



# Z NEWS

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## The Official Newsletter of Z Owners of Northern California

### On Z Road Again

By Linda Williams



January 2025

**Happy New Year!!** May your wishes come true and that you have a healthy year ahead! A few of our members did have some challenges this past year with health issues and I'd like to ask you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers for speedy recoveries.

This past year we had some really fun events for **ZONC** and hopefully we will continue to have the fun times and fun runs to get our cars out on the roads we love so much in California. We are very fortunate to be able to drive year-around and not have to go through all the 'winterization' that lots of our fellow Z enthusiasts go through each year.

Your **ZONC Board for 2025** is: Linda Williams, President; Oscar Lemus, Vice President; Bob Russell, Vice President (Admin) and Membership Representative; Jason Green, Secretary; and Wade Warren is Treasurer. Thanks to you all for your time and contributions to **ZONC!**

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### ZONC ZOOM MEETING

Planning Meeting

January 12, 2025

11:30am

### Holiday Ride and Winery Visit Dec. 2024

By Linda Williams

Our first meeting spot was in Livermore at De Boccery for the start of our Holiday Ride to the Sierra Foothills, with a second stop at Power Market in Lathrop to meet up with the rest of the group. Oscar and Sara met up with us to say 'Hi' but were not be able to join us on the run since Oscar had undergone heart surgery a couple weeks before (He's doing great!). Unfortunately, the weather was not working in our favor for a dry day of driving. The morning began with a tornado warning at San Francisco Airport (SFO)!! Now that was a shock especially since we had just had a huge 7.0 earthquake in the northern part of the coastline (Eureka area) the week before. The rain was everything from a spritz to almost a downpour, but we continued..... We had 5 cars

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## On Z Road Again

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We began the 2024 year with a visit to CSRG Racers and Friends at **Sim Racers**, San Jose in February. In March we hosted a corral at the **Dave Love Vintage Races at Sonoma Raceway** with Rob Fuller having a full corral of cars to drive/race. In April, Nissan USA asked us to host the **Nissan Corral at the GT4 Races at Sonoma Raceway**, and Bob and Marci hosted their **Annual April Fools Rallye**. May brought the **Datslocos Annual Car Show and Swap Meet** in Manteca. Our very successful **Meet and Greet at the Blackhawk Museum** was held in June and we were honored with 2 guests from Japan that conducted several interviews with **ZONC** members and other Datsun car owners. The videos are on YouTube if you're interested. The **Laps for Laguna** and the **Mt. Shasta Roadster Show** were also in June. July was pretty quiet for us, except for the **ZONC** members that made the trek up to **Fort Bragg** on July 13<sup>th</sup> for a **BBQ** at my home. August brought on the **Classic Motorsports Kickoff** and **Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion** week with a few of our members having their cars on display at a couple of the events. **ZCON** was held in Tampa, Florida this year. **Our Annual ZONC Car Show** was held in September at the Brisbane Marina with a couple of guests even driving up from Southern California to join us. It was a very successful show with the Z31/Z32 family of cars making a tremendous showing, even more than the family of 240Zs which usually have the most cars on display. We ended the year with a fun run to the Sierra foothills. It was a very rainy day and we had a few people decide not to go, but we still took the drive and had a great lunch at Mel's Diner. Unfortunately we didn't make it to the 24Brix Winery, but we will do it in the spring when the weather is better for everyone.

Our next meeting will be on **Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> via ZOOM**. We will start the discussions to decide on some of the fun runs and events we'd like to have in 2025. Please plan on attending this meeting so we can hear what ideas you have. Remember, this is YOUR club and it takes all of us to make it successful.

Safe travels,

Linda

## Holiday Ride

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make the run, a new NISMO, a Proto Spec Z, a Performance "Z", a 240Z and a 300ZX. All the cars made the trip without any problems at all. We had a wonderful lunch at Mel's Diner in Jackson and enjoyed everyone's conversations. Many of the group had additional plans with family so the decision was



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# MY 2023 Z

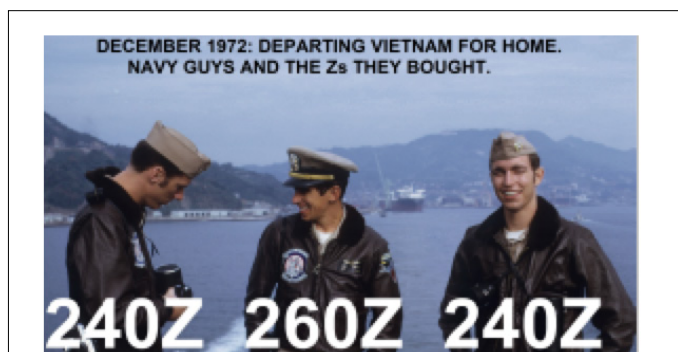
By Bob Russell

My purchase of the new 2023+Z started in 1973 when I bought the "hot ticket" sports car of the 1970s: the Datsun 240Z.

When it was released in 1970, Road&Track magazine's review called it a "...super bargain". Car and Driver called it "...brilliantly conceived". Every young adult looking for their first sports car wanted it and drove up demand to the point that a year after its release a used 240Z was selling for \$500 above list for a new 240Z!



*New Z Reveal*



College graduation, first real job, and the Vietnam Draft all conspired to delay my purchase until I got back to the US in December of 1972, after 11 months on an aircraft carrier deployed to Vietnam. On April 14, 1973, after 4 months on a wait list, I sat in a new Blue Metallic 240Z for the first time and drove it off the lot. What a rush! I've been enamored with that Z and subsequent Z models ever since. I still have that 240Z.

So when I saw the Reveal of the new Z at the 2021 ZCON in Colorado Springs I knew I had to have the Seiran Blue one!

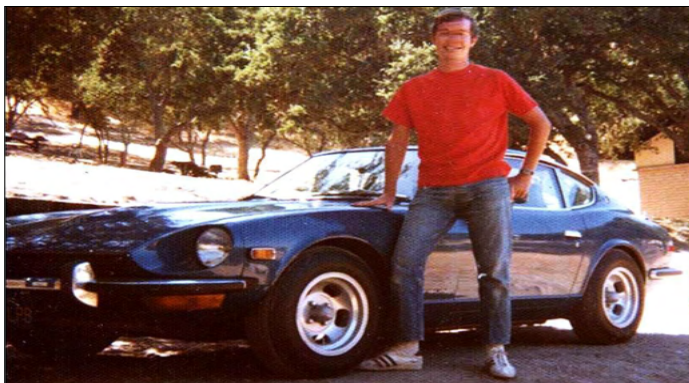
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*Dodge City*



*Wide open roads . . .*



# MY 2023 Z

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In late 2022 when the new Z began arriving at dealerships, I started driving to every Nissan dealer within 100 miles of my home looking to get on their wait lists for a new blue Z. No Luck - as Nissan dealers were only getting one each that year at best. And charging outrageous markups. Finally started using Nissan's website search feature in December and saw that no dealer on the west coast had a blue Z in stock or even coming in. In early 2023 I noticed that blue Zs were starting to arrive at Nissan dealers in the Midwest, South, and East Coast. Ultimately I negotiated a satisfactory deal with a Chicago dealer and arranged to complete the purchase on April 14, 50 years to the day after buying my 240Z.

Drove the new Z back to California on back highways. No Interstates. US Highway 50 through Kansas, Colorado, Utah, and Nevada. Did a lot of sightseeing on the way. Stopped at the Tall Grass Prairie National Preserve, the Cosmosphere Space Museum, Boot Hill, Pikes Peak, Garden of the Gods, Monarch Pass (11,320 ft altitude), the Black Canyon of the Gunnison, Ouray CO, the Loneliest Highway in America, and Lake Tahoe. Great fun!

Now we are home and I feel like I am 24 years old again!



*Pikes Peak*



*Lake Tahoe*

# Holiday Ride

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made to not visit 24Brix Winery at this time and I contacted Nick Fisher and let him know that we would plan to make this fun run in the Spring. It wouldn't have been as much fun with just a couple people going. The weather seemed to let up and the front was moving through. I actually had a chance to see the sun for a few miles on the way home! We missed all of you that didn't make the fun run!!





## My New Z

I've been a lifelong Z fan, from the day I first saw a gleaming red Z31 in the driveway of my high school drum instructor. I spent countless hours racing all sorts of classic JDM icons in Gran Turismo and Need for Speed, and dreaming about owning one some day in the future. Eventually, that opportunity finally arrived in late 2019, when my partner and I bought a pearl white 2015 370Z NISMO as a "weekend" car, right before the pandemic and full-time remote work turned it into a fun daily driver. Tragically, it was stolen and never recovered, forcing me to find a replacement. I soon decided on a new 2023 Z Performance, that I quickly nicknamed "Pizachu" based on its brilliant yellow shine and electric



personality. With every rev-matched downshift, and every glorious pull on the highway, I adore this car more and more. Long live the Z!

~ Amethyst



## Happy January Birthdays

- Ruffin Apperson
- Darian Echeverria
- Charles Kao
- Kirk Kits
- Craig Larsen
- Mason Padjen
- Julio Pardo
- Robert Scott
- Eugene Turkov
- Wade Warren
- Derick Waters

*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!*



## Black 2024 Nismo Z

Owned Datsuns and Nissans all my life. Owned this Nismo for 9 months now and I love it. It's a blast to drive. Car handles and performs flawlessly. Nissan really did a great design with the new Z. Can't wait to join in on more fun runs.

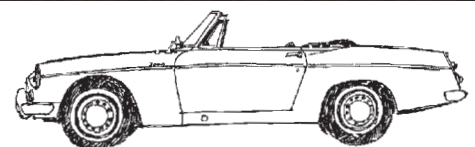
~ Gino



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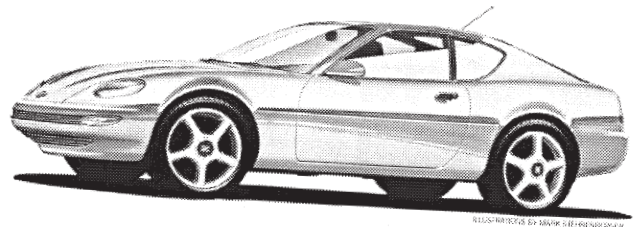
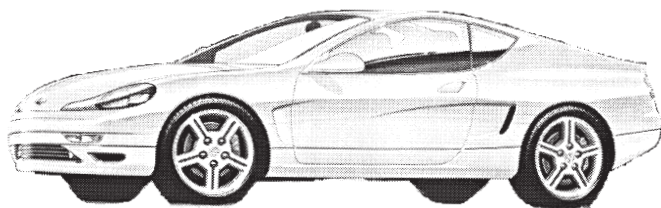
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The advertisement features a tan background with the text "KARL THE FOG COFFEE" in bold, orange and grey letters. Below the text is a circular image of three white coffee cups with latte art on a wooden surface. The phrase "Made with love" is written in a white cursive font above the cups. At the bottom, the website URL "WWW.KARLTHEFOG.COFFEE" is displayed in bold, dark letters.

## ZONC Membership Report December 2024

Area	Members	Assoc	Car Models	
Alameda	18	1	240Z	40
Contra Costa	18	2	260Z	1
Marin/Sonoma	11	2	280Z	13
Mendocino/Lake	0	0	280ZX	3
Monterey	6	0	300ZX-Z31	3
North/Central Valley	7	0	300ZX-Z32	12
Out of Area	3	0	350Z	9
Sacramento Area	11	0	370Z	9
San Francisco	8	0	Z (RZ34)	7
San Mateo	7	0	GT-R	0
Santa Clara	9	1	G35	2
Santa Cruz	0	0	G37	1
Solano	6	2	510	3
			Datsun Roadsters	6
<b>TOTAL Members</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>8</b>	Unknown	1
<b>NEW Members YTD</b>	<b>32</b>			
			<b>Total Cars</b>	<b>115</b>



## 2025 ZONC & Other Car Events

### JANUARY

- 12 ZONC Zoom Meeting  
Installation of Officers

### FEBRUARY

- 09 ZONC Zoom Meeting

### MARCH

- 29-30 All Japanese Showdown at Willow Springs International Raceway, Rosamond, Ca.
- 28-30 Fanatec GT world Challenge America Sonoma Raceway

### APRIL

- 11-13 CSRG David Love Historic Races at Sonoma
- 26-27 Sonoma SPEEDTOUR Sonoma Raceway

### MAY

### JUNE

- 19-21 41st Annual Datsun Roadster Meet at Mtn Shasta

### JULY

- 13 Toyota Save Mart 350 NACAR Sonoma

### AUGUST

### SEPTEMBER

- 08-11 ZCON in Nashville

### OCTOBER

- 3-5 David Love Historic Races at Sonoma
- 11 20th Anniversary JCCS Japanese Classic Car Show at Long Beach's Marina Green Park

### NOVEMBER

### DECEMBER

- TBA ZONC Annual Banquet/ fun Run



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

### Z MART ADS

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*(include membership # with ad)*

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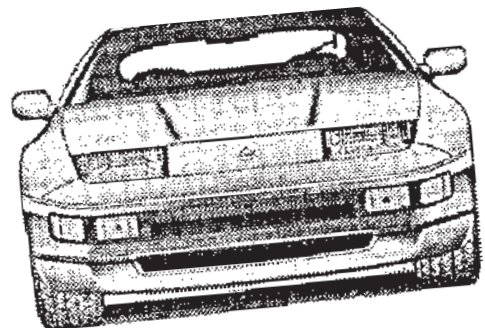
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<b>1/4 Page</b>	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$125</b>	<b>\$200</b>
<b>Bus. Card</b>	<b>\$15</b>	<b>\$68</b>	<b>\$90</b>



### ZONC Member Profiles Wanted

Let your fellow **ZONCERS** get to know you better! 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:

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55th Anniversary of the Z Celebration

# ZCON – Nashville, TN

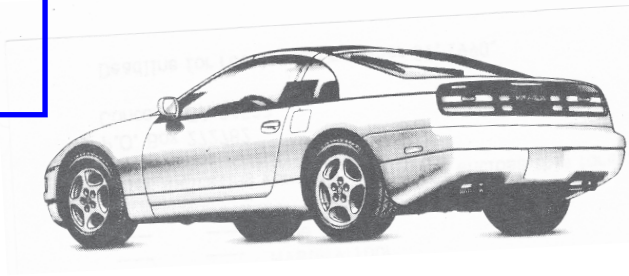
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- ZONC 2024 Car Show Sponsors**
- Nissan-USA
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  - BRE - Brock Racing Enterprise
  - Cynthia Myers Glass
  - ZCCA - Z Car Club Association
  - Griot's Garage
  - La Guera Taco Truck



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