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ZONC PICNIC 2026

Photos below by Linda Williams





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PLEASE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS. . .

JANE ESCOLA	280Z
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ZONC Member Profiles Wanted

Let your fellow **ZONCERS** get to know you better! Please hold your article to no more than one page.

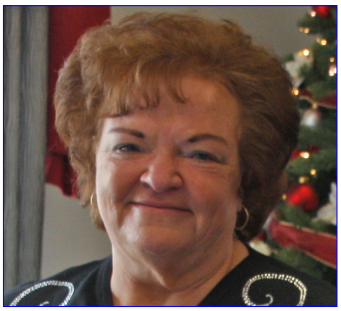
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On Z Road Again



By Linda Williams

November 2026

Winter is coming and Mother Nature sure gave us a beautiful show of colors to enjoy. Remember to turn your clocks BACK on Nov. 1st! Daylight Saving Time ends and you get an extra hour of sleep!! Also, remember to VOTE on Nov. 3rd, every vote counts!

See **page 3** on this issue for ZCON (Sept 21-26th) in the Phoenix area. At the last minute I made the decision to drive my Proto Spec, making for a LONG drive. I left on Sunday AM and drove to Blythe (Arizona border) and spent the night. After some dinner, a shower and a good night's sleep, I headed out Monday AM for Mesa Arizona. The car ran perfect and the A/C was flawless considering the weather was hot all week long. Returning on the following Sunday, I drove the entire route and arrived about 8PM that night, including a detour from Hwy 5 over to Paso Robles due to a road closure, almost 12 hours total for the day. I'm not one that likes long drives and I don't plan on doing anymore anytime soon!

Our **ZONC** Annual Picnic was held on Oct. 18th at the Coyote Point Recreational Area in San Mateo celebrating **ZONC** being 54 years old. Happy Birthday **ZONC**!! The weather was great giving us blue skies and warm weather. The venue always provides us with plenty of room to prepare the food and visit with everyone. We had 25 people attend with about 18 cars. Of the 18 cars, 8 of them were New Z's making for a great photo op showing many of the colors/options available. Lots of people at the park were stopping by to admire the cars. 2 of the New Zs (Nismo and Proto Spec) were owned by a Father and Son that had asked about coming to the picnic to meet other Z owners and they were welcomed like any member of the Z community should be. Everyone enjoyed the food and the good conversations that were being had by all. There was one special car that one member brought, it was a "Qvale Mangusta", a rare (only 284 units were built), Italian-designed sports car produced in Modena, Italy, from 1999 to 2002. It had a unique, multi-position retractable roof system that lets the car transform into a coupe, targa, or convertible. Nissan needs to look at this! It is powered by a front mid-mounted 4.6 liter Ford DOHC V8 engine producing 320 HP and 314 lb-ft of torque. Beautiful car!!

We aren't sure what will be planned for our Holiday get-together/fun run. Weather may be a factor as to whether we do the drive or just settle for a gathering and lunch. If you have any ideas, let me know.

Wishing you and your families all a very Happy Thanksgiving. Living in the USA is something to be thankful for.

Safe travels,

Linda



ZONC 2026 Car Show Sponsors

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La Guera Taco Truck



ZCON 2026

By Linda Williams

Attending ZCON is always an experience that you will remember. It brings together people from all over the world, yes world (including Japan).

I began the drive in my Proto Spec Z to Mesa Arizona on Sunday Sept. 20th and stopped in Blythe CA for the evening to get a shower, dinner and good night's sleep. Continuing the drive on Sunday AM, I arrived in Mesa about 11AM and checked into the Sheraton Hotel to begin the week of festivities.

Monday morning is check-in and registration where you can buy merchandise, raffle tickets, bid on auction items and more. The Motorsports team is set up for pre-tech checks for the Motorsports Activities. An area is set up to wash your car and get it ready for the week's festivities, and also enjoy some cold beer, good music and friends. Monday evening was the opening ceremony where I met up with other Z enthusiasts and lots of friends that I had met at previous ZCONs (2021 and 2023) which began with a wonderful Taiko Drumming tribute that was honoring Japan. After all the introductions and recap of all the week's events to come, we all gathered for the Texas Chili Party, and yes, they brought the chili all the way from Texas for this event. It's an annual tradition that Beth and Bob do for every ZCON no matter where it is held in the US. The chili was really good too!

Tuesday begins with the vehicle and helmet tech inspections for anyone participating in those events. There were self-drive maps available for anyone that wanted to explore the area on their own. I went with a group of about 40 cars that made our way to Tortilla Flat, a popular tourist destination, and enjoyed lots of curvy roads to get there. The entire (very small) town loved having all the cars parked in front of their small store fronts. There was a Karting event at a local octane raceway and the evening ended with us going to a local theater to watch the F1 (2025) movie. We had the entire theater to our group which was a lot of fun. Snacks and beverages were provided.

Wednesday was the indoor judged car show that was held at the AZ Athletic Grounds. It had an outstanding display of about 50 cars that were exciting to see. Lots of stories about the cars were shared by the owners as you wandered throughout the display of cars. The Z-Kaze concept car was revealed and it was a hit, the t-tops were the biggest surprise of all! Lots of very positive comments from everyone with the additional request of possibly getting a Targa top also. The evening took us to the Martin Auto Museum in Glendale AZ where the car displays were outstanding. We enjoyed food and beverages before we headed back on the bus to the hotel.

Thursday had many people going over to the Firebird Raceway to enjoy taking your own car on the track and testing your driving skills. Other people chose to do self-drive tours around the area. The afternoon was fun for the Diecast Collectors's that brought their stash of cars to sell/swap. The evening had a gathering of special ZCON guest that shared car-design, restoration, racing heritage and more. Peter Brock spoke about John Morton and his racing career which was very informative. Unfortunately, John couldn't make this event. There were other guests that spoke about various things and following that they were available to sign your personal items.

Friday was open for at-will scenic drives. A ZCCA meeting was held for club officers. We heard the latest news on ZCCA programs as well as proposals for upcoming ZCON sites being considered for the future. Between 6-9PM, there was a People's Choice Car Show held on the Sheraton Hotel's south lawn area. The weather was hot all week so having our cars on the grass lowered the temps and was a welcome relief for all of us. Trophies were handed out and the raffle winners were announced for all the wonderful items donated for the show.

Saturday was a fun day for most participants, some people had signed up for AutoX while others were anxiously awaiting their scheduled tour times at the Nissan Technical Center North America (NTCNA). No pictures were allowed and

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Photos from 2026 ZCON CAR SHOW

By Gary Savage





















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ZONC Member Bob Russell Showcased

Bob Russell's award winning 1973 Datsun 240Z was selected by SEMA Automotive Restoration Market Organziation (ARMO) to be showcased in its Japanese Classic Car Show in Long Beach.

Congratulations Bob!!



The SEMA Automotive Restoration Market Organization (ARMO) will showcase an award-winning 1973 Datsun 240Z at the Japanese Classic Car Show (JCCS), taking place Saturday, October 3, at Marina Green Park in Long Beach, California.

Each year, ARMO selects a builder to showcase a vehicle in its JCCS booth. This year's featured vehicle belongs to original owner Bob Russell, who purchased the Datsun new after returning to the United States from a 1972 Navy deployment to Vietnam.

The 240Z served as Russell's daily driver from 1973 to 1990 before undergoing a ground-up, bare-metal restoration in his home garage from 2018 to 2019.

The restoration has since earned several honors:

- **2021:** First Place, Stock Class, ZCON
- **2022:** First in Class, Hillsborough Concours d'Elegance
- **2025:** First Place, Huntington Beach Concours d'Elegance

Attending JCCS? Stop by the ARMO booth to see the Datsun up close, connect with ARMO volunteer leadership, and discover how the council is preserving the restoration industry!

To learn more about ARMO, visit sema.org/armo.

To learn more about JCCS, visit japaneseclassiccarshow.com.



On the JCCS website: https://japaneseclassiccarshow.com/visit-sema-armo-booth-at-jccs-2026/

Celebrate Automotive Heritage: Visit ARMO's Booth at the 2026 Japanese Classic Car Show

https://www.sema.org/news-media/enews/2026/37/celebrate-automotive-heritage-visit-armos-booth-2026-japanese-classic-car

The **SEMA Automotive Restoration Market Organization (ARMO)** is announced that it will host a booth at the **Japanese Classic Car Show (JCCS)** on **Saturday, October 3**, at **Marina Green Park** in **Long Beach, California**. Who will be the featured vehicle there? Check this out their article!!



Photos and description on the SEMA website https://www.sema.org/get-involved/councils-networks/armo/armo-showcase-award-winning-1973-datsun-240z-jccs:



Hoover 240Z Article

By Hoover

In my early twenties, I came across a Datsun 240Z fitted with an IMSA wide-body kit in San Jose. At the time, I had no idea that this car would ultimately shape the course of my career and become a lifelong companion in my automotive journey.

During those formative years, I spent countless hours at Rebello Racing, where I was introduced to the fundamentals of racing engines, performance tuning, and the art of cross-referencing and adapting components. My first major upgrade was a 3.1-liter engine built from an LD28 block, equipped with Mikuni carburetors, a Nissan Competition header, and a close-ratio competition gearbox.

As my knowledge grew, so did my ambitions. I ventured into the world of turbocharging and commissioned a custom stroker crankshaft, expanding the engine to 3.3 liters. Along the way, I taught myself fiberglass fabrication, mold making, and composite bodywork by studying books and experimenting in my spare time. Then life intervened.



I got married, raised a family, changed careers, and built a business. What began as an automotive project was placed on hold for nearly three decades while I focused on the responsibilities of adulthood. Yet throughout that time, the lessons learned from the Z never left me.

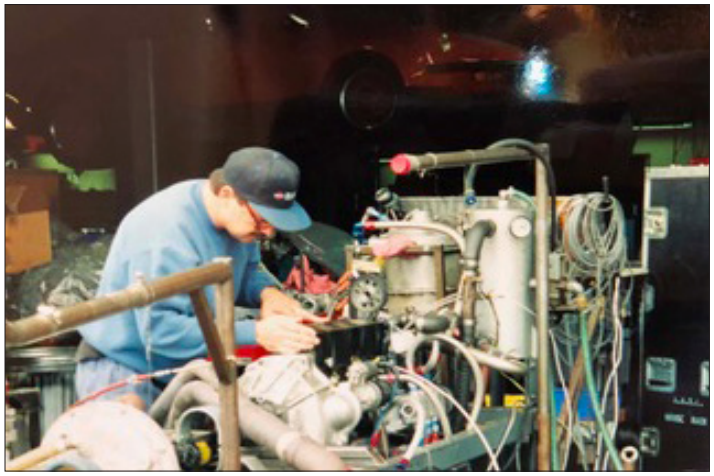
While the car was running in its earlier years, I immersed myself in fuel injection systems, fabrication, turbocharging, and engine management. Much of that knowledge was self-taught. Through countless hours of trial and error, I discovered that not all turbocharger silicone connectors were created equal. That realization led me to develop my own proprietary formulations and eventually establish TurboHoses R&D.

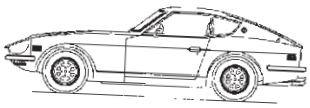
Years later, with a successful company, a fully equipped shop, and an experienced team behind me, I returned to the project that started it all.

Remarkably, the car still retains the same engine and much of the same electronics that were installed more than thirty years ago. Today, it stands not only as a machine, but as a testament to perseverance, craftsmanship, and the enduring passion that can survive the passage of time.

Some projects are measured in months or years. This one has been measured in decades.

And perhaps that is the greatest lesson the car has taught me: dreams do not expire. They simply wait for us to return and finish what we started.





Photos From ZONC Picnic

By Linda William







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we all had to sign an NDA before we were permitted on the property. Some people had signed up for a parade lap around the high-speed oval track with a group photo at the end, and others had signed up for a tour of the area that included all types of driving conditions that a car would be put through for testing. It was amazing to see all of this and our van was lucky enough to have Peter and Gayle Brock join us. Peter was asking all the technical questions and we all enjoyed hearing the explanations and responses to the questions he asked. The evening commenced with the closing ceremony which included dinner and the Judged Car Show Awards. There were so many beautiful cars, it had to be very difficult to decide on the winners. The Gold Medallion Award was issued to a 240Z that seemed to be perfect. It had undergone a 4-year restoration at SoFlo and they did an outstanding job sourcing OEM parts from all over the world. The car was owned by Dr. Scott and Donna Ennis who proudly handed the keys to a representative from the Lane Museum in Nashville where the car will be put on display by Nissan USA.

The drive home was a long one that included a road closure that took me from Hwy 5 over Hwy 46 to Paso Robles and Hwy 101. Almost a 12-hour day driving, and I was glad to get home and have a glass of wine!

Congratulations to Bob Russell and Ben Adler for all of the awards they won! ZONC was well represented.

Solvang Datsun Classic

April 23/24, 2027

https://solvangroadstershow.com/

The 40th Annual Solvang Datsun Classic registration will begin **October 1, 2026.** Early Bird registration with discounts will run until **October 31, 2026.** This year the registration form has been revised to help streamline your registration for the event. We look forward to reuniting with you in Solvang or meeting new Datsun members. Feel free to send the registration link to all those who might be interested in displaying their Datsun and joining us, **April 23 & 24, 2027**.

https://form.jotform.com/262187756400156

ZONC PICNIC 2026

Photo by Mary Ellen Rozmajzl



Photos Below by Linda Williams















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.

Happy NovemberBirthdays

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YOLANDA ATKINSON
JOEL CARRICO
JESUS HUERTA
MARCI JENKINS
JOSEPH LEMMER
ROBERT MARX
MARYELLEN ROZMAJZL
TIMOTHY TANG

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!

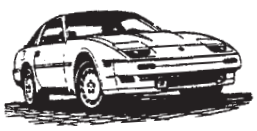
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Thanks to Z Club San Diego



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

1st Saturday of the month
Jelly Belly 9am -12pm
1 Jelly Belly Ln Fairfield

2nd Sunday of the Month
Farmers Lane Plaza
1500 Block of Farmers Ln
Santa Rosa

3rd Sunday of the month
Peet'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

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Every Last Sunday of the Month
8am - 11am
525 S Union Rd. Manteca, Ca

2026-07 ZONC & Other Car Events

NOVEMBER

01	CSRG Rolling Thunder at (TH)
07	TRC - Spiderman Rallye, Mountain View
08	**ZONC** Meeting on Google
14	Calaveras Big Trees Fun Run

DECEMBER

05	Sac Datsun Owners - Memorial Toy Run
05-06	24 Hours of Lemons at Sonoma Raceway
13	**ZONC** Meeting on Google
TBA	**ZONC** Holiday Toy Drive

JANUARY 2027

10	**ZONC** Meeting on Google

FEBRUARY

07	**ZONC** Meeting on Google

MARCH

19-21	CSRG David Love Historic Car Races (SR)

APRIL

23-24	**Solvang Datsun Classic**

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

For Bay Area Rallyes check out the :

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

REDWOOD REGION PCA
https://redwoodpca.org

Sac Datsun Events

For more infomation go to
www.facebook.com/sacdatsun/

ZONC Membership Report October 2026

Area	Members	Assoc		Car Models	
Alameda	20	1		240Z	37
Contra Costa	24	1		260Z	1
Marin/Sonoma	9	3		280Z	14
Mendocino/Lake	2	0		280ZX	2
Monterey	8	0		300ZX-Z31	8
North/Central Valley	10	0		300ZX-Z32	10
Out of Area	5	1		350Z	16
Sacramento Area	9	1		370Z	14
San Francisco	7	0		Z (RZ34)	15
San Mateo	11	1		GT-R	3
Santa Clara	17	0		G35	0
Santa Cruz	2	0		G37	1
Solano	6	2		510	8
Unknown	2			Datsun Roadsters	4
				Other (620, S31, Q60, Sentra)	5
				Unknown	3
TOTAL Members	**139**	**10**		**Total Cars**	**141**
NEW Members YTD	**28**				

2 new members that have joined in the last few days are represented in the total for members, but I do not have their car info yet.



ZCON photo by Gary Savage

Z MART ADS

are in Z News and on the website

Members: no charge for nonbusiness ads

(include membership # with ad)

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You can use PayPal or Zelle.

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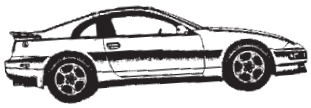
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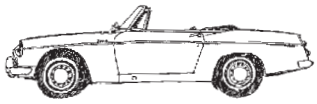
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1/2 Page	$35	$184	$315
1/4 Page	$25	$125	$200
Bus. Card	$15	$68	$90









FOR SALE

1986 red 300zx V6 Auto 2+2 t-tops pw pl cruise tilt alloy wheels etc. 131,892 original miles. Have owned since around 1998. I am 3rd owner. Previous 2 were family members was originally leased.

Many new parts such as fuel pump, plugs, plug wires, new tires, battery, distributor, air cleaner etc. Have a hood replacement as original is damaged. Have transmission fluid.

Diagnostic performed by Applegate Garage 6/11/26. 30mpg freeway. Clean title. Has original owners manual and mechanics book. Clean title. VIN# JN1HZ16SXGX094464

Can text more pictures and diagnostic report to interested parties. Looking to get what I paid for all parts and diagnostic out of it.

$1500 or best offer within reason. Will reply to all offers. **Text or call me at (916) 564-2886**

~Johnny

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