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ZONC Marin/Sonoma Coast Run

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Meet at 10 am - leave at 10:15 am

Petaluma Marina, 781 Baywood in Petaluma

The tour will start from the Petaluma Marina, 781 Baywood, off Lakeville Hwy. Heading West on Lakeville you will turn left at the signal at Baywood to enter the Marina. We will meet at 10:00 am and leave about 10:15am.

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ZONC ZOOM

MEETING

May 17, 2025

11:30am

New: Cars & Coffee Section

Hi ZONCers, if you have a favorite CARS & COFFEE meet near you and would like to share it with the rest of the club, please send all the information, like day, hours, and such, to Bob Jenkins at thebeard@sonic.net, and we will include it on our new CARS & COFFEE page in ZNEWS.

Cars and Coffee Locations

1st Saturday of the month

9:00am -12:00pm Solano County

1 Jelly Belly Ln Fairfield

3rd Saturday of the month

8:00am-10:00am Sonoma County

19355 Arnold Dr., Sonoma

1st Sunday of the month

6:30am -10:00am Marin County

132 Vintage Way Novato

2nd Sunday of the month

8:00am – 10:00am Sonoma County

Coddington Shopping Center Parking Lot
Santa Rosa

3rd Sunday of the month

8:00am – 10:00am Sonoma County

Pee't's Coffee, 389 S. McDowell Blvd Petaluma

4th Sunday of each month

9:00am Sonoma County

Penngrove Market, 10079 Main St., Penngrove

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On Z Road Again

By Linda Williams



May 2025

We have great driving weather again!! It's been so enjoyable to get the cars out and be with other car enthusiasts.

On April 5th, Gus, Natalie and I joined Datlocos at Hwy 92 and Hwy 35 for a fun run to Santa Cruz. We had approximately 20 cars and about 10 motorcycles that all headed down to Hwy 1 for the cruise along the ocean. It was a beautiful day and everyone was enjoying the ride. Unfortunately, as we approached Laguna Rd. there had been a fatal motorcycle/car accident (not our group) that had happened just before we approached the area, with a 19 year old male from Milpitas and a gal in a Mini Cooper. We had a minor delay, but the fire department actually let us through and we continued down to the Santa Cruz Wharf for lunch at Olitas Cantina and Grille. Having all the cars and motorcycles parked on the wharf provided a lot of smiles for the wharf visitors.

On April 14 – 16th, Gus and Natalie, Ken and Mary, and I caravanned to Paso Robles to meet up with other car enthusiasts for the BOTTOM BUSTER MOTOR TOUR. I was excited to bring my Tribute Car since Patty and Wally Cook would be bringing their Tribute Car up from San Diego, and this would be the first time we have met (in person) and to have the cars together. There were all makes and models of cars with people coming from So. Cal, Phoenix AZ, and other towns/cities all over the area. It was an unusual fun run since people did not all run together. In our group of 7 cars, we didn't follow the master route and made adjustments along the way. After leaving Paso Robles, we headed to Parkfield and then back over (the Parkfield Grade with some gravel roads, UGH!) to King City. After a quick break and being behind schedule, we headed back down Hwy 101 to Hwy 41 W, taking us to Morro Bay instead of going to San Juan Batista. Once we hit Hwy 1 we headed north again, going through Cambria, Hearst Castle/San Simeon and ended at Piedras Blancas State Marine Reserve to see the elephant

seals. After a short visit and pictures of the huge animals, we headed back to Paso Robles to join more of the group for dinner at Odyssey World Café for great food and fun new friends. I added more than 600 miles to the car (now 50,8xx) on this run and she ran great, no issues at all. Wally and Patty have over 600,000 miles on their car with a couple engines and new paint. Such a fun time!!



Wally and Patty Cook's Tribute Car



Linda Williams' Tribute Car

I'm heading to Japan on **May 1st-8th**. This will be very exciting and a lot of fun! I have been invited to join the largest Z Club in Japan for their ADVAN ALL FAIRLADY Z MEETING at the Fuji Speedway. Last year they had 1526 Fairlady Zs from every model year participating. Here's a link to event from 2024:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IijQbMcT1zi>

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Dats Locos 20th Annual
Car Show

May 10
1060 Perimeter Dr.
Manteca 95337

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PLEASE RESPECT THE SPOT

ZONC Marin/Sonoma Coast Run

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The tour will be a leisure run through Marin back roads to Olema and up through Point Reyes Station, then head up Highway One to Tomales for a short rest break. Then continue on Highway One out to the coast. We will run Highway One with a possible stop before using the new section of the coast road to Highway 116 and then head on Highway 116 to Forestville, where we will end at Carr's Drive In. which has lots of parking. The tour is about three hours long, with a mileage of about 80 miles, so please do arrive at start with a full tank of gas. Bring a camera for your passenger, as the route is very scenic. Also please bring an FSR radio if you have one. We will be on channel 7. Hope to see you there.

If you plan on going, please **RSVP by May 30** to Bob Jenkins at: thebeard@sonic.net

PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS . . .

Ryan Bogaard	240Z
Ember Reese	300ZX

On Z Road Again

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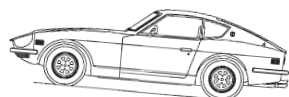
May 31st Bob and Marci will be having a **COASTAL FUN RUN**. This is always a fun and beautiful drive from Petaluma to the coast and returning. Save the date!!

Put **June 8th** on your calendar for our **ANNUAL MEET AND GREET AT BLACKHAWK MUSEUM!!** ZONC members will have priority parking on the plaza like we have done in the past.

Wishing all the Mother's a beautiful and Happy Mother's Day!! Thanks for all you do for your family and friends.

Safe travels,

Linda



Happy May Birthdays

RYAN BOGAARD
ANN DEVOR
ANDREA IVAN
THOMAS KNUDSEN
VINCE LOPEZ
TODD PORTER

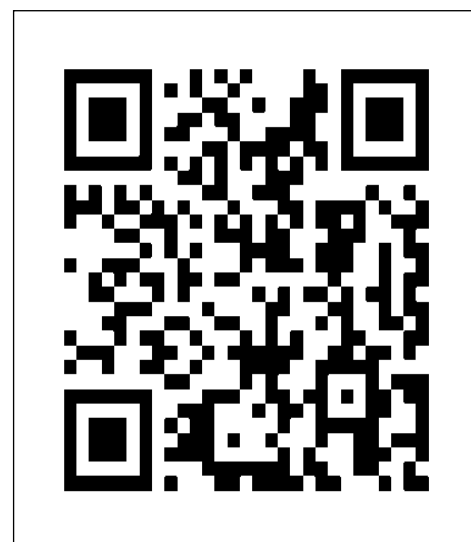
If you're not listed – it's because the Data Base Manager does not have your month of birth. And you're wished a Happy Birthday!

ZONC DUES

Time to pay your ZONC membership dues? Are you having trouble finding out where to pay your ZONC dues on the ZONC website: ZONC.ORG?

Below is the QR code that takes you directly to the section of the ZONC website where you pay your dues.

Please share it with all your Z friends so they can easily join ZONC.



Blackhawk Museum

3700 Blackhawk Plaza, Danville, CA

June 8, 2025

Time 9am-1pm

ZONC MEET & GREET

- ** All Datsun & Nissan Clubs Invited
- ** Plaza Parking Limited to ZONC Members
- ** Museum Open 10am - 5pm (Tickets Available at the Door)
- ** Questions or Interested in Club/Pop-Up Display...
Contact President@ZONC.ORG



Please Respect the Location... No Burn-outs or Revving of Engines



Kicking Off the 2025 GT Series in Style at Sonoma Raceway

By Lora Baggott

Yesterday, March 29, 2025, the Sonoma Raceway roared to life under a brilliant California sun, marking the start of the 2025 GT Series season with an electrifying opener. I had the absolute pleasure of soaking it all in from the SRO Car Corral near Turn 3, and let me tell you, it was the perfect perch to witness the high-octane action unfold. The weather? Picture-perfect—crisp, clear, and just warm enough to remind us why Sonoma is a fan-favorite stop on the circuit. It was a day packed with good vibes, great company, and some seriously thrilling racing.

From my spot in the Car Corral, the view of Turn 3—a notoriously tricky corner—offered front-row drama as drivers battled for position on the 2.52-mile road course nestled in wine country. The paddock buzzed with excitement, and the open access let us fans get up close to the sleek machines and chat with the teams. It was the kind of day that makes you fall in love with motorsports all over again.

Major Events That Stole the Show

The GT World Challenge America powered by AWS headlined the weekend, and Race 1 did not disappoint. The 90-minute sprint was a rollercoaster of strategy and speed, with pit stops shaking up the leaderboard in true GT fashion. Meanwhile, the GT America powered by AWS series kicked off its Saturday slate with a commanding performance that set the tone for the weekend. Add in the sights and sounds of Pirelli GT4 America, TC America, and the debut of the McLaren Trophy America series, and you had a smorgasbord of racing goodness to feast on.

One notable absence this year was Nissan, a familiar name in past seasons. Teams like Flying Lizard Motorsports, who'd previously campaigned the Nissan Z NISMO GT4, shifted gears—literally—opting for other marques like BMW and McLaren. While it's a shame not to see those iconic Nissans tearing up the track, the grid was still brimming with heavy hitters like Porsche, Mercedes-AMG, BMW, Chevrolet, and Ferrari, ensuring the competition was as fierce as ever.

Race Winners Who Lit Up Sonoma

In the GT World Challenge America Race 1, JMF Motorsport's Mikaël Grenier and Michai Stephens clinched a well-deserved victory in their Mercedes-AMG GT3. They held off a strong challenge from Random Vandals Racing's Kenton Koch and Connor De Phillippi in a BMW M4 GT3, who slipped to second after a slow pit stop threw a wrench in their plans. Turner Motorsport also shone bright, with Justin Rothberg and Robby Foley taking the Pro-Am class win in their BMW—defending their title in style.

Over in GT America, George Kurtz dominated the field in his CrowdStrike by Riley Mercedes-AMG GT3, storming to a commanding win in the SRO3 class. It was a masterclass in precision and power, and from Turn 3, you could feel the energy as he carved through the pack. The GT4 class saw its own share of excitement, with tight racing keeping us on the edge of our seats.

Sunshine, Speed, and Smiles

The weather gods smiled on us all day, with blue skies and a gentle breeze making it a dream day to be trackside. The Car Corral was hopping with fellow enthusiasts, swapping stories and cheering on our favorite teams. The open paddock meant we could wander through, snap pics of the cars, and even snag a few autographs—those little moments that make race weekends unforgettable.

As the engines quieted and the sun dipped low over the Sonoma hills, the buzz of a great day lingered. The 2025 GT Series is off to a roaring start, and if yesterday was any indication, we're in for a season of thrills. Sure, we missed Nissan's presence, but the diversity of the grid and the sheer talent on display more than made up for it. Here's to more sunny days and epic races—cheers to Sonoma for delivering a fantastic opener!



GT4 America

The turnout was small. But that made it easy to get seats at different parts of the track and wander around the paddock. Also the food lines were short. The weather was perfect. The sun was out and the air was cool but not windy.

I thought the races were good. Toyota had a large representation, I guess because they are a sponsor of the track. The GR86 spec race had two 14 year old drivers!

The parade lap was a bit disappointing. Lots of waiting around and we only did 1 lap. I was hoping for at least 2. The corral parking was nice though. Right by turns 3 and 4. I parked right by the grandstands so it was easy to get things from the car. The Hyundai club had a large group (and a separate parking area from the corral). The Sacramento Mustangs club was also there. Otherwise it was a hodgepodge of other cars on the parade lap, including a pickup truck and a Prius.

Do you know if any other ZONC members went? I only saw one 510 in the corral but it left before the parade lap.

Cheers,

Eugene Veteska

ZONC at CSRG at Sonoma Raceway April 12, 2025



ZONC at CSRG at Sonoma Raceway April 12, 2025

All Photos on this page by Kim Townsend



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ZONCers on Sonoma Raceway Track April 12, 2025

Photos by Bob Jenkins

If you would like a digital photo of your car on this page, just send me the description of your car to: thebeard@sonic.net



Home Registration Events Attractions Hotels Sponsors Volunteer

55th Anniversary of the Z Celebration

ZCON – Nashville, TN

September 8-13, 2025



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



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:

thebeard@sonic.net

Sac Datsun Events

For more information go to

www.facebook.com/sacdatsun/

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Griot's Garage

La Guera Taco Truck

2025 ZONC & Other Car Events

MAY

- 02 SVRA Laguna Seca
- 10 Datsloco Swap Meet in Manteca**
- 09-11 IMSA Sports Car Championship
- 17 ZONC ZOOM Meeting**
- 31 ZONC Marin/Sonoma Coast Tour**

JUNE

- 08 Blackhawk ZONC Meet & Greet**
- 06-08 Velocity Invitational at Sonoma Raceway
- 14 Classic Car Show in Ft. Bragg
- 19-21 Datsun Roadster Meet at Mtn Shasta
- 22 Hillsborough Concours d' Elegance
- 20-22 CSRG Laps for Laguna, Tech LS

JULY

- 13 ZONC ZOOM Meeting
- 13 Toyota Save Mart 350 NACAR Sonoma
- 19 Mosquito Bridge Fun Run SAC Datsun
- 25-27 Indy Car Grand Prix Monterey at Laguna

AUGUST

- TBA ZONC BBQ in Fort Bragg**
- 09 Monterey Pre-Reunion & Corkscrew Hillclimb
- 10 Ice House Fun Run SAC Datsun
- 12 Hagerty Kickoff in Pacific Grove
- 13 -16 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion
- 22-24 Hearst Castle with San Diego Z Club**
- 30 Tokyo Calling 5, Breakfast Club Rally**

SEPTEMBER

- 06 Santos Car Show in Alviso**
- 07 ZONC Annual Car Show, Brisbane**
- 08-13 ZCON in Nashville**
- 13 US 40 Fun Run SAC Datsun
- 14 ZONC ZOOM Meeting**
- 20 Danville Concours in Danville

OCTOBER

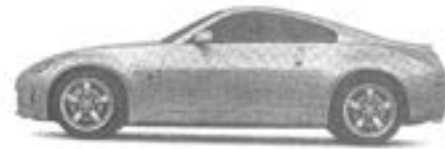
- 03-05 CSRG Charity Historic Races at Sonoma
- 11 20th Anniversary JCCS Japanese Classic Car Show at Long Beach's Marina Green Park**
- 12 ZONC ZOOM Meeting**
- 18 Leafers Fun Run SAC Datsun

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- 19 ZONC Annual Picnic**
NOVEMBER
- 15 Calaveras Big Trees Fun Run

DECEMBER

- TBA ZONC Annual Banquet/ fun Run**
- 06 Dave Pare Memorial Toy Run



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