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**ZONC Corral for  
David Love Vintage Races  
at Sonoma Raceway**

**Saturday 18, 2026**

**10AM till ??**

**The event is free and kid friendly!**

**April 12, 2026**

**ZONC**

**Virtual Meeting  
by Google Meets**

**11:30AM**

**ZONC 2025 Car Show Sponsors**

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Z Car Garage

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## On Z Road Again

By Linda Williams



April 2026

Happy Easter (April 5th)!! I hope you get to enjoy the holiday with your family and friends. It's always fun to have Spring arrive, especially with the great weather we've had!!

I received a suggestion about a car meet on Sunday, **Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>** and I decided to go to the **NORCALRACING X DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION MEET** in San Jose on N. Pedro St. It was a Coat/Blanket drive and was scheduled from 10am – 2pm. I arrived about 9:45am and the parking lots were packed! Lots of different makes and models of cars, trucks and motorcycles, as well as vendors selling miscellaneous merchandise and lots of food trucks. Walking around, I would guesstimate there were close to 500 vehicles. Lots of parking available so you didn't have to look very hard to find a spot. As I was driving in, a guy got my attention and said to park down this specific aisle and that there was a space just 1 car over from his sport model "Z" so I quickly pulled in and parked. There was a 300ZX next to him but that was about it for Z cars. I did finally see a couple of GT-Rs. This is definitely a meet that **ZONC** should plan on attending next year. With all the comments about our Z cars, I know we could blow everyone's mind if we made a huge showing next year. Let's plan on it!!

On **March 1st**, Ken and Mary led a fun run from the **JELLY BELLY FACTORY** in Fairfield over to Winters and Lake Berryessa's **GLORY HOLE**, returning to Fairfield for lunch at a Chinese restaurant. The fun run had about 17 cars, 11 Z cars and 6 additional cars of other makes and models. Lots of waves and smiles along the way and perfect weather for a long drive. Thanks to Ken and Mary for all their hard work and especially for all the goodie bags that were set up for everyone. There's more info in the article in this **ZNEWS**.

**ZONC** is planning on having a **car corral** at the **CSRG DAVID LOVE VINTAGE RACES** on Saturday, **April 18<sup>th</sup>**. There is no charge to attend/park at this event. It's very kid friendly and everyone gets to go into the 'pits' and see the

cars up close and to chat with the drivers if they are available. There's always plenty of space in the stands to watch all the wonderful cars that are brought out for this event. Hope to see you there! I've inquired about the possibility of having a parade lap, but as of right now, it is not confirmed.

\*\*\*\*\*Early bird registration for **ZCON 2026** ends on **March 31<sup>st</sup>** so be sure to sign up and save some \$\$\$\$. Prices go up on **April 1<sup>st</sup>!!** \*\*\*\*\*

Check out the video: <https://zcon.org/conventions/2026/>  
Safe travels,

Linda

The pictures below are from the **NORCALRACING X DEPUTY SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION MEET** in San Jose on N. Pedro St.





*David Love*  
**VINTAGE RACES**

*ZONC car corral on Saturday, April 18th, 10AM till ??*  
*All Datsun/Nissan vehicles are welcome*



**SONOMA RACEWAY**

**APRIL 17<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2026**

**Join us for the 39th annual  
Downtown Grass Valley Car Show!**

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GRASS VALLEY DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION  
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CAR SHOW**

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- 21st Annual -  
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THE PROMENADE SHOPS AT  
**ORCHARD VALLEY**

## Jelly Belly, Glory Hole Run

Article by Mary Rozmajzl Photos on this page by Roger Lu

FAIRFIELD, Calif., March 1, 2026 — ZONC's first run of 2026 kicked off at the **JELLY BELLY** factory in Fairfield, CA, on **March 1**. As just 19 cars began pulling into the parking lot, we realized the lineup was as mixed and colorful as the tiny candies produced inside the factory.

They also proved that the enthusiasm for a good drive extends well beyond the Z-car. Roughly one-third were something entirely different—ranging from a Porsche, to an Alfa Romeo GTV, a Volvo S90 sedan, and even a '91 Geo Metro.

Participants joked that the gathering had become a “Z Run for Everyone,” reflecting our club’s welcoming spirit...



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regardless of make or model.

One Datsun 240Z, owned by Gus and Natalie Venancio, has been on the road over 50 years, having been built in 1969. There was also a 370Z Nismo, owned by Karen Martin. If all goes as she's planned, it will be on the road 50 years from now. And Karen knows just who will be behind the wheel... her grandson, C.J. He will inherit the ride when Karen is ready to



give up touring with her beloved Nismo (years in the future).

The run's main attraction was **LAKE BERRYESSA'S** famous "Glory Hole." For those of you not familiar—it's a massive concrete spillway officially known as the Morning Glory Spillway which is designed to funnel excess water from Lake



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Spillway which is designed to funnel excess water from Lake Berryessa into Putah Creek below.

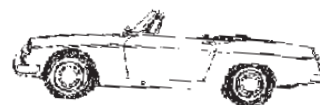
After taking in the view and snapping pics, the drivers continued on the run's 144-mile run along the lake's west shoreline and into the quiet countryside of Pope Valley. They cruised past rolling hills dotted with vineyards, small wineries, and livestock ranches complete with goats and chickens, burrows and lamas, heifers and the occasional wild turkey. (Dogs on the run had more than enough to bark at.)

Weather conditions were mostly clear, though a steady wind and chilly temperatures, reminded everyone that early March still carries the tail end of winter in Northern

California. The dry, open roads and next-to-no Sunday traffic also made for a brisk run that stretched the caravan. (And as you know, if stretched too far, some things can break.)

Sadly, the last two cars in the group lost sight of the rest and "missed" a crucial "left turn," (just as cell phone service dropped out) and ended up on their own tour of the lake's northwest shore. Google map pins were dropped by several riders and, like breadcrumbs, the path back to civilization was signaled.

The meet-up point was the run's destination... the Stick Rice Restaurant, back in Fairfield. Thanks to all who joined. Great weather, great cars. Great Run!



*Happy April Birthdays*

MATT GARDELLA  
 MILES KAMAL  
 GARY KERCHNER  
 BARRY REITE  
 FRED SCHURKUS  
 RICHARD SHELTON  
 JOSEPH TENENBAUN

*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!*

*For Bay Area Rallyes check out the :*

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

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

**PLEASE WELCOME**

**NEW MEMBERS . . .**

TOM SAHAKIAN                      240Z  
 ROBERT BEST                        240Z

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**Thanks to Z Club San Diego**



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**EVENT DATE JUNE 28th 2026**



# Z Car Club Association

## 2026 Events - Mark Your Calendars!

### Florida Z Fest - February 25-28

Four Full Days Celebrating the Z in sunny Florida. Cruises, Social Gatherings, Track Day at FIRM, Parade Laps, RC Track Day, Movie Night and more!

This first inaugural FZF is being hosted by the Central Florida Z Fest. [www.floridazfest.org](http://www.floridazfest.org).



### Texas Z Fest - April 8-12

Social night at Mamacitas, shuttled transport to Texas Mead Works for a social night, group cruises, cornhole tournament, sunrise cruise, social night and a People's Choice car-show at Fat Ass Winery & Brewery. Fredericksburg, TX is a great place for German-food with incredible shops and museums. [www.texaszfest.org](http://www.texaszfest.org).



### East Coast Z Nationals - May 14-16

Nestled in Carlisle, PA during the east's "car-week" gathering, this Maryland Z Club & York Z Club hosted event is a 2-day adventure that capitalizes on the Import Nationals at Carlisle event. Enjoy group cruise and dinner gathering on Friday night, then Saturday car-show at the ECZN paddock. Raffles and merch available. [www.eastcoastznats.org](http://www.eastcoastznats.org)



### Branson Z Fest - May 27-31

The "family reunion" Z event continues in Branson, Missouri. The Ozarks Z Club has built an incredible following for BZF with area drives, car show, social events, "Geezer" charity dinner and more. [www.bransonzfest.org](http://www.bransonzfest.org) for details.



### Colorado Z Fest - July 22-26

The Mountains are Calling again, in Colorado! This time a 5-Day celebration including canyon drives, garage talks from sponsors, a speakeasy night, car-show, and closing ceremonies banquet. Come and join CZF's first annual event with the beauty of Colorado landscapes. [www.coloradozfest.org](http://www.coloradozfest.org).



### ZCON Phoenix - Sept. 21-26

The 39th Annual ZCCA convention is being held in Phoenix, Arizona with local hosts, Desert Z Association! ZCON is the annual culmination of "Z Club Life" - celebrated for 2026 in Phoenix. Track Day at Radford (formerly Bondurant), Nissan Testing Center tours, AutoX, Drift-Exhibition, Karting, Group Drives, Judged Car Show, People's Choice Car Show, Banquets, Movie Night, Texas Chili Party, Martin Auto Museum for a private social evening, Special Guests and more.

Registration launches 1/1/2026 - [www.ZCON.org](http://www.ZCON.org)

Hope to see you all at one of this upcoming season's events!

The Z Car Club Association Team



# 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](mailto: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

### 1st Saturday of the month

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

### 3rd Sunday of the month

Peeet's Coffee  
DcDowell Blvd Petaluma

### 4th Sunday of the month

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

### Every Saturday morning

From 7:30 AM to 10 AM weather permitting.  
In **Grass Valley** off the 49 Hwy and McKnight exit at the Target parking lot host C&C



*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.*

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT CRUISE-IN'S



**Folsom** 4:30-pm 7:30 pm

**Jimboy's 708 East Bidwell St.**



**April 15<sup>th</sup> thru October 2026**

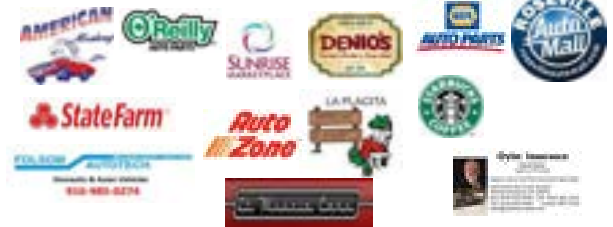
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Sept. 11, 2011  
15 Day, 9 States,  
4,834 Miles, 9 Car Tour

Lead by Jack & Yolanda Atkinson



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### FOR SALE

I have a set of 4 aluminum wheels with lugs for sale. They are in good shape and true. Considering reasonable offers located in Grass Valley Cheers ~ Rich

**Rich:M 530-263-9277  
or email a968guy@att.net**



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