

The Z-Club of San Diego Newsletter



October, 1995

Calendar of Events:

- > November 4 All Datsun Car Show @ Surfside Nissan**
- > November 7 Monthly meeting, 7:00 PM @ Sally's**
- > November 18 Vintage Races @ Palm Springs !**
- > December 5 Monthly meeting, 7:00 PM @ Automotive Museum, Balboa Park**
- > December 17 Third Annual City Tour and Toy Drive to benefit Children's Hospital**
- > January 2 Monthly meeting, 7:00 PM @ Sally's**

Z-Club of San Diego Officers

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CLIF'S NOTES on...

The officers of the Z club met last night for a board meeting. This was an historic first for my presidency, and hopefully not the last one. We went over many subjects in hopes of removing roadblocks, making preliminary decisions, and cutting down on the tedious tasks that sometimes take up most of our monthly meeting time. We want the regular monthly meeting to be fun, and informative, not boring and monotonous.

A motion had been passed that the board make a final decision on the color of the new club polo shirts, and after weighing all the options, text and logo colors, a burgundy color was chosen. We hope to have a dozen large and extra large available to buy at the November meeting. The price will be in the \$18.00 range. I want to thank Rob Calderhead for all the time and mileage he has put into this effort. Also, he reports that he's not selling his Z after all, and will be with us as an active member.

Tony Cline has given the board notice that he will not seek another term as treasurer. He promises to try and keep the raffle prizes coming, and of course we want to thank him profusely for the tremendous amount of work he has done for the club over the past several years and especially chairing the national convention in '94. He and Monica have another baby on the way, so with the 2 plus one, that's more than mortals can deal with and be as active as they've been. That leads me to my next point. The election of club officers will be coming up soon, and the process includes us current officers twisting the arms of other members to raise their hand and be nominated for the office of their choice. So let one of us know your intents and we'll get you on the ballot. We would also like to have a couple of new committee chairmen this year, and this might be an ideal way for some of you to ease into the leadership roles. We would like an advertising chairman who could communicate with would be and current advertisers so as to bring in more revenue for the club. We are going to establish a phone tree and would like a chairman for that job. Volunteer before we get the vise-grips out and use them on your thumbnails!!!

The November 7 meeting will be held as usual, even though it's election night. We have a fabulous guest speaker lined up, Jim Wolf, nationally known Z car expert and El Cajonian. Ben Pila has arranged for Jim to tell us about the engine modifications that can be made to straight line 6's, V6's and turbos.

We hope to have a few more surprises up our sleeves, so come out and join us. Also looking forward to the November outing to the vintage races in Palm Springs. More on that in the newsletter.

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

From 7:00 to 7:30 we were in Sally's parking lot checking out the 280Z ITS race car (see P4). From 7:30 to about 8:00 we moved to Gary's parking lot, 'cause there was more light. Then we moved everyone, reluctantly, back to Sally's and started the meeting officially. The minutes were approved as printed in last month's Newsletter.

Treasurer's report: \$885.13 + 30 Malibu tickets.

Membership report: Four new member since last month.

Events: Finalized plans for the bumper car outing at River Canyon Raceway (Marshall Scotties) Oct 21. Ben will try to arrange for us to hold our December meeting at the Automotive Museum, Dennis will check out places that have fabulous Christmas light displays to drive by. Bill Black told us about a three day pass deal to the vintage races at Palm Springs for \$45. If you have a FAX # where event flyers can be sent call Dave Platt (this can save a lot of postage for the club). Ben will plan a fun route to the March AFB air Museum for January; date TBD.

Old Business: The T-Shirt supplier is changing shirt suppliers, Dennis will get prices for new T-Shirts; expect to have some for sale at the next meeting.

New Business: None

Ben has arranged for the speaker at the next meeting to be Jim Wolfe, the internationally famous Z-Car tuner. You won't want to miss this one!!!

Ben and Rob won the door prizes, T-Shirts with 300ZX pictures on them. Yvonne won the 50/50 [\$29].

The meeting adjourned at 8:48, then we went outside and talked about our cars some more.

Lance Wills

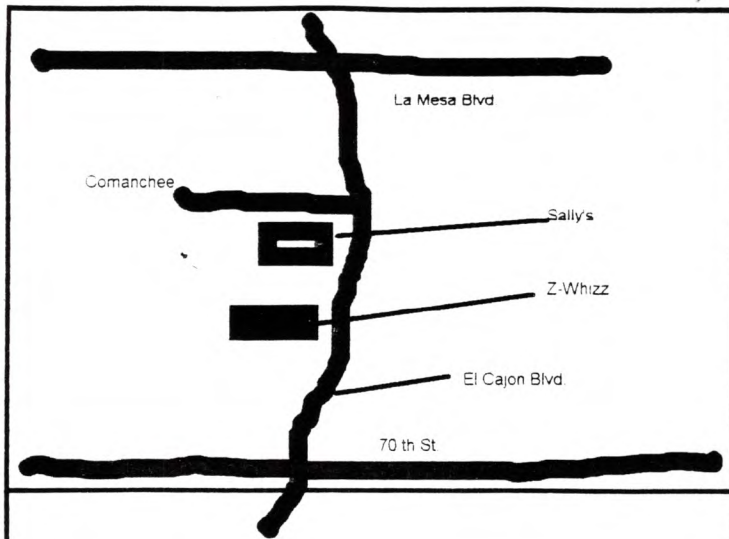
NEXT MONTH

Meet at Sally's (at 6:00 AM), Caroll Canyon Road, Mira Mesa (6:15 AM) or Bear Valley Parkway (6:30 AM) for a drive to Palm Springs for the Vintage Car Races. Cars that were competitive from 1900 thru 1966 are again raced in all their restored glory. The sounds, the colors, the excitement of Bentleys, Morgan three wheelers, Healeys, MG's Triumphs, Jag 120's and XKE's, Alphas,

Daimlers, Devlins, Allards, Astons, Cobras, GT350's, Corvettes, and more (I even saw "Old Yaller" and "SHOGun" at one event) is not to be believed. It is well worth the trip. Cost is estimated to be \$20 + \$5 for exhibits, plus gas, food and souvenirs. A Concours Car Show is also part of festivities, so there is something for all car enthusiasts. The route we will take (in case you are late at a meeting place and think you can catch up) is: North on I-15 (stopping at Carol Canyon Road and Bear Valley Parkway) to 79 at Temecula; East on 79 to 371; North on 371 to 74; East on 74 to Palm Desert. We will regroup at the bottom of the hill at the Union 76 Gas station, then go north on 111 to Palm Springs. The road



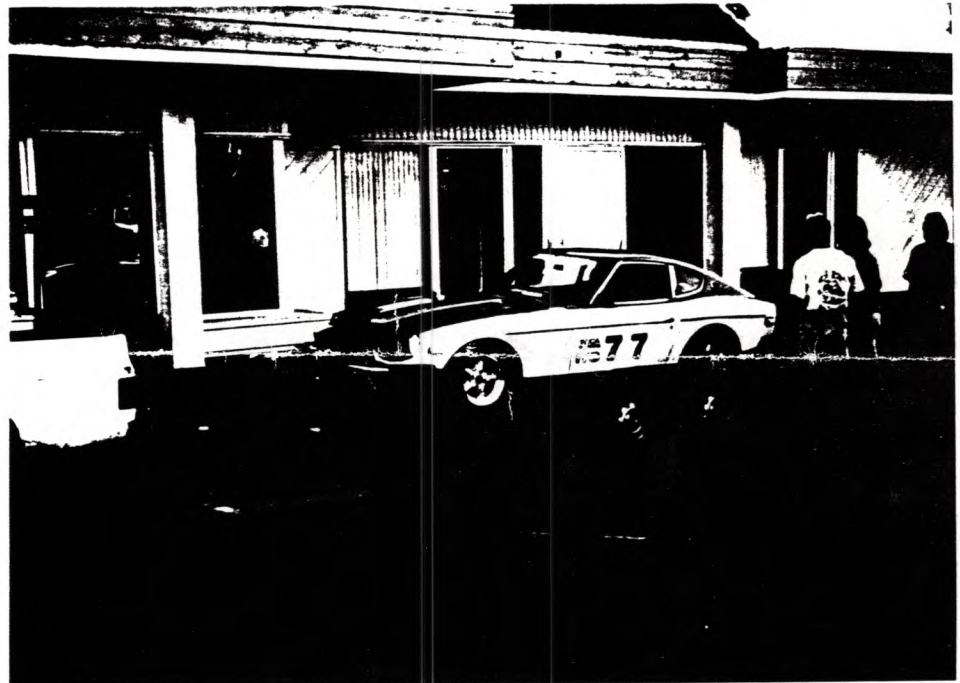
Next month's meeting November 7
At Sally's (see map to Left) .



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!! Send letters to the editor or Clif or to the Club address.

At Last Months Meeting

Rob Carr, a friend of Clif's, brought his 280Z car prepared to "Improved Touring Stock" specifications. The car has to maintain stock enginesize, cam, induction and spark control, along with stock dash and door panels, the interior may otherwise be gutted. Stock wheel size and tires must be fitted, although liberties can be taken with shaving and compound. Suspension mods are acceptable, and this car was fitted with an adjustable sway bar setup and many other nifty gadgets. The car races at Holtville and other tracks around Southern California. Rob was most gracious and encouraging in answering many questions over and over about the car, racing class, experiences, etc.



Upcoming ZCSD events

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

November 18 - Meet at Sally's at 6:00 or Caroll Canyon at 6:15 or Bear Valley Pkwy at 6:30; Drive to Palm Springs; watch vintage racing; Dinner; Drive home. Lotsa driving, lotsa noise, lotsa cars, lotsa fun. Join us, won't you?

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.

Local and Regional automotive related events

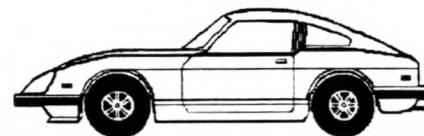
<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>
November 16-19	Vintage GP and Concours	Palm Springs
December 8 & 9	Starlight Rally	Santa Barbara to Las Vegas
August 18, 1996	Concours d'Elegance	Pebble Beach

Holtville Raceway

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



From
ARIZONA
Z CAR CLUB

Tech Tidbits
John Washington

OCT 1995

I recently had some difficulty with a '78 280Z that may prove enlightening to those of you who have had similar problems. The car would not pass emissions and while working on that problem, I somehow managed to make the car quit running altogether!

It is common knowledge that one of the weak points of the fuel injected Zs was their poor electrical connectors in the engine bay. This turned out to be the primary source of my difficulties. Most of the trouble-makers are two-pin plugs like those used on the wires to each fuel injector.

The problem of the connectors is two-fold. The connector shells are made of a plastic that becomes brittle with heat and age. Sometimes all you have to do is bump one to break it, or subject it to a little vibration (like by just driving your car). Secondly, the metal tabs inside that actually make the electrical connection are subject to a build-up of crud and corrosion that goes along with a cracked or broken shell.

There are several areas where these two-pin connectors are used. The fuel injectors are the most obvious. A bad connection here will result in 'missing' that may be intermittent. A lot of times you can locate a bad connector by grasping it and wiggling (the connector, not your body). If you had a miss, it might mysteriously clear up!

If that happens, you may as well replace all of the connectors at the same time. BAP has them cheaper than anyone else I have found (at about \$8 each). As a bonus, the new connectors

have a different type of retaining wire that makes them a lot easier to connect and disconnect. They should be wired into the harness and soldered for best long-term performance. Before you rush out and buy six, however, keep reading...

The same connectors are used on the cold start valve (the extra injector in the intake manifold that operates during cold starts). They are also used for the air regulator that governs cold-idle speed, and for a couple of sensors in the thermostat housing that provide temperature feedback to the brain (so it can adjust mixture, and indirectly, the emissions) and to the temp gauge.

If you have had trouble in any of these areas, you might just replace all of these connectors at the same time. You will have trouble with them eventually.

The main reason that some people developed an aversion to the fuel injected Zs is because of problems like those I had. Sometimes the best starting point for intermittent problems like these is to replace all of these connectors.

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 566-2936. I'll run your add for three months unless you tell me to cancel.

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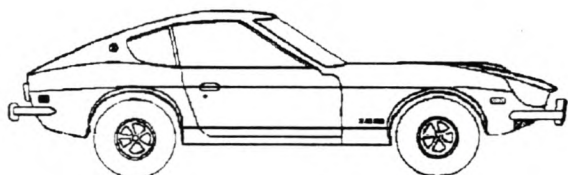
Wanted: Set of Mikuni's and intake manifold for inline 6.
Call Rob (619) 454-5805

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Make offer.
Dennis 581-1992

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Kevin (619) 566-7001



Next Month we hope to start a section of advertizers with real ads. The prices are for a six month run:

1/4 page	\$50
1/2 page	\$80
full page	\$125

If you want to advertize or know someone who does, call Lance, Clif or the ZCSD Hotline

Recently, Steve Still and I were trying to solve some electrical problems with our Chevy Blazer. After speaking with a couple of mechanics and some other trusted grease monkeys, I turned to literature for clues as to what had gone wrong. Fortunately for the both of us, I came across the short article below that

helped us a great deal. If you are having any electrical problems with your Z (or any other car you may own for that matter), I suggest that you read this before proceeding with any work.

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New Electrical Theory

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Electrical circuits work by the transmission of electrical current and the retention of what is commonly known as "smoke." Smoke is the thing that makes electrical circuits work. This new theory has been proven by the fact that whenever something happens that lets the smoke leak out of the circuit, it stops working.

When, for example, the smoke escapes from an electrical component, such as a voltage regulator, that

component stops working. Some components, such as starter motors, use large amounts of smoke and therefore require very large wires.

The purpose of the wiring harness is to carry the smoke from one device to another. When the wiring springs a leak, it lets all the smoke out of the system and then nothing works afterward until the leaking component is located and replaced.

From the Colorado Z Car Club

Oct. 1995

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is dedicated to the enjoyment and preservation of Datsun/Nissan Z-cars. If you own a Z-Car or want to own one **you need the Z-Club and the Z-Club needs you!!!**

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.
- > **Monthly Meeting** lets you guide the club's direction for events and business. Speakers share knowledge on subjects ranging from detailing to theft prevention.
- > **Events** as varied as enjoying a day at the races to picnics to wine tasting.

Dues are: \$ 25 for a new membership \$ 25 for a renewal. \$ 15 Newsletter only.

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 We will send your Membership Card, which will entitle you to discounts at our sponsors (full or renewal only).

* Associate Membership includes Newsletter only, does not include Membership card and discount priviledge.

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*Ninth Annual
Z Car Club Convention
Rocky Mountain Rendezvous*

*June 25-28, 1996
Denver, Colorado*

Major Events:

- Autocross (Stapleton Airport Apron & Runway)
- Concours d'Elegance & Professional Photographs
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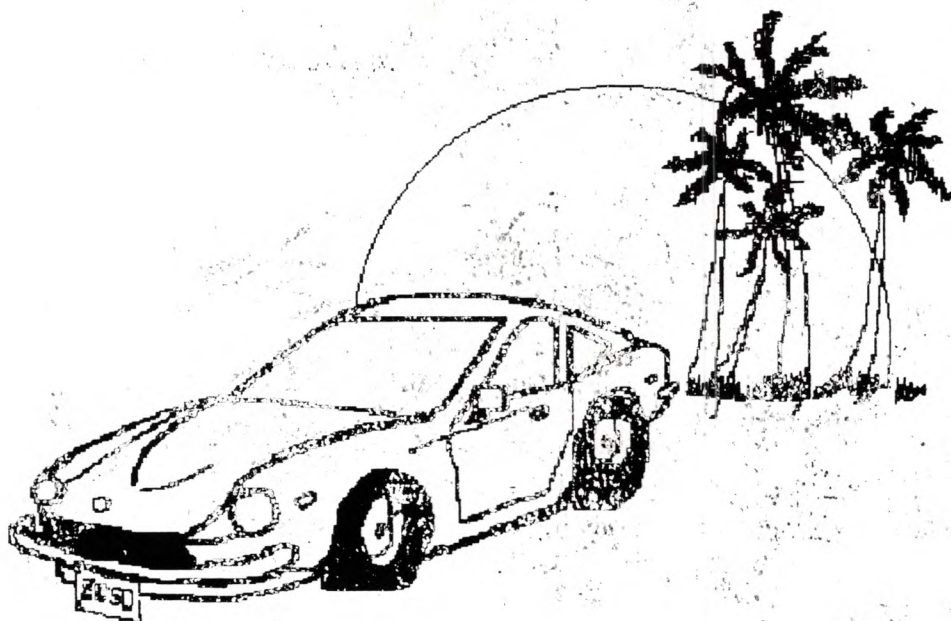
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