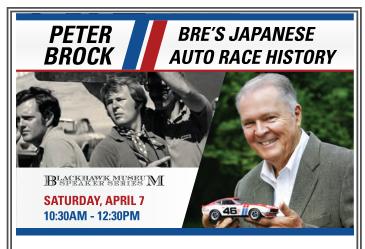


# ZNEWS

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#### The Official Newsletter of Z Owners of Northern California



#### Blackhawk Z Gathering

Featuring BRE/Peter Brock at the Blackhawk Museum

part of the Speaker Series

Saturday, April 7, 2018

See flyer on page 4

#### March Contra Costa Run March 3, 2018

See flyer on page 3

#### ZONC Planing Meeting Sunday, February 11, 2018

Cenarios Pizza 364 Pittman Rd. #1 Cordelia 11:30 AM

Please RSVP to Ann Devor by 2-9-2018 at anndevor@gmail.com

#### Z DAY CALIFORNIA

Atascadero, Ca Saturday, March 10, 2018 10:00 A.M. -2:00 P.M.

www.seetickets.us/event/Z-Day-California-2018/356096



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## On Z Road Again

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By Linda Williams

Hi fellow **ZONC** members,

Here's to the beginning of another fun year with Z Owners of Northern California. We had our January meeting on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> at BJ's RESTAURANT AND BREWERY in Concord. After everyone got caught up on what they did over the holidays, and a new member Gary Taylor joining us, we got down to business.

We are going to try to hold most of our monthly meetings either on Sunday or in conjunction with a run that may be taking place on the same day, unless there is a major holiday.

We are very excited to be invited to join BLACKHAWK AUTO MUSEUM when they have Peter Brock speak on April 7. As the time gets closer, we will have more information available and you can pre-register now on our website at: www.ZONC. org. ZONC members will be given priority parking on the plaza and they will be chosen as the registrations come in. We hope to have at least 30 cars up on the plaza, more if space allows it.

We have tentatively planned the following events for 2018:

Feb 11 – ZONC monthly meeting – 11:30AM

CENARIOS PIZZA, 364 Pittman Rd. #1 Cordelia

Mar 3 – Contra Costa Run – Ann Devor and Paul Gommel (see flyer on page 3)

Mar 10 – Zday, Atascadero 10-2. We would like to get a group to drive down together, possibly spend the night.

April 7 – Z-Gathering with Peter Brock at the BLACKHAWK AUTO MUSEUM (see flyer on page 4)

**April 8**-Annual April Charity Rallye -Bob Jenkins (see flyer on page **7**)

May 5 – Fun Run to the Castle Air Museum, Atwater – Mary Rozmajzl and Ken Clark

May 19 - Datslocos Car Show - Manteca

June 9 – Pescadero Fun Run – Jason Green

June 23 - Nor Cal Datsun Show - Concord

July 21 - Coastal Fun Run - Bob and Marci Jenkins

Aug 4 – ZONC Annual Car Show – Brisbane Marina

Sept 1 – Annual Santos Car Show – Alviso

Sept 15 - Canapa Fun Run - Jason Green

Oct 13 – Columbia Fun Run – Mary Rozmajzl & Ken Clark

Oct 20 – ZONC Annual Picnic – Coyote Point

Dec 8 - Holiday gathering/ Installation of officers -

STARS RECREATION CENTER, Vacaville

As you can see, we are hoping for many more runs this year and we are still open to adding more if you have any ideas or even a spontaneous run on a weekend. Just let us know.

If you haven't looked at our website lately, please check it out. Karl (webmaster) has been working very hard on giving us a facelift for the New Year and making it more users friendly and safe from hackers. You no longer need your password to view the **ZNews** publication.

As always, safe travels and hope to see you soon.



#### Please Welcome New Members . . .

JESSICA KLOSS 280Z
GARY TAYLOR 240Z
DAVID SIBLEY 260Z
TIMOTHY MACLAUGHLIN 280ZX
JAY REESE 280Z

#### 2017 ZONC Car Show Sponsors

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# CONTRACOSTA MIDDLETOWN

# GRUISE.

Presented by Z Owners of Northern California

# SATURDAY, MARCH 3, 2018

- 8:30 Concord Area Start at Orchard Supply Parking Lot, 155 Crescent Plaza, Pleasant Hill
- 9:00 Park-n-Show at Specialty Sales, 103 Commerce Court, Fairfield
- 9:30 START BE READY TO CRUISE!
- Noon Lunch at Mt. St. Helena Brewery, 21167 Calistoga Rd., Middletown 95461

CRUISE CONTINUES AFTER LUNCH RETURNING TO CORDELIA

To register for the Park-n-Show and Cruise please email no later than 2/24/18:



anndevor@gmail.com
Bring FRS radio (if you have one)



Route May Change Due to Weather

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PETER BROCK

BRE'S JAPANESE AUTO RACE HISTORY



#### ZGATHERING PRESENTED BY Z OWNERS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

8:00 a.m. Park your Z, 510, Roadster, GT-R, G

on Museum Plaza or lower parking

10:30 a.m.- Peter Brock Presentation at 12:30 p.m. Blackhawk Museum

PRE-REGISTER FOR GATHERING BY 3/31/18

\$9 PRE-REGISTRATION FEE PAYABLE IN ADVANCE AT WWW.ZONC.ORG

PRE-REGISTRATION INCLUDES BLACKHAWK MUSEUM TICKET

PRIORITY PARKING ON PLAZA FOR MEMBERS OF Z OWNERS OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

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My Z Pride and Joy

By Bill Roth

I've always been a car fanatic. My dad was always amazed how I could name the make and year of every car that would pass us on the freeway even at just 8 years old. As I got older, and had some money to spend I started buying cars. Some of my fondest memories are of my first high performance car, A Plymouth Road Runner. It cost \$2,900, and I couldn't afford the extra \$200 for the Hemi engine. As I got older, and had more money to spend, I switched to European cars because of their great handling. I had just about every model of BMW from a 2002, to a Bavaria, and then a 635CSI. My finest hour, was when I saved enough money to buy a Ferrari 308 GTB. But with \$600 oil changes, and multiple cam belt changes costing \$5,000 every 20,000 miles, I decided to move on to something more practical.

I was really impressed with the 2003 BMW M3, and was getting ready to place an order for one. A friend of mine suggested I drive the new 2003 Nissan 350Z. I thought he was nuts. A Japanese car? No way is this going to change my mind about buying an M3. But after seeing a promotional video of the new Z at the movie theatre, I was a little intrigued. I'll never forget the look on the BMW salesman's face when I told him I was going to drive one more car, a 350Z before I signed the papers for the M3. I think he knew at that point, he'd just lost a sale!

Sure enough, after a test drive of the Z, I was really impressed. Not only did it drive as nice as the M3, and had close to the same performance, it was \$20,000 cheaper, leaving me money left over to improve on the looks and the performance of the Z car. After purchasing a touring model in pearl white, I met Jack and Yolanda Atkinson at the races at LAGUNA SECA, and they talked me into joining **ZONC**.

As much as I loved my Z, I wanted to change the look to separate it from other Z's, and I wanted more performance as well. I met Rob Fuller of Z CAR GARAGE at a car show, and he told me about a supercharger that had just come out for the Z which would bump the horsepower and torque up substantially. But before installing the supercharger, he put me in touch with a customer that had recently upgraded his Z with a Vortec Supercharger, and the guy came over to my home and let me drive his car. I was immediately hooked on supercharging. It gives the car a whole new character, and the extra horsepower is intoxicating. But before adding a supercharger, Rob suggested I make the engine breath better by installing headers, and a true dual exhaust system. Also, because the engine runs very hot, he suggested a larger radiator, an intercooler, and an oil cooler. I also went to higher performance cams, a light weight flywheel, and a high performance clutch. To monitor supercharger boost, oil and water temperature, Rob integrated gauges into my A pillar, which look absolutely factory. All of these engine mods really paid off. Rob ran the car on his Dyno, and the car registered 401HP at the rear wheels, and 380 ft lbs of torque. I only have 5lbs boost to prevent blowing up the engine.

The car is blazingly fast. I ran the 1/4 at SONOMA RACEWAY on drag night, and even with my poor reaction time, and wheel spin thru 1st and 2nd gear, I turned a 12.2 seconds time. The best ROAD AND TRACK magazine could turn the 1/4 in a stock Z was 14.2 seconds. With racing tires, and a better driver, I think I could almost make it into the 11 second bracket. I remember a guy in a Corvette, who saw my time, come over to my car and ask me to open my hood. When he saw my mods, he said "I knew there had to be something



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#### My Z Pride and Joy

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about this car to make it so fast!"

But my car still looked like every



other Z, so now it was time to make it look more unique. I found a unique body kit made in Brazil. I had it shipped to the states, and found a great painter who installed the kit, matching the pearl paint perfectly. The rear bumper had large enough openings in the back to install quad pipes which really hints that this is no ordinary Z. The car had too much white, so Jack Atkinson suggest some carbon fiber accents. So I found a company who custom made me a carbon fiber roof, a carbon fiber spoiler, carbon fiber mirrors, and a carbon fiber hood with loovers to let the hot air out under the hood from the supercharger heat. My paint guy clear coated the hood, spoiler and roof, and put a UV resistor in the clear coat to protect the carbon fiber from turning brown from exposure to the sun. Recently, I installed replica copies of the wheels from the 2018 Corvette Z06 which really makes the car look menacing and gives it a bad ass personality. I had the front and rear fenders rolled to make way for the wheels to be pushed out for a great offset appearance.

What I love about this car is that there's no other car on the road that looks like it, and it has the performance to match even the latest high performance cars you can buy today. Believer it or not, even with all the modifications this car has undergone, except for a hole in my radiator from a rock that was expertly fixed by Rob, I haven't had one reliability problem with this car which is a real tribute to Nissan.

I have some fond memories of owning this car: One great memory was when Paul Newman sat in the passenger seat of the car as I drove on the Laguna Seca Racetrack after winning a car show. When I called my daughter to tell her about the event, she asked me "Dad, who is Paul Newman?" He died of cancer 3 months later.

Recently, I was pulled over on the road by the police. I wasn't speeding, so I wondered why I was pulled over. The policeman walked over to the car and told me I wasn't doing anything wrong, but could I take a picture of him sitting in my car?

I get funny reactions when I step out of the car, because people expect a young kid, not a 70 year old man!



54th Annual April Fools Charity Rallye Sunday, April 8, 2018

By Bob Jenkins

The approximate 49-mile route for this year's rallye will start at the Snoopy's Home Ice, 1667 W Steele Lane, in Santa Rosa, with registration from 10:30AM to 12:30PM, and runs west out into and around the Sebastopol area before heading back to Santa Rosa at a Round Table Pizza Parlor for the finish. The A-B type Beginner gimmick rallye will have 6-classes from First Timers to Master Expert, and the first 40 cars to enter will receive a dash plaque.

Once again all the profits will go to **charity**, which again this year is Canine Companions for Independence®

This rallye is not a speed event, it is a test of a team's ability to follow instructions along the route, while looking for signs and situations that fit the definitions of the rallye.

The rallye has a web site where you can run a practice A/B type map rallye, see the event flyer and pictures from past rallyes, the site is: http://www.sonic.net/~thebeard/

**ZONC's ZNEWS** editor Bob Jenkins, will return for his 53<sup>rd</sup> time as the Rallymaster of this year's event for more information about this event Bob can be reached at

thebeard@sonic.net



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EMPIRE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION

presents the

54th ANNUAL

**APRIL** 

**RALLYE** 

**FOOLS** 

AN A-B RALLYE OPEN TO ALL TYPES OF CARS

**DATE:** SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018

**START:** SNOOPY'S HOME ICE, 1667 W. STEELE LANE, SANTA ROSA - TAKE THE STEELE

LANE EXIT OFF U.S. 101, ONE MILE NORTH OF DOWNTOWN SANTA ROSA. GO WEST ON STEELE. CONTINUE ONTO GUERNEVILLE. TURN RIGHT AT

RANGE. TURN LEFT ON W. STEELE. TURN RIGHT INTO THE SECOND DRIVEWAY

AND GO TO THE BACK OF THE PARKING LOT.

**TIME:** REGISTRATION 10:30AM to 12:30PM,

FIRST CAR OUT AT 11:45AM, LAST CAR OUT AT 1:00 PM

FEE: ENTRY \$19.00 PER CAR - \$.50 POKER HAND (OPTIONAL)

CLASSES: MASTER EXPERT, EXPERT, SENIOR, NOVICE, BEGINNER, FIRST TIMER

**AWARDS:** MASTER EXPERT CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST AND SECOND PLACE

EXPERT CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST THRU THIRD PLACE SENIOR CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST THRU THIRD PLACE NOVICE CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST THRU THIRD PLACE BEGINNER CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST THRU THIRD PLACE FIRST TIMER CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST THRU THIRD PLACE

POKER, ~ AWARD ~ \$10.00 CASH

A PARTICIPATION PLAQUE TO FIRST 40 CARS

THE OVERALL WINNERS WILL HAVE THEIR NAMES ENGRAVED ON A LARGE

PERPETUAL TROPHY

THE PROFITS FROM THIS RALLYE WILL GO TO CHARITY:

Canine Companions for Independence®

**FINISH:** ROUND TABLE PIZZA, 1791 MARLOW RD. IN SANTA ROSA

RALLYMASTER, BOB THE BEARD - FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (707) 546-6867 OR E-MAIL thebeard@sonic.net

THE APRIL FOOLS RALLYE **WEBSITE** IS: http://www.sonic.net/~thebeard/ You can run a practice A/B Map Rallye there.

THERE WILL BE A SHORT RALLYE SCHOOL AT 11:00 AM FOR ALL THOSE NEW TO RALLYING



A *RALLYE* IS NOT A SPEED EVENT. A *RALLYE* IS A TEST OF A TEAM'S ABILITY TO FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS ALONG THE ROUTE, WHILE LOOKING FOR SIGNS AND SITUATIONS THAT FIT THE DEFINITIONS OF THE *RALLYE*.



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#### Ten Years Ago in ZNEWS Feb 2008

By Bob Jenkins

An article stated that **ZONC** was invited to an open house at ZCAR GARAGE in March. Owner Rob Fuller was going to be on hand to show **ZONC**ers around his shop and see his new Dyno.

There was an article about a **ZONC** General Meeting to be held at ZACHARY'S PIZZA in San Ramon. After conducting general business, the main focus of the meeting would be about the new look of **ZONC**'s web site and possible expansion of our Internet capabilities.

A PRESIDENT'S NOTES column talked about all the upcoming events, including a joint meet up with Group Z at HEARST CASTLE in San Simeon.

There was a notice of a HETCH HETCHY Run, with a stopover at the Moccasin Fish Hatchery in April.

There was a full page flyer for a 3-day North Meets South at Hearst Castle, lead by Yolanda & Jack Atkinson.

There were half page flyers for the ZCAR GARAGE open house and for a **ZONC** CONTRA COSTA CRUISE from Concord to Sunol.

There were also articles about the West Coast Nations in Orange, the 44<sup>th</sup> Annual April Fools Rallye in Santa Rosa, and an Our Money & How Are We Doing Year End Treasurer's Report.

An article entitled J's Car Gathering Japantown, San Francisco reported on the 400-car gathering of Japanese vehicles in San Francisco, where Bill Roth and his 350Z, took First Place, Best 350Z and Best Nissan of the Show.

There was also an invitation to a MIATA PERFORMANCE DRIVING SCHOOL at THUNDERHILL for 2 and a half days of training at a cost of \$440.

Another article by Yolanda & Jack Atkinson invited **ZONC**ers to sign up for a 7 day-6 night run in September to

Durango, Colorado, with stops in BRYCE CANYON, LEHMAN CAVES, GREAT BASIN NATIONAL PARK, CAPITAL REEF, and much more. There was also an invitation by Jack & Yolanda for an Eastern Sierra's – Mono Lake/Bishop Loop Run in June.

There was a Z Doc's Question of the Month article, which answered a question about a 1982 280ZX Turbo 2+2. And there was Sacramento Area and Placer County Area news about area meetings.

The 2008 **ZONC Working For You** were listed as Ann Devor President, Lyent Hogue Jr. Vice President, Christy Nocon, Vice President Admin., Yolanda Atkinson Secretary, Roy Dorn Treasurer, Bob Jenkins **ZNEWS** Editor, and Karl Twiford Webmaster.



#### 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** 



#### 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 Altanta
- ◆ Sonoma Raceway
- Watkins Glen

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### HAPPY FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

JEFF ERICKSON

CRAIG KOLOSKE

DICK LAWLESS

DANIEL MAGLIARI

WARREN SCHLICHTER

JAMES STEPHENS

JOHN VAN RIPER

MARK WESTPHAL

9f 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!



#### Z MART ADS

Members: no charge for nonbusiness ads (include membership # with ad)

Nonmembers: \$10.00 per ad or \$20.00 with photo.
Please send via email with photos, if possible
(.gif or .jpg of 100 to 150 KB in size) to:

#### thebeard@sonic.net

Ads run for two months (unless you tell me to remove it after one month).

Please include your complete address with ad.

**DEADLINE**: is the 15th of the month, for inclusion in the next issue.

Please make check or money order payable to: ZONC.

Please send ad with payment to:

BOB JENKINS, Z MART 2173 DOLEN CT., SANTA ROSA, CA 95401

#### 2018 Car Events Calendar

(Click on the blue dates and some red dates)

Mar 03	Contra Costa Run
Mar 10	Z DAY CALIFORNIA
Mar 24-25	24 Hr of Lemons Sonoma Raceway
Apr 07	ZONC Nissan/Datsun Special Event
Apr 08	54th Annual April Fools Charity Rallye
Apr 27-28	Solvang Datsun Roadster Show
May 05	Fun Run to Castle AB Museum-Atwater
May 03-06	Ferrari Challenge at Laguna
<b>May 19</b>	Datslocos 14th Annual Car Show
June 01-Jun 03	Sonoma Historic Motorsports Festival
June 09	Pescadero Fun Run
Jun 23	NorCal Vintage Datsun Meet in Concord
Jun 22-24	Toyota /Save Mart 350 NASCAR-Sonoma
Jul 12-14	Mt. Shasta Datsun Meet
July 21	Coastal Fun Run
Aug 04	ZONC Annual Car Show
Aug 18-19	Monterey Pre-Reunion at Laguna
Aug 23-26	Rolex Monterey Reunion at Laguna
Sept 01	Annual Santos Car Show Alviso
Sept 06-09	Continental Monterey Grand Prix-Laguna
Sept 15	Canapa Fun Run
Sep 14-16	Grand Prix of Sonoma at Sonoma Multi
Oct 05-06	State Datsun Classic
Oct 13	Columbia Fun Run
Oct 20	ZONC Annual Picnic - Coyote Point
Oct 26-28	Pirelli World Challenge at Laguna ZONC
Dec 08	Annual Holiday Gathering

## BUSINESS DISPLAY AD RATES FOR Z NEWS

	MONTHLY 6 MONTH		HS YEARLY	
Full Page	\$ <i>55</i>	\$303	\$495	
1/2 Page	<i>\$35</i>	\$184	\$315	
1/4 Page	\$25	\$125	\$200	
Bus. Card	\$15	\$68	\$90	

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