



Z NEWS

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Profiles Wanted

Let your fellow ZONCERS get to know you better!

- Talk about yourself and the vehicles you own
- What you like about ZONC
- What events you would like to see
- It would be great if you included picture of yourself and your car

Send to the ZNEWS editor at thebeard@sonic.net

New Nissan Z Car

Here is what CAR AND DRIVER MAGAZINE is saying about the possible new Nissan Z Car:

- It will debut sometime this year as a 2021 model, code: named Z35.
- Will have a twin-turbo 3.0 liter V-6 and will make about 400 horsepower.
- A seven-speed automatic may be the only transmission available, but, a stick shift may be offered.
- A price tag somewhere in the \$40,000 range.

Please Welcome New Members...

Darren Pool	300ZX
Vincent Stewart	240Z
Andrew Balaguy	240Z



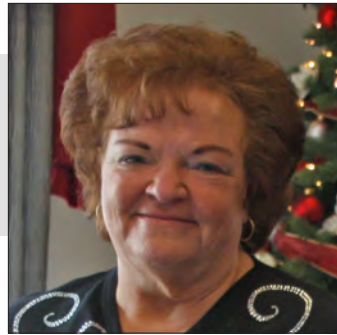
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On Z Road Again

By Linda Williams



June 1, 2020

Can you believe that summer is almost here and we haven't had any events or fun runs? It almost seems surreal. Hopefully you and your families have been healthy and safe during these unsettled times in our lives. As you know, this situation is very fluid and still changing all the time. We know the Governor is trying to keep us all safe while still wanting to open things up as quickly as possible, even though we may or may not agree with his plans. I guess we all need a little patience along with a positive outlook for the future.

We have not had our monthly meetings due to the social distancing we are practicing. This will hopefully change as things open up. I will keep the ZONC.org website updated with information as I receive it and/or need to change it.

The FORT BRAGG FUN RUN AND BBQ has been postponed and will be rescheduled as soon as we think the 'coast is clear' (ha, ha). We have also postponed the JUNE BLACKHAWK MEET AND GREET since (as of this writing) the museum still has not reopened. I have spoken to them and they are being very flexible and willing to reschedule when all this has settled down. The board had a discussion and we will be postponing or cancelling the annual BRISBANE CAR SHOW. Since a lot of our vendors are not currently open, we may not get the donation support that we have usually received. Normally letters are sent out 90 days in advance of the event to give them time to process our requests. It's kinda hard to make a request if we don't have a solid date to hold it. If you have any suggestions, please drop me a note and let me know. If all is well by September 27th, we are still hoping to have our ANNUAL PICNIC as scheduled at the Coyote Recreation Area. (Yes, this conflicts with ZDAY's new date, unfortunately the reservation was made back in February before all this Covid stuff!)

ZDAY in Atascadero was postponed from May 16 & 17th

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and has been rescheduled for September 26 & 27th. This is still a fluid situation and we will keep you posted.

Since we haven't had meetings for the last few months, here's a little Membership information I'd like to share with you. **Bob Russell** has taken over the **Membership Representative** position and seems to be having a great time! Instead of sending out paper renewal/expired letters, he's chosen to send the letters via email, unless the person doesn't have an email address. The beginning of May really showed that his efforts are working. We had 8 renewals.

We have three new members; I'd like to welcome **Vincent Stewart, Darren Pool, and Andy Balaguy**

This brings our total membership to 129 total current members (102 Regular, 16 Associate and 11 Sponsors).

Here's our Membership list by County:

Alameda	15	Out of Area	3
Central Valley	8	Placer	3
Contra Costa	9	Sacramento	14
El Dorado	2	San Francisco	1
Lake	1	San Mateo	10
Marin/Sonoma	7	Santa Clara	13
Mendocino	2	Solano	5
Monterey	8		

The numbers are good, considering everything that's going on in the world.

Take care and please be safe in your travels, even though we can't do what we'd like to be able to do.

Linda

HAPPY JUNE BIRTHDAYS...

Darrell Gray

Alan Hirotani

Russ Kanarowski

Oscar Lemus

George Namkung

Linda Williams

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!

2020 RMMR Update and Editorial

By Ann Devor

Should I stay or should I go? That was my column last month about the 2020 ROLEX MONTEREY MOTORSPORTS REUNION at Weathertech Raceway Laguna Seca. Update: Paul and I have decided not to go to RMMR and Monterey Car Week after 22 years of sacred devotion. Here's why: As of May 13, at least 21 major Car Week events have been canceled because of the corona virus health risk including:

PEBBLE BEACH CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE
**PEBBLE BEACH TOUR D'ELEGANCE AND CARMEL-BY-
 THE-SEA CAR EXHIBITION**
**JAPANESE AUTOMOTIVE INVITATIONAL EXHIBIT AT PEBBLE
 BEACH**
THE QUAIL, A MOTORSPORTS GATHERING
CONCORSO ITALIANO
LITTLE CARS SHOW IN PACIFIC GROVE
CARMEL MISSION CLASSIC
LEGENDS OF THE AUTOBAHN
GRASSROOTS MOTORSPORTS KICK-OFF
CONCOURS D'LEMONS
RM SOTHEY'S AUCTION, NOW ONLY AN ONLINE EVENT
GOODING & COMPANY AUCTION

The safety of participants and employees due to the corona virus pandemic and related problems gave the organizers of these events well-founded reasons to cancel. These Car Week regular events usually attract people and their cars from around the world. But this year we have travel restrictions and quarantines in place. Many of them will not be making the trip or shipping their cars to California.

And then there's the Rolex historic races at world famous Laguna Seca raceway that is under new management. The racetrack published its Corkscrew newsletter on April 24 about plans to go forward with RMMR despite the pandemic but acknowledged some effects of COVID-19 on the event. Specifically they mentioned "spatial distancing" and a concierge service to help guests. They also noted that the racetrack sits on 542 acres of open space and provides "vast hillsides for viewing." They have no featured marque, no manufacturer who will bring historic race cars and famous drivers for us to see and not much else of special

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significance other than a celebration of 70 years of sports car racing on the Monterey Peninsula. They conclude that it will be a "scaled back version of the Rolex Reunion ..."

Yet they are charging us full price (\$200 for me and ZoeZ, \$175 for Paul) and the tickets are non-refundable. On top of that, there are obvious questions about a realistic plan for physical distancing other than sitting on a "vast hillside."

In all past years there have been long lines to purchase food and crowded picnic tables at lunchtime. There are grandstands where we sit and watch the races. There are port-a-potties and very few restrooms with running water. And there is the paddock where we all go to see the race cars, the drivers and crew and everybody else. None of these activities can really happen without incredible risk in our new world of physical distancing.

I'm sad to say that we won't be at RMMR and I'll miss driving a parade lap but wanted to share the facts with you why we're staying home. We're looking forward to next year!

New Nissan Book

from the Chris Willes website

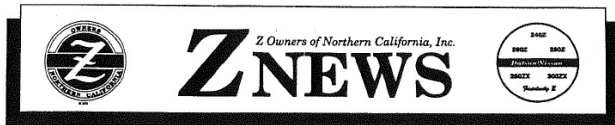


One cool book that was just released is, former ELECTRAMOTIVE Engineer, Chris Willes' new book titled, *DEVELOPING A CHAMPION*, with insightful information from Geoff Brabham and Don Devendorf.

This book contains the beginning of ELECTRAMOTIVE's racing history in 1975 with the Datsun B210 and 280zx race cars as well as detailing IMSA history from 1985-1989 all while featuring professional photos never before seen in this 12 chapter, 400 page book.

If you are a big Nissan history buff and have always been interested in the GTP story, check out the link below to order *DEVELOPING A CHAMPION!*

<https://www.chriswillesautoracingbooks.com>



JULY 1995

ZONC... Sharing a Love For Fun and Z cars

25 Years Ago in ZNEWS July 1995

By Bob Jenkins

An article on the cover was asking people to stop the rain dances, because a lot of great of events were about to happen. A Feather River Run with an overnight stay. An event called SPORTS CARS & ALL THAT JAZZ with an over night stay in Reno. A June two day event called the North Coast Run. An event called the PONY EXPRESS 100, which was a 100 mile open road race. A Sacramento Area meeting at Turner Nissan Training Room, located behind the Turner Nissan Dealership, and a FIRECRACKER FOTO X RALLYE in Mountain View.

An article entitled MO ZZ ING ALONG by Yo Fearless Leader talked about having fun with your Z and going on all the fun **ZONC** events and being sure to tell the leader you are going.

There was one full page of possible new events including a show and shine at a dealership, a NASA Driving School at Thunder hill, autocrosses at Oakland Coliseum and Candlestick Park in San Francisco, and a three day cruise ship tour.

Area reports from Sacramento, San Mateo and Santa Clara, and a Z Spotlight on Anthony and Nancy Wong who had moved from Sacramento to Santa Rosa. Anthony was the **ZONC** Technical Coordinator and Nancy was the club's Secretary.

A full page article entitled Wide Open Throttle by **ZONC** Race Coordinator Tom Lyon, talked about a race school and race at Thunder Hill, where **ZONC**er Dave Brown ran his ITS 240Z.

There was a full-page June calendar, and a full-page planner for June 1995 thru April 1996 which listed all **ZONC** events and also autocrosses and rallyes.

There was also a two-page NORTH COAST RUN flyer by Anthony Wong for a two-day event up Highway 1 to Leggett.

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There was a two-page flyer for SPORTS CAR OLYMPICS and ALL THAT JAZZ, a four-day event in Reno. Also a two-page flyer for the FOURTH ANNUAL FEATHER RIVER RUN a two day event with starts in Cordelia and Sacramento and lead by Paul & Laura Vancas, and finally a flyer for the 1995 NATIONAL Z-CAR CONVENTION in Atlanta, Georgia.

The President was listed as Paul Carroll, Vice President was Bill Halsey, Secretary was Nancy Wong, and Treasurer was Ernie Kiernan. **ZONC** also had a hotline to keep members informed.

This 18 page newsletter was full of information, but was send as Bulk Rate mail so it took a while to get to members.

Could this Be The New Z?



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ZONC 2011 BRISBANE CAR SHOW





Check web sites for the latest information and to learn if the events are going to happen as scheduled.



Sacramento Datsun Runs

- Jun 12-13 Powerhouse Datsun Show
 Jun 26-27 Mt. Shasta Roadster Show
 Jul 18 Feather River Fun Run
 Aug 15 Santa Cruz Fun Run
 Sept 12 US 40 Fun Run
 Oct 17 Leafers Fun Run
 Nov 14 Calaveras Big Trees Fun Run
 Dec 05 Dave Pare Memorial Toy Run

For info go to

www.facebook.com/sacdatsun/



Autocross & Hill Climb Web Sites

American Autocross Series

www.americanautox.com/schedule/

SFR SCCA:

www.sfrscca.org/autocross/

Northwest Hill Climb Association

(541) 772-7314

<https://nhahillclimb.org/>

Redwood Sports Car Club Eureka

(707) 441-1603

www.rsccl.net

2020 ZONC & Other Car Events

JUNE

- 06 ZONC Meet & Greet at Blackhawk** *Postponed*
 12-14 Save Mart 350 NASCAR, Sonoma Raceway *Cancelled*

JULY

- 15-19 NHRA Div 7 Drag Race, Sonoma Raceway
 24-26 NHRA Sonoma Nationals, Sonoma Raceway *Postponed*
 23-26 Ferrari Challenge Series Laguna Seca

AUGUST

- 02 ZONC Annual Car Show at Brisbane** *Postponed*
 07-09 GT World Challenge Am Ser, Sonoma Raceway
 08-09 Monterey Pre-reunion
13-16 Rolex M. Motorsport Reunion, Laguna Seca

SEPTEMBER

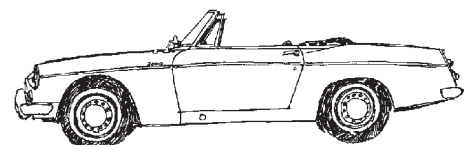
- 04-06 Sonoma Speed Festival, Sonoma Raceway
 11-13 IMSA, Laguna Seca
14-19 ZCON Celebration in Nashville
www.zcon.org/conventions/2020/
 19-20 Grand Prix of Monterey, Laguna Seca
 26-27 ZDAY CALIFORNIA
27 ZONC Annual Picnic

OCTOBER

- 03-04 CSRG Charity Challenge Historic- Sonoma

DECEMBER

- 12 ZONC Annual Banquet**



33rd Annual ZCON in Nashville

September 14-19, 2020

<http://zcon.org/conventions/2020/>

Virtual Car Shows

Check out Autoweek.com for a list of virtual car shows. Let **ZONC** know if you've entered your car.

The 1st video is **The Petersen Museum's Global Cars & Coffee**. Followed by the **Gilmore Car Museum**. There is a **Ford Performance Virtual Car Show** and the **Good Guys Rod & Custom Shows**. Then there is the **Holley Has Virtual Car Shows**. Also, a **Radwood Offers VRadwood**. **DUB Magazine's DIB Show Worldwide**. Also, **Viginia Car Care Company**. A **Hot Rod Hotline** and **Racing Junk**. Lastly, **Shining Bright Virtual Exhibition at Audrain Automobile Museum**.

<https://www.autoweek.com/car-life/events/g32310921/top-10-virtual-car-shows-2020/>



ZONC 2019 Car Show Sponsors

- A J's Professional Detail**
- Brock Racing Enterprises BRE**
- Grundy Insurance**
- Hagerty Insurance**
- Highline Motorsports**
- Meguiar's Inc.**
- Mother's**
- Motorsport Industries**
- Rock Auto**
- San Jose Auto Steam Clean**
- SF 49ers**
- Tint World, Santa Clara**
- ZCar Garage**
- ZCCA**

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



BUSINESS DISPLAY AD RATES FOR Z NEWS

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

ZCON 2019 Merchandise

Check out what is available at their web site.

<http://zcca.org/merchandise/>

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