



# Z NEWS

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## The Official Newsletter of Z Owners of Northern California

### Tentative 2021 Event Dates

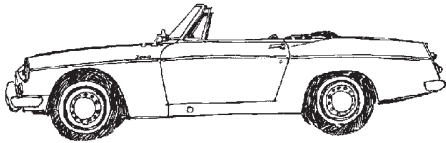
Saturday, May 08, [ZONC](#) Ft. Bragg Fun Run

Sunday, May 22, Datslocos Car Show

Saturday, Jun. 12, [ZONC](#) Blackhawk Gathering

Sunday, Sept. 12 [ZONC](#) Annual Car Show

Sunday, October 10, [ZONC](#) Picnic



### ZONC Virtual Regular Meeting Sunday, March 14, 2021

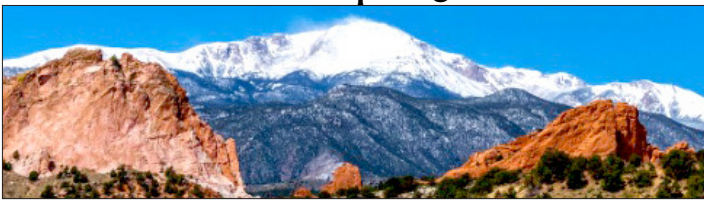
with guest speaker Michell Thompson

Michell Thompson from GRUNDY INSURANCE will be the guest speaker and will answer your questions about classic and collector car insurance.

The ZOOM link will come with your March ZNEWS.

See flyer on [page 3](#) regarding GRUNDY INSURANCE.

### 34th ZCON August 16-22, 2021 Colorado Springs, Co



<http://zcon.org/conventions/2021/schedule/>

### New Year, New ZCON! Are you ready?

Happy New Year ZCCA friends!

ZCON registration is open now!

Don't forget to use the coupon code, EARLYBIRD15 for \$15 off your registration through 4/15/21.

Our room block is open and we have plenty of rooms set aside.

For more information regarding Colorado Springs ZCON 2021, please visit [www.ZCON.org](http://www.ZCON.org).

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# On Z Road Again

By Linda Williams



March is coming in quickly!!

Happy St. Patrick's Day to you all! I hope you are able to enjoy yourselves and hopefully get your cars out for a little drive.

Not much going on since Covid-19 is still impacting all of our lives. I have heard that some of our members have received their first shots and they are anxiously awaiting their second shot. I will be getting my second shot in less than a week. No side effects from the first and hopefully I won't have any from the second. The only thing I'm happy about is the good feeling that we're getting somewhere and hopefully we can all start enjoying our cars more than we have this past year.

We had 9 people attend our February Zoom Meeting. We had more discussions regarding our plans for fun-runs, events, and activities for 2021. Here's a list of what we think we're going to be able to do this year (of course, we are always open to adding to it as time goes on).

1. Discussion for a coastal fun run, no specific date was chosen and we need volunteers to set it up and decide on a route. Several ideas.
2. Blackhawk Gathering - Saturday, June 12th. (On their calendar pending future county restrictions)
3. Fort Bragg BBQ and Fun Run - Hopefully May 8th??
4. Annual Car Show at the Brisbane Marina, September 12th (Paperwork submitted, no events are currently being booked due to county restrictions. We will monitor for changes.)
5. RMMR - Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion, August 12-15th. A Nissan corral is planned.
6. ZCON 2021, Colorado Springs, CO, August 16th - 20th. Early registration discount was extended to 4/15/21. Several members are discussing attending this event and we're also looking into shipping our cars (enclosed carrier). This isn't

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cheap, but if you're interested, please let me know so I have a better idea of how many are interested. Open carriers are quoting \$800-\$1000 each way and enclosed carriers are \$1300 - \$1500 each way (these prices are fluctuating right now because of the weather and fuel pricing.) They would like the cars to be picked up in one location, if that's possible and they will probably need the cars a week ahead of time.

7. IMSA Grand Prix Racing is September 17-19th.

8. Annual **ZONC** Picnic, October 2021 (date to be decided)

9. Awards Banquet and Installation of 2022 Officers. TBD  
**DATSLOCOS** and **SACDATSUN** - please check their Facebook pages for their monthly fun runs and events.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead (Spring Forward) on March 14th!! Yes, we will all lose an hour of our precious sleep! I will be going in for knee surgery on March 24<sup>th</sup>, so I'll be a little slower than usual for a few weeks.

Stay healthy and safe!



## ZONC Member Profiles Wanted

Let your fellow **ZONCERS** get to know you better! 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](mailto:thebeard@sonic.net)**

## Please Welcome

## New Members...

**Nelson Owyang**  
**Jeff Hyosaka**

**240Z**  
**240Z**



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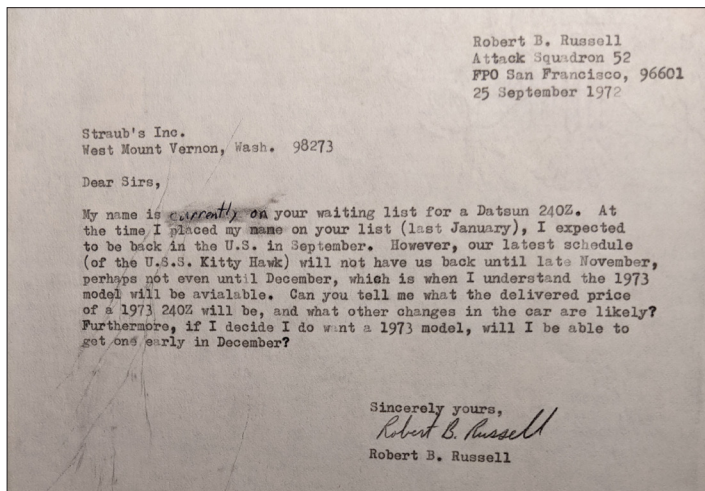
## Acquisition / Start of the Story:

By Bob Russell

In 1970, in my final year of college, I read the January edition Road and Track with the 240Z on the cover. I fell in Love/Lust and determined to acquire one as soon as I could save up enough money.

But then I was Drafted shortly after graduation in 1970, and joined the Navy to avoid digging foxholes in Vietnam, got sent to Vietnam anyway (but on an aircraft carrier)!

Trying to buy a 240Z while at sea off the coast of North Vietnam was difficult. Especially before the internet and email (or autocorrect...).



December 1972: the Kitty Hawk finally departed for home after ten months on Yankee Station (off of the coast of North Vietnam). I vowed with Navy buddies to buy Z cars with funds saved from the long combat deployment.

(December 1972 photo: On the flight deck, departing the port of Sasebo, Japan for the US. I'm the skinny fellow in the Navy leather flying jacket. Photo annotated with the model of Z each of us eventually bought.)



Finally, got my First Love in April 1973: ( I have all the original purchase documents, including the "Monroney" window sticker, warranty card, etc.).

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I still vividly remember walking up to my Z for the first time at the dealership. I had been dreaming about this car for three years, and finally, it was mine. It was my first new car ever, and I was so excited. Then, getting into the low seat and behind that long hood, I recall being surprised how big the 240Z seemed. Could not stop grinning for days! I knew then that I would keep this car forever. And so far, I have...:-)

Finally! A photo of my car. Two weeks after purchase, April 1973, Whidbey Island, Washington. (Paint color, 115 Blue Metallic, in the shadows.)



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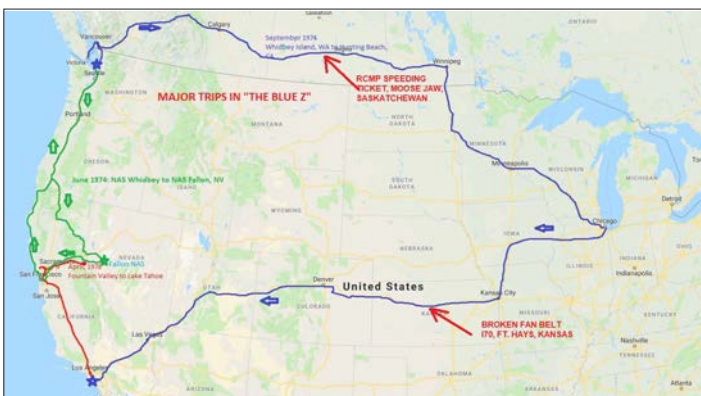
## Acquisition / Start of the Story

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After returning from a 2nd cruise on the Kitty Hawk in 1974, I got my Z out of storage and participated in a “fun run” sponsored by my Datsun dealer. These were the exciting times for Z owners. This run was over the North Cascade Highway in Washington State. I’ve been told that the Z Car Club of Washington still makes this run periodically. About 25 unmodified 240Zs (and a couple of 260Zs).



Discharged from active duty in 1974, drove to Southern California the long way... Whidbey Island WA via the Trans Canadian Highway to Winnipeg, then Chicago, Kansas City, finally California. The Mounties caught me speeding late one night near Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and I had the joy of replacing a fan belt without proper tools in the middle of Kansas. (This map is of all the long-distance trips I took in the Z.)



1974 to 1983: 166,000 miles making sales calls in southern California heat. (Flat top carbs worked great!) Then as a

commuter car in Atlanta, GA and N. California, 1983 to 1988. In 1989 at 188,000 miles, the Z retired to “Awaiting Restoration” status.



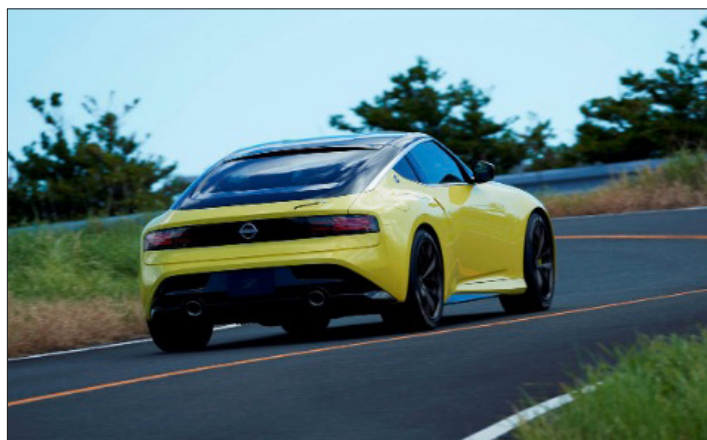
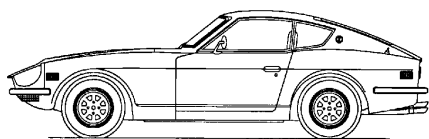
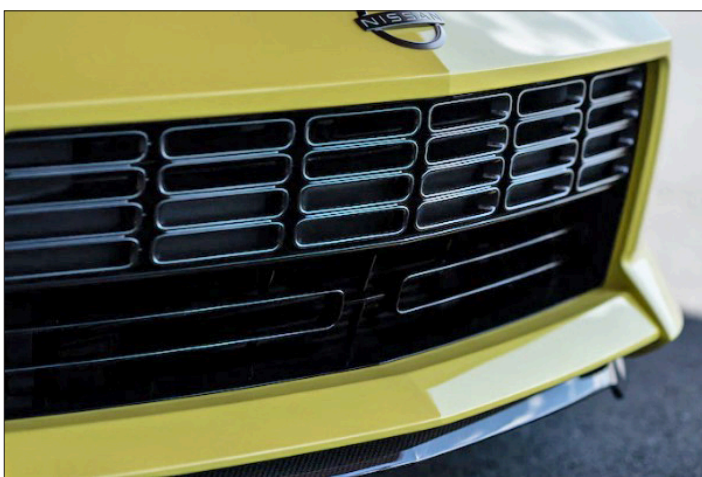
In 2007 I retired, joined **ZONC** (with my '93 300ZX 2+2), and found a spot in the garage for the long-neglected 240Z.



There it sat until 2018 - when I stopped contemplating restoring the car myself. I found Rich Scharf in San Diego, who took my car on as his 7th restoration in his garage. (Rich has three 240Zs, including his father’s unrestored survivor 1970 240Z, and has won awards at local Concours events). I have lots of photos of the restoration available.

Rich’s restoration is documented in the thread on [classiczcars.com](https://www.classiczcars.com/forums/topic/60309-were-bringin-back-the-flat-tops/): <https://www.classiczcars.com/forums/topic/60309-were-bringin-back-the-flat-tops/>

Rich did such a beautiful job; that I decided I wanted to take it to ZCON 2019 in Branson. There we took 2nd place in the Stock category to another '73. Had 13 points deducted out of 300 possible (most of those now fixed), I have many photos of ZCON Branson, JCCS and, other events in 2019. (No stories in 2020...)



## 2011 Contra Costa Run



## ZONC 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic at Hidden Valley Park in Martinez



## Sac Datsun Events

March 20 Rail Town 1887 Fun Run  
 April 17 Bridgeport Bridge Fun Run  
 May 22 Datsloco Swap Meet  
 July 17 Feather River Fun Run  
 August 21 Santa Cruz Fun Run  
 September 11 US 40 Fun Run  
 October 16 Leafers Fun Run  
 November 20 Calaveras Big Trees FunRun

For more info go to

[www.facebook.com/sacdatsun/](http://www.facebook.com/sacdatsun/)



## HAPPY MARCH BIRTHDAYS...

John Deame  
 Nick Fisher  
 Louis Giannone  
 Stephen Grammer  
 Melissa Hannebrink  
 Paul Sullivan  
 Alan Young

*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!*

## 2021 ZONC and Other Car Events

### March

14 SUN

[ZONC Virtual Regular Meeting](#)

### APRIL

11 & 12

CSRG Love Historic Car Races (SR)

11 SUN

[ZONC Virtual Regular Meeting](#)

23-25

SVRA Sportscar Vintage Racing (SR)

23 & 24

Solvang Roadster Meet

23-25

IMSA Sports Car Championship (LS)

29-5-2

Trans Am SpeedFest (LS)

### May

02

Trans Am SpeedFest (LS)

08

[Fort Bragg BBQ](#)

22

[Datslocos Car Show & Swapmeet](#)

(See flyer on page [10](#))

### June

02-06

Branson Z Fest, Branson, Mo

<http://bransonzfest.org/>

06

NASCAR Cup Series (SR)

06-12

[ZONC Blackhawk Gathering 9am - 1 pm](#)

24-26

Mt. Shasta Roadster Show

### July

### August

07-08

Monterey Pre Reunion (LS)

12-15

Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion (LS)

### September

10-11

IMSA Monterey Sports Car Championship

12

[Annual ZONC Brisbane Car Show](#)

17-19

IndyCar Grand Prix (LS)

22

Sonoma Speed Festival (SR)

### October

02-03

CSRG Charity Vintage Car Races (SR)

10

[ZONC Annual Picnic](#)

### December

12

[ZONC Annual Banquet](#)

Editor's Note: (LS) Laguna Seca Raceway  
 (SR) Sonoma Raceway



## Matt's Yager's Profile

### S30 Collection for Sale

Hi Everyone, I'm Matt Yager (new [ZONC](#) member). My first car back in 1987 was a 1974 Datsun early 260Z (had the skinny bumpers like a 240Z and not the fat bumpers like a late 260Z or 280Z). My older brother had a 1977 280Z. I really loved my car and I poured my time and \$\$\$ into it.

My wife and I drove that early 260Z up until our first daughter was born in 1996. In fact, I taught my wife how to drive a stick shift in that car. After our oldest daughter was born, we reluctantly sold it and bought a Volvo station wagon. The Z was fun while it lasted! I had to move on and had to think more about function than fun.....but a few years later a friend of mine asked me if I could help him fix his 1977 280Z project car. Naturally, I agreed. Like many of us he had a car that he was working on and he had a spare car for parts. They were both towed to our family property (in Mendocino) and we got his up and running. He was in the process of moving and asked if I could hold onto his parts car. We have room where we live so I told him that was fine.

Meanwhile, a mutual friend of ours said that they had another 280Z that was free to a loving home, so naturally I took it! Another friend of mine owns a tow truck company and he knew of a few orphaned Z cars lying about that I could have for the price of towing. I took those also. I became quickly known as the Z Ranch and I would have people contact me and offer to sell or give me Z cars (S30's only) for little to nothing. In my glory days about 15 years ago I had 13 S30 Z cars. For those of you who are new to the Z scene, an S30 is any of the first generation of Datsun Z cars such as a 240Z, 260Z or 280Z but NOT any of the 280ZX's.

The cars that were really rusted out I picked the good parts off of them and then sent the carcasses off to a junk yard. I have a 20' cargo container full of good S30 Z car parts and I've still got 4 project cars left. One is a 1971 240Z, and I've got 3 of the early 1974 260Z's. I loved my Z car and it was fun while it lasted, but I've moved on and I recently realized that I'm a truck guy. I've been collecting Ford trucks from the 1930's and Dodge Weapons Carriers from WW2 and Dodge Power Wagons from the 1950's. All that to say that I'm selling

off ALL of my early Datsun Z car stuff. Call or email me if you want a project car or any parts. I can text or email pics.

God bless,

-Matt

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Matt Yager, President

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### Autocross & Hill Climb Websites

#### American Autocross Series

<http://www.americanautox.com/schedule/>

#### SFR SCCA:

[www.sfrscca.org/autocross/](http://www.sfrscca.org/autocross/)

#### Northwest Hill Climb Association

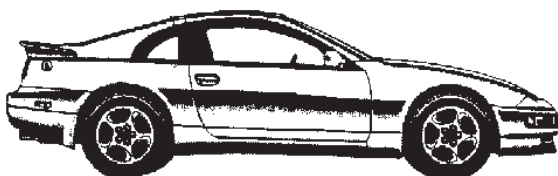
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<https://nhahillclimb.org/>

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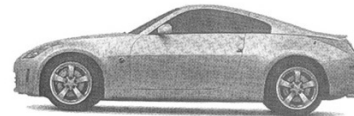
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