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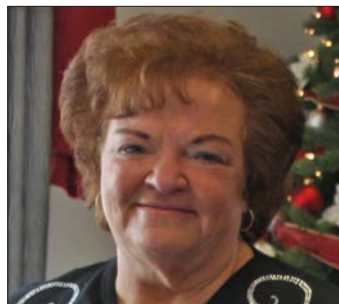
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On Z Road Again

Linda Williams



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Happy Holidays to you and your family! Another year almost into the books for all of us and now we can look forward to a new year ahead.

We didn't have anything going on in November as far as club events. There were some other raceway events that friends of ZONC either attended or participated in that we love to support.

We had our November meeting and the results of the 2024 ballots were announced. Congrats to everyone!! Here's who you have voted to be your representatives on the ZONC Board for 2024:

President – Linda Williams

Vice President – Oscar Lemus

Vice President, Admin – Bob Russell

Secretary – Jason Green

Treasurer – Wade Warren

Outstanding event – Brisbane Car Show

Outstanding member – Linda Williams

Thank you all for the time you contribute to make ZONC such a successful club/organization. It's an honor to go to events and have people recognize us and comment on our success.

We are finalizing what we will do for our December meeting and installation of officers. We may move our meeting to January and have an in-person event and fun run. More info will follow.

Please start thinking about what you would like to have happen next year as far as events, fun runs, etc. We are always looking for suggestions and remember, anyone can put on a fun run, we will help you if you're unsure of what needs to be done. Sometimes it just takes you to throw an idea out there and people will jump on the opportunity to go along, even if it's just a few cars or a lot of cars. We still have fun!!

Wishing you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a safe New Year if you are out on the roads during the holidays.

Safe Travels.....

ZONC ZOOM MEETING

Event Planning Meeting

December 10, 2023

11:30 am

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Ten Years Ago in ZNEWS December 2013

By Bob Jenkins

The front page had information about up coming events, **ZONC**s Banquet, **ZONC** Planning Meeting, the ZCON in San Diego, and a picture of a big white bear with a **ZONC** emblem.

A President's Updates column talked about the annual banquet at Cache Creek, and other up coming activities. She also talked about her time on conference calls with Z Car Club Association (ZCCA) and Z Club of San Diego, about the up coning ZCON in San Diego and the fact that ZCCA was adding a store to their web site.

There was a full page flyer for the Annual **ZONC** Banquet at Cache Creek Casino in Brooks.

There was also a full page flyer for a Budweiser/Jelly Belly Winter Doubleheader in February.

A two page review called "Off to Canepa" by Rolf Johnson talked about the start at Rob Fullers Z Car Garage, where



Photo by the late Rolf Johnson

Happy December Birthdays

Frederick Brooks

Ken Clark

Charles Moll

Chris Morrison

Casey Noel

Mary Ellen Rozmajz

Vincent Stewart

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!

Zs from Manteca, Turlock, and all over the bay area, met to start the run down to Canepa Designs Facility in Scotts Valley. In all over 55 cars and 71 or so people made the run. After touring the facility most of the group toured over to a brewery in Boulder Creek for lunch. After some in the group did some more touring before heading home. Rolf said the club had received over 30 responses of thanks for a great day.

In the Working for You area the officers were President Marci Jenkins, Vice-President Lyent Hogue Jr, Vice President Adm. Rolf Johnson, Secretary Ann Devor, Treasurer Wade Warren, Z NEWS Editor, Bob Jenkins., Club Store Yolanda Atkinson, Tech Coord Doc Kanarowski, Activities Coord Christy Nocon, Webmaster Karl Twiford, Membership Rep Ann Devor.

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

ZONC Photos from 2013

By Bob Jenkins



ZONC Car Show at Brisbane



WTCC Races at Sonoma Raceway



Drakes Beach Tour start in Petaluma



Rest Stop on Contra Costa Cruise



ZONC Board Meeting in Modesto



ZONC Picnic in Fairfield



Banquet at Cache Creek in Brooks



Sonoma Historics at Sonoma Raceway



Datsuns at Velocity Invitational, Sonoma Raceway

By Ann Devor

Velocity Invitational returned to Sonoma Raceway for the weekend of November 10-12. The event, known in 2019 as the Festival of Speed, returned to Sonoma with a vengeance in 2023. Ten spectacular groups of vintage racing cars hit the track, punctuated between races by exhibitions of hypercars and historic McLaren Racing cars including Bruce McLaren's original Can Am racer. The exhibition events were topped off on Sunday by McLaren's Formula 1 team putting its historic Formula 1 race cars on the track. Lando Norris piloted Alain Prost's 1984 MP4/2-1 Formula 1 car but was easily lapped by the Lewis Hamilton/Fernando Alonso 2007 MP4/23A-05 in a thrilling high-pitched high-speed exhibition on the twelve turns of the Sonoma road course. The collection of rare and historic McLarens shown at Sears Point is said to be one of the largest McLaren exhibitions ever.

Five Datsuns qualified to run in the Group 6 Feature Race on Sunday, led by Rob Fuller starting in 6th place in his #49 240Z. Other Datsun racers were Glenn Chiou in his #45 240Z, Gary Cook in a 1970 240Z, Dave Stone in his yellow 260Z, and Jim Froula in the #9 260Z. As is usual in vintage racing, the Group 6 racecars, 1968-1981 IMSA GT, AAGT, FIA Grp 4, were of various manufacturers and engine builds, some of which seemed to be sure winners and others destined to remain at the back of the pack. Fuller's 240Z capably finished in 5th place (best lap of 1:47.531 min.) but not able to catch up to Bruce Canepa's Porsche 935 who won the race with



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a best lap of 1:43.594. Chiou finished in 15th and Cook in 18th places with Stone completing just 2 laps and Froula not starting. Mike Thurlow had led the race in a 1976 wide body Corvette and held a huge lead for six laps, suddenly falling out of competition when his differential failed. Even the mighty can fall from a mechanical failure as many a heartbroken race driver will tell you.

In addition to vintage racing and high-ends sports cars and hypercars, Velocity again offered a Sip & Savor Wine Pavilion and a long row of food vendors. The organizers did a wonderful job transforming Sonoma Raceway into a beautiful show of top-quality cars displayed beneath long white tents and on green artificial turf with white picket fences. All track services were easily accessed, from the pits to the grandstands to the food court. It seems that the Velocity event has overtaken Laguna Seca's RMMR by creating a new standard of excellence for vintage racing in Northern California perhaps similar to the British Goodwood or the

East Coast Watkins Glen vintage racing events. While Velocity Invitational was also presented at Laguna Seca in 2021 and 2022, we are hoping for its return to Sonoma Raceway again in 2024. Fingers crossed!



2023-24 ZONC and Other Car Events

DECEMBER

02 Dave Pare Memorial Toy Run

10 ZONC ZOOM Meeting

JANUARY

14 **ZONC ZOOM Planning Meeting**

FEBRUARY

11 **ZONC ZOOM Meeting**

APRIL

05-07 Sonoma Raceway GT4 races

06 **ZONC** hosting corral

05-07 Fanatec GT Wporld Challenge America (LS)

18-21 SVRA racing at Sonoma Raceway

26-27 Solvang Datsun Roadster Classic

MAY

02-05 SVRA racing at Weather Tech Racing (LS)

18 DATSLOCOS Car Show

JUNE

08-09 Toyota/Save Mart 350 NASCAR (SR)

21-23 Firestone Grand Prix Monterey (LS)

AUGUST

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

14-17 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion (LS)

24 Ferrari Challenge North America

SEPTEMBER

07 Santos Family Annual Car Show

09-14 ZCON, Tampa Florida

OCTOBER

DBA **ZONC ANNUAL PICNIC**

DECEMBER

DBA **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.

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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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