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BRE 46 240Z Races Again!

By Ann Devor

Laguna Seca hosted the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion for four days on August 17th through 20th. The big day for many of us was Saturday when our favorite cars would be on the starting grid. Paul and I arrived early to the buzz of car engines getting ready for the first set of races under damp morning fog shrouding the surrounding hills. We quickly set up the parking corral with Datsun and Nissan flags and **ZONC** banners and took off toward the pits in search of the car of the day, the BRE #46 240Z that Randy Jaffe brought back to racing life. And finally after winding our way through pit rows with cute racing names we found the Datsuns.

Rob and Josh of **ZCar Garage** fame were totally focused on getting the 46 car ready for the first race of the day, Rob throttling the engine and Josh watching the gauges from the driver's seat to a smoothly purring crescendo of engine noise. John Morton, the iconic sports car driver who first brought the 240Z to fame at Road Atlanta, was already suited up and

ZONC Elections - 3 Ways to Vote!

Your votes are needed no later than October 20.

There are three ways to vote:

- (1) **By mail**, fill out the ballot in this issue of **ZNews** and mail it to our PO Box.
- (2) **By email**, fill out the ballot in this issue of **ZNews** and email it to **ballots@zonc.org**.
- (3) **By electronic ballot** that you will receive by email on or before October 1.

The **electronic ballot** is hosted by Google Docs and cannot be lost, altered or changed in any manner without instant detection – it is the safest and easiest way for you vote.

Also, please note that write-in votes are accepted – this is your chance to help steer our non-profit vehicle for the next year and **we hope everyone will vote**.

By Secretary, Ann Devor

2017 Auto Event Dates

10-7 DATSLOCO Car Show

934 Perimeter Dr. Manteca

10-12-15 Pirelli world Challenge Mazda

mazdaraceway.com/pirelli-world-challenge

10-14 ZONC Picnic

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Flying Start By Jason Green



Newer Zs are fantastic cars. I can tell you that as the owner of one. But there's nothing quite like the original, especially when it's zooming around a racetrack.

I got to see plenty of Datsuns do just that at the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, held Aug. 17-20 at Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca.

Among them was the 1970 No. 46 Brock Racing Enterprises 240Z. Wrecked in 1977, the car was finally restored last year by owner Randy Jaffe with help from Peter Brock, John Morton, John Knepp and Jon Caldwell, all members of the storied BRE team. What's more, Morton was once again tapped to pilot the Z.

One of **ZONC**'s biggest sponsors, Z CAR GARAGE, prepared and supported the car at the reunion.

The reunion is easily one of my favorite annual automotive events, largely because you're allowed to get up and close with the vehicles. Seeing the dashboard of the No. 46 car covered in the signatures of the men who helped bring it back to life gave me goose bumps.

Speaking of Brock Racing Enterprises, club members are in for a treat next year. An event honoring Peter Brock and BRE is slated to take place April 7 at Blackhawk Museum in Danville. **ZONC** is currently in talks with the museum to combine our third annual gathering there with the celebration. Stay tuned for more details.

There are still a couple of events left on the calendar this year, including the club's annual picnic, which will take place Oct. 14 at the COYOTE POINT RECREATION AREA in San Mateo. For more details about the picnic, see page 3 and page 7.

Also, keep an eye out for information about **ZONC**'s end of the year banquet. The frontrunner at the moment is the STARS RECREATION CENTER in Vacaville, which is a bit closer to members than CACHE CREEK CASINO, where we've held the banquet several years in a row.

Thanks for reading. See you on the road soon.

Acceptance of Nominations and ZONC Elections

By Ann Devor

Acceptances for nominations for **2018 Board of Directors** offices were announced at **ZONC**'s meeting on September 9.

Linda Williams accepts the nomination for President. Linda has been our Vice President for the past two years and has done an admirable job getting us back to the Blackhawk Museum, reconnecting us with Nissan USA and Peter and Gayle Brock at BRE, and simplifying many of our administrative tasks by using our online resources.

Jason Green accepts the nomination for **Vice President**. Jason has served as an outstanding President for the past two years overseeing **ZONC**'s growth and resurgence particularly in Sacramento and the North Valley, and will continue to help guide our organization with a steady hand.

Andrea Ivan accepts the nomination for Vice President – Administration. Andrea brings her triathlete energy and vitality to **ZONC** as we saw in her day run to Mt. Hamilton and Del Puerto Canyon this past Spring and she has many more ideas for places for us to travel.

Wade Warren accepts the nomination for **Treasurer**. Wade's contributions to **ZONC** are many including incredible support for our website and PayPal services (making it easier for all of us to attend events and pay our dues) and has done an exemplary job keeping our finances and books in order.

Ann Devor accepts the nomination for Secretary. Ann has been serving as Secretary (as a result of write-in votes last election), has kept our corporate records in order and makes sure our official business is conducted within the scope of our Bylaws.

PLEASE WELCOME NEW ZONC MEMBERS

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DATSUN 510 300ZX

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ZONC Picnic October 14, 2017 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Celebrate ZONC's 45th Birthday

at

Coyote Point Recreation Area

1701 Coyote Point Dr., San Mateo, CA
Eucalyptus Group Picnic 3
\$6 entry fee

BBQ, Drinks and Dessert provided by ZONC

Bring a side dish to share

Picnic is free to ZONC Members and children under 13 \$5 for all others

RSVP by 10/10/17 to Linda Williams at VP@zonc.org

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Infiniti Unveils Prototype 9

By Ann Devor

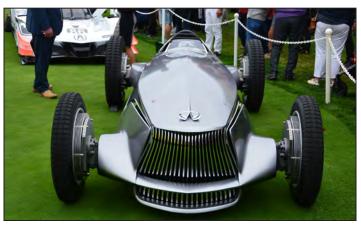
Only a week after completion, the Prototype 9, Infiniti's revolutionary electric roadster made its debut at the Tour d'Elegance on Thursday, August 16. A stunningly sleek silver race car, Prototype 9's low profile body and curved grill got everyone's attention. Many wondered what it was, not recognizing the updated Infiniti hood ornament. Owen Thunes, Manager of ePT Technical Affairs & Testing for Nissan Technical Center N.A. explained the evolution of the car from a sketch on paper to its improbable assembly. With a retro concept in mind harkening back to open wheel roadsters of the 1930's and 40's, the Prototype 9's underpinnings are completely up-to-date and nothing like the cars of olden days. It is a rear wheel drive car powered by the next generation Leaf electric motor. The battery is housed in front beneath the hood. Owen told us that the rounded shaping of the 9's long hood was especially difficult to execute. And to the writer's eye, it is the simplicity of the slightly rounded hood that gives the car its astounding classic beauty. This was especially apparent when the 9 was shown at Sunday's Pebble Beach Concours on the putting green with other exotic concept cars from Lamborghini, McLaren and Pagani. Lacking all the over-designed excess of the others,

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the Infiniti Prototype 9 garnered praise, admiring looks and wonder that it was ever brought from paper to real life. Jay Leno wants it on his show. Autoweek headlined photos of the car in its Monterey recap. And bottom line, it is thrilling that our Z's, 510's, G's and Datsun roadsters are the products of Nissan's ingenuity and creativity that also brought the Prototype 9 to Monterey car week. Just as Owen described the styling of the 9's hood ornament, it starts with the roots of race car history and brings it all into the future.

Thank you Infiniti!





HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

CECE BARROS

PETER IOZZIA

JOSEPH KEAWKALAYA

MICHAEL MARTIN

Of 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!

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The Largest Datsun Gathering in the Country is Now Open to <u>ALL</u> Classic Japanese Cars 1986 and Older

Held on Historic Route 66 in Williams, AZ Datsuns come from across the country to participate in this event.

Friday Night Meet & Greet October 6
The Multi-State Datsun Classic on October 7, 2017

Register Now at www.nostalgicdatsun.com

Pre-Registration Closes September 8, 2017





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ready to go. All around under the ZCG tent were memorial tributes to original BRE team member John Knepp. A jacket embroidered with Knepp's name hung from the tent frame.

This was the new version of the BRE 46 240Z racing team. Everybody was exchanging thank-you's and words of appreciation for getting 46 back on the track with Randy giving all the credit to Rob for his expert work on the car, and Rob giving all the credit to Randy for having the hope and determination to bring 46 back to full glory. And there were thank-you's to **ZONC** too for supporting Datsun vintage racing!

Before too much nostalgia could set in, it was time for the morning races. Morton took off in #46 to race in a group of 1973-1981 FIA, IMSA GT, GTX, AAGT cars. Group 4A, a









very diverse group of 41 cars crowded the starting grid, the differences most exemplified by the likes of Bruce Canepa in his #12 Porsche 935 (3100 cc), and Dekon Monzas (6332, 5900, 5817 cc), Corvettes (5700, 5817 cc) and a couple of Mustangs (5424 cc each) in front of the pack. The morning race went well with Morton ending up around 17th overall.

After an impressive flyover of fighter jets in the afternoon, the official Rolex races began with Group 1A pre-1940 racecars featuring some of the earliest and slowest racecars. More recent cars raced in each successive race until reaching the early 1970's in Group 4A. Morton's #46 and its 2400 cc displacement was running well and keeping up with (continued on page 7)

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competitors until the 8th lap when a half shaft broke and ended his race. Morton's quickest lap was 01:42.3, a tad bit slower than Dave Stone's #94 260Z at 01:41.6 who placed 17th after completing all 10 laps of the race. David Martin in the #47 240Z placed 28th after 9 laps; Jonathan Ornstein in the #40 280ZX was finished after 6 laps along with Glenn Chiou in the #39C 240Z whose fastest time was 01:44.1 in the 5th lap.

There is always a lot more going on at the races than can be captured in a short news article. Mika Hakkinen, 1998-1999 Formula 1 champion, ran demonstration laps each afternoon in a McLaren F1. Vendors were everywhere to sell you the latest in racing gear, car care, art and clothing. A walk through the racing pits is well worth the day at the races because so many rare and priceless cars can be seen moving with engines revving and chattering, gearboxes sometimes complaining and drivers ready to take off in their time machines. It's simply not possible to take it all in so that means going again next year to see race cars you won't see anywhere else. Hope we see you there!



Annual ZONC Picnic at Coyote Point 10/14/17

by Ann Devor and Linda Williams

- ► Where: Coyote Point Recreation Area, Eucalyptus Group Picnic 3
- ▶ **Bring:** One side dish to share, chairs, umbrellas, and picnic stuff as needed
- ▶ **Park fee:** \$6.00 per car payable at Coyote Point gate

ZONC fee: Picnic is free to **ZONC** members and children under 13. \$5 for other guests

Please join us at our annual **ZONC** picnic to celebrate **ZONC**'s 45th birthday! Bring a side dish of your choice to share. BBQ, soft drinks, water and birthday cake to be provided by **ZONC**. This beautiful picnic location is near the San Francisco Bay with trees and shade. Average high temperature is 75 degrees. No pets allowed in picnic area.

RSVP to Linda Williams at VP@ZONC.org no later than October 10th so we can plan on having plenty of food for everyone. Thank you!

Location: Coyote Point Recreation Area, 1701 Coyote Point Dr., San Mateo, CA

URL:

http://parks.smcgov.org/coyote-point-recreation-area

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**.

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OFFICIAL ZONC BALLOT 2017



Members and associate members in good standing each have one vote. Write-in votes are accepted. Membership #(s)_____

Board of Directors 2018			
Office	Nominee	Member vote	Associate vote
President	Linda Williams Write-in:		
Vice President	Jason Green Write-in:		
Vice President Administration	Andrea Ivan Write-in:		
Treasurer	Wade Warren Write-in:		
Secretary	Ann Devor Write-in:		
Best Event 2017			
			-
Event and date Gold Country Run 10/8/16		Member vote	Associate vote
Event and date	7	Member vote	Associate vote
Event and date Gold Country Run 10/8/16		Member vote	Associate vote
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Bent Z Award 2017
Please write in name(s) and brief description of the incident

Please return Ballot to ZONC no later than October 20, 2017.

By mail to: ZONC 2916 Eccleston Ave. Walnut Creek, CA 94597

By email to: Ballots@zonc.org

Thank you for voting!

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FOR SALE

1976 Datsun 280Z \$30 coupe

\$12,900 OBO

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Call: Theresa B. at 702) 524-4564

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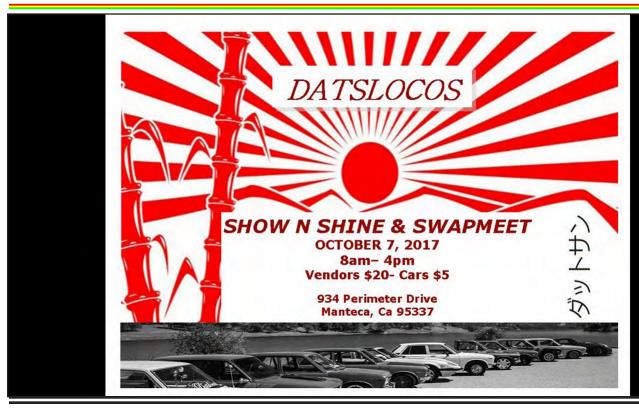
FOR SALE

1983 280ZX 5spd

159k miles. T-top, front mask, garaged most of the time, usually covered if outside. 2 sets of rear louvres, (an after market brand & one off of a "part out") Runs great, fun car. Selling due to an injury that makes it very hard to get in & out of the zx. I hate to see it just sitting, and husband wants the garage back. (Car is located in South East Bay-will not "ship").

Asking 8,500. Obo Call: Judy at 510-305-9110

Email: lincolnm7@sbcglobal.net



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For Sale 1980 Datsun 280ZX Coupe

Stock #: 3992. One owner. Less than 100,000 miles. Never been in an accident. Always passed its smog test with flying colors. Runs well. 5 on the floor. Upholstery in good shape. Dashboard not cracked. Discoloration of paint, plastic and leather and disintegration of thin plastic areas (especially in hatch) due to sun. Never repainted. Original color is "Maroon Mist". Small amount of rust on roof and hood. Fog lights added. Motorized antenna no longer works. One hubcap replaced with a slightly different colored one after original fell off somewhere. Needs a good cleaning. Outside mirror needs replaced (although temporary fix-it solution of a round mirror does work). Can be driven as is or restored to its former glory.

"Buy it now" price is **\$10,000**. Other strong offers will be considered. Located in Rodeo.

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Email: dcdburb@gmail.com



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thebeard@sonic.net

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