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Marin/Sonoma Coast Run Sunday, May 07, 2023 Petaluma Marina Meet at 10:am leave at 10:15am

The tour will start from the Petaluma Marina, 781 Baywood, off Lakeville Hwy. Heading West on Lakeville you will turn left at the signal at Baywood to enter the Marina. We will meet at 10:00am and leave about 10:15am.

The tour will be a leisure run through Marin back roads to the Point Reyes Station area, then up Highway One to Tomales for a rest break. Then continue on Highway One out to the coast. We will run Highway One using the new section of the coast road to Highway 116 and then head on Highway 116 to Forestville, where we will end at Carr's Drive In, which has lots of parking. The tour is about three hours long, with a mileage of about 80 miles, so please do arrive at start with a full tank of gas. Do bring a **camera** for the passenger, as the route is very

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scenic. Also please bring an **FSR radio** if you have one. Hope to see you there.

If you plan on going please RSVP by May 06, 2023 to Bob Jenkins at: thebeard@sonic.net



ZONC ZOOM MEETING

May 13, 2023 11:30 AM

The link for this meeting will be sent with the May ZNEWS.

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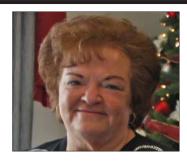
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On Z Road Again



Linda Williams

Greetings! Hope you all had a chance to get your cars out when the weather permitted. It's been a real challenge this Spring between the rain, snow and the wind. The good news is that the drought seems to be very close to being over.

On March 25th, **ZONC** had a car corral at the **Sonoma Raceway** for the **David Love Vintage Races**. It didn't rain, but there definitely was a chill in the air most of the day. I rarely wear a parka, but I had mine on all day! We had about 2 dozen cars show up with plenty of parking to be able to spread us out. We also shared the corral with the Ferrari Club even though they didn't stay long (less than an hour for most of them). I think they were attending another event that started at 1pm.

On March 26th, I took the Proto Spec Z to the **240RBZ Import Cars and Coffee** in Hayward. This is a great event and has many cars of all makes and models that show up. There are usually 200 – 300 cars, and this event is held the last Sunday of every month. Several **ZONC** and **Datslocos** members came to enjoy the cars and company. There is a Starbucks in the shopping center to get your morning cup of joe.

On April 1st, Bryan Delohery and I were the ambassadors at the Nissan Corral for the **GT-4 Races**, also held at the **Sonoma Raceway**. We were honored to have **Motohiro Matsumura**, **Ph.D** (Director Executive Vice President, Executive Team Director, Nissan Super GT Teams) come and visit the Nissan corral with a couple other Nissan representatives. More info and pics in the **ZNews** article.

On April 2nd, Bob and Marci hosted their **56**th **Annual April Fool's Rallye**. This is an annual event that always brings a good turnout with challenges along the route. One of these days I may make it to join in the fun, but they tell me I have to have a partner to navigate the course..... any volunteers?

I took a quick drive on the 2nd to Hayward to check out

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the **240RBZ** Cars and Coffee at P&S Detail Products. They opened up their sales area for the event. All makes and models are welcome and there was another great turnout. It looks like this may become a regular event if you're interested in going in the future.

We are a little over a month away from our **Meet and Greet** at Blackhawk on June 11th 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 up on the plaza. Once the plaza if full, the balance of the cars will be in the lower lot.

I'd like to wish all the Mothers, Moms, unofficial Moms, Dads that are Moms and everyone else a very **Happy Mother's Day**. We wouldn't be here without you. And to everyone that has had their Mom pass on, keep her wonderful memories alive, I sure miss mine.

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday, May 13th** due to Mother's Day on Sunday. Hope to have you join us on ZOOM. Safe Travels, Linda



April Fools Rallye Review

By Bob Jenkins

The day of the rallye turned out cool and clear for the return of the event, after a 3 year absence due to COVID. The turnout was the smallest in the event's history, but a good time was had by all. As usual people came from Oregon, Nevada, Sacramento, Fresno, and all over the bay area.

ZONCers Larry Robert and his wife ran the event and **ZONC**ers Ruffin & Lois Apperson helped the Rallymaster's wife and **ZONC**er, Marci, with finish.

Best of all we have money for the charity Canine Companions for Independence.



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Nissan GT-4 Races - April 2023

Article by Linda Williams, Photo's by Linda Williams and Bryan Delohery

I received a call from Chris Karl (ZCCA) asking if I could possibly be an ambassador for the GT-4 America races held at the Sonoma Raceway on April 1st. Of course, I said 'Yes'! This is the first time Nissan has raced in the US in several years, and it was the first of 7 events across the USA happening this Spring/Summer. The additional events (NOLA Motorsports Park, Circuit of the Americas, Virginia International Raceway, Road America, Sebring International Raceway, and Indianapolis Motor Speedway) will also have ambassadors from ZCCA to help with the events.

Bryan Delohery and I headed up to the raceway early on Saturday morning hoping for a warmer day than we had the weekend before. As it turned out, it was much more comfortable and only had to wear a sweatshirt instead of a parka for the day. The sun came out on and off throughtout the day, but all in all it was a great day to watch the races. The hills around the raceway and the areas of the track were filled with lots of white wild flowers as well as herds of sheep that were on a mission to eat all the fresh green grass that was

plentiful.

We had about 2 dozen cars that joined us in the Nissan Corral and discount tickets were made available for purchase for the Saturday races only. Posters and Nissan t-shirts were provided to us for the corral attendees. Additional posters, signed by the drivers, were donated for the raffle at our Annual Car Show, being held at the Brisbane Marina on Sept. 10th.

Ken Clark had the opportunity to ride up to the corral from the pits and was joined by Motohiro Matsumura,





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Nissan GT-4 Races

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Ph.D (Director Executive Vice President, Executive Team Director, Nissan Super GT Teams) and a couple other Nissan representatives. Ken was so excited and even offered them freshly baked brownies while he was showing them his beautiful red 240Z. They seemed very interested in seeing all the cars in the corral even though most of the attendees were down at the pits for the special driver autograph session set up for us.

The races didn't look too good for the Nissan cars early in the day for qualifying, but on Sunday the #22 car did make it









to the podium! Congrats!

Also, a big thank you to Brynn, Greg, John and Amber from **Nissan United** for asking **ZONC** to be part of this fun event! Looking forward to more in the future!







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David Love Vintage Races Sonoma Raceway

By Linda Williams

On March 25, **ZONC** members and friends made their way to Sonoma Raceway for the **David Love Vintage Races**. This is such a fun, FREE event that everyone can enjoy.

The racetrack opens up all of its areas to attendees to wander around and check out the cars and drivers. Since the 'pits' are 'working areas', everyone needed to be aware of the cars that are making their way to and from the race track. It is a very family friendly event that is held for 3 days.

On Saturday, the **ZONC** car corral was at the north end of the main grandstand, making it very convenient to use the facilities and to be able to watch the racing that was taking place. We had about 2 dozen cars that showed up for the















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David Love Vintage Races

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corral, making for a very colorful, diverse display. The Ferrari Club was sharing the corral with us, but not for very long. About a dozen cars drove in just before noon and most had left before 1PM to attend a Tuners event on Turn 7.

It's always fun to watch these races when Rob Fuller (Z Car Garage) is racing his 510 car. During one of the qualifying rounds on Saturday, he had the pole position but chose to start in the back and make his way up to the front of the pack. He said "it's no fun when there's no one ahead of me". He













definitely likes a challenge!

Just a reminder on **Sept 8-10th is the 20th CSRG Charity Challenge at Sonoma Raceway.** Since 2004, the charity rides have raised over 1 million dollars for Sonoma County charities. Rob was driving and giving rides (for a fee) in the new Nissan Z last fall. The new Z was also the Official Pace Car for the 3 days of the event.



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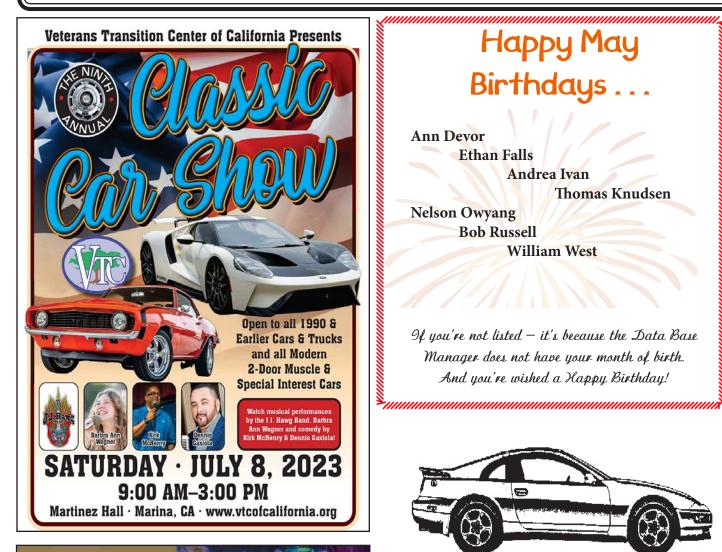
Let your fellow **ZONCERS** get to know you better! Please hold your article to no more than one page.

Also include a picture of yourself and your car and send to the **ZNEWS** editor at:

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Ethan Falls

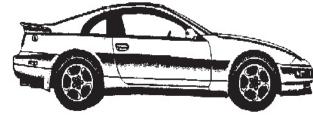
Andrea Ivan

Thomas Knudsen

Nelson Owyang Bob Russell

William West

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!







2023 ZONC and Other Car Events

MAY

03 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift

06 10-3PM Jelly Belly Factor Fairfield

07 ZONC Marin/Sonoma Coast Run

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

17 Sonoma Raceway Drags & Drift

20 Datsloco Swap Meet

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

24-26 Mt. Shasta Roadster Show

www.mtshastaroadsters.com

25 Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance

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.rscc.net/rscc_schedules.html

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

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

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OCTOBER

TBA **ZONC** Picnic

06-07 Route 66 JDM Classic Williams, AZ

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

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