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## PRESIDENT'S UPDATES

We just returned home from **ZONC**'s 42 Birthday Party. The Picnic had great food with VP Ken Clark as our Chef. Look for the photos of the Show'nShine winners and other award winners in the November issue of Z News.



October brings us another drive put on by Ann Devor and Paul Gommel, so it's sure to be lots of fun and very well organized. Please see the flyer in this issue.

Our Annual Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers will again be at Cache Creek. Save the date - Dec. 6th. It's a lovely drive to Brooks, north of Woodland. The food is very good and the price is great!. We will again have a toy drive.

**Voting** opens now and Members and Associate Members can vote by U.S. Mail or in the Member's Only Section of our **ZONC** website (www.zonc.org).

Remeber to request the **ZNews** in hard copy format if you do not want to get it on-line in the Member's Only Section at the 1st of each month. Send your hard copy request to **thebeard@sonic.net** for Editor, Bob Jenkins.

#### Please Welcome New Members...

KEVIN MYOSE 370Z

JUNE MILLER

ROBERT CLARK 240Z

MICHAEL CYSEWSKI 350Z

Keep checking at **ZONC.org** for updates and. . . Enjoy the open road.



## **Z NEWS**

## ZNEWS - October 1974

By Bob Jenkins

The paper was called Z NEWS, but the newsletter banner for the club was called \*240Z Owners\*Bay Area\*

On the front page was news that local Z racer Walt Maas was arranging for ZONC to have a low cost Bob Bondurant School at Sears Point with racers for instructors, in late November or December. (Ed. Note. The track day happened and I was there in my 4 year old 240Z.)

Also on the front page was news of a NAVIGATIONAL GIMMICK RALLYE SCHOOL, to be put on for members by ZONC's own Rich Peterson.

A column entitled Steering Committee reviewed a recent club meeting and noted that membership in Datsun Owners Clubs Association (DOCA) would continue to take advantage of the insurance cost for 1975.

Inside the ZNews, there was a listing of the Rallye standings for the NAVIGATIONAL-GIMMICK RALLYE with 31 club members listed.

There was a listing of 39 ZONC drivers in 5 different AUTOCROSS classes and their standings.

A TIME & DISTANCE RALLY AUTOCROSS STYLE article talked about John Pantera's adventure of running a night T&D in Mt. View, so they could get some practice before running a PAN AM RALLYE in Mexico.

A Felton 3 Tour Review article talked about ZONC's 3<sup>RD</sup> Annual Felton Tour, which was where ZONC had celebrated its first two birthdays. The major attraction was Roaring Camp where the club held its Great Club Volleyball Challenges.

There were two Z's for sale, both 1971's and under \$4,500. The Bay Area Membership was listed as 314, and the Chairman was Mike Lawrence.

There were no photos or line drawings in the 6 page ZNews that was printed on orange paper. The ZNews was in a non-bound book format with one loose insert page, printed on both sides.

Ed Note. I believe there was a Sacramento Area Group active at the same time.

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## ZONC They Run LONG Way They Run Fall Tour

Back Roads Tour to Lake Berryessa and Napa in Memory of Lyent Hogue Jr. and Rolf Johnsen





Sunday, October 19, 2014, 9:00 a.m.

Meet at the Chevron Station at Cordelia Junction 4490 Central Way, Fairfield, CA 94534











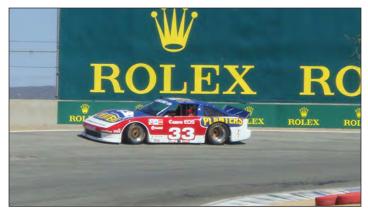
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by 10/12/14 for goody bag and lunch reservations









## Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion 2014

Article Ann Devor Photo's by Ann Devor & Paul Gommel

Never ever has there been a Monterey "Historics" like the 2014 ROLEX MONTEREY MOTORSPORTS REUNION that ran three races featuring historic Datsun and Nissan racecars. Adding to the halo of racing heaven, ZCar Garage heralded its debut in race 5A with Joel Anderson driving the #49 Datsun 240Z. Nissan had a tent showing some special cars and the new 370Z. Steve Millen brought several cars to the pits. Even Adam Corolla did well, placing in the top 10 in his race.

The Motorsports Reunion race format was different this year with all racecar groups running on Thursday (free admission day) and again on Friday for Practice and Qualifying. Then Saturday and Sunday each group had two races a day beginning with a race in the morning and the final Rolex race in the afternoon. The Rolex afternoon race counted for the official results.

Race 5A – 1973-1981 FIA, IMSA GT, GTX, AAGT, GTU cars - was beyond exciting. Rob Fuller's ZCar Garage team put the historic #49 Joel Anderson 240Z back on the racetrack



with Joel once again behind the wheel. A long time coming, Rob's team brought the racecar back to life with painstakingly precise work as can be seen on the ZCar Garage blog at www.zcarblog.com. A big favorite in the pits, Fox TV was covering the ZCG debut when we arrived Saturday morning and Rob was a tornado of energy as he ran in front of the 240Z on its first return to the hot pits for the morning race.

The afternoon Rolex race 5A had six Datsuns and Nissans competing against each other including Adam Carolla in his #33 Nissan 300ZX placing 6th, Dennis Singleton driving the red and white #39 1972 Skyline GT-R placing 10th, David Martin in the Transcendental Meditation #47 240Z placing 13th (all ahead of Bruce Canepa in his #12 Porsche 935), Bob Clucas in the #3 silver 240Z placing 24th, Joel Anderson in the #49 car placing 27th and Jake Tesch in the #176 240Z not finishing. Hardly a surprise, the #56 Chevy Camaro sporting a 7400 cc engine won the race after the leading Dekon Monza flung a wheel into the Turn 4 stands and was finished at 5 laps. The accident caused a red flag halt to the race and the #33 car came to rest at the top of the corkscrew while we held our breath and waited for news. Fortunately, no one was injured and racing resumed in the shortened race. John Morton placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in #01, a 5424 cc Mustang.

With some mixed feelings, Paul and I did not attend the Sunday races opting instead to go to the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance (see separate article), but the race results surely show we missed out on a good time. Race 6B – 1981-1989 FIA and IMSA GTP, 1980-1991 GTO cars – was fielded by a mix of smaller engine Japanese cars against larger engine pony cars, with the race won by a dramatically styled 2600 cc Mazda RX7-92P car. Smaller engine cars placed in 7 of the top 10 finishers including Steve Millen placing 7th in his #75 3000 cc 1990 Nissan 300Z. A Toyota Celica GTO also appeared in this race, placing 13th ahead of 3 Corvettes,



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#### **Rolex Monterey Motorsports**

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2 Camaros, a Mustang, a Beretta and a Pontiac Trans Am!
Race 7B – 1961-1966 GT Cars under 2500cc – showcased many of our favorite cars including Dave Stone in his #33
Datsun 240Z, Don Herman in the #57 1969 Datsun 2000 and Tim Arnett in the #11 1965 Datsun 1600 roadsters.
Competing against Alfa Romeos, Porsches, a couple of Morgans and Lotuses, a Cortina, a Mini Cooper and other assorted rarities, Dave Stone placed 6th and at the end of the day received the Rolex Award for Excellence in race 7B, presented for overall excellence as determined by an independent panel of judges.

Once again, ZONC returned to the lakebed area with a











corral for Datsun and Nissan owners. Our corral was sold out this year, although it remains a mystery as to how the racetrack is handling the corrals. We had 13 Datsuns and Nissans on Saturday, not all of them Zcars, along with a couple of foreign models who chose to hang out with us perhaps by mistake. We met up with Pete and Karen Iozzia as they came in their 350Z roadster and Bill Roth's 350Z was there later in the day though we missed seeing him. And Wade Warren found time for a quick trip but was gone before we knew it.

We were surprised by a special visitor from the Z Club of Texas, Bob Basso in his beautiful black 300ZX. Bob extended his trip to California after ZCON, bought tickets to the Motorsports Reunion and entered his car in the Pacific Grove Concour (see separate article). We also had Don Tyler's "Ferrari" Z in our corral and it garnered a lot of attention with its For Sale sign asking for "\$38,000,000 OBO." We all had a big laugh at the looks of puzzlement at the Italian stallion parked among the Zs and particularly when a Mothers representative wanted the "Ferrari" for display at the Mothers pavilion!

Needless to say, a great time was had by all. The weather was beautiful, the cars were excellent, we saw really good friends racing on the track, and our corporate sponsor was even there! Pinch yourself – it does not get much better than this for the Datsun/Nissan crowd- just like a heavenly dream but with a lot of noise.

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#### **Monterey 2014 Overview**

Article by Ann Devor

Photo's by Ann Devor & Paul Gommel

The August celebration of cars every year in Monterey has grown with so many events it is not possible to attend them all. There have always been races, concours, auctions, tours and parties, but this year there were more than 30 events crammed into a few days. Some have been around for decades and others have popped up only recently riding the waves of success created by the main events. The anchors for the week have always been the Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance on Thursday, the Pacific Grove Concours and Tour on Friday and the Concorso Italiano, also on Friday. Friday was also the day historic race cars officially practiced at Laguna Seca with qualifying on Saturday and racing on Sunday. Sunday has also been the day for the world-renowned spectacle of historically significant cars at the Concours d'Elegance at Pebble Beach. This year some of that changed and except for the key events at Laguna Seca and Pebble Beach, some events moved the date to make room for other events.

So the Concorso Italiano moved its show to Saturday and that meant that the Alfa Romeo and Ferrari corrals at the Laguna Seca racetrack were nearly empty that day. There were more cars in the Datsun/Nissan corral on Saturday than in the Alfa corral! The Concorso moved its date from Friday because newer competing events that day such as the Quail have become hugely popular and are taking away customers. Without the Concorso on Friday, a bunch of Alfa Romeos had nowhere to go and so ended up entering the







Pacific Grove Concours and Tour. Meanwhile, the auction houses were doing a brisk business, with Bonhams selling a previously wrecked and repaired Ferrari GTO with racing heritage for \$38 million. Other auction houses such as RM, Gooding and Russo & Steele also did excellent business resulting in an estimated \$427 million in total auction sales. To sum up, there was a lot going on.

Paul and I decided to watch the free Pebble Beach Tour on Thursday and on Friday we entered the Pacific Grove Concours. Pacific Grove's Concours benefits children's charities and is wide open to cars of all makes, models and age. At the end of the Concours show everyone gets in their cars and takes off on a police-escorted tour of the 17 Mile Drive through the Carmel Gate and up Ocean Ave. past crowds of cheering people. The cars then return to Pacific Grove via Hwys. 1 and 68. Among the many different cars shown on Lighthouse Ave. was a beautiful black t-top 300ZX with ZCCA and Z Club of Texas stickers on it. The next day we found out the ZX belongs to Bob Basso, an adventurous Z owner who brought his Z up to Northern California after attending ZCON. Little did he know that he would be the *continued on page 7* 

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only car at the Concours representing the Nissan marque!

Saturday we went to Laguna Seca – for us, there isn't any question what to do on Saturday whether or not we're driving an Alfa Romeo along with my Z. (Please see my separate article about the fantastic day at Laguna Seca.) Then on Sunday comes the Big One, the Concours d'Elegance at Pebble Beach. By Big, it's not the number of cars on display – we're talking people. There are more and more people every year throwing blankets down in front of the awards stage like at a Day on the Green and then swarming the collector cars like bees in a hive of honey. And of course, we go to this event every year joining the ever growing swarm.

Along with celebrating Maserati's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, this year the Concours d'Elegance specially featured Tatras and Ruxtons. No joke, there, truthfully. A 1954 Ferrari 375 MM Scaglietti Coupe won Best of Show which may not sound too unusual except for the fact it was a post-war car and maybe









a little too new for such a prestigious award! But for me the best part was the concept car show on the putting green and the Infiniti Q50 Eau Rouge. The Eau Rouge is an almost Lexus-like (shame on me!) sedan stuffed with the same 560 hp twin turbo as powers the GT-R. The beast on display had unequalled depth in the paint – 32 coats –and everything you would need for a fully functional street car, but it is not yet confirmed for production.

Unlike the Infiniti, many of the concept cars on display were so futuristic they will not be coming to our streets any time soon: the Mercedes AMG Vision Gran Turismo, Toyota FT-1 Concept and the McLaren P1 GTR Design Concept will influence the designs of other new cars. Other concept cars such as the Alfa Romeo 4C, Hennessey Venom GT and the Porsche 918 Spyder will be produced, perhaps in small numbers. But this is what makes the Pebble Beach Concours so great – a glimpse of the possibilities in the future in contrast with the products of great imaginations in the past, and all of it the best of the best.

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## ZONC Recognizes Antioch Nissan



Dale Kusaba presents Curtis Hansen of Antioch Nissan the Best Sponsor Award from **ZONC** for the many years of generous support for our Annual Car Show raffle.

Dale is wearing his Phanton Z T-Shirt which represents the one-of-a-kind Phanton Z that was presented at ZCON 2014 by Nissan 240z designer, Yoshihiko Matsuo, and fabricated by Jay Ataka.

#### HAPPY OCTOBER

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

CECE BARROS

PETER IOZZIA

JOSEPH KEAWKALAYA

MICHAEL MARTIN

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!

#### ZONC & non ZONC events

Oct 04-05 CRSG CHARITY CHALLENGE At SONOMA RACEWAY

Oct 10-12 SCCA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP RUNOFFS
 at LAGUNA SECA

Oct. 19th ZONC BERRYESSA RUN

Dec 06 ZONC Annual Awards Banquet

#### IF IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP, SEND IN THIS FORM BELOW WITH YOUR DUES!

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## Official ZONC Ballot 2014

### **ZONC Needs YOU to Vote**

Membership #	embership # Associate Membership #					
Below are the proposed Officers for 201 is important, as there must be a simple available online at the <b>ZONC</b> website.						
(Primary memb		ERS 2015 e have one vote each	h, mark with "X	<i>"</i> )		
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VicePresident of A	Wade Warren Secretary OPEN	y Member Ass  Member Ass  Member Ass	ociate ociate ociate			
(Primary & Associ		C EVENTS  ach vote for only ON  2013	IE Event, mark	with "X")		
Eagle Rock Tour (10-5-13)	By Rolf John	son	☐ Associate			
Canepa Tour (10-26-13	By Rolf John	2014 Member	☐ Associate			
Budweiser/Jelly Belly To	ur (2-8-14)	By Ann Devor	☐ Member	☐ Associate		
Contra Costa Cruise	(3-8-14)	By Ann Devor	☐ Member	☐ Associate		
Castle Air Museum Tour	(5-24-14)	By Ken Clark	☐ Member	☐ Associate		
Drakes Beach Tour	(6-14-14)	By Bob Jenkins	☐ Member	☐ Associate		

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Membership #

#### NOMINATIONS

Associate Membership #

(List as many as you'd like)

## Outstanding Member 2014

(Someone who goes beyond the call of duty to promote or to aid ZONC)

Write in name of Member

### Potty Seat Award 2014

(For doing something really dumb, i.e. Running out of gas on a run.)

(*Please include a brief description of the incident*)

#### Bent Z Award 2014

( For a mishap with a Z. )

(Please include a brief description of the incident)

#### Thank You for Voting!!!

Please return Ballot promptly to

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Ballots MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 20, 2014

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#### **FOR SALE**

#### 1975 280Z

by original owner

171K miles. Always garaged. 5-speed. Seats re-upholstered. Dashboard looks new Cassette player/am/fm radio

\$6,000 Call Chuck at 415-312-3311

or email hitepine43@comcast.net

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#### **FOR SALE**

#### 1973 240Z

With just 100 miles on a fully rebuilt engine; 5-speed transmission (original 4-speed provided); tires and battery almost new; upholstery excellent; no sun cracks on dash; paint job nice; extras. Original owner!

\$24,500 OBO.

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(include membership # with ad)

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thebeard@sonic.net

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Please include your complete address with ad.

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Please make check or money order payable to: ZONC.

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1/4 Page	\$25	\$125	\$200
Bus. Card	\$15	\$68	\$90

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