

The Z-Club of San Diego Newsletter



August, 1995

Calendar of Events:

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| > September 5 | September meeting |
| > September 24 | Country Drive & picnic at Clif's |
| > November ?? | Progressive Dinner |
| > November 16/17 | Vintage Races @ Palm Springs ? |
| > December 17 | Third Annual City Tour and Toy Drive
to benefit Children's Hospital |

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CLIF'S NOTES on...

I've been on vacation for 2 weeks, drove up the coast of California with very little itinerary, fewer reservations, but had a relaxing time. Saw some Z cars but didn't talk to the owners, I think southern Cal is the haven for more Z's than even northern Cal. My hobby is photography, so I spent lots of time composing my shots of the coast both in black and white and slide film. Hearst Castle was again spectacular, and my respect for the big redwoods along highway 101 at the Richardson Grove grew as I sat and pondered their age. On the way home I saw 5 or 6 Dodge Vipers headed for the vintage car races at Laguna Seca Raceway. Also a few other exotic cars and the ever present Mazda Miatas. We're in the works to put together a plan to see the vintage cars when they come to Palm Springs November 16-19. We'll talk to Group Z in Orange County and see if they're going too. But that's a few months off.

For September, I'm going to put together a run that will take the Z cars through their paces on the back country roads of San Diego. This will be another Sunday event with a start time of 2:00 pm at the Sportmart Store 7725 Balboa Ave just east of the 805 freeway. Meet on the east side of the store. From there we'll head south and see such sites as Coronado, Imperial Beach, the Olympic Training Center, and then into the back country's twisting roads. We'll end up at my house in Alpine for a bar-b-que. Bring what you want to eat meat wise, but we'll have baked beans and salad, drinks and plates and utensils, and desert. Should be done by 7:00 pm. You can stay and Jacuzzi under the stars if you want, so bring a towel. (Suits optional)

See you at the monthly meeting September 5 at Sally's where Dave Draper will fill us in on the National Z Convention and a final run down on the Z America Relay. Also some video from our run to Casa Grande.

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 August 1, 1995 Meeting

Clif called the meeting to order at 7:30. We had 17 members and 5 visitors, several of whom were making return appearances. We hope to see them at all of our future meetings. The minutes were approved as printed in last month's Newsletter.

President's Report : Clif read a letter from Jonny Renard, of Corporate, advising us of a reception for Mr Katayama, unfortunately it was too late to make reservations.

Treasurer's report: \$1037 + 50 Malibu tickets.

Membership report: no new members since last month, but Dave was surprised with a Birthday cake (49th birthday - or did Dave say 39th?) that we all got a taste of [it had to be big to hold all the candles].

Events: Clif and Lance passed around pictures of the Z America Relay and the morning spent at Bondurant's Race School. Pat Hubbard summarized the Corporate leg of the ZCSD section of the Z America Relay; Evan, Lance and Ed Peterson summarized the rest of the trip (see last month's newsletter for write-up); Bill Black summarized the Bondurant Race School visit. Dave Platt summarized the Palomar run/inside tour. Ben Pila summarized the Mt Shasta All Datsun get together (see inside for write-up). Several events were suggested and are in planning, such as a trip to Palm Springs to see the vintage race on November 16/ 17.

Old Business: **\$125 was raised for the Make a Wish Foundation as part of the Z America relay. Tony will send all of the checks and cash to the local Make a Wish office.**

New Business: There was some discussion about the color of new club T-Shirts, the color choices and logo colors will be decided by a committee. The membership voted to reduce the dues for new members from \$40 to \$25, but a T-Shirt will no longer be part of the new member package. Evan wants to enter the names of original owners of Z Cars on Internet Original Owner Registry. If you have owned your Z-Car since it was brand new call Evan at 697-2843. Lance questioned whether the club newsletter should accept paid advertising, the unanimous answer was "yes". A committee will be formed to determine pricing.

Yvonne and Ed Peterson won the door prizes (T-Shirts provided by Tony Cline and Surfside Nissan); Tom Mark, a visitor, won the 50/50 drawing.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00, then we went outside and talked about our cars some more.

Lance Wills

The 11th All Datsun Meet at Mt Shasta. Ben Pila reporting:

This was my third year in a row attending this event and it was just as much fun as the last two. In attendance was more than Datsunites! I arrived late Thursday evening to my campsite. Friday morning the fun began. The Gymkhana was the only event this day. It was fast and fun. The object was to drive around a course laid out by cones while your passenger threw frisbees (six to be exact), through Hula Hoops along the course. One point was awarded for each frisbee and the shortest time with the most frisbees was the winner. Saturday was the big day. It started after an excellent buffet at the community center in town. Then the group photo at the ski lodge parking lot. 50 Roadsters, 47 510's, 92 cars, 2 pickups and 1 200 in the picture. There were other Datsuns that didn't make the photo for whatever reason. Next was the car show. Plenty of exciting and clean Datsuns. The autocross (which was a slippery course this year) followed. The Modesto Coast was the last driving event, with the awards banquet (always good food and fun) being the finale. A few of us hung around on Sunday morning having breakfast and final words while a few others played at the autocross practice at the ski lodge. My thoughts are that this event is the biggest and best Datsun gathering of any kind in the US. Next year it's July 12, 13, 14, 1996. SEE YOU THERE!!!

On the personal side:

Gary and Sharon have announced their engagement. They have not told us a date, or told us where the honeymoon will be.

Tony & Monica are expecting again, the due date is March.

Yvonne has been laid up with back problems for two weeks. Hope she is better by the time this newsletter goes to print.

Last Month on August 20, the Z Club of San Diego spent a relaxing day at Ski Beach on Mission Bay. There was grill space left over as we offered burnt offerings to the ocean breezes and watched jet skiers slalom around each other. Some of us were introduced to Bocci Ball, while others introduced themselves to the shade of the palm trees. There wasn't much to do except eat, chat, play Bocci Ball and watch the backside of the Sea World Baywatch water ski show, which did not attract a lot of attention from the ZCSD members and their families present. It was a great way to spend a Sunday afternoon and relax after some of the intense outings we've had recently. About 24 people showed up and there was plenty of food to share.

Clif is asking for suggestions to improve the Club. If you have any ideas, gripes, pretty pleases, 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!! Send letters to the editor or Clif or to the Club address.

Incentive points update

Clif	30
Dennis	29
Ben	29
Dave & Yvonne	24
Evan	21
Lance	20
Bill Black	20
Gary	17

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 fix-it tips for things that went right or any horror stories that might save 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.

Local and Regional automotive related events

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>
September 23/24	Vintage Racing	Las Vegas
September 24	Car Show benefits Make a Wish	Long Beach
October 7	Car Show benefits Sinatra Childrens Center	Palm Springs
November 16,17	Vintage GP	Palm Springs
August 18, 1996	Concours d'Elegance	Pebble Beach

Holtville Raceway

October 28,29 -Driver's School and Race. Roll bar, Helmet, Nomex Driving suit required.

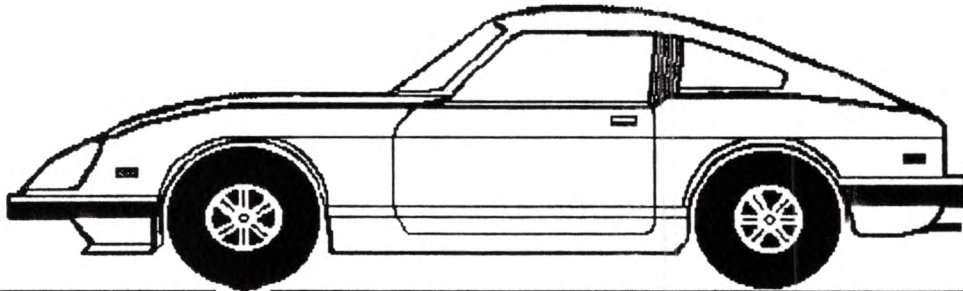
December 2,3 - Solo I

Autocross dates at Murphey Stadium
Call San Diego Autocross Assoc
441-1333

Swap Meet at Mesa College
featuring Foreign Vehicles -
November 26

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

October 14
November 19



Upcoming ZCSD events

September 5 - Clif will bring a speaker to the monthly meeting, a friend who runs a 240Z at Holtville.

September 24 - We are planning a drive thru the country, followed by a picnic at Clif's house.

November ?? - We are planning a progressive dinner. The leaning so far is to go to the drive-thru windows of various fast food restraurants getting salad, then main course, then desert. Come to the meeting to influence where we go for food and where we go to put it together.

November 16/17 - I went to the Vintage Races at Palm Springs once, it was a lot of fun - should the ZCSD make a road trip?

December 17 - Third Annual City Tour and Toy Drive to benefit Children's Hospital. Join us this year as we cruise "America's Finest City" and stop to deliver Z's full of toys to Children's Hospital.

Classified Section advertising automotive related items free for Z-Club members, spouses, significant others, friends, neighbors and casual acquaintances. To place an add or cancel an add, call Lance at 566-293. I'll run your add for three months unless you tell me to cancel.

71-240-4SP, reworked performance head. Needs paint, no rust, good mechanical. Interior good. Mags 82K original miles, all receipts, current registration.
Wain Goodman 562-9838

1970 240Z for parts.
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Make offer.
Chuck Webster 941-

Wanted: Set of Mikuni's and intake manifold for inline 6.
Call Rob (619) 454-5805

1975 280Z parts for sale

Doors, fenders, hatch, interior (black), suspension, 4 sp trans, & rear.
Make offer.
Dennis 581-1992

82 Turbo 2 seat T-Tops, Auto. Black w/Tan Leather. Good paint w/mirror glaze finish. \$2000 stereo w/10 disc changer and subwoofer. 165K miles, no rust, excellent.
\$4000 firm
Ralph Flores 270-3052

Under the Hood

Original article by Mike McGinnis of the White Rose Datsun Z-ZX Club. This article reproduced from the Windy City Z Club Newsletter, 'TEAM-Z'

With the help of the Nissan technical magazine "TECH NEWS", I'd like to pass along some information on ways to defeat one of the most common brake problems: a squealing noise that can occur while using the brakes. At one time or another, we've all heard that annoying, high frequency squeal, but what causes it? When the brake pad presses against the turning brake rotor it sticks to the metal surface for an instant, then slides, then sticks again. This is like a rubber eraser being dragged along a table top. This stick/slide action causes a high frequency vibration in the brake system. Sometimes one of the brake system components can vibrate hard enough to cause an annoying squeak or squeal. Brake noise of this type usually occurs under a narrow range of conditions of vehicle speed, brake pedal force, brake temperature and pad/rotor condition.

Brake squeal is not caused by 'glazed' pads or rotors. It is normal for rotors and pads to have a shiny or polished appearance. Replacing shiny or polished components may stop the noise in the short-run, but the noise will return after the components bed in and regain their shiny appearance.

It is difficult to completely eliminate brake squeal/squeak under all operating conditions, especially on a performance car whose brakes must operate efficiently under a wide range of conditions.

There are several strategies we can employ in an effort to minimize brake noise. Let's start with the basics:

1. Be sure that your wheel bearings are in good condition and properly adjusted.
2. Brake rotors must meet all of the required

specifications.

3. Replace brake pads at prudent intervals. I've found that many cases of brake noise occur when the pads are thin. I like to replace pads when there is no less than 30% of the friction material remaining.

4. Use only high quality brake components. I have found that Nissan brake pads deliver the most consistently noise free performance under the widest range of conditions. If you feel that your driving style requires a competition-type friction material then I suggest the products available from Nissan Motorsport. However, keep in mind that a hard, competition brake compound does not operate at maximum efficiency until the brakes are good and hot.

5. Install or replace brake hardware as necessary. Frequently, I'll start a brake job and discover that the anti-squeal shims are covered with rust or missing. Sometimes even the retaining pins or lock clips are missing - kind of scary. All of the hardware must be present and in excellent condition.

If your brakes meet all the standards I've mentioned, you may still experience an occasional squeal. If so, you can try sterner measures:

1. Apply a thin coat of anti-seize lubricant (available at auto parts stores under the Permatex label) to both sides of the anti-squeal shims. This will go a long way towards absorbing vibration. Do not allow the lubricant to make contact with the friction material or brake rotor.

2. If you own a 1984-89 300ZX or a 1984-86 300ZX Turbo, you can try the improved front brake hardware kit (Nissan Part Number 41080-03P25). The kit includes rubber coated anti-squeal shims with slots that capture and hold the special grease that comes with the kit. Apply the grease to the slotted shim so that the slots are completely filled. Be careful when assembling the shims to the pads to prevent grease from contaminating the friction material or the brake rotor.

3. If all else fails, there is a last chance strategy that I've had a lot of success employing. Using a file, carefully add a chamfer to the leading and trailing edges of the friction material of all four brake pads.

George Bienke, Technical Director
Windy City Z Club

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Call our information line at (619) 589 - 0975 to get information about upcoming events and meeting times, or to leave a message for the Club President. Call (619) 589 - 5104 if you can't wait and need to talk to someone right now!

- > **Learn more about your Z-Car** from other enthusiasts and automotive professionals.
- > **Save money** by taking advantage of Z-Club member discounts on parts and services.
- > **Club Newsletter** once a month keeps you advised of planned events, what happened at the monthly meeting, service and safety tips.
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Phone _____ (Home) (Work) Birthday _____

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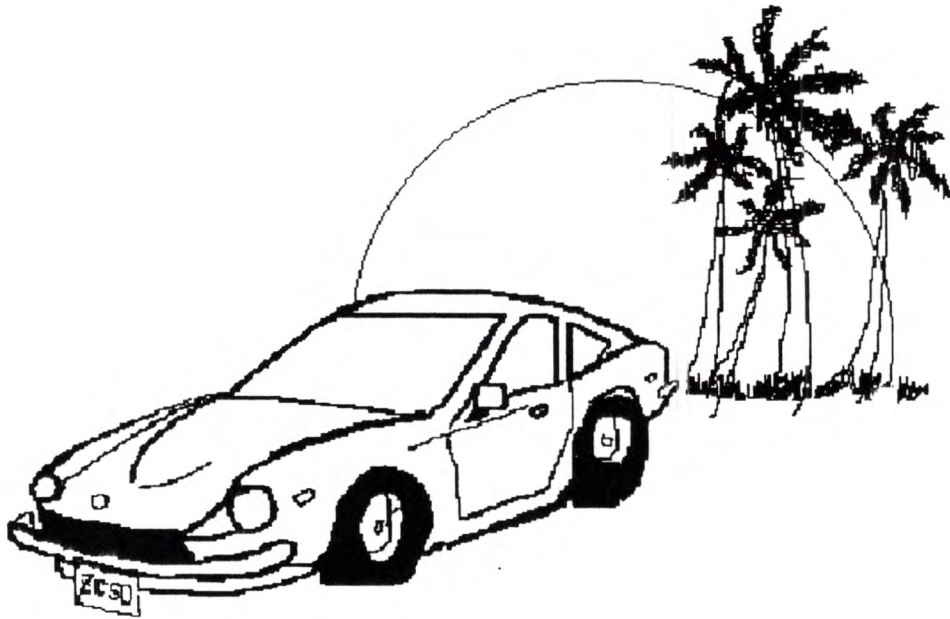
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