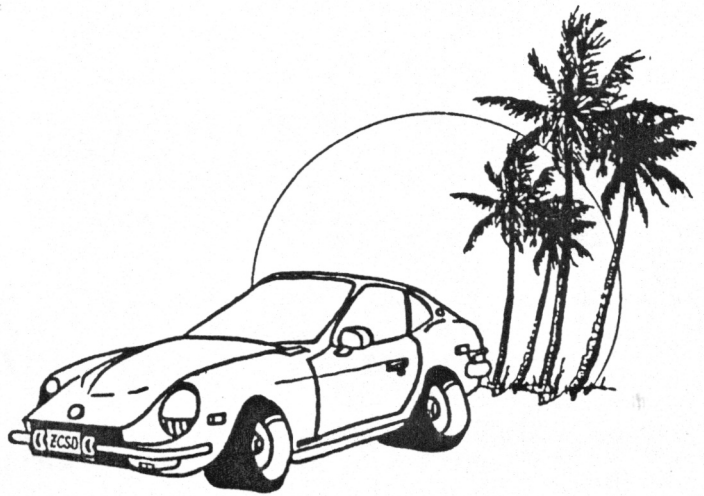


THE Z - CLUB OF SAN DIEGO NEWSLETTER



FEBRUARY 1992

Calendar of Events

- * **Rallye** October 24 - Saturday, October 24 @ NOON Time-Distance/Monte Carlo Rallye Meet at Filippi's Pizza Grotto in Mission Gorge
- * **November Meeting** November 3 - Monthly Meeting at Filippi's Pizza Grotto in Mission Gorge @ 7:00 PM
* This is also election day so vote early.

A few suggestions for club events were voiced: A slalom, meeting/fun run with the Group Z Club from L.A., or Malibu Grand Prix. Contact Dave Platt if any of these ideas interest you or to make other suggestions.

Club Officers

President - Gary Anderberg	589-5104
Vice President - Tony Cline	
Secretary - Lance Wills	566-2936
Treasurer - Mag White	
Events Coordinator - Dave Platt	462-0258
Member-at-large - Pat Hubbard	271-0194
Membership Coordinator - Yvonne Platt	462-0258
Historian - Pam Brousseau	
Telephone Coordinator - Pat O'neil	
Newsletter Editor - Will Paine	587-3662

Z - CLUB OF SAN DIEGO MEETING NOTICE

**TUESDAY -- NOVEMBER 3, 1992
7:00 PM AT FILIPPI'S PIZZA GROTTO/281-3511**

**10330 Friars Road --Behind the Stuart Anderson Black Angus
Take I-8 to Mission Gorge/Fairmont North, stay left on exit.
After you turn on Mission Gorge, go 7 lights to Friars Road
and turn left. The Black Angus is immediately on your right
with Filippi's in the shopping center behind.**

Z - Meeting October 6, 1992 Minutes

The first order of business was introduced by Gary; it was to define the titles and responsibilities of the newly appointed/elected officers of the Z-Club. These offices and the names filling them were volunteered/solicited at last month's meeting (Sept. 1). The following assigns responsibilities that were generally agreed upon but we felt needed a bit more clarification.

Newsletter Editor - Will Paine - Assembling articles for the Newsletter and making sure it gets published every month.

Events Coordinator - Making sure information regarding events is passed to the Newsletter editor by the 15th of the month; getting information to the phone captain regarding events not planned in time to get publicized in the Newsletter; coordinate events and draft people to plan and work on events.

Member-at-large - Pat Hubbard - Arranging speaker of the month for meetings; advising Secretary of the speaker so publicity can be arranged in Newsletter; arranging and verifying the sponsors published in the newsletter.

Vice President - Tony Cline - Assisting Events Coordinator; conducting the general meeting in the absence of the President.

Secretary - Lance Wills - Taking minutes at the meeting and publish in the Newsletter; taking attendance; publishing publicity of the next monthly speaker in the newsletter.

Treasurer - Mag White - Handling the financial transactions of the club; reporting financial status at each meeting.

Membership - Yvonne Platt - Maintaining roster of club members, addresses and phone numbers; keeping track of who has paid dues and when they are due (notify Treasurer so dues may be collected); keeping track of who has received T-shirts and name tags.

The membership agreed to a telephone line and answering machine to be located in our President's shop to inform potential members and current members of Club activities.

It was agreed that renewal dues would be \$25 and new member dues would be \$40 . Those whose renewals are due are invited to remit to Mag White.

Anyone who has suggestions for speakers and/or sponsors is asked to contact Pat Hubbard so he can make arrangements.

TECH TALK

One of the most important gauges in your Z is the oil pressure gauge. If this gauge fails, this can lead to quite an expensive and costly repair. The oil pressure sending units in the early Z's really don't last that long, but thanks to the design of the engine, the oil pump mounts externally onto the engine which makes it very easy to replace. Many of you really need to pay close attention to your oil pressure gauge. The gauge itself, inside the car, is usually pretty accurate and rarely ever goes bad. It's always the oil pump or the sending unit that's inaccurate or has failed. The oil pump seems to last somewhere in the neighborhood of 80,000 to 100,000 miles. Another problem is that your gauge doesn't show where in the 0-90 psi range is normal. Well, a good place for the needle to be, at idle, is one quarter above zero and while driving, it should be about halfway or a little more. If you have less, the first item that should be checked is the sending unit. It's located to the right of your oil filter, screwed into the engine block. If it's covered with oil, leaking or you can see a bad connection, repair the connection and then check your pressure. If still no luck, replace the sending unit with a new one from the dealer or a manufacturer by the name of "Sankei". Stay away from other after market types, they don't last that long. After replacing the sending unit, check your pressure again. Half of the time, this will solve the problem. If the gauge still shows low pressure, you probably need to replace the oil pump also.

Pumps range from \$50.00 to \$100.00 depending upon where you purchase it. It takes about 1 hour to replace. The oil pump in your car is like the heart in your body ; it has to keep pumping. If the pump fails, you die either literally or by way of a \$2500.00 repair bill. So for about \$125.00 of "cheap insurance", keep an eye on you gauge. Check your oil every week.

CARJACKINGS

by Lance Wills

I would like to write about Z-Car history and things of a more enjoyable nature (OK, fluff), but the recent rash of carjackings has me a little worried. Back in June, when we had a San Diego Police officer address the club about car theft, we asked about carjackings and were told that there had been a few, but it wasn't anything to worry about. That was then, this is now. In an October 4 article, the New York Times News Service reported that there were 147 carjackings in 1991. Through August of this year there had been 190 in Washington D.C. alone. So far this year there have been "at least 175" reported to San Diego Police. Eight carjackings were reported between 1:00 PM Friday, Oct. 9 and 1:00 AM Saturday, Oct. 10. The U.S. House of Representatives, that august body that moves with the speed of a fully loaded Yugo going uphill against the wind, has actually passed a law that makes armed carjacking a federal crime punishable by 15 years in jail or life, if a death results from the crime.

Why do they do it? Some experts claim the sophistication of car alarms makes it more difficult to steal a stationary car. The San Diego Police say that in many cases the attacker just wants a joyride and that most stolen vehicles are recovered. Some of the cars taken were listed in the San Diego Union-Tribune Sunday Oct. 11: 1984 blue Ford van, brown 1984 300ZX (taken from a Mossy Nissan Salesman during a test drive), 1986 Ford Ranger, 1979 Toyota Corolla, 1978 Honda Accord, 1984 Camaro. On Friday October 9, a would-be carjacker lost his life when the car he had targeted was defended by a man with a buckknife. This happened at El Torito in Mission Valley, where we used to have our club meetings. Scary stuff.

What can we do about it? I've gathered some advice from several articles in the newspaper about carjackings, and I pass it on as follows :

From a May 1992 article; Keep all doors locked and windows rolled up. Drive in the center lane of roadways if possible. Avoid loiterers in parking lots and wait until they leave the area before getting into your car. Make sure no one is in the car beforehand.

From October 4, 1992 U/T "Automobile renters can take steps to limit risk of carjacking"; Know how to get to where your going. Study the route beforehand. Lock all your doors and keep your windows up in unfamiliar areas. If it's hot and you don't have air conditioning, just crack the window but not enough for anyone to reach in. Keep your purse or wallet [or other valuables] hidden under the seat or in the trunk. Park in well lighted areas. If you are pumping gas, stay where people can see you. You may want to pay extra to have gas pumped if you feel threatened. Don't be tricked into getting out of your car. If you are bumped from behind, you can motion or talk to the other driver and have him follow you to a police station, firehouse or 24 hour store. Do not stop for flashing lights other than a police officer's usually red, blue, orange or some combination. Drive in the middle lane if you are uneasy about an area, try not to get into a position where you can be cut off. If a car blocks you intentionally, honk the horn repeatedly but do not get out of the car. If your car breaks down, turn on the emergency flashers, keep the doors locked and the windows up. If someone other than a police officer stops, ask them to call the police, auto club or service station. Do not get out of the car.

From the U/T October 11: Lock your doors, park in lighted or populated areas and be aware of people approaching your car. Carjacking can happen any time of day, but between 10:00 PM and 2:00 AM there is a higher probability. Above all, if you are carjacked, GIVE UP THE CAR. Your car can be replaced; your life cannot. Remember, people have died during carjackings. These carjackers are real and play for keeps.

The Z-Club of San Diego would like to extend to you the opportunity to become an active member. Many of the benefits of club membership are listed below as well as an enrollment form. If you are interested please take the time now to fill it out and send it in. If you need more information please call the President, Gary Anderberg, at 589-5104 between 8:30am and 6:00pm. Thank you!

Six good reasons to become a member:

- **Learn more about your car.**

The technical support provided by the club includes:
interesting guest speakers, informative newsletter articles, and shared information from other Z owners.

- **Save money. (club membership card)**

All of our sponsors offer discounts on parts and services for your Z, and this alone will easily offset your membership fee. Also, if our event has a participation fee, current members will receive a discount.

- **Receive club newsletter.**

This information packed newsletter contains information on current and upcoming events, technical information, and a classified section.

- **Monthly meeting.**

Featuring guest speakers, door prizes, happy hour with free buffet, discussion of club business and socializing with other Z owners.

- **Events.**

Fun and entertaining events are produced almost on a monthly basis. These events vary and include rallies, picnics, parties, technical seminars, car shows, etc.

- **Meet new friends.**

The club has attracted a variety of individuals to its membership, and they vary in age and background, with the common link being their special fondness for Z cars.

Z-Club of San Diego Membership Form

Name : _____
Address : _____
City : _____, CA Zip _____

Company Name : _____
Address : _____
City : _____, CA Zip _____

Birthdate : ____/____/____
Home Phone : (____) ____-____
Spouse's Name : _____
Spouse's Birthdate : ____/____/____

Work Phone : (____) ____-____
Occupation : _____
Spouse's : _____

Car 1	Color _____	Year _____	Model _____	Serial # _____	Lic.# _____
Car 2	Color _____	Year _____	Model _____	Serial # _____	Lic.# _____
Car 3	Color _____	Year _____	Model _____	Serial # _____	Lic.# _____

I am interested in the following areas:

Other _____

☐ Technical Information ☐ Autocross
☐ Showing My Car ☐ Rallying

☐ Active Member \$40.00 per year. (\$10.00 extra for a
☐ Associate Member \$15.00 per year. significant other)

Send Newsletter to : ☐ Home ☐ Office.
Hobbies _____

Signed : _____

Date : _____

Return to : Z-Club of San Diego, c/o Z-Whizz, 7482 El Cajon Blvd., La Mesa, CA 91941



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