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### Velocity Invitational 2022 at Laguna Seca

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Velocity Invitational vintage racing returned to Weathertech Raceway Laguna Seca on October 14-16, 2022. Once again, the event was featured as a lifestyle event with an upscale food pavilion and a heavy emphasis on high-end motorcars such as McLaren and Lamborghini. Taking a cue from Goodwood in England, exemplary historic race cars were parked on bright green artificial turf throughout the pit area.

Best of all, the organizers of Velocity Invitational recognized the importance and popularity of Datsun race cars like the

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### ❄ Save the Date ❄

**Saturday, December 3, 2022**

We are going to have a Holiday Run!

Please join **ZONC** for lunch on this Fun Run in place of our annual banquet.

We will still have a toy drive, so please bring a new unwrapped toy.

See flyer on [page 4](#)

### ZONC ZOOM MEETING

**January 8, 2023**

**11:30 AM**

At this meeting we will calendar as many as possible of the events for 2023.

So if you want to put on an event for 2023 or have an idea for an event, be sure and come to this meeting.

The link for this meeting will be sent with the January ZNEWS.

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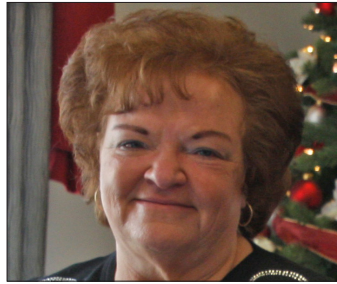
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## On Z Road Again

Linda Williams



Happy Holidays!!

Hope you all had a great Thanksgiving and enjoyed being with family and friends.

At our November meeting, the 2023 Board of Directors all were sworn into their positions and are all looking forward to having a great year. **Congratulations** to Jason, Wade, Oscar and me! (Yes, you get me for another year!!) The Secretary position is still open if anyone is interested in possibly joining the board, just let me know. **Thank you** to everyone that nominated me for Outstanding Member and the Best Event, which was the Blackhawk Gathering to celebrate our 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

For our December meeting we will be doing something similar to what we did last year. Oscar is working on the final details, but as it stands now, we will be meeting in Livermore at DeBocery at 8:30AM and leave at 9AM for a fun run through the Livermore Valley and beyond, and then return to have lunch and share our memories of 2022. Anyone that doesn't want to actually drive the fun run is welcome to join us for lunch between 12:30pm and 1pm. Time is always flexible since things happen that are beyond our control, like stopping for pictures and getting fuel.

In planning for the new year, our **January 8<sup>th</sup>** meeting will be our **'Planning Meeting'** for the events that we need to nail down dates for in order to make the appropriate reservations for the venues. Hopefully, you will all be anxious to plan these events with us and maybe even offer to plan a fun run that you'd like to head-up! Everyone is welcome to join us in the ZOOM meeting. It seems like there are a handful of members that volunteer to do these and we'd like to get some additional ideas.

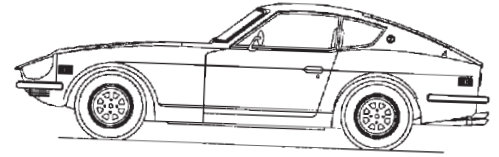
It's hard to believe that Christmas is almost here and I haven't even put up my tree yet! I hope you all have plans for a safe holiday, especially if you're in your cars traveling on our

busy highways. It seems like Covid is now becoming the new 'norm' and we are getting back to doing all the things we put on hold for 3 year.

Cheers to your health and happiness in the coming year. I'd like to wish you and your families a very Happy New Year!!

Safe travels,

Linda



### ZONC 2022 Car Show Sponsors

**Nissan-USA**

**Z Car Garage**

**BRE - Brock Racing Enterprise**

**Cynthia Myers Glass**

**Rock Auto**

**ZCCA - Z Car Club Association**

**La Guera Taco Truck**

## Happy December Birthdays . . .

**KEN CLARK**

**SUSAN KELLER**

**CHARLES MOLL**

**CHRIS MORRISON**

**CASEY NOEL**

**MARY ELLEN ROZMAJZL**

**VINCENT STEWART**

*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!*

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## 30 Years Ago in ZNEWS December 1992

By Bob Jenkins

On the cover were flyers for two December charity events, one called MILES FOR SMILES CARAVAN and the other TODDLER RALLYE, both collecting toys for needy families.

A Z Prez' 2 Cents article by the ZONC president talked about a CASTLE AIR FORCE BASE AIR MUSEUM TOUR and the events for December. He also reminded members to vote for ZONC Officers and other awards. He also stated that ZONC was raising its dues on January 1, 1993 to \$30 per year/\$55 for two years.

An article entitled THE APPLE HILL RUN –WITH A TWIST— stated 16 Zs were on the run but they first went to the Placerville School to avoid any parking situations at Apple Hill and took a bus to the site.

A Christmas Brunch flyer stated the Headquarters House in Auburn would be the site and a start for a run up to the brunch would leave from Sacramento.

An article entitled “Z” BAY INVASION talked about a sailing cruise on San Francisco Bay by 26 ZONCers and 8 non-Zoncners. Some of the people came in costume and some helped hoist the sails.

An Official ZONC Ballot listed President Rick Cassell, Vice President Carolyn Dudley, Secretary Paul Carroll, and Treasurer Heather Ippoliti, and the Best Event for 1992 had 18 events listed.

A flyer for the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ZONC Awards Banquet was set for Travis AFB in Fairfield, with dress Casual/Semi-Formal, and the cost was Prime Rib \$20, Cornish Game Hen \$18.

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There was a flyer for a 2 day Ski Trip in February to Donner Ski Ranch.

Nine new members were welcomed to ZONC.

In a Sacramento Meeting News article it was stated that the meetings were held at Turner Nissan. They had two guest speakers and Gourmet Burgers donated a coupon for a free hamburger for the monthly drawing.

The Monterey/Santa Cruz area talked about a run to Heavenly Café in Felton for breakfast and a planned potluck in December.

Paul Vancas gave a report on a General Membership Meeting at Marie Callender's where reports on the condition of ZONC were given, and guest speaker Ron Cater talked about alarm systems for your Z.

## PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBER .....

**Gary Cantrell**

**260Z**

## ZONC Member Profiles Wanted

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)





# 2022 Banquet Run

December 3, 2022

De Boccery

175 E Vineyard Avenue, Livermore, CA 94550

Meeting @ 8:30 am and leaving @ 9:00 am

We will begin and end at the Da Boccery with a couple of stops along the way to use the facilities and get gas if anyone needs it.

<https://tinyurl.com/ZONC2022DecRun>

Join us after the run at the Da Boccery,  
everyone will be paying for their own lunch and beverages.

Please bring a new unwrapped toy.



## Velocity Invitational 2022

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240Z and 510 and both were featured in two important race groups. Group 5, 1972-1977 IMSA GT cars, featured two 240Zs and a 260Z. Group 8, 1966-1979 under 2L TransAm, 25 Challenge, SCCA B-Sedan, C-Sedan, had an impressive field of a dozen 510s. To top it all off, celebrity racing guests Mario Andretti, John Morton and Peter Brock graciously manned an autograph table for a long line of fans.

Paul and I attended the racing festival on Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup> to see the race cars qualify and compete for pole positions. Group 5 went out for 10 laps for a total 20.3 minutes with the three Datsuns facing very tough competition from the other race cars. The results were consistent over the weekend competition with Rob Fuller (#49 240Z) finishing 6<sup>th</sup> in Sunday's final feature race behind a Porsche 911 IMSA, BMW CSL, Corvette, and two Porsche RSRs. Dave Stone (#94 260Z) finished 7<sup>th</sup> and over 5 seconds behind Fuller's #49 car. Bob Clucas (#3 240Z) apparently did not run on Sunday but had come in 16<sup>th</sup> in Saturday's qualifying race.

Group 8 was Datsun party time. 510s dominated the racing field with many familiar names and cars. Saturday afternoon's qualifying race started with a very special warm-



owner and **ZONC** sponsor, Taz Harvey in #80; Dave Stone in #93; Glenn Chiou in #37; Adam Carolla in #90; and **ZONC** supporter Gordon McCall in #66. Fuller finished first and kept the pole for the final feature race on Sunday. But in an upset, Jim Froula in the #88 BMW 2002 is reported to have won Sunday's race by a mere 0.132 seconds. Taking second place, Fuller still recorded the fastest lap time of 1:44.035.



up lap led by honorary pace car driver John Morton in the original champion #46 510 bearing his name. While the tribute to Morton seemed to escape the track announcers, those of us in the stands rose to say thank you to one of the greatest Datsun racers of all time. Following a respectful distance behind Morton and #46 on the track, Rob Fuller had the qualifying race pole position in Tom Dockery's #72 510. Other familiar names and 510s were former Dublin Nissan

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Adding to all the fun, race car celebrities were seen out and about on the track and in the pits. Mario Andretti, 82, took a McLaren Formula 1 car out for some fast laps on the track, handling it as though he was still in his prime. (Maybe he is!) Later in the afternoon, Andretti joined Datsun megastars John Morton and Peter Brock to sign autographs on posters, t-shirts, and you-name-it. And for **ZONC** member, Andrea Ivan, Sunday was the day her dreams came true when she had a chance to meet Andretti who had long been her racing idol, and to tell him about her ZMario 300ZX and Mario Jr. Fiat.



Velocity Invitational 2022 lived up to expectations after a fabulously impressive Laguna Seca debut in 2021. This racing event has everything one could hope for, and we will not hesitate to go again next year. Of course, any time there are Datsuns on the racetrack, it's a guaranteed good time for all!



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Please make check or money order payable to: **ZONC**.  
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American Autocross Series

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

SFR SCCA:

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

Northwest Hill Climb Association

(541) 772-7314

<https://www.nhahillclimb.org>

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(707) 441-1603

[www.rsccl.net](http://www.rsccl.net)

**2022-2023 ZONC and Other Car Events****DECEMBER****03 ZONC Holiday Banquet Tour**

04 Dave Pare Memorial Toy Run (Sac Datsun)

04 24 Hours of Lemons Sonoma Raceway

10 Cars & Cocoa Charity at Sonoma Raceway

**JANUARY****08 11:30 AM ZONC - ZOOM Meeting**

This is our annual planning meeting for 2023

**FEBRUARY**

12 11:30AM ZONC - ZOOM Meeting

**MARCH**

12 11:30AM ZONC - ZOOM Meeting

**APRIL****MAY**

20 DATSCAR SHOW

**JUNE**

10 NASCAR Sonoma Raceway

**JULY**

31 ZCON

**AUGUST**

1-5 ZCON

15 Classic Motorsport Monterey Kickoff

17 Laguna Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion

**SEPTEMBER****OCTOBER****NOVEMBER****DECEMBER**

(LS) Laguna Seca Raceway

(SR) Sonoma Raceway

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

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For more information go to

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