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Beautiful ZDay in Atascadero

By Ann Devor

Northern California rocks! An estimated 1000 people gathered in Atascadero, CA on Saturday, March 18 to see 170 Datsun and Nissan sports cars for Z DAY CALIFORNIA presented by SoCalZ and Fast Intentions. Northern California early Datsuns and Zs showed well with two ZONCers earning awards: **Linda Williams, Second Place 280Z**, for her unmodified light blue metallic pinstriped 280Z; and **Rob Fuller** of ZCAR GARAGE, **Best Sponsor Car**, for Alex M.'s right-hand drive 1973 Skyline GT. This low-slung sports car is frequently seen parked at Rob's shop in San Jose. Also walking away with top prizes were **Matt A.** and **Curtis Lewis**. **Matt**, a loyal ZCG customer, won the top **Best of Show** prize

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Flying Start By Jason Green



Clear blue skies. Twisty roads. And good company. Those are the key ingredients for a memorable run. And, boy, did we have them in spades on April 9.

The **Mines Road/Mount Hamilton/Patterson Spring** run, organized by Andrea Ivan, brought together members of the **Z Owners of Northern California** and DATSLOCOS CALIFORNIA, as well as a complement of cars old and new, ranging from Pat Johnson's Datsun 1600 to my Nissan 370Z.

I mentioned in last month's column that it felt fantastic to be back on the road when **ZONC** headed to the CALIFORNIA AUTOMOBILE MUSEUM in Sacramento. But this run? This run was nirvana.

Starting in Livermore, our route took us south along scenic Mines Road. We made a pit stop at The Junction to celebrate Andrea's Nissan 300ZX, otherwise known as Z-Mario, completing 330,000 miles on mostly original parts. Before long though, we were back on the road and zooming up Highway 130 toward Lick Observatory, where it was cold enough for snow to linger.

The views from the top of Mount Hamilton were just as thrilling as the drive. What's more, some of us got a peek at one of the giant telescopes inside the more than century-old observatory.

The run continued from there, but I had to break off. The fun was far from over, though. For miles, I had the downward descent to San Jose all to myself. I savored every corner until a minivan decided to ruin the fun a few miles from town. But even then, a smile was plastered on my face.

That's two wildly successful events in the book for 2017, and there's more to come. Next up is the **Z Gathering at the BLACKHAWK AUTOMOTIVE MUSEUM** on **May 20** (see flier on **page 5**). This was one of our more popular events last year and I expect this year's to be no different.

The following week, DATSLOCOS will hold its 13th annual car show and swap meet on **May 27** at 934 Perimeter Drive in Manteca. The cost to enter a car in the show is \$10. Given the support Datslocos has shown **ZONC**, it would be fantastic to see **ZONC** return the favor.

Thanks for reading. See you on the road soon.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW **ZONC** MEMBERS

John Benton	280Z
Michael Schrammel	300ZX
Stephen Schrammel	300ZX
Eric Tagliaboschi	240Z

Profiles Wanted

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

Your **ZNEWS** is starting up the member profile again and asking all members who would like to write a short profile about themselves and their car(s).

You can write about the things you have done to your car, the **ZONC** events you like to attend, when you joined **ZONC**, or your hobbies other than **ZONC**.

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.

Beautiful ZDay in Atascadero

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for his purring green and white 1972 **510** coupe, sounding sweet and smooth like no other; and **Curtis** won **First Place 370Z**, for his 'Scarlett.'

Everyone loved the new location for **ZDAY** in front of Atascadero's beautiful City Hall. The classic building had been heavily damaged in the 2003 San Simeon earthquake, but is now fully renovated and graced by spouting fountains at all four corners. Zs with exotic body upgrades were strategically parked in front of the City Hall steps. **Chris Forsberg's** crazy



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370Z drifter with rear air intake and radiator was prominently featured and Chris spoke to the crowd for a short while about his experiences creating his car and competing in the drift world.

The ZDAY car show stretched along both the north and south sides of City Hall and around a central park with a large fountain, big trees, green grass and plenty of park benches. **Bill Hickman's** orange 240Z, **Marshall Adams'** brown metallic 260Z, **Linda's** 280Z and **Matt A's** 510 were some of the very few Datsuns to enter the show. **Andrea Ivan's** cherry red 'ZMario' and **Mo Moscovitz's** silver '1Z324Mo' were parked in a line of stock to very modified Z32s on the northwest side of the parkway. But it was the south side of the park that was packed with 350s, 370s and two GTRs. Modifications of endless variety including outrageous paint, wheels and fenders, spoilers, splitters, hoods, hatches and



Z Day 2017: The Drive Down

By Moe Moscovitz

On a lovely early spring day, a small but spirited group of ZONC'ers met at the Windmill market in San Juan Bautista for the drive down to Atascadero for Z DAY 2017.

Bill Hickman brought his beautiful orange 240Z, while the Z32 contingent was represented by **Andrea Ivan** and **Mo Moscovitz**.

Marshall Adams and **Bill Mstanich** rolled through the parking lot in their 260Z, but didn't spot the rest of us and went on ahead.

Ann and **Paul** performed chase vehicle duties in their RAV 4 because Charlie, the Husky had a bad leg and couldn't drive stick. (OK seriously, Charlie was recuperating from some leg surgery, and couldn't be left alone).

After a leisurely lunch and somewhat humorous driver's meeting we headed south. Mo, who led initially, kept the others in his rear view, noticed that Bill was driving at a leisurely pace. We all found a rhythm and had a nice drive.

About 75 miles into the journey, Mr. Hickman found his inner Bill, and in a flash of orange, flew by us all. Meanwhile, the lone Highway Patrolman we encountered was kept in abeyance by Ann, Paul, and Charlie.

We stopped at the Camp Roberts rest area for a brief respite. There, in a "Twilight Zone" moment were Marshall and Bill.

By that time, we were only 30 miles outside of Atascadero, so we all proceeded south to our motels, and met up later for dinner.



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mostly excellent engine work could be seen on these recent Z models.

Vendor tents and a beer garden filled the area in front of the steps to City Hall. With a guy in a Godzilla costume and beautiful SoCalZ ladies walking around, it was like the Z circus was in town. And the weather was perfect, with morning fog clearing away for a warm afternoon. We hear that SoCalZ plans to put on another ZDay California next year. If you wanted to go but couldn't make it, tough luck, but there should be another chance next year – don't miss it!





Presented by Z Owners of Northern California



BLACKHAWK

Gathering of Zs, Roadsters, 510s, GTRs, and G Coupes at Blackhawk Museum, Danville, CA.

Display of oldest Datsuns to newest Nissans will be featured on Museum Plaza.

Z Gathering

Museum Admission \$9

Sat., May 20, 2017

9 AM - 2 PM

Pre-Register by May 10, 2017

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or mail to:

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A promotional poster for ZCON 2017. The background is a vibrant blue and white checkered pattern. In the center, a large white five-pointed star is superimposed over a black tire tread. Several white sports cars are arranged around the star, with one car positioned directly in front of it. To the right of the star, the text 'ZCON 2017 AUSTIN, TX' is written in a large, bold, black font. Below this, 'HOSTED BY' is written in a smaller font, followed by 'CAPITAL Z OF TEXAS' in a large, bold, black font. At the bottom right, the websites 'zcon.org' and 'czot.org' are listed. The date 'June 20 - 24, 2017' is written in a large, bold, black font at the bottom left.

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A promotional poster for the Datslocos 13th Annual Carshow/Swapmeet. The background is a photograph of a grassy hill with a blue sky and white clouds. In the foreground, a row of various cars is parked. A large, stylized white text 'Datslocos' is at the top. Below it, '13th Annual Carshow/Swapmeet' is written in a smaller font. On the left side, the admission and pricing information is listed. On the right side, the date and time are listed. A checkered flag is visible in the background.

Datslocos
13th Annual Carshow/Swapmeet
Free admission
\$10 Per Car
\$20 Per Vendor Spot
934 Perimeter Drive
Manteca, CA 95337
May 27th 2017
8am - 4pm



MINES ROAD/PATTERSON SPRING RUN

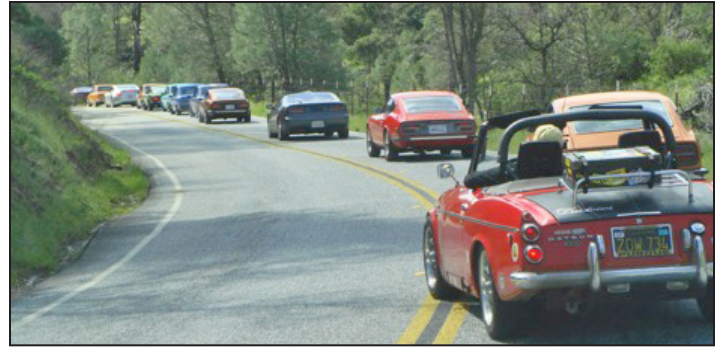
By ZMario (as told to owner Andrea Ivan)

Photos by Ann Devor, Jason Green, and Geno Guillen

Finally, after all these years of transporting my energetic, crazy triathlete owner and her bike to the base of this climb she is forever raving about, I got to do it too! And not only did I finally get to do that climb but I got to ride over a few other roads of other bike rides she has done while I am patiently waiting in some parking lot in Patterson or Pleasanton for her to finish!

I must say, that ever since we have joined this Z Club, I have gotten' a lot of attention. We went to a **Z DAY** in Atascadero, and I got to meet all these other Zs! But none of them have more miles than I do on their original engines and transmission, but they are all very nice cars just the same. My owner is very proud of me, and has taken good care of me for the last 20 years, so I have tried to show her that I have just as much endurance as she does!

And so the time was approaching for this ride she designed, which is one of her favorite bike rides: Mines Road in Livermore to Mt. Hamilton, then to Patterson and back over Coral Hollow to Livermore. We both worried about the weather, but it cooperated. And the timing was great. I was approaching another milestone mileage point - 330,000 miles! My owner could see this was going to happen during



this ride, and she told me she was going to plan a champagne celebration for this momentous occasion! I could not help but hope she could control herself from driving me too much beforehand, so I could hit this mileage point at the Junction, which I had never been to, but she has talked about with great affection over the years.

When we got to the meeting place, there were lots of Zs! **240s** and one other **300ZX** like me, but this one was older than me! Some I had met before, and this new group showed up that I had heard about. A group called **DATSLOCOS!** These were **510** Datsun's, much older than me! I don't remember them, but my owner does, and she loves these little cars! Their owners have put in these racing type engines, so they go very fast, and they really are quite cute and I could see they are greatly loved also by their owners.

For the record, here is a list of the cars and their owners:

Ann Devor and **Paul Gommel** and **Charlie** in stealth vehicle, **Linda Williams** - **240Z**, **Joe** and **Frankie Armstead** - **260Z**, **Geno Guillen** and son in a light blue - **510**, **Brian Lee** - **510**, **Rick Post** green - **240Z**, **Maxwell Marcus** - **510**, **Omar Nunez** - beautiful orange **510**, **Jason Green** - **370Z**, **Jason 'Towns' Townsend** - **510** (that lost oil cap and met us again on Mt Hamilton) and girlfriend, **Kim** in Lexus (who found oil cap on the side of the road). **Oscar Lemus** - copper with black hood **510** (that bottomed out on Del Puerto Canyon), **Ken Clark** and **Mary Rozmajzl** - red **240Z** and brought



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cookies for everyone, **Pat Johnson** - red 1600 Roadster who brought a drone, **David Snell** - just bought his 300ZX a few days ago, and was greatly encouraged by my 330,000 miles as his only has 91,000 miles! Not even broken yet!

So, off we went, and I got to lead! This was very exciting leading 14 other cars! One of the 510 Datsun's (Omar's orange beauty) was behind me, and he kept me under control from going too fast from all the excitement, as I had to remember I was the leader of the parade, and it is important to stay together.

Right when we turned onto Mines from Tesla, though, something happened to one of the Datsun's. His owner (**Jason 'Towns' Townsend**) apparently had left the oil cap loose and it fell off. So, off they went back to Livermore to get another oil cap, but I had no doubt he would catch up with us later.

We continued up the road, and we must have been a sight to see, 15 Zs and 510 Datsun's snaking their way up this beautiful road, with lush green valleys full of beautiful wildflowers, and streams which haven't appeared in over 10 years. My owner kept telling me how it hasn't been like this in all the years she has been riding her bike up this mountain, and it was a wonderful sight to see. She also kept saying how nice it was to be driving me on this road for a change. All the while she kept her eye on my odometer, and was calculating



where I would hit 330,000 miles, and she kept saying, "It's going to be at the Junction."

There were a couple of places where the road was one lane due to storm damage and was controlled by stop signs. We knew about these before we left because **Linda** and **Ann** had driven the route the week before. At the first one, my owner got very excited and jumped out of me. "Seven miles to go! We're stopping at the Junction for the champagne celebration!"

I really got excited then, and pulled away, then was reminded by the beautiful orange 510 Datsun I had to slow down. We got to the Junction, and my poor owner was aghast. "Oh no! 329,999 miles!" She jumped out of me again, and said to Omar, the orange Datsun's owner, "I'll be back in a minute! I have to drive ZMario one more mile!" So off we went, with the Zs and Datsun's in the rear wondering what was going on. We came back, and she was tooting my horn, pumping her fist out my T-tops. We broke open the bottle of champagne, and many people took lots of pictures of my odometer and me! I have really enjoyed all this attention. And my owner----she is so proud of me!



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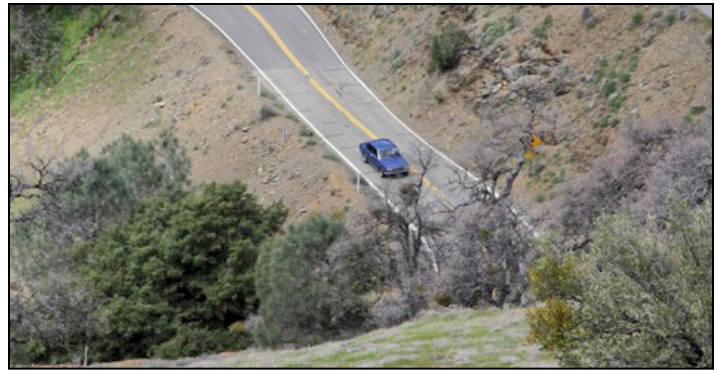
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We finally got back in our cars and proceeded up the mountain.

Groups of birdwatchers were out, and were greatly amused by our caravan, as well as the other few cars and cyclists on the road. We got to the top, and, yes, those last six miles are tough. Now I see why my owner is so tired when she returns on her bike to where I have been waiting all day for her at the bottom of Mines Road. From the top, we had a beautiful clear view, and my owner and a few others even got to see the telescope which was built in the 1800s which she had never seen in all her times up there with her bike. And the **510** Datsun and his owner **Jason** who lost his oil cap rejoined us! I knew he would catch up.

We then proceeded down, and stopped at the Junction again so our owners could have lunch. We watched from our parking spots and observed how our owners really have a good time together, and they do really love us! Some of the Datsun **510** owners played this strange looking game, which

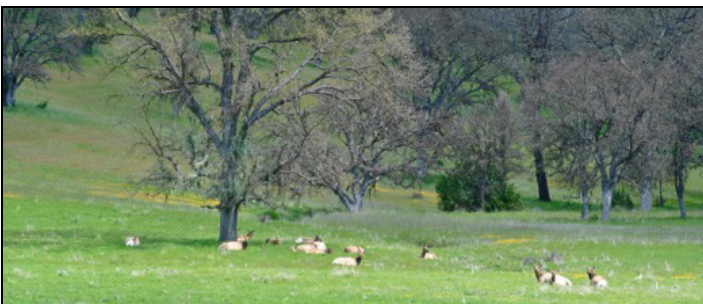
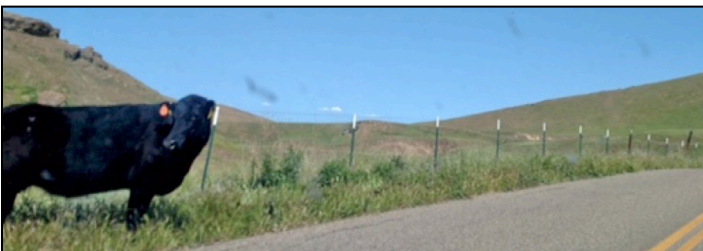


I heard them say was “horseshoes” which they appeared to be enjoying immensely.

Then back down Del Puerto Canyon Road (which my owner has ridden up before, of course) to Patterson, and this time the **510** Datsun's took the lead. They are fast....too fast for my 330,000 miles to keep up with, that's for sure! But they have fun, and you can see they like keeping their owners happy also!

We got down to Patterson and said our goodbyes to a few, then proceeded on the back roads to Coral Hollow Road, part of another bike ride where I have transported my owner to. Eventually we made it to Livermore, and honked and waived goodbye to the remaining **510** Datsun and **Jason** ‘Towns’ (the one who lost his oil cap) and his girlfriend **Kim** who actually found the oil cap (who was driving a Lexus! I'm sure this Lexus felt a little out of place, but he seemed a good sport also) as we turned on Concannon to head home.

What a great day, and what a wonderful way to celebrate 330,000 miles!! I can't wait until I hit 500,000!!!



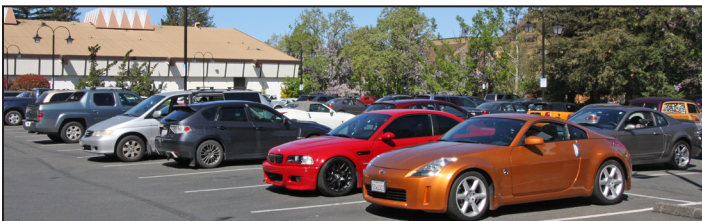


53rd April Fools Rallye Summary

By Bob Jenkins

The weather was a warm 80 degrees, with a clear blue sky as rallyists from all over the bay area, arrived at the Snoopy Ice Arena in Santa Rosa, for EMPIRE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATIONS ANNUAL APRIL FOOLS RALLYE. The parking lot was soon full of a wide array of very pretty sports cars of all ages. There were **Jaguars**, **BMW roadsters**, **Minis**, **Mustangs**, **Subarus**, a **Dodge Hellcat**, a factory **5 Cobra**, a **Tesla X** with its gull wing doors, and a 1951 **Ford Woodie**. **ZONCers** present were **Mike & Susan Keller** in their white **350Z** convertible, Rallymaster **Bob & Marci Jenkins** and brought their orange **350Z**, and **Robin Robert** who left the **240Z** and husband, Larry, at home to work on a project, and brought home a **third place** trophy in **Beginner Class**.

With all the rain Sonoma County received in the past several months the fields on the route around Windsor and Healdsburg were very green and Bob managed to find a couple of roads that were freshly paved, a real treat these days. It was a fun day for the rallyists and best of all the club managed to give the charity CANINE COMPANIONS for Independence \$650.



HAPPY May BIRTHDAYS

Ann Devor

*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!*

Virtual Track Walk

by Marci Jenkins

speedsecrets.com/virtual-track-walks

I received this information from Ross Bentley. Peter Krause and Ross of SPEED SECRETS, have put together virtual track walk videos available for purchase of the following circuits: ♦Indy Road Course ♦Road America
♦Mazda Raceway at Laguna Seca ♦Road Atlanta
♦Sonoma Raceway ♦Watkins Glen

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ZCON-Update

Yoshihiko Matsuo, designer of the 240Z under Mr. K. will be in attendance. Matsuo-san and Mr. K. spearheaded the movement that brought us the original Z.

Toshio Yamashita, designer of the 300ZX will also be joining us. Yama-san has given some amazing presentations in the past years regarding the development of the timeless 300ZX Z32.

We are honored to have both of them join us this year!

2017 Auto Event Dates

May TBA Z BASH 2017

www.thezstore.com

5-20 **ZONC Blackhawk Meet & Greet** *see page 5*

www.zonc.org

5-27 Datslocos 13th Carshow/Swapmeet, Manteca

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6-02-04 Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival

sonomaraceway.com/events/sonoma-historic-motorsports-festival

6-20-24 ZCONC Convention - *see page 6*

6-23-25 NASCAR (Toyota) at Sonoma Raceway

www.sonomaraceway.com/events/toyota-save-mart-350

7-13-15 Mt. Shasta 33rd Annual Datsun Meet

mtshastaroadstermeet.311s.org

7-22 **ZONC Car Show at Brisbane**

www.zonc.org

7-21-23 Hoopa Hillclimb

rsc.net

8-11-18 Booneville Speed Week

scta-bni.org

8-12-13 Monterey Pre-Reunion

whatsupmonterey.com/events/monterey-car-week

8-17-20 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion

mazdaraceway.com/rolex-monterey-motorsports-reunion

9-21-24 Continental Monterey Grand Prix

mazdaraceway.com/continental-tire-monterey-grand-prix

9-15-17 GoPro Grand Prix of Sonoma Raceway

sonomaraceway.com/events/gopro-grand-prix-of-sonoma

10-12-15 Pirelli World Challenge Mazda

mazdaraceway.com/pirelli-world-challenge



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