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Monterey 2018! Last Call!

By Ann Devor

ZONC's ticket window is closed and the deal is done! As host of the Datsun Nissan Sports Car Corral at the 2018 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, **ZONC** sold 187 admission tickets to Datsun Nissan drivers from the East Coast, Canada, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico and home state, California. 146 sports car drivers, including 44 **ZONC** members have signed up and 125 of our cars will take to the track for a ceremonial parade lap.

Several exciting last-minute developments have happened since our ticket window closed. There are rumors flying that ItalDesign's GT-R50 will be there and other rumors that the new Z will be unveiled – but we have no advance information about any of that. We can confirm that WeatherTech Raceway expanded our corral to include the island where we can park up to 30 cars. Gayle Brock was incredibly kind to give us priority in Peter's scheduling and we are looking forward to seeing Peter visit our corral on Saturday morning and again on Sunday for our parade lap. Gayle also sent a copy of the paddock map showing the Nissan tent, grouped together with BRE and Stilen in the paddock just over the tire bridge from our corral. Datsun Row is moved up to the second row of the pits. It is so amazing to see our brands front and center in the showplace spots in the paddock.

Each day will bring non-stop fun. Adam Carolla will be

taping his podcast in the paddock on Saturday from noon to 1 p.m. Following Adam's gig, Murray Smith will be the moderator for a "Picnic in the Paddock" from 1:10-1:35 p.m. and will be talking with John Morton, Steve Millen and Peter. After that, from 1:35-1:50 p.m., Sir Jackie Stewart and Chris Cord will present a Remembrance of Dan Gurney. On Sunday, we will take our cars on the track for a parade lap and take a turn on the world famous Corkscrew.

If you didn't get a chance to sign up for the corral and parade lap, you can still buy admission tickets (but no corral or parade lap passes) from WeatherTech Raceway until August 20. Join us for tours of the paddock, visits with celebrities and watching the races! If you decide to go, let me know and we'll make sure you have all the info you need for this once-in-a-lifetime event. See you there!



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On Z Road Again

By Linda Williams



Wow, this summer is flying by. July had the Cheese Run hosted by Andrea, and several of her fellow Fiat Club members joined us on the run. Andrea, Ann, Paul, and I were the only **ZONC** members on the run but we all had lots of fun. The weather was very hot, but that didn't stop us from visiting Nicolau Farms, Hilmar Farms and the Roberts Ferry Covered Bridge.

Bob and Marci Jenkins hosted a **DAY RUN** on July 22nd where everyone met at the Petaluma Marina, and then we took off on a fun ride to Occidental to enjoy lunch at the Howard Station Café.

Our Annual Car Show was held at the **BRISBANE MARINA** and the turnout was good. We had some wonderful raffle prizes donated by ZCar Garage, BRE, SF 49ers, AJ's Auto Detail, Tint World, ZCCA, Mother's, RockAuto, Highline Autos, as well as Angelica's Taqueria providing their food truck for the event. More information and pictures will be in the September **ZNEWS**.

The response to the **ROLEX MONTEREY MOTORSPORTS REUNION** has been absolutely outstanding. Ann Devor has done a spectacular job keeping track of all the registrations and coordinating the events activities. Thanks Ann!! Just a little longer and it's going to be all over with. This has been a great opportunity for **ZONC** to support the Laguna Seca Raceway with this event.

We're still making some changes on our **ZONC.org** webpage, so be sure to check it out. We've added the calendar to the front page to make it easier to see what's being planned and events taking place.

I hope everyone is enjoying their cars and the great weather we have living in the Bay Area and beyond.

Safe travels to everyone.



Please Welcome New Members.....

Richard Shea	240Z
Daniel Leon	370Z
Antonie Benson	370Z
Bruce Leininger	240Z/ 300ZX

IT'S ZONC NOMINATION TIME

~ Officer Nominations for 2019 are now open

Once again it is time to nominate people for the **ZONC** Board. This is a very important time of the year for **ZONC**, as it will lead to the selection of who will be leading the club for 2019.

Nominations of candidates for elected offices must be submitted in a written statement not to exceed 150 words, by **August 10th** to the **ZONC** Secretary and **Z NEWS** for inclusion in the September **ZNEWS**.

Incumbents must also be nominated in writing.

The offices are President, Vice President, Vice President Adm., Secretary, and Treasurer.

Send Nominations to: Secretary@zonc.org and to the **ZNEWS** Editor at thebeard@sonic.net

Note: It is best to ask the person you would like to nominate, before nominating them.

Profiles Wanted

Let your fellow ZONCERS get to know you better!

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

You can write about the things you have done to your car, the **ZONC** events you like to attend, when you joined **ZONC**, and/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



NORCAL Vintage Datsun Meet

Photo's by Alex

Article written by Dustin Borg

On a hot summer day, June 23rd, Datsun owners fired up their engines to meet at Dave Brubeck Park in Concord CA. Host and **ZONC** member Ryan Wells, gathered a group of Japanese classic cars, and great people for his NorCal Vintage Datsun meet. With an approximate 120 spectators, and almost 70 cars, we can almost ensure another event in the future. After speaking with the host, he plans to host another event next summer with a number of vendors, either at the San Leandro Marina or again at Dave Brubeck park.

A good variety of stock and modified Datsun cars showed up as well as a few other classic Japanese cars, as Datsun 510's, Z car's, Fairlady Roadster's, and even a few classic pickups. Japanese market Nissan's also made it out such as a Bluebird SSS and a couple "right hand drive" Fairlady Z cars. We look forward to the next event, and hope to see you there!





CHEESE TOUR OR ZMARIO'S RETURN

By Andrea Ivan

Well...he returned for this event, more issues, however, also returned: a/c went out again; now there is a starting issue (most likely the ignition switch which is an original part, a 25 year old part that has 338,000 miles on it). But these are minor things and will be fixed in the next week or two, and he will be back....not sure if he will make it for our annual car show, though. Sigh.....

I invited the Fiat Club to join us, since they all know about my beloved Z, and of course they know how Mario Jr. filled in for ZMario at a few of the Z runs, and how Mario Jr. made the front page of the ZONC newsletter at the Air Castle Museum which I passed around at one of the Fiat meetings for them all to see. I shared the crooked connecting rod piston piece with them at another Fiat meeting, which a few of you saw at one of our board meetings. Of course, they all wanted to meet him when he was out of surgery. So, I brought him to yet another Fiat meeting where ZMario made a great impression with all of them.

I am glad I invited them, as there were only two other Zs at the start: Ann and Paul with their 350, and Linda with her classic museum ready 280Z.

There were 6 Fiats at the start: Steve Berley, red 500 Abarth, Keith Hezmalhalch and Suzie, red 500X, Dan Yee, silver 2017 124 Spider, Gary Luke and son Ryan (new driver), Abarth 500, Brian and Lauren Paland, MARIO JUNIOR (my 2017 Fiat 124 Spider)!!! I could not leave him home, not when more of his buddies were attending this ride than ZMario's buddies!, Kathy Carnevale (blue 2017 Prima Edizione 124 spider) and Steve Shonk and Bernie, silver Porsche (he owns 4 Fiats also).

We were meeting Bill and Daisy Hamilton (more Fiat members) somewhere outside of Tracy.

Unfortunately, Ann and Paul have been suffering from the poor air quality from the Berreyessa fires and were not feeling that

great, but wanted to come to the start to see ZMario, since they have not seen him since he has been out of the hospital. So, they were going to go back as soon as we crossed over 580, well before we hit Nicolau Farms.

And so, we were ready to start our journey. I turned the key to start ZMario, and nothing happened. No dashlights, no noise, nothing. Nobody noticed, luckily. Ann and Paul were busy talking and I think trying to figure out where they were going to exit, and Brian and Lauren were also just getting settled in the ecstatic Little Mario Junior, who was excited beyond words that he was there!! I was having a minor heart attack, on the other hand. I tried again, and luckily ZMario started. I patted his dashboard and said, "ZMario! You can't do this!! This is YOUR DAY! You've got to make it through this day! I know you're a/c is starting to fade, but I expected that. But this starting thing....this is a new problem! You've got to make it through this!"

So, off we went. I had asked Dan if he would take over the lead once we met Bill and Daisy, since I had no one with me to read me the directions, and I just don't trust these phones, nor know how to get the directions into my phone so it will talk to me. And Dan had done the route twice and is better with all this than I am!

The first part of the drive, I know. I have biked Patterson Pass many times. Almost got blown off the top once, and that was it for me. You have to bike that at certain times of the year. What a great road, what a great view when you hit the top, and there are all those windmills and the valley stretched out below.....and it was heating up....and my a/c was fading.....

We intercepted Bill and Daisy Hamilton who opted for their black Honda SUV because the a/c was out in their Fiat. Dan took the lead at that point, and we made it to Nicolau Farm pretty much on schedule.

But.....I didn't want to turn off ZMario. So, I hopped out of the car when we all pulled in the driveway and told Dan and a few others what happened. The decision was made to park ZMario at a good spot so, if necessary, he could be push-started. Dan said he has done this many times with his Fiats!! You gotta' love these guys!



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CHEESE TOUR OR ZMARIO'S

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As we were about to go in and start the tour, another car pulled up--not a Fiat, not a Z, but some kind of Prius (Toyota Prima, actually, the first Prius, I found out later)??? A very familiar person with a long blondish pony tail brandishing a floppy suede hat and wearing his trademark flip flops emerged from the car – Chris Obert and Brookie Cobb! This was great!! They are the originators of this wonderful Cheese Tour and decided to intercept us at the farm just in time for the tour to start!

Walter and his wife Liz and family are great hosts at their lovely farm and do a great job. We tasted great cheese, and we all spent lots of \$\$ on the delicious cheese. Then we got to see and pet the goats! I just loved this part! There was one goat who really liked to be pet and was so affectionate! Linda said to me, “Now, Andrea, don’t try to take him home!” You can see in the picture how he is smiling. It was hard for me to leave.



It was time for the test. “ZMario, please start,” I pleaded as I got in. “You have to get through this!” And so he did. The start sounded a little weak, but once he starts, there is no stopping him. He is running great with his engine rebuild. I talked with Dan and a few others, and we decided at Hilmar, the lunch stop, only about 25 minutes away, we would inspect the battery to make sure it wasn’t some sort of loose connection.

Hilmar is a large commercial cheese manufacturer and has a very nice large visitor center and tours. We skipped the tour but ate at their wonderful café which has a great selection and variety of sandwiches and salads. After about 45 minutes, it was time to forge on ahead to Roberts Ferry.

At this point, a few left because of commitments later in the day, so we said our good byes to Steve Berley and Steve Shonk and Bernie, and Chris Obert and Brookie Cobb. Then off to ZMario to see if he was going to start and check out the battery. Dan and a few others checked it out, and found nothing loose with the battery. I started him up, and this time he sounded normal. The a/c was totally gone though. I had remarked that I really wanted to stop and see my mother in Antioch on the way home, but I

really didn’t want to stop ZMario. Brian came up with the great idea to swap cars toward the end of the ride, and he and Lauren would drive ZMario all the way home to Portola Valley without stopping! This way he would get to drive ZMario!! Brian got to drive both my beloved cars!! And now I am sure he knows why I love both of them so much!!



So, off we went, with Dan in the lead, me in ZMario following, and Linda behind (the only other Z on the ride – where were you ZONC members???), then the rest of the Fiats, including little Mario Junior who was so very happy to be there!!! We got to Roberts Ferry, one of the few covered bridges you can drive through. We stopped on the other side of the bridge in front of a nut shop (somewhat appropriate, observed Linda, a bunch of nuts stopping at a nut shop!) Somewhere along the line, we lost Kathy. Dan got a hold of Kathy on the phone and it was decided that Gary would go meet her at Hilmar, since she was totally lost. Finally, about a half hour later they rejoined the nuts in front of the nut shop!

At this point, it was getting a little late, so Dan and Linda decided to go directly home. Dan then appointed Gary as the new ride leader, and for a minute there was confusion exactly which way we were going to go to Oakdale. It was decided to go the direct way, with Gary in the lead. There were a few mishaps and wrong turns, which resulted in a big U-turn in the middle of a road which provided great amusement to drivers, I’m sure, to see Fiats and one 300ZX perform this questionable legal driving maneuver.

We did make it to Oakdale Cheese Factory, which was just closing. A few went in, and Brian and I decided to switch cars at that point. I patted ZMario goodbye, and ordered him to behave. Which he did. Little Mario Junior, who was still in great ecstasy, forged on ahead to Antioch! It was good to have working a/c again!! It was a great ride, and I am very thankful for the Fiat Car Club for making such a great showing and all the help they provided with ZMario’s old age issues. But he will be back....as good as new once again....



ZONC Coast Tour 2018

By Bob Jenkins

We arose to another great day in Sonoma County and quickly got ready to head for the Petaluma Marina, and the start for **ZONC's July Coast Run**. We arrived at start and found several Z's already there and quickly started handing out instructions and having the waiver signed. After taking the usual group pictures it was time to head out of town



on historic D Street and out into the country. A turn onto Hicks Valley Road left traffic behind and another turn onto Marshall Petaluma Road and it was like we were back in the 1920's. Yes we did encounter people on bicycles, but most were not a problem, and then we turned North on Highway One and things were good until about 6 motorcycles came rushing up from behind at WAY over the speed limit and



made passes where no pass should be made, but all made it to Tomales and we stopped for a short pit stop.

Then it was through Bodega Bay on Highway One and up the coast and across the Russian River where we turned onto California 116 and headed inland to Duncans Mills, where we turned on Moscow Road and went through the redwoods to the Bohemian Highway which took us to the town of



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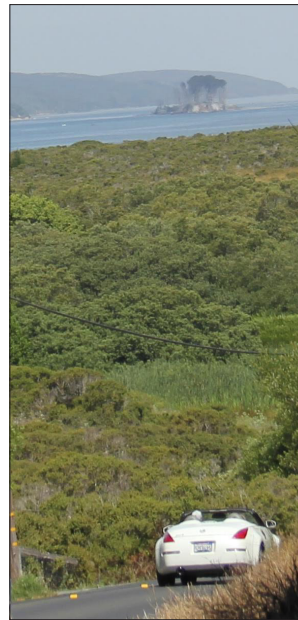
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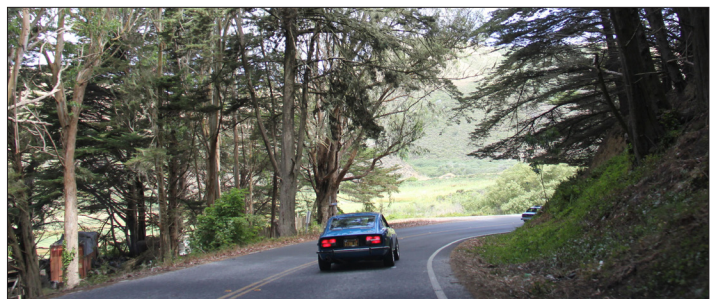
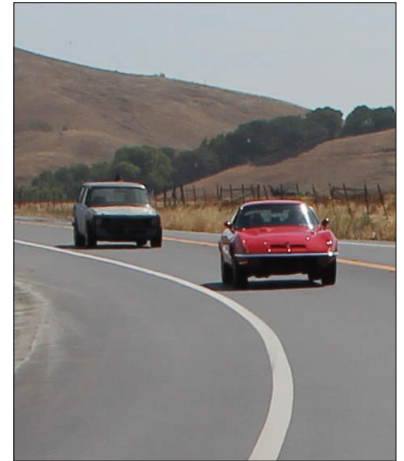


Occidental and our brunch stop. After brunch some headed for home while the rest went to the tour leader's home for a look at his 240Z and snacks in his backyard.

Today's group of travellers included Susan & Mike Keller in their white 350Z, Peter & Karen Iozzia in their black 350Z roadster, Linda Williams in her blue 280Z, Larry & Robin Robert in their blue 240Z, Adam Fleming in his 510 wagon, and Keith & Stephanie Ory in an Opel GT which Keith had bought from Linda Williams for a bottle of wine.



Coast Tour Photos in this column
by
Karen and Peter Iozzia



A Photo Flash Back to 2004 Monterey Historics





ZCON Returns To Atlanta after 23 Years!!

October 16-20, 2018 ZCON returns to Atlanta, GA!

Special Guests

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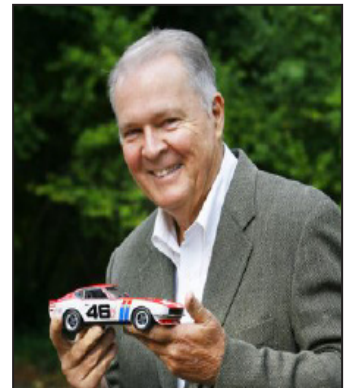
John Morton



Toshio Yamashita



Peter Brock



Tentative Event Schedule

Day 1 - Tuesday, October 16

Suds & Shine
Opening Ceremony
Pool-side Texas Chili Party

Day 2 - Wednesday, October 17

ACCA Judged Car Show
Brewery Night & Tour

Day 3 - Thursday, October 18

Autocross Competition
Guided Charity Cruise & Lunch in the Georgia Mountains

Day 4 - Friday, October 19

Track Day Presentation by Z1 Motorsports

Day 5 - Saturday, October 20

ZCON People's Choice Car Show Presented by Z Nationals
Closing Awards Ceremony

Day 6 - Sunday, October 21

"To-Go Cup" Send Off

Check out the latest ZCON promo video
with snippets of Atlanta-area and Road-Atlanta footage:

<https://youtu.be/kBdB2lynN4Q>

Photos and information from the ZCON 2018
website: <http://zcon.org/conventions/2018/>

HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Clark Felton
Jason Green
Darrell Gray
Bob Jenkins
Bill Mael
Glenn Nakata

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Manager does not have your month of birth.
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News from the Blackhawk Auto Museum

ZONC received an email from **Blackhawk Auto Museum** and they are ending Cars & Coffee!... Here's what it said:

We have made the difficult decision to end **Cars & Coffee** as of now. We love the spirit of the event and the opportunity it has provided for the **Museum** and its volunteers to interact with the local automotive community, but the event has grown beyond our ability to actively monitor with our volunteers and staff. The hazards caused by congestion within the Plaza, noise complaints from the surrounding residential area, and concerns of local law enforcement cannot be ignored.

I want to thank everyone that has been a part of **Cars & Coffee** over the years. We have several new ideas in the pipeline at **Blackhawk Museum** and hope that you will all join us in our future endeavors.

Thanks,

Jon Snyder

(Director of Operations at the Blackhawk Museum)

Check out the [ZONC Website](#) ~

It's had a make-over!

Track Night in America

Track Night in America is a non-competitive, no-stress, entertaining, easy and inexpensive way for nearly anyone who loves cars or motorsports to get on a real racecourse in their own vehicle during weeknights. All that is required is that participants be at least 18 years old with a valid driver's license and have access to an approved helmet and street car in good working condition.

Dates for **Track Night in America** at Thunderhill Raceway Park, Willows, CA

August 16, September 13.

These are all Thursday Nights.

For more information contact Rob Luis at:

Rjluis@sbcglobal.net

Z MART AD
FOR SALE
1980 280ZX

This is an all original rare 1980 280zx 10th Anniversary car in the rare Black/Red combo. 110,275 miles. Only 500 made in this color and less are 5 speed. The car is all original including paint and seat leather both of which need some work. I am the original owner and have all maintenance records. The engine was rebuilt by Nissan around 40k miles. It has been garaged most of its life. Runs great and passes smog! Also includes 2 new 10th Anniversary stickers, metal louvers, car cover and extra rim. Located in Danville, CA. More pictures on Autotrader Classic.

I would really love for another Z lover to have this car. It is really special. Asking \$9,000.

Contact Debbie at debbie_henderson@yahoo.com
or call 925.389.1267.

2018 Car Events Calendar

(Click on the blue dates and some red dates)

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
Sept 09	Sunnyvale PAL Show & Shine Car Show
Sept 15	Canapa Fun Run
Sept 14-16	Grand Prix of Sonoma at Sonoma
Sept 14	Japanese Classic Car Show Long Beach
Oct 05-06	Multi State Datsun Classic
Oct 05-07	CSRG Charity Challenge, Sonoma Raceway
Oct 13	Columbia Fun Run
Oct 16-20	ZCON ZCCA Annual Convention Atlanta, Ga.
Oct 21	ZONC Annual Picnic - Coyote Point
Oct 26-28	Pirelli World Challenge at Laguna
Dec 01-02	24 Hrs of Lemons, Sonoma Raceway
Dec 08	ZONC Annual Holiday Gathering

*****ZONC Nominations Wanted*****

ZONC needs you! Become active in your club and run for a Board of Director's Position for 2019! You can nominate yourself or have someone nominate you. Just send an email to **ZONC's** Secretary at Secretary@zoncorg and to the **ZNews's** Editor at thebeard@sonic.net.
Nominations due August 10th.

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thebeard@sonic.net

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Please include your complete address with ad.

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