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Holiday Fun Run 2025



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January 11, 2026

ZONC

Virtual Planning Meeting
by Google Meets

11:30AM



2025 ZONC Election Results for 2026 Officers

President	Linda Williams
Vice-President	Oscar Lemus
Vice-President-Adm.	Bob Russell
Secretary	Jason Green
Treasurer	Wade Warren

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On Z Road Again

By Linda Williams



Jan 2026

Happy New Year Everyone!!

I hope you all enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. It can be a very hectic time of the year but hopefully you can now relax, take a long drive and look forward to a New Year!

We did have a small group that met up for a Holiday Fun Run on **Dec 13th** led by Oscar and Sara. The day started with fog in most areas but there was great weather on the top of Mount Hamilton, 71 degrees and very clear blue skies. Fog was laying like a cotton blanket in the lower valleys making for some fun photo ops. Photos and more info in the additional article. We finished the run with lunch at Da Bocerry in Livermore.

We didn't have a meeting in December so our next meeting will be **Jan 11th** at **11:30AM** via Google Meets. This is an important meeting and everyone is welcome to join us. We will have the installation of the new officers (not really new, but we will make it official) for 2026. Also, this is our Planning Meeting where we will be discussing the events, fun runs, and activities that you would like to see happen in the new year. Please plan on joining us and bring your ideas. If you have an idea and can't make the meeting, let us know (email, phone call, etc), we can usually make it happen. If you have connections with an organization or business let us know what your ideas are so we could possibly include them in something.

There are the regular events (Blackhawk Meet and Greet, Annual **ZONC** Car Show and the **ZONC** Picnic with the dates to be determined. I will also host another BBQ in Fort Bragg. During the 2026 Monterey Car Week, Aug 12-16, 2026, WeatherTech Raceway Laguna Seca will honor the icons of Japanese motorsport as the featured marque. The celebration will showcase legendary machines from Mazda, Toyota, Yamaha, Honda, Nissan, Lexus, Acura, Infiniti, Mitsubishi, and more — representing decades of innovation,

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craftsmanship, and competition. I have contacted the raceway but have not had anything confirmed as to our participation in the event.

ZONC wants to continue to support our local Datsun/Nissan Car Clubs, we are all one BIG family!! We post many of the car fun runs and shows that we are aware of in our ZNews as well as on our Facebook page (**ZONC.ORG**). We have over 1.3k followers and several are from Japan!

If you know of local car shows in your area, let us know and we might be able to get a group together to show up in force to WOW the attendees and hear so many wonderful stories about people that they know or knew that have or had Z cars. It would be fun to start a "Memory Book of Z Stories' or possibly "My First Z Experience" for people to share their stories/experiences. Another thought would be to have a Facebook page that is for the stories, but will not allow additional comments, this will avoid negative commentary. This is just an idea, what do you think?

Safe travels to you all,

Linda

ZONC 2025 Car Show Sponsors

Nissan-USA

Z Car Garage

BRE - Brock Racing Enterprise

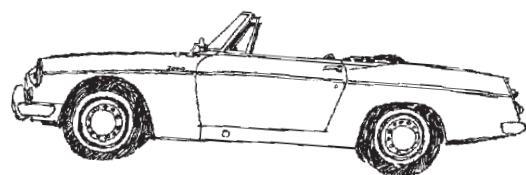
Cynthia Myers Glass

ZCCA - Z Car Club Association

Griot's Garage

Adam's Polishes

La Guera Taco Truck



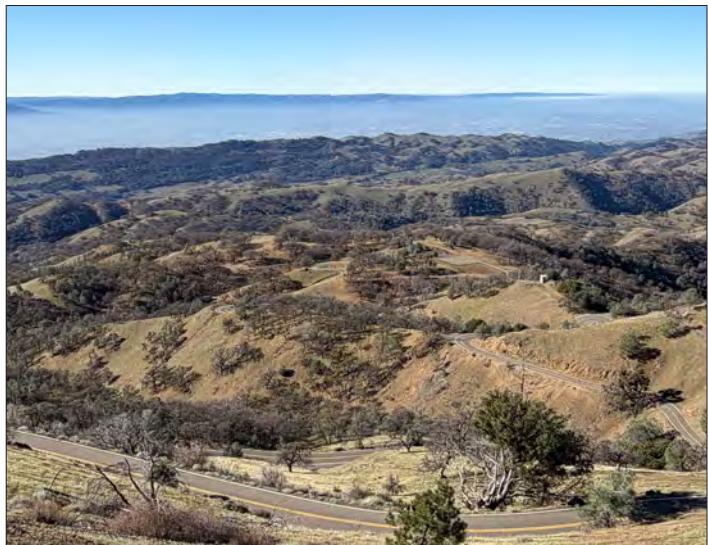


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By Linda Williams

The day began with cold weather (mid to high 30s) and lots of fog, depending on where you were coming from. The Central Valley was really socked-in, yet in San Jose we had lots of beautiful sunshine and crystal-clear blue skies. We met at DaBoccery in Livermore and waited for everyone to arrive and had 6 cars that made the run. Oscar and Sara took the lead with Roger and Jenny, Paul and "Lambo", Andrea and "ZMario", Gus and Natalie and myself heading to Mount Hamilton via Mines Rd. (2-240Zs, 2-350Zs, a 300ZX and a new Z). With very little fog along the way, we drove through lots of colorful displays of Mother Nature with the trees changing colors and the green grasses growing beneath them.



There were a few areas with water over the road, but nothing like some of the previous fun runs we've taken through that area. It was amazing to see the burn scar from the fire that ravaged the mountain in 2020 and how well it is recovering. Finally making it to the summit, we were greeted with lots of space to park and take in the spectacular views. The weather was an amazing 71 degrees and gave us time to take off our jackets and sweatshirts to soak up the sunshine. The Bay Area looked so calm with all the mountain tops peaking up from the layers of fog that looked like cotton batting filling in the valleys. After stretching our legs, we headed back

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down the west side of the mountain towards San Jose, picked up highway 680 and made our way back to DaBoccery for lunch. I gathered the toys that everyone brought and on my way home I took them to the fire station in Santa Clara. I hadn't made any arrangements but was lucky enough to find out that they were having a toy drive the following day in downtown Santa Clara. Thanks to everyone for joining us and making the donations. I'm sure there will be some happy kids when they receive them!



The group's all here for lunch!

The North Dome: From Measuring Jupiter's Moons to Weighing Black Holes

In 1881, seven years before Lick Observatory officially opened, a fine 12-inch refracting telescope was installed in the newly constructed North Dome. With it, astronomers eagerly observed rare transits of Mercury and Venus across the face of the Sun.

In 1891 Albert Michelson used a new technique called interferometry to measure the size of Jupiter's moons with the 12-inch, an accomplishment cited in his 1907 Nobel Prize. In the 1920s and 30s the 12-inch hosted pioneering developments in the emerging field of electronic light detection.

In the late 1970s, with a bequest from Anna L. Nickel, Lick built the 1-meter (40-inch) Nickel reflecting telescope in its Santa Cruz labs. In 1979 the 1-meter replaced the 12-inch in the North Dome.

The Nickel has "weighed" black holes in the centers of galaxies, searched for extraterrestrial intelligence, and much more. Today it is remotely-operable, so most users conduct their observations from specially equipped rooms on most UC campuses.

The 1-meter Nickel Reflector delivers more than ten times the light-gathering power of its predecessor, the 12-inch Refractor.

For more information visit www.lick.berkeley.edu



Z full of Toys for Kids

Happy January Birthdays

Ruffin Apperson
 Darian Echeverria
 Mark Goedde
 Charles Kao
 Kirk Kita
 Craig Larsen
 Kyohei Nagami
 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!*



*Having trouble renewing
 your membership?*

*Instead of signing into ZONC.org,
 you can send your renewal \$\$\$ to:*

TREASURER@ZONC.ORG

You can use PayPal or Zelle.

1 year - \$30

2 years - \$55

Associate membership - \$10/yr. per person with regular membership

Please add a note that says it's for your renewal.

For Bay Area Rallyes check out the :

RALLYE CLUB WEBSITE INFORMATION
<http://www.therallyeclub.org>

REDWOOD REGION PCA
<https://redwoodpca.org>



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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

PLEASE WELCOME

NEW MEMBER . . .

Karen Disher 350Z



2007 Elk Grove Nissan General Meeting & Nissan Corporate display of Nismo Z



Ron Fuller and Ann Devor handle the groups cooking



Rob Hutter receives award from Nismo Rep Jennifer Hoppe



ZONC Membership Report December 2025

Area	Members	Assoc	Car Models	
Alameda	16	1	240Z	39
Contra Costa	20	1	260Z	1
Marin/Sonoma	9	4	280Z	10
Mendocino/Lake	0	0	280ZX	3
Monterey	6	0	300ZX-Z31	6
North/Central Valley	7	0	300ZX-Z32	10
Out of Area	5	1	350Z	11
Sacramento Area	8	1	370Z	11
San Francisco	9	0	Z (RZ34)	13
San Mateo	10	1	GT-R	1
Santa Clara	14	1	G35	0
Santa Cruz	2	0	G37	1
Solano	4	2	510	8
			Datsun Roadsters	5
			Datsun Pickups	1
TOTAL Members	110	12	Total Cars	119
NEW Members YTD	31			

NOTE: 240Z numbers include one 1969 Fairlady Z
 30 memberships did not renew during 2025

We have 31 new members in 2025, and 30 members did not renew during the year. But total membership increased from 104 in December 2024 to 110 now, primarily because of renewal of members whose membership had lapsed prior to 2025.

Regards --Bob Russell

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.

Locations

1st Sunday of the month

Marin County 6:30am -10:00am
132 Vintage Way Novato

2nd Sunday of the month

Coddington Shopping Center Parking Lot.
8am – 10am Santa Rosa

1st Saturday of the month

Jelly Belly 9am -12pm
1 Jelly Belly Ln Fairfield

3rd Sunday of the month

Peet's Coffee
DcDowell Blvd Petaluma

4th Sunday of the month

9am Penngrove Market, Penngrove
10079 Main St., Penngrove



AFTERMARKET PARTS & SUPPLIES

Z1 MOTORSPOrts	z1motorsports.com
CONCEPT Z	conceptzperformance.com
JDM MUSCLE USA	jdmuscleusa.com
APEXi USA	apexi-usa.com
ARMYTRIX USA	armytrixusa.com
AXIS PARTS'	axisparts.jp
ECUTEK	ecutek.com
KANJO SPEC.D	kanjospecd.com
FACTORY SPIRIT	factoryspirit.com
EVO-R	evo-r.com
BOOSTED 6	boosted6auto.com
SEIBON CARBON	seiboncarbon.com
MY JAPAN DIRECT	myjapandirect.com
CARBON CREATIONS	carboncreations.com
AWE TUNING	awe-tuning.com
SPEEDFORM USA	speedformusa.com
DRIVEN BY STYLE	drivenbystyle.com
ZPEC DESIGN	zspecdesign.com

MISCELLANEOUS

REVIVER PLATES	reviver.com
CA DMV Digital Wallet	dmv.com

Thanks to Z Club San Diego



2026 ZONC & Other Car Events

2026 JANUARY

11 **ZONC** Meeting on Google Planning Meet
17 Sacramento Datsun Owners-Delta Fun Run

FEBRUARY

08 **ZONC** Meeting on Google
21 Sac Datsun Owners - Capay Valley Fun Run

MARCH

27-29 GT World Challenge America
14 Sac Datsun -Bridgeport Cover Bridge Fun Run

APRIL

MAY

16 Datslocos Car Show Swapmeet
29-31 Velocity Invitational Sonoma Raceway

JUNE

27-28 NASCAR
25-27 Mt. Shasta Datsun Meet

JULY

AUGUST

12-15 Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion Laguna

SEPTEMBER

<https://zcon.org/conventions/2026/schedule/>

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

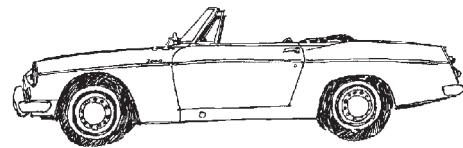


Sac Datsun Events

For more information go to

www.facebook.com/sacdatsun/

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



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

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