

Z Ramblings

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Happy New Years!



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This Club was Established in 1991 by the owner of Z-Whizz and is organized as a California Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation.

- Provide its members with access to knowledge about their Z Cars
- Provide a forum for members and other interested parties;
- Exchange Z Car information
- Organize events and activities for members which enhance their enjoyment of Z Car ownership

Our meetings are held at 7pm every 1st Wednesday of the month at:

Elijah's Restaurant
7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd San Diego,
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PreZident's Message

By
Michael Montag



For those who have not heard or do not remember, I will be handing over the club steering wheel to David Ferris as the new President at the January 7 th club meeting. I want to thank David for assuming the presidency and continuing to lead the club into the 21 st century.

I want to thank these board members: Clif Yassi, Dennis Darnell, Patty Cook, Wally Cook, Sheri Arnoth, Lenny Arnoth, Carl Cook, David Ferris and Chuck Golden(RIP) for all of their help, guidance and patience during my term. Together, we not only survived the pandemic but also emerged as a much stronger club.

As for me, I will remain an active member, attending meetings and events/runs.



Hope to Z you all on the road.

**Happy New Year,
Everyone!**

Michael

Vice President's

Message

The Convertible guy's message

AKA Vice President David Ferris



First thing I would like to say is I hope everyone had a safe and wonderful holiday! Second thing is that ZCSD will have our normal meeting on Wednesday, January 7 th, at 7pm, at Elijah's. Come at 6pm and grab your dinner and catch up with everyone. Mike Ryan, our new incoming Vice President, has a guest speaker set up for us that should be very interesting.

The ZCSD board has come up with a year's worth of events that should be very fun, have lots of driving, and be interesting to boot. Your new incoming Vice President has a lot of ideas he's been looking forward to implementing for 20 years. Your new President also has a couple of things up his sleeve he's been working on since joining the club a few years ago, so it is going to be a very fun filled year ahead.

We have also set up to allow paying dues online with Zelle and Venmo. Those instructions will be in the upcoming newsletters before yearly dues need to be paid. A big thank you goes to Dennis Darnall, our Treasurer, for finally getting those services set up.

There will probably be a few more things that will be different this coming year. We are looking forward to a couple of Tech Day ideas. We will probably have a couple of extra runs in the year to get our cars out on the different roads around our great city and its outlying scenery during the months that we have non-driving events. Some of those will be planned well in advance and others might not come up until a couple of months before the events.

Greg and Judy Carlson will be leading our 1 st 2026 event, a trip to the Craftsman Museum and Lunch set for January 24 th . More information to follow.

The other big event that might have changed a little will be the Main Street America Car Show. The Corvette club is considering making quite a few changes to the car show and while we will support the chance to help the terrific organization, The San Diego Center for the Blind, the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego might make the show too expensive and not as well organized as it has been in the past for some of our members. I promise to keep everyone posted as more information becomes available to me.

Overall, I want to say I'm looking forward to the happenings for ZCSD in 2026. Remember to keep gas in your tank, air in your tires, and your battery charged for our next adventure!

David Ferris ZCSD VP

Secretary's Scribblings

By Patty Cook



General Membership Meeting – On December 3

The meeting was opened promptly at 7:00 PM, with 24 members and guests in attendance. Wally Cook demonstrated the proper use of the portable microphone, and President Michael asked everyone to refrain from sidebar chatter. He then led the introductions with the question, “What kind of car do you drive?”

Elections

The election results from last month were announced. Installation will be at the January meeting.

President – David Ferris, Vice President – Mike Ryan, Secretary – Patty Cook, Treasurer – Dennis Darnall.

Birthdays

Greg Carlson read the four for this month. However, none of them were present to select their gift.

Liah Felt, Carlton Gasior, Judy Heintskill, Jon Krause

Competition: Patty Cook announced the upcoming events, and Michael said there will be two Novice Autocross classes held next year.

Past Events Discussed

Wine Run, November 8 th. David mentioned that 1½ hours at a winery was not enough time. Mike Ryan suggested that next year we go to Bernardo Winery, have a car show, and lunch there. He was chosen to lead!

Future Events

There was a brief discussion about member ideas for future events. Michael requested that all suggestions be submitted to any board member via email. They should contain 1. Where 2. Stops 3. Possible routes 4. Are you willing to lead it?

Christmas Party, December 6 th – Sheri reviewed the event. South OC Cars & Coffee, December 13th. Since this is the largest C & C in the WORLD, David asked that anyone planning to attend let him know so he can get your name on the entry list.

Mossy Nissan Cars & Coffee, December 7 th in Oceanside.

Dennis Darnall auctioned off Chuck Golden's Club jacket with the proceeds to go to his widow.

Bylaws

Secretary, Patty Cook, entertained a motion that the proposed changes be accepted as printed in the November Newsletter. Clif Yaussi so moved, Sheri Arnoth seconded it. PASSED.

Meeting Adjourned around 7:30 PM.

Board Meeting Highlights – December 21 st , the 2026 Events were scheduled.

Miniature Engineering Craftsmanship Museum



1/24/2026

ZCSD will be taking a drive to the *Miniature Engineering Craftsmanship Museum* in Carlsbad, CA. We will meet up at Rancho Santa Fe Cars and Coffee between 9:00 and 10:00. Leaving for museum at 10 am and arrive about 10:20.

Here is a link to the [**ROUTE**](#)

Afterwards, we will travel to *Amalfi Cucina Italiana* at Lake San Marcos for lunch festivities. Address is 135 La Bonita Drive, San Marcos. Meeting there at NOON.

Link to the [**ROUTE**](#)





CLUB CARS

BIRTHDAYS

CARS	MODEL	MEMBER BIRTHDAYS
28	240Z	1/2 Kathy Crail
2	260Z	1/3 Vivian Livesberger
11	280Z	1/5 Jeff Sakai
10	280ZX	1/9 Carey Ferris
7	300ZX (Z31)	1/16 Kim Johnson
12	300ZX (Z32)	1/25 John Hunter
8	350Z	1/26 Frank Choy
8	370Z	1/27 Michelle Runtzell
1	Z (RZ34)	1/29 Chuck Campbell

MEMBERSHIP

Greg Carlson



Hi everybody,

I hope you all had a fun holiday season. I know I did. A big THANK YOU to all the members who make me laugh and keep me entertained! And THANK YOU to all the board members who helped guide me along in this membership position. Happy New Year! I hope to have some new swag soon so keep an eye out for it.

- Greg -

ZCSD 2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

1/24 - ZCSD Drive to the *Miniature Engineering Craftsmanship Museum* in Carlsbad, CA. We will be doing lunch at Amalfi Cucina Italiana in San Marcos.

TBD More events for 2026 coming!!

San Diego CARS & COFFEES

Cars and Coffees not listed here, please send me the information (Date, Time, and Address) to zcarclubs@gmail.com with Cars and Coffee not listed, in the subject line.

EVERY SATURDAY:

Rancho Santa Fe Cars & Coffee

8am-12:00 pm. 6004 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 92091

PL Cars and Coffee

8am-11am

2305 Cushing rd Lot K
Point Loma, Ca 92106

South OC Cars and Coffee

101 W Avenida Nista Hermosa, San Clemente,
92672

Bonita Cars and Coffee (The BCC)

7-9 am. 4414 Bonita Rd. Ca 91902

Carlsbad Cars and Coffee

7-9 am. 7130 Avenida Encinas, Carlsbad 92011

EVERY SUNDAY:

Escondido Cars and Coffee

7-9 am. 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy. 92025

Sunday Funday Cars and Coffee

7:30am-10:am Yum Yum Donuts 517 Telegraph
Canyon Road, Chula Vista, 91910

Lakeside Cars & Coffee

8-10 am. 9760 Wintergardens Blvd. Ca 92040

EVERY 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH:

Poway Cruisers In-n-Out Car Show

10:30 -1 pm. 12890 Gregg Ct. 92064

Gearhead Rendezvous Car Meet

10:00am-1:00pm STP Bar and Grill 5487
Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

EVERY 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

East County Cars and Coffee

7-9 am. Mary's Donuts 8959 Carlton Hills Blvd.
Santee

EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:

San Diego Automotive Museum Cars and Coffee
7:30-9 am. 2080 Pan American Plaza, San Diego,
92101

Coffee and Datsuns (Ran by our own Mike Ryan)
8-10 am. 12070 Carmel Mountain Rd. San Diego
92128

La Mesa Cars and Coffee

7-9 am. La Mesa Blvd (between Palm Ave and 3rd
St.) 91942

EVERY 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH:

Santee Cars and Coffee

7-9 am. 9626 Carlton Hills Blvd, Santee, 92071
Cars and Coffee University City

Last Saturday of the month, 8:00 – 10 :00 AM

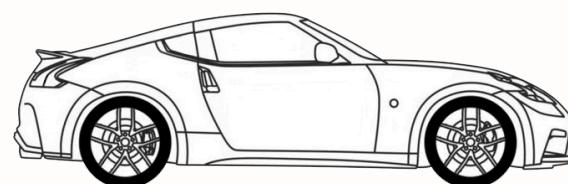
University City Marketplace, 3202 Governor Drive
(Suggested by David Timber)



For more information on other car related events:

sandiegoassociationofcarclubs.org/fulllistofevents

You can find more information on different cars and coffee at the San Diego Museum Page on Facebook. They try and list events that go on for every week.



2026 — Competition Schedule

--- JANUARY 2026 ---

Jan 3-4 -- SCCA – Open Track Weekend @ [Chuckwalla Valley Raceway](#)

Jan 10-11 -- SCCA – Autocross – [Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium](#)

Jan 17-18 -- SCCA – Rally Cross – Ramona Fairgrounds, Ramona

Jan 24-25 -- Speed Ventures @ [Buttonwillow Raceway](#) “Classic”

--- FEBRUARY 2026 ---

Feb 7-8 -- SCCA – Autocross – [Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium](#)

Feb 21 -- Speed Ventures @ [Streets of Willow Springs Raceway](#), Rosamond

Feb 28 -- Mar 1 – Speed Ventures @ [Buttonwillow Raceway](#) “Classic”

--- MARCH 2026 ---

Mar 7 -- SCCA – Autocross Novice School, [Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium](#)

Mar 8 -- SCCA – Autocross – [Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium](#)

Information: [sdrseca.motorsportreg.com](#), [speeddistrict.com](#), [speedventures.com](#)

Always check with the organizer for event/venue/date updates



SOURCES

WEBSITES

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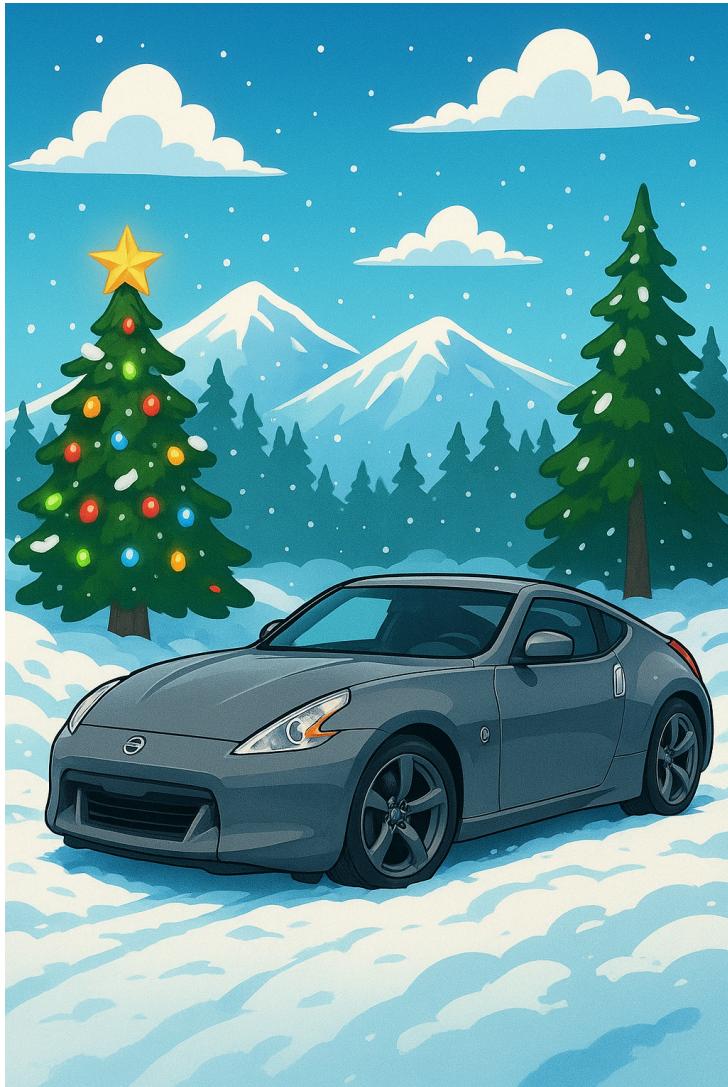
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ZCSD Christmas Party December 2025



There was fun had by all at the annual Christmas party dinner and gift swap. There were plenty of steals happening. We also provided good gifts for a charity. It was good to see everyone there and hope to have a better one next year!

Officers meeting and potluck.

Click the picture to see all photos.

Photos provided by Galit and Mike Ryan

Save the Date

Our next meeting on January 7th will have a guest speaker.

For my last assignment as member at large and my first assignment as in coming Vice President. I have invited Joe Morgan from Detail Garage, to be our first guest speaker of the year.

Joe will come with many years of knowledge in the detail industry. He's going to share his experience with the Chemical Guys Products. Chemical Guys are the only products sold at his shop.

We look forward to kicking off this new year with Joe and his amazing products. As you all know. We all enjoy making our cars look their best. I've been using Chemical Guys for many years and plan to continue using them.

Mike Ryan

ZCSD Member at Large

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Look for us on [Angie's List!](#)



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Membership Form



Indicate level of membership, fill out form, save and print.

Sign in pen then scan or take a photo and send this form to the Membership coordinator (Greg Carlson).

EMAIL: hitthethrottle@gmail.com

Pay with Zelle or check.

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P.O. Box 710886
Santee, CA 92072-0886

Red outlined fields are required.

Membership renewals are due in March.

Membership Type:		
Type	Cost	
Active Full	\$36	
Associate	\$21	
Military	\$21	
Student	\$21	

First Name **Last Name** **Nick Name** **Birth Date MM/DD**

(SO) First Name **(SO) Last Name** **(SO)Nick Name** **SO Birth Date MM/DD**

Street Address **City** **State Zip Code** **Phone**

E-Mail Address **SO Email Address**

Z Car #1 Year/Model/Color

Z Car #2 Year/Model/Color

Z Car #3 Year/Model/Color

Waiver and Release from Liability

This form limits Z Club of San Diego's liability. Read it thoroughly and sign below.

As a Member of the Z Club of San Diego (ZCSD), I am solely responsible for any damage or injury to third parties, or myself resulting from anything connected with ZCSD Events/Activities. I agree to fully indemnify and hold ZCSD, its officers and representatives harmless for or in any claim, loss, damage, injury or liability which may be asserted against them by me or by any third party as a result of my activity. The foregoing covenants of exculpation and indemnity are intended to be and are complete, general and without restriction and include but are not limited to negligence (active or passive) or willful, reckless or wanton activity. I further agree that my car will be operated by a licensed driver and that the driver will comply with all applicable provisions of the California Vehicle Code. I further warrant that I carry automobile liability insurance on the vehicle, meeting or exceeding all California statutory requirements and that this insurance will be in force and effect for all ZCSD Events/Activities in which I participate. I will not participate in any Event/Activity under the influence of any alcoholic beverages or other drug or drugs that would impair my ability to perform at ZCSD Events/Activities. This release will be active for all ZCSD Events/Activities in which I participate.



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