual "Show & Shine"**  
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We will have Food Trucks and a Beer Tent

Drinks & Food Trucks, DJ, Raffles

## Z Cars in Japan



Taken by Matthew Knine Lijon





## 2023 ZONC and Other Car Events

### JUNE

01-03 Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival

**11** **Blackhawk ZONC Meet and Greet**

10-11 NASCAR Sonoma Raceway

14 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift

**17** Monterey Rock and Rod Festival 16

[www.montereyrockrod.com](http://www.montereyrockrod.com)

**18** Father's Day Car Show Santa Rosa

<https://nceca.org/event/fathers-day-show-shine-car-show-2/>

24-26 Mt. Shasta Roadster Show

[www.mtshastaroadsters.com](http://www.mtshastaroadsters.com)

**25** Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance

[www.hillsboroughconcours.org](http://www.hillsboroughconcours.org)

28 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift

### JULY

**08** Classic Car Show by VTC

<https://www.vtcofcalifornia.org/2023-car-show-registration>

09 11:30AM **ZONC** - ZOOM Meeting

15 Feather River Fun Run (Sac Datsun)

22-23 RSCC Korbel Hillclimb

[www.rsc.net/rsc](http://www.rsc.net/rsc) schedule near bottom of page

**31** **ZCON Ontario, Ca**

### AUGUST

**1-5** **ZCON Ontario, Ca**

12 Ice House Fun Run (Sac Datsun)

13 11:30AM **ZONC** - ZOOM Meeting

15 Classic Motorsport Monterey Kickoff

17 Laguna Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion

### SEPTEMBER

02 Santos Annual Car Show in Alviso

8-10 Classic Sports Racing Group Sonoma Raceway

09 US 40 Fun Run (Sac Datsun)

10 **ZONC** Car Show

14-16 Grand Prix of Indycar at Sonoma Raceway

### OCTOBER

**07** **ZONC** Picnic

06-07 Route 66 JDM Classic Williams, AZ

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### NOVEMBER

11 Calaveras Big Trees Fun Run (Sac Datsun)

### DECEMBER

02 Dave Pare Memorial Toy Run

TBA **ZONC** Banquet or 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.



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