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Sonoma SpeedTour

April 18-21, 2024

2024 Sonoma Speed Tour and Car Show

Thursday, April 18 -
Sunday, April 21, 2024
at Sonoma Raceway

More information
<https://svra.com/events/2024-sonoma-speedtour/>
<https://am.ticketmaster.com/sonoma/gtn>

Fanatec GT World Challenge America

Friday, April 05 -
Sunday, April 07, 2024
at Sonoma Raceway

ZONC Corral on Saturday, April 6, 2024

ZONC ZOOM MEETING Event Planning Meeting

April 14, 2024
11:30 am

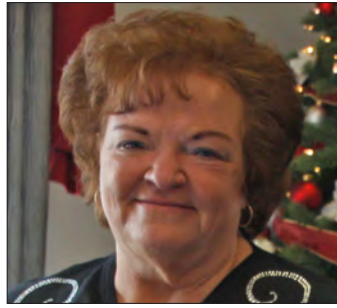
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On Z Road Again

Linda Williams



April 2024

Happy April Fool's Day!!

Well, Spring has sprung and the weather is definitely looking and feeling better for getting our cars out and stretching the legs....

At our March meeting we discussed events for the year and we still have a lot of opportunity to get more activities on our calendar.

On March 16th, ZONC hosted a car corral at the Sonoma Raceway for the David Love Vintage Races and the weather was perfect!! The corral was shared with other car clubs so we had a mix of all makes and models of cars. There was even a Tesla Cybertruck that made an appearance....pretty interesting vehicle! I'll keep my Z's needless to say!

Saturday April 6th, we will have a corral at **Sonoma Raceway for the Nissan GT4 Races** like we did last year. We were on turn 2 which overlooks turn 2 and 3 giving you a wonderful view of the cars as they begin the race and battle it out for a winner. We will have a **limited number of discounted tickets available for you**. This is a fun event and Nissan does provide some Nissan swag for you while at the races. Please contact me for more information if you haven't already received it.

Don't forget about the **57th April Fool's Rallye** on **April 7th!** Bob and Marci with Empire Sports Car Association (ESCA) members have been hosting this for many, many years. The money goes to the *Canine Companions for Independence*. All makes and models are welcome to join, and there are various classes you can sign up for. Awards will be awarded to the first and second place finishers as well as a participation plaque for the first 30 entrants.

Datslocos will have their **Annual Swap Meet and Car Show** on **May 18th** in Manteca.

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Our annual **Meet and Greet at Blackhawk Museum** will be on **June 9th**. ZONC members will have the first opportunity to have their cars on the **Blackhawk Plaza**, more info to follow.

We're still working on a date for our **Annual Car Show** and the **Annual Picnic/Birthday** celebration.

Our next meeting will be on **April 14th** at 11:30 AM via ZOOM.

Safe travels,

*Please Welcome
New Member . . .*

TONY OREJA

280ZX



*Happy April
Birthdays*

Joe Armstead

Lawrence Jensen

Jay Johnson

Gary Kerchner

*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!*

EMPIRE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION
presents the

57th ANNUAL

APRIL

FOOLS



RALLYE

AN A-B RALLYE OPEN TO ALL TYPES OF CARS

DATE: SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

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 \$20.00 PER CAR

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

AWARDS: MASTER EXPERT CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST AND SECOND PLACE
EXPERT CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST AND SECOND PLACE
SENIOR CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST AND SECOND PLACE
NOVICE CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST AND SECOND PLACE
BEGINNER CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST AND SECOND PLACE
FIRST TIMER CLASS, ~ AWARD ~ FIRST AND SECOND PLACE

A PARTICIPATION PLAQUE TO FIRST 30 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: Mountain Mike's Pizza in Santa Rosa

RALLYMASTER, BOB THE BEARD - **To Sign-up**

CALL (707) 546-6867 OR E-MAIL thebeard@sonic.net

FOR MORE INFORMATION

THE APRIL FOOLS RALLYE WEBSITE IS: rallyeplace.net

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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For information call Ray or Chris @ (916) 988-6376

The above referenced participant assumes any/all liability and waives any/all claims, including a waiver of civil code 1542 in relation to any participation in this event.

Please initial _____



"Audrey" A Datsun Sports 1600

"Audrey" is my 1970 Datsun Sports 1600. I bought her in 1995 and she was my daily driver while living in San Jose and Santa Monica, CA. We had lots of adventures in those days, including driving on Highway 1, Route 66, and even blowing a head gasket in the desert outside Needles, CA. In 1998 I got a job in Thailand and Audrey was put in storage. Stored outside for years, she suffered the indignity of being broken into and vandalized. (I'm still apologizing to her for that.)

In 2000, I moved back to the USA, but had no garage for Audrey, so she remained outside, staying with friends and family. By 2003 she had finally moved inside, but a busy life and no shop space meant that she sat in the corner, patiently awaiting resurrection.

Fast forward to 2019: now having a great garage space and some free time, it was time to get Audrey back on the road. On the outside, she still wears most of what's left of her original 54-year-old paint, but inside and underneath it's a different story: Her factory 96 horsepower has been doubled using the original engine, now displacing 2155cc, and her 4 speed



transmission has been swapped for a 5 speed. The body was removed from the frame, all suspension, steering, and brakes were redone/upgraded, all electrical wiring replaced, every nut and bolt was either replated or replaced, a vintage set of Panasport wheels was installed, and the interior restoration has begun, slowly changing from black to red.

Now that she's back and better than ever, Audrey and I have driven to Datsun shows at Shasta and Solvang, plus several Breakfast Club Rallies and other local Bay Area events.

Many thanks to the whole Datsun community for all their help and encouragement along the way, and especially Rob Fuller, Steve Pettersen, Dave Premo, Dave Rebello, and Mike Young. Anyone interested in seeing the full restoration story can check it out here: <https://www.311s.org/phpBB3/viewtopic.php?t=19067> Audrey's journey continues, and I just love having her back on the road where she belongs.

—Erik Miller





David Love Vintage Races at Sonoma Raceway,
March 16, 2024

CSRG (Classic Sports Racing Group) put on another great event!

There were 9 different groups participating in the races.

G1 - Sports and GT Cars as raced prior to 1963 & Formula Vee

G2 - Small Displacement Production Sports Cars

G3 - Small Displacement Production Sports Cars & Sedans, John Morton Cup, Vintage Spec Miata

G4 - Small Displacement Sports Racing Cars through 1967 and USRRC

G5 - Formula Junior and Formula B

G6 - Formula Ford Crossflow Cup

G7 - F1, F5000, Formula Atlantic, FIA Group 6&7 (Can-Am), Sports 2000 & all other winds and slicks cars

G8 - Large Displacement Production Sports Cars through 1972, Trans-Am, A/B/C Sedan, IMSA GTU/GTO, compatible production-based contemporary '68-'95 cars



with documented race history.

The day began with spectacular weather for Sonoma Raceway! Blue skies and just a tad bit of wind. You couldn't have asked for it to be any better.

The car corral was shared with several different car groups. ZONC had a few members, Miata had a small showing, the GT-R's had some beautiful cars to show and the

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David Love Vintage Races

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BCR (Breakfast Club Rally) group had the largest showing. They began their day in Marin for their Pre-Stage monthly rally and then they began a 75-mile backroads route to the raceway to join everyone else. There was even a Tesla Cybertruck that everyone could check out. (I'll keep my Z's!!)

This is such a fun event for the entire family (even dogs), and it's FREE. You can wander almost everywhere. If you want to be in the grandstands and just watch the racing (including the qualifying races), you can do that. If you want to go into the pits (cars, drivers and crews), you can meander your way through them and take lots of pictures and maybe even talk to the drivers. I urge you to put this event on your calendars and plan on attending

The most exciting news of the day was that our ZONC member, **Lora Baggott** ran her first official race and will get

her SCCA License! ZONC wants to congratulate Lora on her big day and know that we will be cheering her on in her future races!!

Z Car Garage was very busy with 8 cars being taken care of by the super crew!! Josh, Nick and Cooper were running all over the place to ensure the cars were in top notch condition for the races. Meghan and Oliver (the shop dog) were holding down the fort during all of this. Rob's new Nissan Z was the official Pace Car for the races. How fun is that??

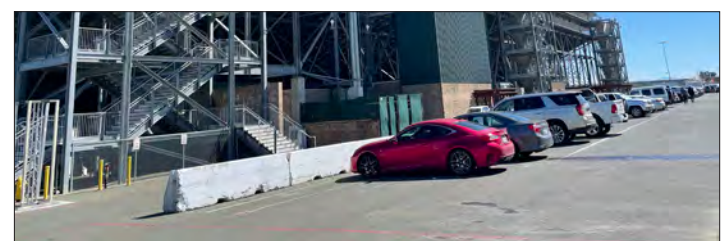
Troy Ermish had his TA2 car on display while he crewed for a few of his friend's cars. It's always great to chat with him and see what he has going on.

The next FREE CSRG event will be at Laguna Seca Raceway May 31-June 2. Admission is FREE and you can download the pass to your phone or print your event pass from their website: <https://lapsforlaguna.com>

Take advantage of being part of some very fun racing activities in our area.



ZONC member Lora Baggott





Trans Am SpeedFest at WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca

May 4, 2024.

JOIN US IN THE PADDOCK - DRIVE YOUR SHOW ON THE RACE TRACK!

The Hagerty Cars & Caffeine car show is for all automotive enthusiasts. Whether your car is a classic, exotic, one of a kind or just plain awesome! You can win "Best in Class" or the SpeedFest Spirit" trophy. Show off your car while you watch wheel to wheel Trans Am racing, vintage muscle cars, sports racers on one of the most legendary tracks in the world. Each \$75.00 registration includes:

- 2 weekend passes (2 people Sat & Sun)
- VIP Parking
- Touring laps in your show car during the lunch hour
- Full access to the race car paddock

Register here: <https://speedtour.net/laguna-seca/>

Questions? Email tc@svra.com or call 863-698-8620

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**SATURDAY
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 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

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 Vince DiMaggio Park, 3200 Del Monte Blvd., Marina CA 93933, 8 am – 3 pm

\$75.00 Participants entry includes:
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ZONC's Current Membership Cars

240Z	43
260Z	0
280Z	11
280ZX	1
300ZX -Z31	2
300ZX-Z32	13
350Z	10
370Z	6
Z (RZ34)	4
GT-R	2
G35	2
G37	1
510	4
Datsun Roadsters	5

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2024 ZONC and Other Car Events

APRIL

- 05-07 Sonoma Raceway GT4 races
06 ZONC hosting corral at Sonoma Raceway
07 57th Annual April Fools Rallye
16 ZONC ZOOM MEETING
20 Car Show Citrus Heights
18-21 SVRA racing at Sonoma Raceway
 26-27 Solvang Datsun Roadster Classic

MAY

- 03-05 SVRA racing at Weather Tech Racing (LS)
 TBA **ZONC BBQ** in Ft. Bragg
18 DATSLOCOS Car Show
 31 Laps for Laguna Laguna Seca

JUNE

- 01-02 Laps for Laguna Laguna Seca
 08-09 Toyota/Save Mart 350 NASCAR (SR)
09 Blackhawk ZONC Meet & Greet
 20-22 Mt. Shasta Roadster Show
 23 Hillsborough Concours
 21-23 Firestone Grand Prix Monterey (LS)

JULY

- 13 Sac Datsun Msquito Bridge Fun Run
 20-21 Korbel Hillclimb by RSCC - <http://www.rsccl.net/>

AUGUST

- 10 Sac Datsun Ice House Fun Run
 10-11 Monterey Pre-Reunion & Corkscrew Hillclimb (LS)
 14-17 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion (LS)
 24 Ferrari Challenge North America

SEPTEMBER

- 07 Santos Family Annual Car Show
09-14 ZCON, Tampa, Florida
 14 Sac Datsun US 40 Fun Run
 13-15 CSRG Charity Challenge (SR)

OCTOBER

- 12 Sac Datsun Leafers Fun Run
 TBA **ZONC ANNUAL PICNIC**
 13-15 Laps for Laguna (LS)

NOVEMBER

- 01-03 CSRG Season Finale, Thunder Hill
 09 Sac Datsun Calaveras Big Trees Fun Run

DECEMBER

- 07 Sac Datsun Dave Parr Memorial Toy Run
 TBA **ZONC Annual Banquet/Fun Run**

(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.

Sac Datsun Events

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