The Z-Club of San Diego Newsletter



September, 1995

Calendar of Events:

> October 3 Monthly meeting, 7:00 PM @ Sally's

> November 7 Monthly meeting

> November 4 All Datsun Car Show @ Surfside

Nissan

> November ?? Progressive Dinner

> November 18/19 Vintage Races @ Palm Springs?

> December 5 Monthly meeting, 7:00 PM @ Sally's

> December 17 Third Annual City Tour and Toy Drive

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CLIF'S NOTES on...

The club outing for September has just concluded a few minutes ago. For those not in attendance, we had a combination tour, poker run and bar-b-que. Thirteen cars participated, and another couple joined us for dinner. Thanks to Bill Black for setting up the poker run, and I mean run... those navigators where out of the cars and sprinting for those cards. My wife joined me on the drive, for the first time, so I had to keep the rubber side down and the shinier side up, and couldn't catch any of those wild Z car drivers. The back roads of the east county are not too populated on a Sunday afternoon, so we had a great run. Stopped in to see the new Arco Olympic Training site, and Ben Pila took a group photo of the cars down by Otay Lake.

We ended up at my house in Alpine. We fired up the barbie and those of us with hamburgers had to wait on the people who got their steaks on the fire first. Big thanks to David Mihalko for getting the beer and wine coolers at a great price. Everyone stayed around till dark, hope you all found the freeway and the trail back to civilization. By the way, a guest of mine, and prospective new member Bev La Rue won the poker hand with two pairs. She is now the proud holder of Malibu Grand Prix tickets. She'll be a real threat come Indy 500 time, cause she drove like a demon on this outing.

The club officers or board of directors are going to start meeting on the last Thursday of the month as required to take care of some club business or planning so the monthly meeting doesn't drag on with tedious detail planning. For example, the progressive dinner for the Oct. Club event needs to be inked into shape. Also some more details will have to be researched on the Vintage Car. Races in Palm Springs coming in November.

The new name tags were make up by Dave Platt and Yvonne and handed out at today's event. Come to the next meeting Oct. 3 and pick up yours. The cars bring us together, but the people in the club make you want to join. Keep up the good work of making new and prospective members feel welcome and excited to come again.

Don't forget we have a guest speaker for the Oct 3 meeting. Rob Carr is bringing his 280Z race track prepared car for show and tell.

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 15 members and 4 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 reported that Charlie Seals of the Virginia Z Club passed away from a heart attack. Treasurer's report: None.

Membership report: One new member since last month, Fred Barry.

Events: Reminder of the Sept 24 Country Drive/Poker Run/Bar-B-Que. Reminder that for Oct. 3 meeting Clif's friend will bring his racing 280 and tell us about SCCA racing on the club level.

Old Business: None.

New Business: There was some discussion regarding the logo and name for the Club - after the dust settled a unanimous vote was cast to keep the logo and Club name the way they are. Yvonne (Membership Chair) raised the question of the badges that were sent to the officers - did we like them? Advantage: we have the laminating machine and materials. 'Nuff said - the membership voted to use the badges [almost all of the officers brought theirs] as they were, with one objection (we do need steenking badges!).

With the silly business part of the meeting out of the way we got down to the seriosity. Dave Draper took the floor and gave a slide show summarizing the Z America Relay. We learned the truth about whether those folks in Chicago had any clothes on behind the banner (at least we think we learned the truth). Dave told us that 1025 people participated in the Relay representing 15 different Z Clubs, several more than one leg. Dave presented a plaque to Gary and Z-Wizz thanking him for his sponsorship and for prepping three of Dave's personal Z's for one or more legs of the relay. Dave also presented a plaque to Cliff thanking him for organizing the ZCSD leg of the Relay, as well as an official Z America Jacket signed by Mr. Katayama. After Dave' presentation we watched a video shot by Pat Hubbard and Evan Chabot, narrated by Evan and whoever chimed in, of some of the events during the Z America Rally.

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

Lance Wills

Member Profile Corner

It was suggested to me that the general membership would have an interest in knowing it's members better. Perhaps by having a monthly of bi-monthly "member profile". Club officers seemed like a worthy starting point. Since I'm going to be asking personal questions - I'm told I should be willing to answer them also. So I will begin this column with my bio.

I am Yvonne Platt, Membership Coordinator, 47 years young, mother of 4 children and 3 step children (grown). Grandmother of 2, step grandmother of 3. I am a 5th generation native San Diegan, with

family hailing from the Julian and Woods Valley area. I have a Masters Degree from SDSU in Clinical Social Work, with an efficiency in Mental Health (it works Event Coordinator. He has the Z for this group! - ED]. I have ten years experience working in both individual and group psychotherapy. I am employed in a private practice setting, and do volunteering in the community. The current populations I work with I have had the honor to have are; Parolees (murderers, rapists, child molesters, arsonists and assorted felons), Domestic Violence offenders, and families with whom incest/molest has occurred. My treatment style is based on Existential Philosophy. find it worthwhile to study those who have done some of the worst

acts possible, with an eye to learn how we can prevent others from taking the same destructive path.

I am married to Dave Platt. Car. 1977 280 "Mellow Yettow Rice Rocket". I'm usually on Q-tip patrol doing the dashboard before a show. That's okay, I belong to two FORD clubs, so I get my turn.

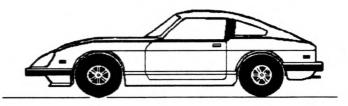
As Membership Coordinator contact with the entire membership. We have a great diversity of careers, ages, experiences and perspectives.

I look forward to interviewing fellow officers and members for your entertainment.

—- Y. Platt Sept. '95

With sadness, we learned that Charlie Seal died of a massive heart attack on may 29. Charlie founded the Z-Car Club of Northern Virginia and was a very active member, organizing the Children's Hospital Benefit Autocross and racing 240's at Summit Point. ZCSD members will remember Charlie as the guy who drove the banzai rented Miata in the Rally and Autocross. Charlie was a friendly funloving guy, the kind you would look forward to meeting at the next Convention.

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.



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

Where What When Car Show benefits Sinatra Childrens Center October 7 Palm Springs Palm Springs Vintage GP and Concours November 16-19 Pebble Beach August 18, 1996 Concours d'Elegance

Holtville Raceway October 28.29 -Driver's School and Race. Roll bar, Helmet, Nomex Driving suit required.

Autocross dates at Murphey Stadium Call San Diego Autocross Assoc

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

October 14

November 19

Swap Meet at Mesa College

December 2,3 - Solo I

featuring Foreign Vehicles -November 26

From Les Cannaday/Classic Datsun Motorsports

Attention all you Datsun owners the most awaited news of the year is out. Yes, the date has been set for the 3rd annual Surfside Nissan Classic Datsun car show extravaganza or something. Set asside Saturday November 4 rain or shine for a day in the warm California sun, sounds like a song or something.

Again Classic Datsun Motorsports will help sponsor this show and provide those absolutely incredible dash plaques to clutter up your nice car and those much sought after trophies for you lucky winners. This show has been and will stay a benefit for the Toys for Tots toy drive. Please help by bringing a new \$5-\$10 toy, no need to gift wrap and the U.S Marines honor guards will take your toy and evaluate it's worth [and yours - ED] and either let you in or? This

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Upcoming ZCSD events

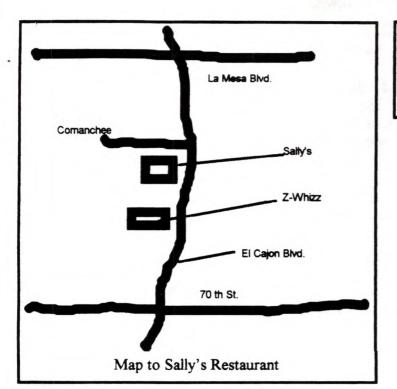
October 3 - Clif will bring a speaker to the monthly meeting, a friend who runs a 280Z at Holtville. Come at 6:30, before it gets dark, to see the car.

November 4 - Lets have some of those fine ZCSD vehicles make the show and give the rest a benchmark.

November ?? - We are planning a progressive dinner. The leaning so far is to go to the drivethru windows of various fast food restraunts 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 18/19 - 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.



Next month's meeting August 1
At Sally's (see map to Left)

Nissan in the News

Autoweek Sep. 11, 1995 issue had two articles written by J.P Vettraino, "Going, Going, Gone" and "Driving Impression - 1995 Nissan 300ZX SMZ - Z-Car to Have". The first is a eulogy to almost all of the Japanese sports cars (RX-7, MR-2, Supra as well as the 300ZX). J.P. gives ink to all of the Japanese sports cars, including Miata, 3000GT, RX-7, Supra and MR2, but is especially complementary and vocal about the Z-Car. He gives a concise, but thorough, history of the Z's birth and importance in the automotive scene and is especially complementary of Yutaka Katayama (Mr. K), the father and chief proponent of the Z Car. The Z-America rally and the Atlanta Convention were singled out as evidence of the Z Car's popularity. In a logical sidebar, J.P.V. recommends buying the newest version of any of the current Japanese sports cars if long term collectability and value are your goal. His argument is that hundreds of thousands of 240's, 280's, 280ZX's were produced, but only tens of thousands of the current model currently prowl the streets. J.P.'s second article is story about driving a Steve Millen 25th Anniversary Edition 300ZX Twin Turbo from Detroit to Atlanta for display at the National Convention [I would have driven one from Costa Mesa to Atlanta, had they only asked !! - ED] To say that he enjoyed the drive is a big understatement. I strongly suspect that J.P. V. has connections to a Z-Club in the north-Midwest, or certainly should. He made some comparisons between the 25th Anniversary and a 1992 GTZ, knows a lot about Z history, went to the '95 Convention, was asked to drive the SMZ to the convention - I'm jealous.

In the September 18 issue Autoweek reported that Nissan made a profit everywhere except Spain and Mexico [can we keep the Z - please??? - ED]

There are three Z's advertised in the classifieds: a 280Z SCCA; a 1978; and a 10th Anniversary 280ZX.

Road & Track's New Car Issue, October, 1995, is more optimistic about the future of the Z, saying "the Z heritage is far too valuable for Nissan to abandon..." and speculates on a slightly larger 2+2 for '97 or '98. Skyline? 240SX V6?

8th Annual Z Car Club Convention, 1995 - Update

How could this Convention fail? Mr. K. Road Atlanta. Johnny O'Connell driving the #75 Cunningham Racing 300ZX Twin Turbo. 25th Anniversary. Z America Relay. Everyone stuck here in San Diego wished they could trade a few of our beautiful weather days for a few hot muggy Atlanta days. Come to think of it, I have not heard of any Conventions being failures - how could they when you have hundreds of devoted Z enthusiests determined to have a good time and a host Z Club devoted to making sure everybody has a good time? Henry Costanza mentioned a few whiners that demanded special attention, rule breaking and situation modification, we had a few too, I guess there will always be a few. Some folks just don't understand that the people running the Conventions don't do that for a living, probably have never done anything like it before, and probably won't do anything like that for a long time, but manage to pull it off like they were pro's. But then the whiners generally find their way to a dark corner to leave the rest to have fun.

Statistics: 404 Registered; 86 on the Rally; 84 for Solo I Autocross; 99 for Solo II Autocross; 138 in the Car Show; 156 "Toured" the Road Atlanta Racetrack; 300 on the Stone Mountain Run.

Two reports in the Houston Club newsletter and the Colorado Odometer gave the Convention a glowing review. The Georgia Z Club's Convention Wrapup issue had five articles and three pages of pictures documenting the major activities of the Convention. One of the articles told a heartwarming story about Sam Nelson, from Virginia, who had a heart attack at Road Atlanta. Steve McCarley, of the Georgia Club, and Steve Vorencamp, of the Braselton, TX Z Club, administered First Aid, CPR and comforted San until medical help arrived. Sam is recouperating very quickly after having a pacemaker installed, and promises to be at the Colorado Convention. Great job Steve and Steve.

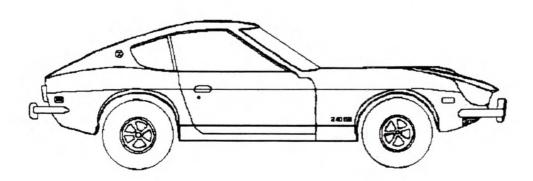
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is a part of their big yearly toy drive so please give generously. Your donated toy gets you the opportunity to show your car and win fabulous expensive prizes! Just kidding, but it will get you one of those nice dash plaques and a chance at one of the nice dust collectors/trophies.

The show will be open to all old Datsuns from 1958-1984, I may make some exceptions for nice show cars or extra toys, but please, no lowered minitrucks with dump beds and bad shocks.

If anyone desires to help or needs more info please call Les Cannaday at 619-940-6365 phone or phax. If you have not been to this show before, there are not many shows that have a 1937 Datsun Rumble Seat Roadster and the BRE 510 and Pete Brock and/or John Morton and others. I have not decided which famous people from Datsun's past to coerce into attending this years benefit show, but I will. Last years show and the first one were well attended with about 75 cars each year, but we can do better.

Les Cannaday



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UNDER THE HOOD

by WCZC member Fritz Ruffer

Hallelujah! I've finally gotten my 1970 240Z back on the road (VIN #768 for all you early Z fans) after an extended period of rest in the garage. How it all started may be the basis for a future expose, but for now I would like to address the art of removal and replacement of a differential in the 240Z. This may apply to the 260Z and early 280Z, but, not having on of these, I don't know.

Block the front wheels and raise the rear of the car to a comfortable working height and place jack stands under the car. I place mine at the union of the unibody support members just forward of the ear wheel-wells. Now remove the rear wheels for ease at getting to the exhaust system. Remove the exhaust system just forward of the muffler. I find that coating the pipe union with an anti-seize compound (Permatex anti-seize lubricant) makes the job easier for future removals. Maybe this would be a good time to replace that stock exhaust system with a free flow system. Then- even though you're in a big hurry to get into the job, soak all the bolts, nuts, and threaded fittings you are going to remove with copious amounts of penetrating oil and let sit overnight.

Mark the yoke-flange union of the driveshaft and differential with paint or tape so it can be reassembled in the same relationship and then remove the driveshaft by removing the four 12mm bolts at the rear of the driveshaft and sliding it out the back of the transmission case. Put a plastic baggie around the spline joint and set the driveshaft aside. This would be a great time to clean, replace bad U-joints in the driveshaft, and paint this oft neglected area.

Now, disconnect each axle halfshaft at the differential flange (14mm nuts and bolts) and, if you're lucky, tapping this union with a soft mallet to loosen it or driving a dull cold chisel into this union will free the just welded inner halfshaft U-joint flange from it's mate on the differential. Hopefully too, the ball splines move freely on each halfshaft which allow you to push these away from the studs on the differential. If this doesn't work, you will have to remove the wheels (if you haven't already done so), disconnect the four 14mm outer flange retaining bolts, and remove each axle halfshaft. Once removed, this would be a great time to disassemble the shafts, clean, re-grease, and reseal the ball splined union of each half. It is recommended that this be done every 50,000 miles anyway. You can also sand-blast, prime, and paint these pieces too, if you are so inclined.

The U-joints should be inspected and replaced if necessary. I did all the above, and though, in retrospect, it was "fun", I had to exclude my sons from the garage on many occasions lest they learn too many new combinations of four letter words.

Now place a floor jack- one with wheels- under the differential. This will enable you to slide the entire unit forward after the support brackets are removed. Loosen the two 17mm rear support nuts with the appropriate size socket and breaker bar. If you are lucky the nuts will turn off the stud. If you are unlucky, the entire stud will turn out of the rear of the differential case. There! Aren't you glad you put the jack under there? If you've attempted this so far, I'll assume you're mechanical enough to figure a way to separate the stud and nut.. if not, call me.

Now remove the 14mm bolts holding the front differential support member. It might help to have a second pair of hands steady the differential while the nuts loosen. If you have my luck, at least two of the bolts will snap off in their weldnuts or the weldnut itself will twist loose. This is where the previous addition of penetrating solvents will have paid off. It's not the end of the world, however, if this is to occur the solution may be as simple as the use of a bolt extractor, drilling and retapping the hole, or cutting a hole in the floor pan to get at the weldnuts from the other side. I had to do this on three occasions. Once the bolts are removed, the differential can be moved forward by means of the floor jack. Lower the jack and now you can roll the differential out from under your car. Oh yes, you can replace the front differential mount now if necessary.

For whatever reason you wanted to remove the differential in the first place, you will ultimately need to replace it. How? In the terms of my four repair manuals... replacement is the reverse of removal! Any questions?

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