

# Ramblings

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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 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at:

**Elijah's Restaurant**

**7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd San Diego, CA 92111**

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## From the Driver's Seat



On January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Michael Montag turned over the reins, or should I say the wheel, to a new President for the Z Club of San Diego. For the last couple years, I've served at the club's pleasure as Vice President, and I think I've done well for the club. This year will only be slightly different but hopefully much better as well.

I got here by talking to a guy about his white with red stripes 240Z. He let me know there was a Z Club. Then an email to a wonderful lady who still serves as the Secretary to this fine club, who invited me down by reply to the meeting held at Denny's on a Tuesday and the rest, as they say, is history. What I would like to point out here is that it doesn't take much to get someone to want to join our club. Just be the kind and welcoming people we are. That in itself is one of the greatest strengths I've found in our club. "Come for the cars, stay for the people" is one of the things I hear over and over and it's very true.

When I was installed, I hit the ground running. We have a new Member at Large, Jason Damron. I was also told that Michele would not be able to take on the Events Coordinator position as planned, and I had to find a new person for that position, so welcome Jim Thomson in that role.

This year we have some different events lined up. Maybe not different from anything we've ever done, but different from what we might have done recently. We also have some of the usual things, but going forward, we are going to have fun. We will have Tech days again. We are also talking about maybe having some driving runs offered for those who want to join, at random, just to get our cars out and drive. Keep an eye on your email. You'll get notified there and at our meetings.

We also have received word that the Main Street America Car Show will be at the Embarcadero by Seaport Village on July 25<sup>th</sup> this year, presented by the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego. Last year we had 30+ cars, 29 of them Zs. This year I'd like 40 Zs so let's ask everyone you know who has one to bring it. We will also have 2 classes this year. The 1<sup>st</sup> class will be 240Zs through the 1<sup>st</sup> generation 300ZX Z31 1989, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> class will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation 300ZX Z32 1990 through the current Z, RZ34 2026. Let's show the Miata club again how to do a car show and support the San Diego Center for the Blind!

Saturday, January 24<sup>th</sup> was our first event of 2026. We started out meeting at Rancho Santa Fe Cars and Coffee. I ran into Jim Thomson within minutes of parking. Eventually Jason Damron found us, and he had already put a card on an orange 370Z to let whomever the driver of that car with the plate OMWGIRL about our club. Maybe we'll hear from that person.

Most of us gathered at the Craftsman Museum and one of the fine Docents met us at the entrance and introduced and talked about the museum and turned us loose to look at the wonderful examples of so many things in the world of miniaturization. After we all got our fill of the exhibits, we went to lunch at Amalfi Cucina Italiana at Lake San Marcos. Twenty of us gathered to share lunch and had a wonderful meal with good conversation and fellowship. To all of you who couldn't make it, I'm sorry you missed it and hope you'll make it to the next event.

So, from your new President, who is very happy to be helping with such an extraordinary club and group of people, keep gas in your tank, air in your tires, and your battery fully charged for our next adventure!

*David Ferris*  
*ZCSD President*



# Vice President's Message



I am both honored and humbled at this amazing opportunity to be this club's VP. In my near 28 years as a ZCSD member, I've always entertained the idea of one day holding a position in this amazing club.

A year and a half ago, I made some necessary life changing decisions. I retired from the grocery industry after nearly 36 years and made the move to the Poway unified School district. This move has allowed me to finally realize an opportunity I didn't think was possible. To say I am grateful is an understatement.

My role as this clubs VP will not be taken lightly. I am motivated to bring forth fresh ideas and lots of exiting events for our club to enjoy. I am excited to have my wife Galit be our club photographer. Also, after much discussion. I am also glad I was able to convince Darren Kirkpatrick to make a return to the club.

My Goal this coming year, is to work closely with David Ferris our new President. In our partnership, we will strive to improve and continue to build an amazing club. In that effort I hope to gain the respect and admiration of not only my fellow Z club members but car clubs of all genres.

In our very first meeting of the year. We had an amazing guest speaker. I invited Joe Morgan from Detail Garage. Joe did a fantastic job discussing his product line(Chemical Guys). Joe was amazing and very friendly. He answered all of the Club Members Questions with very informative responses. For Our February Meeting, I have invited Talena "T" from Girlie Garage." She is a wealth of knowledge and an inspiration to woman. Her Youtube channel and instagram channel offer valuable information on how to work on your own car. She does a lot for woman in our community and all over with her social platforms. I am exited to have her speak at our meeting on February 4th.

Thank you once again for this amazing opportunity. I look forward to working with all of you this year.

Mike Ryan  
ZCSD Vice President



# Secretary's Scribblings



**General Membership Meeting – On January 7,** the meeting was opened promptly at 7:00 PM, with 42 members and guests in attendance. President Michael led the introductions with the question, “What kind of car do you drive?”

**Swearing In of New President:** Michael told the tale of his first Z car – it was a gift... a toy model (complete with bow) that Marcy had set in his parking spot! Michael used this model with David Ferris, placing his hand on it for the ‘Swearing In Ceremony’. And, what a ceremony it was! David had to ‘swear’ to a plethora of different things, from obeying all the Bylaws of the Club to bowing to the Past President (Michael). After the frivolity, our new president gave a brief history of Michael's accomplishments over the years, from continuously serving on the Board since 2008 to being the President for 5 ½ years. The Club has only had 12 Presidents in its 35 years of existence. David then elevated Michael to be the Club's 4<sup>th</sup> Legacy Member.

## **General Business:**

- 2026 Events have been published and are also on the Web. Some suggestions came in too late and will be considered in 2027.
- The Main Street America Car Show's date may change.
- Dues have been raised; \$45 for General membership with a reduced rate for Students and Active Military. The Membership form is ‘live,’ you can fill it out, print it, scan it, and send it in. You can pay via Zelle or Venmo.
- ZCON Registration is open for registration
- We need a new Member-at-Large

**Past Events:** The Christmas party had 30 people and a fun gift steal/exchange.

**Future Events:** January 24<sup>th</sup>, we will be going to the Miniature Engineering and Craftsmanship Museum, with lunch after at Lake San Marcos. Watch for the flyer.

**Birthdays:** Greg Carlson called Carey Ferris and John Hunter to select a gift. The rule is that if you don't come to the meeting in your birthday month, you don't get a gift (an exception was made for Kim Johnson, who had to work, so Rob picked out a present for her).

**Competition:** Patty Cook announced the upcoming events.

**Speaker:** Before our speaker was announced, we were reminded to avoid crosstalk. Then David introduced Joe Morgan from Detail Garage. He discussed the various Chemical Guy's product lines they carry and mentioned that current ZCSD Members could get a discount on merchandise. He answered many questions about the care of waxes, ceramic coatings, wraps, how to layer the various coatings, and the proper towels to use on our cars.

Meeting Adjourned around 7:50 PM.

**Board Meeting Highlights – January 21:** Jason Damron is the new Member-at-Large, and Jim Thomson will serve as Events Coordinator. We still need a **Track Coordinator**. Main Street America Car Show will be on July 25<sup>th</sup>. Tech Day subjects for 2026 were discussed; any suggestions should be sent to Mike Ryan. The next Board Meeting will be on 2/25 at the Hamburger Factory, at 5:30.

*By Patty Cook, ZCSD Secretary*

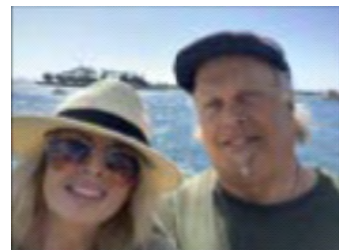


**CLUB CARS**

**BIRTHDAYS**

## MEMBERSHIP

Greg Carlson



Hi everybody,

I hope you all enjoyed the Craftsmanship museum. I always do. There is so much to see there. Be on the lookout this month for a membership renewal notice in your email and via regular postal mail. Our dues are due in March. We now have Zelle and Venmo available! Thank you Dennis! 👍

- Greg -

CARS	MODEL	MEMBER BIRTHDAYS
28	240Z	2/4 Kathy Sakai
2	260Z	2/8 Michael Libonate
12	280Z	2/10 Jay Zorzy
10	280ZX	2/14 Hugh Clark
8	300ZX (Z31)	2/16 Ron Heintskill
12	300ZX (Z32)	2/17 Michael Montag
9	350Z	2/17 Patty Cook
7	370Z	2/19 Marcia Yaussi
2	Z (RZ34)	2/23 Linda Lee

# ZCSD 2026 EVENT SCHEDULE

• Jan 24 (Sat) - Miniature Engineering Craftsmanship Museum, Carlsbad & lunch at the lake, led by Greg Carlson

• Feb 7 (Sat) – K1 Speed, Chula Vista & lunch, led by David Ferris

SPEEDPASS \$69.99 (2 Races, License, and T-Shirt), 3-Race \$69.99, 2-Race \$53.99, 1-Race \$29.99

• Mar 21 (Sat) – Ross Lake Lavender Farm & lunch: 40055 Ross Rd., Fallbrook, AC 92028, led by Judy Carlson

Admission: \$5.00, Children under 12 are free. \$10.00 to pick a grower's bunch

• Apr 13-15 Bottom Buster Motor Tour

• Apr 18 (Sat) – March AFB Museum & lunch, led by Dennis Darnall

• May 17 (Sun) – Garage 79, Warner Springs, & lunch, led by Mike Ryan

• Jun 28 (Sun) – Annual Picnic, Lake Poway, led by Sheri Arnoth

• Jul 1 (Wed) – Pizza Party/Meeting, de Anza Cove

• Jul 18 (Sat) – Idyllwild & lunch, led by Dennis Darnall

• Aug 8 (Sat) – All American Car Show

• Aug 15 (Sat) – Marconi Automotive Museum – 1302 Industrial Dr, Tustin, CA 92780, led by Dennis Darnall

Admission: Adult \$20, Senior, Military, Law Enforcement, & First Responder \$15, Student \$10, and Children 13 and under are free

• Sep 21-26 – ZCON in Arizona

• Oct TBD – DYNO DAY, led by Lenny Arnoth

• Oct TBD – JCCS Long Beach

• Nov 14 (Sat) – Wine and Car Show, Bernardo Winery & lunch, led by Mike Ryan

• Dec 5 (Sat) – Annual Christmas Party, Hamburger Factory, led by Sheri Arnoth

# San Diego CARS & COFFEES

Cars and Coffees not listed here, please send me the information (Date, Time, and Address) to Faithfuldf67@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

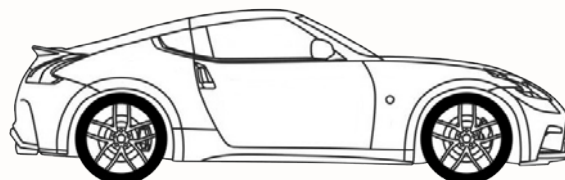
### **Last Saturday of the month, 8:00 – 10 :00 AM**

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

### **For more information on other car related events:**

**[sandiegoassociationofcarclubs.org/fulllistofevents](http://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

--- FEBRUARY ---

Feb 7-8 -- SCCA – Autocross – Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium

Feb 7-8 – Speed District @ Buttonwillow Raceway (13CW)

Feb 21 -- Speed Ventures @ Streets of Willow Springs Raceway, Rosamond

Feb 28 -- Speed Ventures @ Buttonwillow Raceway “Classic”

--- MARCH ---

Mar 1 -- Speed Ventures @ Buttonwillow Raceway “Classic”

Mar 6 -- Speed District @ Big Willow

Mar 7 -- SCCA – Autocross Novice School, Lake Elsinore Storm

Mar 8 -- SCCA – Autocross – Lake Elsinore Storm

Mar 14-15 -- SCCA – RallyCross – Ramona Fairgrounds

Mar 14-15 -- Speed Ventures @ Chuckwalla Valley Raceway

Mar 21-22 -- Speed District @ Buttonwillow (New Circuit)

Mar 28-29 -- Speed Ventures @ Buttonwillow Raceway “Classic”

--- APRIL ---

Apr 4 -- Speed Ventures @ Streets of Willow Springs Raceway, Rosamond

Apr 11 -- Speed District @ Big Willow (tentative)

Apr 18 -- SCCA – Autocross Starting Line School – Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium

Apr 18-19 -- Speed Ventures @ Las Vegas Motor Speedway – Outside Road Course

Apr 19 -- SCCA – Autocross – Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium

Apr 24 -- Speed District @ Buttonwillow (13CW)

Apr 25-26 -- SCCA – RallyCross – Ramona Fairgrounds

**Information:** [sdrscca.motorsportreg.com](http://sdrscca.motorsportreg.com), [speeddistrict.com](http://speeddistrict.com),  
[speedventures.com](http://speedventures.com)

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

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## SOURCES

### WEBSITES

#### Z CLUB SD

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### AFTERMARKET PARTS & SUPPLIES

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[z1motorsports.com](http://z1motorsports.com)

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JDM MUSCLE USA

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APEXi USA

[apexi-usa.com](http://apexi-usa.com)

ARMYTRIX USA

[armytrixusa.com](http://armytrixusa.com)

AXIS PARTS

[axisparts.jp](http://axisparts.jp)

ECUTEK

[ecutek.com](http://ecutek.com)

KANJO SPEC.D

[kanjospecd.com](http://kanjospecd.com)

FACTORY SPIRIT

[factoryspirit.com](http://factoryspirit.com)

EVO-R

[evo-r.com](http://evo-r.com)

BOOSTED 6

[boosted6auto.com](http://boosted6auto.com)

SEIBON CARBON

[seiboncarbon.com](http://seiboncarbon.com)

MY JAPAN DIRECT

[myjapandirect.com](http://myjapandirect.com)

CARBON CREATIONS

[carboncreations.com](http://carboncreations.com)

AWE TUNING

[awe-tuning.com](http://awe-tuning.com)

SPEEDFORM USA

[speedformeusa.com](http://speedformeusa.com)

DRIVEN BY STYLE

[drivenbystyle.com](http://drivenbystyle.com)

ZPEC DESIGN

[zspecdesign.com](http://zspecdesign.com)

REVIVER PLATES

[reviver.com](http://reviver.com)

CA DMV Digital Wallet

[dmv.ca.gov](http://dmv.ca.gov)

### SCCA

[Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium](#)

[Buttonwillow Raceway](#)

[Willow Springs Raceway \(streets\)](#)

[Willow Springs Raceway \(big\)](#)

[Ramona Fairgrounds](#)

[Chuckwalla Valley Raceway](#)

[Las Vegas Motor Speedway](#)



# ZCSD February Event

**Let's go RACE!!**

K1 Speed run on Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30am.

We will meet at Carl's Jr off the 94, 2935 Jamacha Rd. El Cajon, Ca 92019

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/VsVyr1X8Jm3GDC2Y7>

We'll leave at 10am to head the back way, Using Campo Road/ 94 East to Otay Lakes Road.

We should arrive at K1 Speed by 10:30am

Here's the route,

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/znrJwzwJx6nYefUQA>

K1 Speed, Chula Vista is at 881 District Place, Suite 101-103, 91914.

When we show up, you can choose how you would like to race, if you want to race.

You will need an annual license,

*Annual License*

## REQUIRED TO RACE

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**\$8.50 License benefits include the following:**  
FREE RACE on your Birthday - up to a \$31 .99 value!\*  
Free use of our helmets  
Free headsock\*\*  
10% off Apparel & Accessories †  
Access to your racing score online  
Storing of your racing history in our database  
Monthly newsletter with special offers

Pricing from there goes to 1 race, \$29.99 with other options from there, up. I did a couple races over the holidays and let me tell you, your shoulders and forearms will be tested after a race. I bought 5 races and only did 2 that day and that was more than enough.

They have food/ Pizza, wings and tenders, and sliders as well as soft drinks. We'll eat there after we all finish racing.

Any questions feel free to email me at [faithfuldf67@gmail.com](mailto:faithfuldf67@gmail.com)

David Ferris

P.S. Anyone wishing to get there earlier for breakfast, they have a **Broken Yolk** in the same shopping center as Carl's Jr. I will probably be there around 8am for breakfast. Not part of the official run, but if you'd like to join me let me know.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/iP3emK3w9B4NDzeGA> (Broken Yolk)



# RIDES & Coffee



**AUTO  
DETAILING  
SUPPLIES**



**DATE**

Saturday, 1/31/26

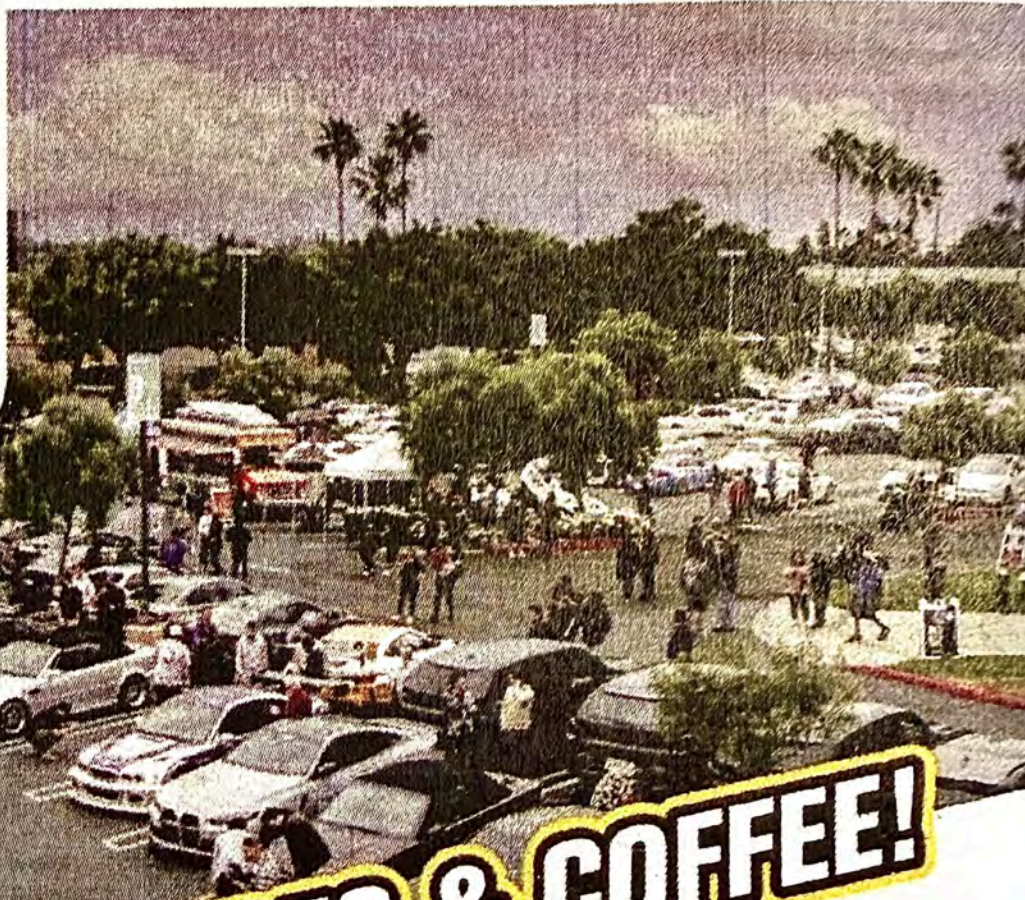
**TIME**

10AM - 12PM

**LOCATION**

Detail Garage Escondido

205 W Mission Ave Suite D/E, Escondido, CA 92025



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MEET FELLOW ENTHUSIASTS  
BRING THE FAMILY**

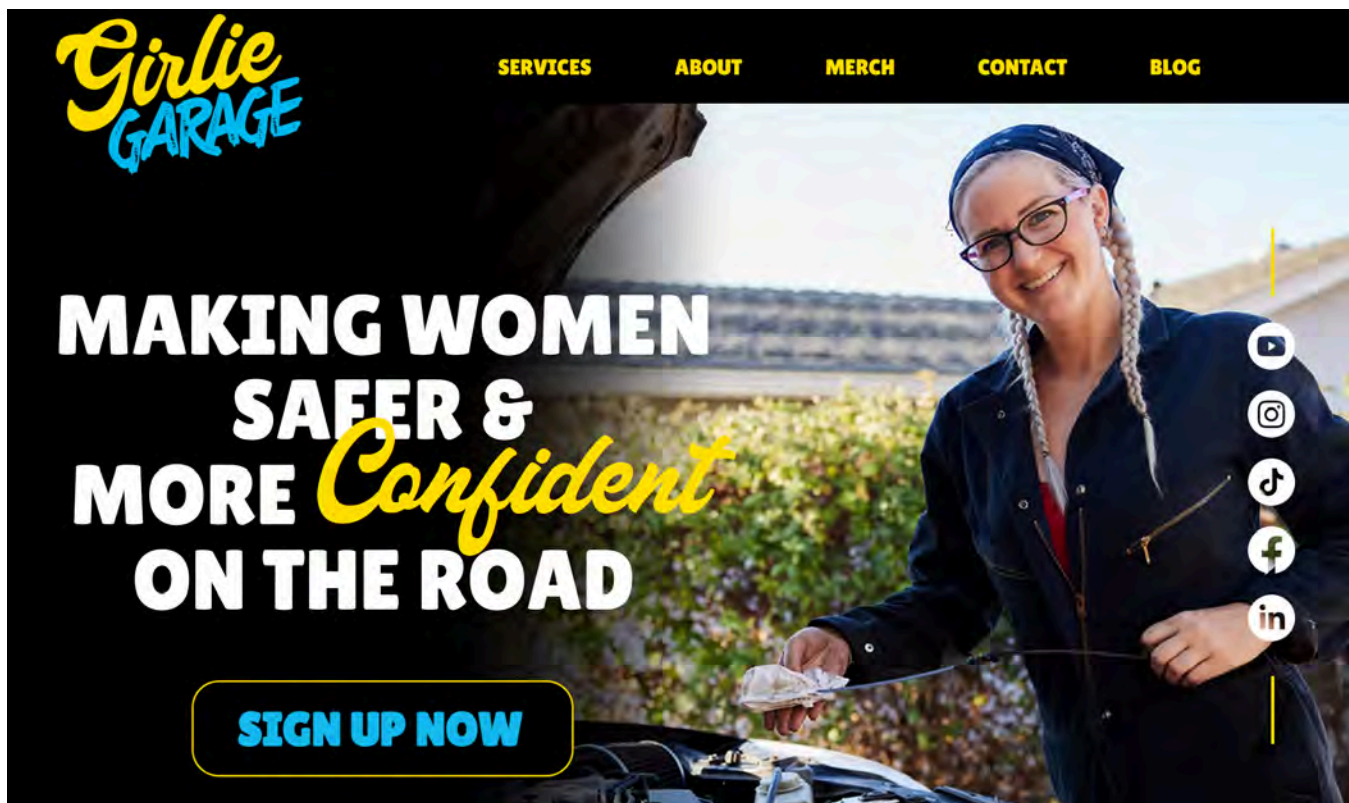


# Save the Date

Our next meeting on February 4th will have a guest speaker.

We will have a guest speaker for **GIRLS NIGHT** at the club.

We will be presenting Talena from Girlie Garage. She is very knowledgeable and can let our ladies understand cars from a female perspective.



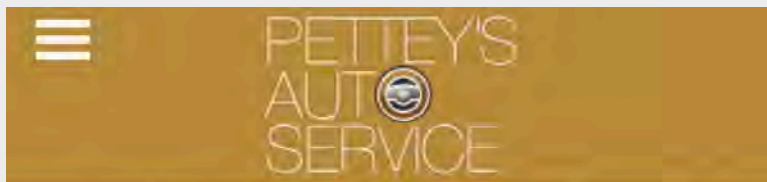
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Contact: Andrew

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Sat - Sun Closed

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



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[thedynoshop.com](http://thedynoshop.com)



Detail Garage





Thanks again for having me at your club meeting in January!

As discussed, we can offer all **club members 20% off standard priced items** any day of the week at the Escondido location. Members don't have to wait for a special event or day to take advantage of the discount.

We are located at:  
205 W. Mission Ave, Suite L  
Escondido, CA United States 92025

I know that a few members said they would be interested in a polishing class. I was thinking one Saturday morning in February we could offer a small hands on class here at no charge. The class would be 3-4 hours long and I could take up to 4 people. If there were more than 4 interested we could always do another one the following month.

Joe Morgan, Store Manager

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The Cyclone Dirt Trap is a car wash bucket filter that uses nearly 300 cyclonic funnels to trap dirty wash water under the filter and keep abrasive particles off your mitt for the perfect scratch-free wash.





# The Origins of the Datsun 240Z

*How Japan's Sports Car Icon Came to Conquer the World*

## A Vision for a Sports Car

In the late 1960s, Japan had yet to make a serious mark in the world of sports cars. Nissan, however, was ready to change that. Yutaka Katayama, known as "Mr. K.," envisioned a car that could challenge the European sports car elite without breaking the bank. Inspired by the success of the Datsun 510, he dreamed of creating an affordable, stylish, and fast sports car for the American market.

## Design and Development

The design process kicked off in the mid-60s with a collaboration between Nissan's designers and German Albrecht Goertz. Although Goertz's involvement was brief, his influence was evident in the car's sleek lines. The team refined the concept, resulting in a vehicle that combined Japanese reliability with the look and feel of a European sports car. The new 2.4-liter inline-six engine promised serious performance.

## The Launch of a Legend

In October 1969, the Datsun 240Z made its debut in the U.S. Priced at just \$3,566, it offered a thrilling drive, 151 horsepower, and a top speed of over 120 mph. Enthusiasts were hooked. The 240Z was an instant hit, offering the performance of a Porsche 911 at a fraction of the price.

## Racing Success and Cultural Impact

Soon, the 240Z was proving itself on the track, dominating SCCA races and winning rallies. It wasn't just a car; it was a cultural phenomenon. The 240Z set the stage for Japanese sports cars in America, capturing the imagination of a generation.

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**DATSUN 240-Z**  
GTO eater - Porsche wrecker?





# JANUARY HAPPENINGS

January's club run was expertly organized by our membership coordinator, Greg Carlson, and it turned out to be a fantastic way to kick off the year. The destination for this run was the Miniature Engineering Craftsman Museum, a truly unique venue that never fails to impress. This marked my second time attending this event, and I can confidently say it was just as exciting—if not more so—than the first. The museum itself is simply awesome and offers something fascinating around every corner.



Inside, we were treated to an incredible collection of models representing just about everything you can imagine. There were cars, planes, engines, and countless mechanical creations, each one more impressive than the last. From my understanding, all of the models equipped with engines are fully functional and capable of running. The level of craftsmanship, precision, and dedication behind these miniature engines and vehicles was nothing short of amazing and left many of us in awe.





Beyond the automotive and aviation displays, the museum also featured beautifully constructed dollhouses and other detailed creations. The attention to detail was so remarkable that it almost felt as if you could step right inside and make yourself at home. Whether it was imagining a quiet evening in one of the dollhouses or taking one of the miniature cars or planes out for a spin, the exhibits truly sparked the imagination.





After taking in all the sights at the museum, our next stop was lunch at Amalfi Cucina in San Marcos, California. This wonderful restaurant provided the perfect setting to relax and continue the day's conversations. Overlooking a scenic lake, the view was just as enjoyable as the food itself. Between the great atmosphere, excellent service, and delicious meals, it was a highlight of the day for many attendees.



We wrapped things up on a celebratory note with Judy Carlson giving a toast to David Ferris as our new club president. It was a warm and heartfelt moment that reflected the strong sense of community within our club. We also took time to wish one of our members, Kim Johnson, a very happy birthday, adding another reason to celebrate together.

Overall, this was a truly fun and successful run with a great turnout. We had 18 members attend the museum and 20 join us at the restaurant, which speaks to the enthusiasm and camaraderie of our group. We enjoyed seeing some incredible craftsmanship, sharing good food, and spending quality time together. I'm very much looking forward to doing it again and hope to see everyone at the next meeting—it's sure to be another fun one.

by Mike Ryan

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# Z Club of San Diego

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