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ZONC Holiday Banquet Dec. 9, 2017

By Ann Devor

Mark your calendar for **11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 9** and ZONC's annual Holiday Awards Banquet and Installation of Officers! This year we're going to a new location, the City Sports Bar & Grill at Stars Recreation Center, 155 Browns Valley Parkway, just off of I-80.

We will be having a buffet lunch of grilled sirloin or chicken with assorted side dishes. A full-service no-host bar is sure to have the beverage of your choice.

ZONC's banquet is free to all members and associates in good standing and just \$5 a person for friends and family (payable in advance at the door).

In addition to great food, Stars offers all the sports you may want to watch on 23 TVs, a billiard room with 8 pool tables, darts, shuffleboard, a video arcade and a 40-lane bowling alley.

We'll be giving awards, gifts and raffle prizes while we welcome our new officers for 2018 and celebrate another year of Z fantastic fun.

If you plan to attend the banquet, please remember two things: (1) bring a new unwrapped toy that we will give to the

annual toy drive at the Vacaville Fire Station, and (2) rsvp to Ann Devor at anndevor@gmail.com or 925-943-1173 to let us know you will be there.

December 2 is the last day to rsvp so we can be sure the restaurant has meals for everyone. Looking forward to seeing you there!



Official ZONC Election Results

2018 ZONC Officers

PRESIDENT	VICE PRESIDENT -ADM.
Linda Williams	Andrea Ivan
VICE-PRESIDENT	SECRETARY
Jason Green	Ann Devor
TREASURER	
Wade Warren	



SAVE THE DATE

Special Datsun/Nissan Event

Saturday, April 7, 2018

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Flying Start By Jason Green



This is it -- my final column as president of **Z Owners of Northern California** -- at least for a while.

I've enjoyed my time at the helm, which I now leave in the capable hands of Linda Williams. She has more than proved herself worthy of the role as **Vice President** over the past two years.

Linda, for those who don't know, orchestrated **ZONC's** return to **BLACKHAWK** in the form of a now-annual gathering.

She also has been instrumental in planning and pulling off a number of other successful events, including the club's annual car show at **BRISBANE**.

Quite frankly, I'm not sure where we would be without Linda.

Andrea Ivan will join Linda on the incoming board as **Vice President of Administration**. As you may recall, she organized an amazing and well-attended run to the **LICK OBSERVATORY ON MOUNT HAMILTON**.

Meanwhile, the indefatigable Wade Warren is returning as **Treasurer** and another club stalwart, Ann Devor, has graciously agreed to stay on as **Secretary**. My thanks to the both of them.

I'll also be there to support Linda and the rest of the club as **Vice President** in the coming year.

On the whole, I am confident that this board will continue to keep **ZONC's** best interests at heart. But to truly succeed, we're going to need as much input and participation as you can muster.

Speaking of which, the club's last major event of the year is just around the corner. On **Dec. 9**, the annual holiday banquet will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at **STARS RECREATION CENTER** in Vacaville.

This is a chance to meet the incoming board and speak up about any events you'd like to see happen in 2018.

For more information, see the flier on [page 3](#).

In closing, I'd like to thank Bob and Marci Jenkins for editing my column over the past two years and remaining patient with me when it was past due. I couldn't have done it without them.

Thanks for reading. See you on the road soon.

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*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 HOLIDAY BANQUET



Saturday, December 9, 2017
11 a.m. - 2 p.m.

STARS RECREATION CENTER
CITY SPORTS BAR & GRILL

155 Browns Valley Parkway, Vacaville, CA 95688

Toy Drive! Bring a new unwrapped toy!

Awards Presentation and Prizes!
Installation of Officers

From the Bay Area:

Take I-80 East to Exit 55 Allison Pkwy, turn right on E. Monte Vista, turn left on Browns Valley Pkwy.

From Sacramento:

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Profile..... Michael Jue

I just joined **ZONC** after 45 years of knowing of its existence. No reason why other than until now, I probably didn't have the bandwidth to devote to it. But, better late than never, I guess.

I should probably start with my Datsun/Nissan ownership pedigree. I am currently the owner of three: '03 Z33, '71 S30, and a '68 SRL311. All told, I have owned 15 Nissan products including the three above and at least one of every generation Z but S130. (I'll get one of those eventually. Haha.)

The irony is that I've always said that I'd never own a red car nor convertible. Now I own two. Of each. (Other 'vert is



2003 350Z



1971 240Z



1968 Datsun 2000 SRL311.

not a Nissan) Laff...

I started this journey of joyful madness in the late '70s when I owned my first, a 280Z. During that same time period, I had concurrent ownership of a club race prepared SRL311 running in SCCA D-Production.

Now, I think a "prequel" side story on how I originally came to be a Datsun/Nissan fanatic is in order as I still chuckle over it...

Back in the mid-'70s, my best friend in high school owned a brand new '73 Z in #113 Green Metallic. I loved his car but never really gave it much thought to own one as I was just getting into hot rods and drag racing. I owned a couple of Chevis and Ponchos during that time.

One day I was sitting at a stop light in my home town of San Francisco. In front of me, a loud, obnoxious V8 in the engine compartment, and ahead of the car, a series of curves winding around SF's Lake Merced. Stopped next to me, a #918 Orange Series 1 (or 2) Z car. Well, in my 17 year old testosterone laced coolness, I sneered over and rev'd my 350 V8 engine with headers and way too much carburetion, thinking it would impress the guy.

The light turned green and I gunned it off the line. Welllll... you can guess what happened next. The driver of the Z walked on me through the curves and just plain disappeared. So, who was the one impressed on that fateful day? Hahaha!

A year later, I owned my first Z car, went to my first performance driving school and never looked back. At the same time, I got involved in club racing and campaigned my Roadster (an SRL311). This was timely and appropriate, as my employer for the five year period I was involved with racing and Z cars (the first time around) was Datsun. Not Nissan yet, but still Datsun. I worked for Datsun as a Parts guy and doubled as a Service Advisor. My area of specialty was Datsun Competition parts. I left Datsun after nearly five years to return to school.

Following that, I got a job in the tech industry and spent the next 26 years as a sales person and eventually into the management ranks selling everything from big, clunky computing systems (when 100MB of storage was a big deal and occupied the space of a small refrigerator), then eventually landed at one of the early search engine companies at the dawning of the Web era, circa 1994.

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Finally, I “retired” in 2010 from a web company running a sales organization selling web advertising. I still do tech consulting on a fairly regular basis and am involved in a small web start-up just getting off the ground with no funding and an employee base of one. Hahaha.

During those “professional years”, I only owned one Nissan product, an Infiniti Q45, along with a few Euro cars that were large enough to get my kids to school and sports practice.



*2008 350Z Nismo and 2012 370Z Nismo
(in rare single picture together).*

Fast forward to 2011 when my kids had left for college. I found that I could never quite shake off the not-quite-required Nissan love (or “lust”, which might be the better word). So, I took the Nissan plunge again. This time indulging myself with a brand new 2012 Z34 Nismo. Well, I bought it for my wife.

But, being “jealous” of her having all the fun in the car, I bought myself the low mileage ‘03 350Z in Chrome Silver (pictured at top), which I still own today. (And will never sell.)

Since that time, I’ve owned two other Z33s, an ‘08 Nismo (the black one, above) and a Roadster. Those were fairly short



term cars that I ultimately sold to pursue my real dream cars, the “cars of my youth”.

With that thought in mind, I - rather impulsively - bought a 280Z last year which I called the Banana car, for obvious reasons (see pic below). The price was right as a good basis for a build.

Then, fate (and some luck) intervened shortly after buying that car. I’d been on a seemingly endless on-again, off-again four year search for another roadster. I’d bought one a few years ago but after stripping it down and having it media blasted, it turned out to be too far rusted out to make for a solid platform from which to build off of.

This SRL-311 then appeared on Bring A Trailer and I



Shot taken at Alpine Inn Beer Garden, Portola Valley

went headfirst into the bidding war and to my surprise, actually won it. Best of all, no shipping, as it was living in San Francisco; ironically, two blocks from the house I grew up in. My best friend who saw that I was wavering towards the end of the auction said, “Dude, this is fate! You HAVE to buy that car! You’ve been looking for one so long and we’ve had to listen to you bishing about not getting the right one, hahaha, you BETTER go for it!”

After seeing so many roadsters that were well beyond the amount of restoration work I had time for or wanted to put in, and listening to my buddy, I finally decided to go all out for it and buy a complete one, this particular one having been restored nearly 20 years ago but kept meticulous by the previous owner. The only thing I’ve changed were the wheels.

A bit after that, I concluded that I just wasn’t that enamored with the 280z partially due to the color, engine mods, and the big molded air dam that would have been a pain and a shame

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to cut off.

So, I decided that if I'm going to put time and effort into an S30, it should be an original, carbureted Series 1 or 2, both of which I had for a time when I was first into Datsuns way back. So I sold the Banana and two weeks later, bought the red one in the pics, a late build '71 Series 2 car, also at auction.

This one just got back from a month in the shop getting things done that I didn't feel like handling (which I would have gladly if I weren't pushing 60, haha) - clutch, trans re-seal, differential - all minor issues - but while in the shop, there were the electrical things that I was going to tackle but decided to just have the shop do it.

Of course, like so many things old and electrical, no off-the-shelf replacement parts were readily available, at least not at "reasonable prices"! So, off went the various pieces to people who specialized in rebuilding them and at a far lower price than buying "unknown condition" electrical switches and such.

That leads us to where I am today.... slowly working on cleaning it up and preparing it to a level of detail I'm accustomed to in all of my cars: "Not concours but a nice driver."

I visit the [ZONC](#) website now and again just to see what's going on locally but felt that I might have some things to contribute to the Z/Datsun community, so decided to finally join!

I am a forum moderator and frequent contributor on the [my350Z.com](#) site and a fairly new "member" of [311S.org](#), the roadster site. If anyone wanted to read more about my Nissan/Datsun love affair, all of my builds, selective modifications, drives, and advice, my experiences are chronicled there under my user name "MicVelo". I can be contacted at either place easily as well.

In closing, I'd like to thank [ZONC](#) for being the one constant that's always been there since my "affliction" began over 40 years ago. Again, I don't rightly know why it took me so long to join, but here I am! I look forward to participating, meeting people, and contributing to the club!

Cheers,
Michael Jue

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Long Ago in ZNEWS December 1974

By Bob Jenkins

There was an article about should the club change its name from [240Z OWNERS BAY AREA](#) to something else.

Another article entitled A SUNDAY SPENT WITH JACK KANE talked about an event that started from F.A.R. at 10am with a modified TSD rallye and stopped at a Go-Kart track where the event turned into racing the carts. Then moved on to the second leg of the rallye, which stopped at a miniature golf course. After the golf it was off to a restaurant for awards.

A ROAD TO ATLANTA article talked about the 2 members who took their Zs first to Riverside for a F-5000 & IROC race, before heading to Atlanta for races and to meet DATSUN driver Walt Maas.

AN AWARDS BANQUET article stated the event would be at ROYAL COACH INN in San Mateo with steak & lobster at \$9.50 or prime rib at \$7.00.

A GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING article stated the event would be held at the home of Mike Lawrence in Richmond.

The club store had Z Bras for \$26.50; TORVICK DATSUN was giving a 15% discounts on most parts, while PIEROTTI MOTORS had "Z With Me" T-shirts for \$2.50.

There was a full page of Autocross results from an event at Pleasanton where 26 members participated and there were final results from the club's Rallye series.

There was a half page flyer for a [Z Car Clinic](#) at TORVICK DATSUN in Santa Rosa, a calendar, and a list of club officers and coordinators. The Chairman was Mike Lawrence, and Vice Chairman was Jack Kane. The [240Z Owners Bay Area](#) membership was 361.



Z MART AD



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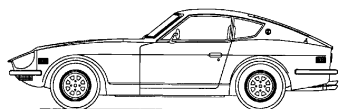
1970 Datsun 240Z HLS3005538, Red with Chrome Wheels, Mileage: 62,206, New Tires w/Koni suspension, Interior is Black, Engine has been detailed W/SU Carbs, Original Radio. 2007, Best of Show and First Place-530-Stock, Carolyn Dudley Memorial, 6-30-07, Blackhawk Auto Museum, All Datsun/Nissan Extravaganza, 2004, Concourse De Elegance, Silver Plate Award

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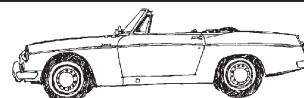
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