

# **The Z-Club of San Diego Newsletter**



**February, 1995**

## **Calendar of Events:**

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| <b>&gt; Mar 7</b>           | <b>March Meeting @ Sally's - Guest Speaker John Barnard</b> |
| <b>&gt; Mar 19</b>          | <b>Borrego Flower Run</b>                                   |
| <b>&gt; April 4</b>         | <b>April Meeting @ Sally's</b>                              |
| <b>&gt; April 23 (tent)</b> | <b>Trip to Peterson Auto Museum in L.A.</b>                 |
| <b>&gt; May 2</b>           | <b>May Meeting @ Sally's</b>                                |
| <b>&gt; May 24</b>          | <b>Malibu GP night</b>                                      |

## **Z-Club of San Diego Officers**

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### CLIF'S NOTES on...

As you read this, the short month of February will be coming to a close. Hope your Valentine was happy with your tokens of love and affection. The Z Club's annual Wine Tour was again well attended and the weather cooperated to a tee. The February meeting saw the usual suspects in attendance. Also three guests, and a video of Paul Newman and Mario Andretti racing Z cars and Indy cars, respectively. Thanks Ben for the work to bring the TV and to Evan for the VCR.

We want to try and start the meetings at 7:00 rather than 7:30, but this means we'll chat about cars, preferably in the parking lot so we can see the Z Cars. So get there when you can, and try hard to come. With a small club, each person who's not there is really missed.

Dennis Darnall has fleshed out the outline of the Club's participation incentive program and gave us a copy at the last meeting. We want to do this on a yearly basis, and it will start with the March meeting. A reward to the winner will be decided later, but a hot air balloon outing, bed and breakfast stay, or some other classy reward is what we have in mind. Here are the details:

1. Each member will earn 2 points for attending a meeting and 3 points for participation in a monthly event.
2. Arranging for a guest speaker, with the Club's approval, will earn 5 points.
3. Sponsoring a new member is worth 5 points.
4. Points will be recorded by the Club officers and the top 3 to 5 members will be published in the Newsletter.
5. A tie at the end of the year will determined by a drawing.

Thanks for the impetus Dennis, and the rest of you can begin earning points with the March meeting, and monthly event to the wildflowers of the desert in Borrego, March 19.

**THE MAROON MARAUDER**

### **Don't forget the Z-Club of San Diego Hot Line!**

**589 - 0975**

For up to date information on upcoming events and meetings or to leave a message for the Z-Club President.

### **Minutes of the January 3, 1994 Meeting**

Clif called the meeting to order at 7:30. Ben brought a video featuring Paul Newman and Mario Andretti, so we watched that for 15 minutes while everyone finished dinner/snacks. The minutes were approved as printed in last month's Newsletter, except to correct the spelling of Tony & Monica's son's name to Connor.

We had three visitors: Tony Robinson, Jackie Sanders and Chris Wingert. We hope to see them at all of our future meetings.

Treasurer's report: \$1062, 4 trophies and 30 Malibu GP tickets.

Children's Hospital sent a letter thanking the Z Club for our donation of toys at Christmas.

Membership report: 1995 renewals are due. Dues will be pro-rated for those who joined between now and last April. Renewals are \$25. Make checks payable to The Z-Club of San Diego. Renew at the next meeting (March 7) or Dave & Yvonne will send a letter.

Ben will arrange for someone to speak about dry washing for the March meeting.

Tony passed out pitchers (no, not pictures) w/Surfside Datsun logo and "Datsun Dealers" stickers enough for everyone.

Dennis reported that the Z-Club of San Diego is officially Incorporated as a non-profit organization.

An incentive system to encourage Club participation and bringing new members was kicked around. Some details remain to be worked out, such as the winner's prize [see Cliff's Notes], so get to the events and meetings.

Future events were discussed [see the front page and page X. Group Z cancelled the Willow Springs event mentioned in last month's Newsletter.

Rob will bring samples of embroidered wool baseball caps to next month's meeting. We are considering getting these caps embroidered with the Club logo.



## Local and Regional automotive related events

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>
March 18-26	San Diego Auto Show	Convention Center
March 19	Swap Meet	Murphy Stadium
April 9	Indy Car Race	Long Beach
June 24	Tucker Show	Hanalei Hotel Pavilion
July 25-30	8th Annual National Z Car Convention	Atlanta, GA
August 18-20	Monterey Historic Automobile Races	Laguna Seca
November 16,17	Vintage GP	Palm Springs

Autocross dates at Murphey Stadium  
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441-1333

Mar 4&5 - 18&19  
April 9  
May 28

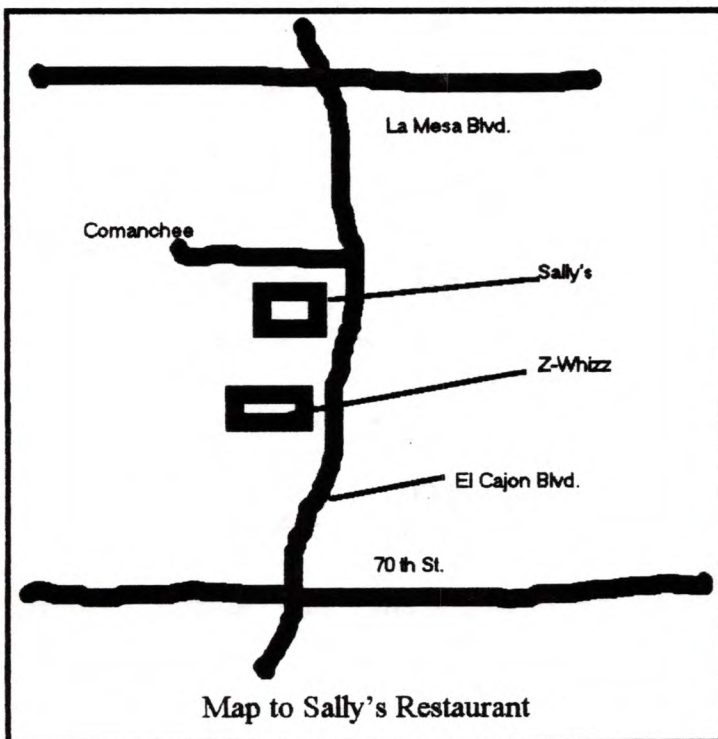
### Holtville Raceway

March 4 & 5  
April 1 & 2  
May 6,7 - Twilight Enduro  
October 28,29

Driver's School and Race.  
Roll bar, Helmet, Nomex  
Driving suit required.

Dates for Pomona Swap Meet  
Pomona Fairplex (714) 832-2041

March 12  
April 23  
June 4  
July 16  
August 27  
October 14  
November 19



### *Next month's meeting March 7*

At Sally's (see map to Left).

John Barnard will be our guest speaker. John will talk about Dry Washing and SCCA racing. John has won many races in GT1 and GT2 driving Porsche 911 and 914's.

Clif is asking for suggestions to improve the Club. If you have any ideas, gripes, pretty please, etc., call Clif or the Hot Line. Remember - the Club Officers are here to work for you and make the Z-Club better. We can't read your mind, so you have to call or come to the meeting to let us know what you want. Writing is good too!! We could add a "Letters to the Editor" section, if we had a letter, but so far we got no letters.



**Tech Tip of the Month:** The following is a compilation of stuff Evan gleaned from "Sufin' the NET". The ZCSD does not verify the validity of these claims, nor endorse the claims. Your use of this information is at your own risk!!

**Q:** Well, I finally decided to fix up my brake system. I am replacing my rotors with fresh OEM units. I also bought Earl's Stainless Steel Brake Hoses, carbon kevlar pads, new master cylinder, and Motul brake fluid. I bought it all at Dando's Performance down the street in Fremont, CA. When I put the new rotors on and replaced the calipers, The calipers contact the rotor surface, even without the pads in and the piston is fully compressed. It is the caliper unit itself that contacts at the end of the groove that the rotor runs in. Any ideas? Does the new rotor have to be turned down or something? Is the caliper messed up? I checked the part number on the rotor and it seems to be ok.

**A:** I recently had a similar experience with my 73 240. I was installing new rotors and the old calipers wouldn't clear the new rotors. I'd removed the hubs to get the rotors off and when I put the hub's with their new rotors back on they didn't clear the calipers. So, I took the hub back off and repositioned the gease seal and tried it again. That was the apparent problem. Anyway, you may be having a similar problem, if you removed the hubs to install the new rotors. I'm going to go back in to install fresh gease seals as my left front brake has begun to squeal lately. You may want to replace yours while your in there.

### What's happening with Nissan in the News?

Road & Track, March, has "First Drive of the 200SX SE-R. Summery: "the hotted-up version of the 2-door Nissan Sentra inherits the right name, the right engine and the pocket-rocket right of way."

Also in March R&T, an update of the 12 month test of a Maxima SE. Aside from a few complaints of "mediocre handling"(compared to Porsche 911 Carrera, Camaro Z-28 and Mustang Convertible), they love the car, especially the engine, fuel economy and sporty nature of the car.

Autoweek Feb 13 did a brief review of the Altima, Infinity G20, Camry and BMW 325i. They rate the Altima the best value of the group, considering price and fun to driveness

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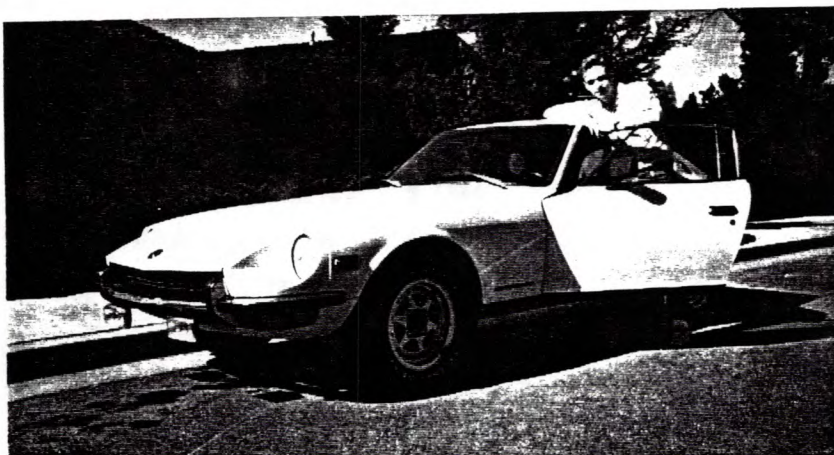


**Classified Section** advertising automotive related items for Z-Club members, spouses, significant others, friends, neighbors and casual acquaintances.

1990 300 ZX ex-Grissom Showroom Stock A National Champion 1992 & 93. Lap record holder at Road Atlanta. Feb 1994 Nissan Motorsports Calender. No accidents, 28K actual miles, street licensed, smog legal. Mountains of spares, 12 wheels, etc. Drive history. Call Bill Hagerty at (619) 724-7585.



**1972 240Z** Rebuilt 280 engine, 40k miles, 5 sp, racing suspension, 12 coat laquer (Porsche Chiffon White), new Michelins, Gotti look alike wheels, Factory Air, Custom sound system (Cassette, AM/FM, power amp, power antenna, Custom carpet, extra sound insulation, new 4-row radiator, Original tight body, upholstery, dash, S U carbs recently rebuilt, New battery, European Style taillights, Halogen headlights, Bosch fog lights, Sunroof (tinted), Garaged & serviced - all records. Mr. Wolfe (714) 859-9993 or (714) 837-5067. Asking \$5400 (\$15,000 invested).



1973 240Z, 4-Sp, A/C Original Blue (#115) paint, interior, wheels & hubcaps, dealer window sticker. Original owner. Send \$2 and SASE for pictures. Kurt George (909) 247-0449 26075 Jodi Ct., Moreno Valley, CA 92555-1717

1974 260Z 4 Speed, AC, Blue.

Also 280Z Engine + Trans w/18 Kmiles.

754-2662

**Parts for Sale** Brand new in box - complete set of Mulholland heavy duty shocks, front and rear, fits 1970 - early 74 240 or 260. \$60 for all. Ben Pila, Jr. 462-8651 **eves and weekends.**

**1984 300ZX 50th Anniversary Turbo. Red/Black w/Tan interior, 5-Speed, T-Tops, Power everything. New shocks, tires. All receipts, serviced by Nissan. 107K miles. Make Offer. 385-0180 (H) or 631-5210 (W) Guia Blaske**

**WANTED:**

Left side glass weatherstrip for 1978 280Z, Nissan P/N 76836-N4500. Looking for NOS for restoration project. Also looking for productio date of VIN HLS30450395. Richard Winchester (205) 974-5096.



## Routine Traffic Stops

The following is an excerpt from an article that appeared in the San Diego Union-Tribune on Feb. 11, 1995. The article was a follow up to an article a day or two earlier about a San Diego Police Officer that was shot 5 times during a "routine" traffic stop. I think the information is very important, considering that Z's are high profile cars and slightly more likely for a traffic stop than, say a Hyundai or Minivan.

"Officer Thomas A Rizzo, who teaches a class on traffic stops at the police academy, observes:

'The only thing routine about a traffic stop is the routine an officer goes through in stopping and approaching the vehicle. It is always the same: You pull the car over, in a well lighted area if possible; you observe whether the driver is acting nervous or making any furtive gestures while stopping the car; and you radio the license number to communications to see if the car is stolen.'

"And, he adds, the most important part of the routine is watching the hands of occupants of the vehicle. 'Never take your eyes off their hands,' says Rizzo.

**[this is the important part]** "Motorists, too, are supposed to go through a routine after being pulled over. Police say a driver should stay in the vehicle, keep his hands on the steering wheel and not reach into the glove compartment, a pocketbook or clothing or under a seat for a license or registration until he tells the officer what he is going to do.

**[additional important stuff]** "Police in Los Angeles apparently have a different routine, ordering some drivers out of their cars after traffic stops. San Diego police have noticed that when they stop people from Los Angeles, the motorists often get out of the car and put both hands flat on the roof, spread their legs and get ready to be frisked.

"Some San Diego officers have their own routine when they are stopped for traffic violations while off duty and in civilian clothes. [But, aren't they the ones who know the traffic laws and are models of behavior to the rest of us?- Ed.] "Because they carry guns at all times, usually concealed, the first thing many of them do after being stopped is stick both arms out the window and inform the approaching officer they are cops and have weapons in the car."

Lets be careful out there, people.

**The Annual Sweetheart Wine Tour** of the Temecula valley wineries was the usual success. On Feb 12, four cars met at Sally's and drove up I-15 to Carol Canyon Road, where four more cars were waiting. The eight cars then caravanned up I-15 to Bear Valley Parkway where no more cars were waiting. After a short potty break, we wandered around the North County Fair parking lot a short bit before legging up I-15 to Temecula.

We circled the wagons at the Maurice Carrie Winery, and had a few moments to relax from the trip up and check out Evan's new wheels. We then went to the Mount Palomar winery where there was a picnic area for those who brought lunch and a deli for those who wanted it; and the requisite wine tasting following. Jack Hill, a new member, had a problem starting his car that was very familiar to Dave Platt, and with Gary's expert help the problem was solved in seconds.

After leaving Mount Palomar we drove some interesting back roads to some wineries that we had not visited in past years; Filsinger and Keyways. Both follow the tradition of each winery being different than the others - Filsinger was small and intimate with a very friendly server, Keyways had the look of a country general store. We then backtracked to the Baily Winery, where the views of several snowcapped mountains are spectacular. I had to leave then, but I overheard some plans to visit Hart and Thornton.

Even though this is the third year we have visited the Temecula wineries, we proved one thing: it ain't the same each time we go.

## Upcoming Event

**The Z-Club of San Diego**  
will visit the Peterson Automotive Museum  
in Los Angeles. Details are still being  
worked out, but tentatively April 23 we  
will meet some members of Group Z,  
tentatively at 11:00 AM for lunch,  
somewhere in Orange County and caravan to  
the Peterson Automotive Museum, which has  
gotten very good reviews in several  
automotive publications (even those not

*From the Newspaper Editor: Please submit anything you find of interest, either written by you or from a magazine or another club newsletter. The cutoff date for publishing is the 15th of the month, so try to submit anything you believe worthy of publishing in the Newsletter to me at the Monthly meeting or by the 15th. If you have any first tips for things that went right or any horror stories that might cause someone else some trouble, we would like to print it. If you didn't get this newsletter, maybe we don't have your full, complete and/or latest address. Give Lance or Yvonne a call to correct this grievous oversight immediately.*

*From the Events Coordinator: Please yell it out at the meeting or call Dave Platt with suggestions for club events.*



Please help us figure out how to make the Z-Club grow, boost attendance at events and meetings, and in general, increase member participation. The results of this questionnaire will be published in the Newsletter in a month or two after we think all of the members have responded. Please make your voice heard - we're listening. Since we know not everyone will send back the questionnaire, we are asking you to invest \$0.32 in the Club (heck, your already investing \$25 or \$40, what's another 32 cents?).

suck    lame    average    good    way cool

Rate the following:

Officers

The events that have been picked

Newsletter

Meetings

I feel welcome at meetings

The following are the events the Club sponsored last year. Circle the ones you would like to see kept and "X" the ones you think are lame.    Campo Train Museum    Temecula Winery Tour  
Borrego Run    Rally    Indy 500 night at Malibu Raceway    Marshall Scotties    Convention    Palomar Run  
Casa De Oro Parade    Children's Hospital Toy Run

I want the following from the Z-Club:

☐ Speakers at meetings

☐ Autocross

☐ Rallies

☐ Parties

☐ Events with other Clubs

☐ Shows

☐ Road Trips

☐ Technical Information

☐ Discounts

☐ Swap Meets

Other:

Should the Monthly Meeting night be

☐ First Tuesday of the month (like it is now).

☐ \_\_\_\_\_

I like being a member of the Z Club of San Diego because:

This is what I don't like about the Z Club:



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