

The Z-Club of San Diego Newsletter



December, 1995

Calendar of Events:

- > January 21** **Run/visit to air museum at March AFB**
- > February 6** **Meeting @ Dave Turner Motorsports,
7:00 PM, see meeting notice inside for
directions**
- > February 11 or 18** **Temecula Valley Wine Tour
(Date to be decided at Jan Meeting)**
- > March 6** **Meeting @ Sally's, 7:00 PM**
- > March ?** **Borrego flower tour/ grapefruit run?**

Z-Club of San Diego Officers

President	Clif Yaussi	445-5200
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CLIF'S NOTES on...

It's amazing how quickly the year has gone, and I want to take time to thank all of you Z club members for the interest and support you've given the club. There are a few members who deserve additional recognition for their contributions. Lance Wills continues to amaze me with his untiring effort in putting out the newsletter on a consistent and timely manner. It's not as if he has nothing else going on in his family. In fact they all support club activities on a regular basis. Dave and Yvonne Platt spend untold hours keeping track of the computer files for membership and do many of the special flyers that motivate us to attend the activities they help coordinate. Dennis Darnall and Ben Pila have attended the board meetings and given the manpower month after month to keep the club activities rolling along. Tony Cline has provided leadership and stability for this club since the beginning, and we really appreciate the door prizes he constantly provides. Gary Anderberg has had a less visible role this year, but we would not function if it weren't for the backing of Z Whizz and his staff who get our mail, monitor our answering machine and give us their support at our activities. A sincere thank you to all of you for making the Z club one of your priorities.

Bill Black has stepped forward and volunteered to head up the telephone tree committee, if he calls and wants your assistance, please say yes. Ben Pila has coordinated with the Group Z club of Orange County for our January event to March Air Force Base Air Museum, find the details in other parts of this newsletter and come join us.

A final big thank you to Dave Draper for his super human effort in the Z America Relay this past summer, and to "Mad Mike" Taylor for his leadership role at the national level. Don't forget to get your registration form into the Colorado club for this years national convention. I think we could have a big turn out from southern California, so lets talk it up. **Have a HAPPY AND SAFE NEW YEAR.**

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 December 5, 1995 Meeting

Clif called the meeting to order at about 8:20, or so, with a round of introductions. The minutes were approved as printed in last month's Newsletter.

President's Report : Nominations for officers for 1996 will be postponed till the January meeting, elections will also be held at the January 2 meeting, officers will hold office from March thru February, to coincide with the membership year. We have been asked by the national overseeing board to contribute \$2 per member per year for dues to support the national Z movement - i.e. standardization of car show rules, helping new clubs, communications, etc. A resolution to approve was passed unanimously. A resolution to fund seed money for the annual National Convention was also passed unanimously. \$2 per member will be given to the national board one time. This money is to help the host Z Club pay up front costs associated with the Convention until receipts from entry fees, sponsorships, etc., can be realized.

Treasurer's report: \$800 or so dollars plus 30 Malibu tickets.

Membership report: No new members since last month.

Events: Reminder about the December 17 Annual Toy Run and February Winery tour. Ben updated plans for the run/ tour to March AFB (details inside).

Old Business: Several members were wearing the new club shirts, maroon with the ZCSD logo embroidered on the left breast, medium will be available for the next club outing.

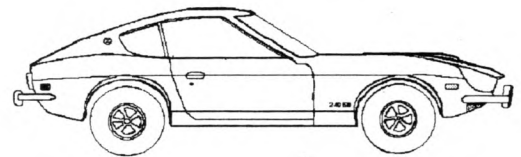
Jack Hill won the first door prize, a snake light, donated by Surfside Nissan. Rob Caulderhead picked his own ticket number to win a "Z America" license plate frame. Ed Peterson won \$26 in the 50/50 drawing.

Our thanks to "Sandy" Sanford for hosting the ZCSD at the San Diego Auto Museum.

Lance Wills

Last Months Fun Stuff

December meeting at the Automotive Museum - The December 5 meeting was held at the San Diego Automotive Museum, our host was Sandy: Sanford, officially the Director of volunteers for the Museum. Sandys job is to recruit and coordinate the efforts of volunteers donating their time to work on the Automotive Museum displays and the cars themselves. If you have some free time and love to work on cars or can offer a valuable service to the Museum, such as carpentry, painting, electrical, call the Museum and ask to talk to Sandy, he will welcome your call. Naturally, we went to see the cars, and cars there were!! The Museum is showing French cars from the 1930s at the moment. My personal favorite is the Talbot Lago - I never thought I would get to see one in person. There are other Talbots, and Delages, also incredibly beautiful. Also interesting is a display depicting a typical drive up burger joint of the fiftys with a Studebaker, Hudson, 57 T-Bird and a customized Hudson. Although these cars are on loan, the museum has a worthy collection of its own - the De Lorean, Mercedes 300 SL Gullwing, Countach, AMX III (the only one in existance!) and the perennial favorite Tucker (one of only 51 built). The standard collection of Deusenbergs, Franklins, Mustangs, etc. rounds out an incredible display. The Dreadmobile driven by Jack Lemon and Peter Falk in The Great Race was also there (did you know it has a Corvair engine?). The Museum also has several engines on display, including a twin cam FORD Indy engine, Olds Quad four and an Offy Indy. The Museum is well worth a trip, and joining cost only \$15 a year for unlimited admittance and use of the library. The Museum didnt have any Z Cars on display, but then, none of us wanted to give up our cars!?



Annual Toy drive for Childrens Hospital - Again one of our most popular events, we had over a dozen cars meet at the lobby of Childrens Hospital

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Upcoming ZCSD events

January 21 - Ben will map out a backroads way to get to March AFB where we will check out the air museum. Fast cars, fast roads and vintage airplanes should be a lot of fun.

February 11 or 18 - it will be time again for our annual Sweetheart Winery Tour of the Temecula Valley wineries. This is one of our most popular events. A quick trip up I-15 and we can sample wines at several of the 15 or so wineries in Temecula Valley, with atmospheres that vary from very commercial to homey to romantic. Bring your own picnic lunch or buy at one of the winery gift shops.

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.

Review of the year's activities: can we be a better, more fun Club this year? Bet on it !!!

January 22 - Campo Train Museum (almost)

February meeting - video featuring Paul Newman and Mario Andretti

February 12 - Temecula Valley Winery Tour

March Meeting - Speaker told about dry wash

March meeting - Maxine Lynch from La Mesa P D spoke about preventing car theft.

March 19 - Borrego Desert Wildflower Tour

April 22 - visit Peterson's Auto Museum in L. A. with Group Z.

May 13 - Internet Z Car Club picnic

May 24 - Malibu Grand Prix Night

June 6 meeting - Dave Draper showed a video of the New York kickoff party for the Z America Relay.

June 24 - back Country Tour with Group Z

July 4 - ZCSD's leg of Z America Relay that began with a BBQ/party at Nissan Corporate in L. A. and went to Casa Grande, AZ The ZCSD raised \$125 for the local Make a Wish Foundation.

July 5 - ZCSD hosted at Bob Bondurant's School of High Performance Driving

July 15 - Tour (inside) of Palomar Observatory

August 1 meeting - Dave Draper showed slides of the Z America Relay (Dave is the person wwho conceived the relay, sold it to Nissan Corporate and all the Z Clubs nationwide, then drove the whole thing (three times across the USA) in a 300ZX Steve Millen 25th Anniversary Special).

August 20 - ZCSD picnic at Ski Beach on Missio Bay.

September 24 - Poker Rally/ back country tour/ picnic at Clif's house.

October 3 meeting - Rob Carr (an appropriate name!) showed us his 280Z ITS (Improved Touring Stock) SCCA car.

November 4 - 3rd Annual All Datsun Car Show at Surfside Nissan.

November 7 meeting - Jim Wolf was the guest speaker.

November 18 - Vintage Races at Palm Springs folowed by dinner/BBQ with Jerry Peterson and some of the folks from Group Z.

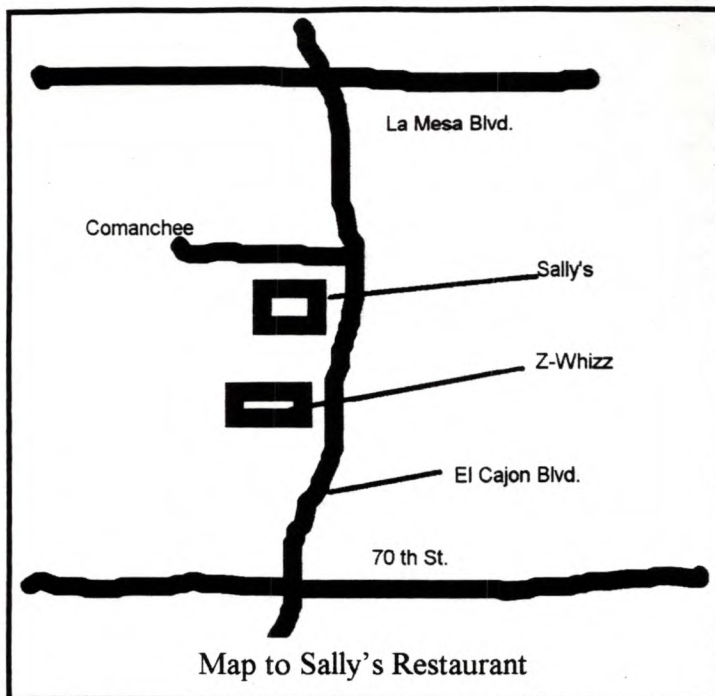
December 5 meeting - at the San Diego Automotive Museum

December 17 - Third annual Toy Drive for Children's Hospital, Christmas Party and Christmas light tour.

Other Z related happenings this year

The startup of Z Car Magazine

The National Convention in Atlanta with a visit by Mr. Katayama, father of the Z Car in the USA.



Next month's meeting February 6,

7:00 PM will be at Dave Turner Motorsport (formerly Performance World on Ronson Road) **NOT** at Sally's (see map to Left to get to Sally's for the March 5 meeting) .

To get to Dave Turner Motorsport take 163 to ~~Clairmont Mesa Blvd~~, west. Turn right (north) ~~onto~~ Kearney Villa Road. Turner's is behind Dick Cepec's (next to COMP USA). The meeting will include a seminar by Dave about racing safety equipment and Z Car performance parts, with emphasis on suspensions.

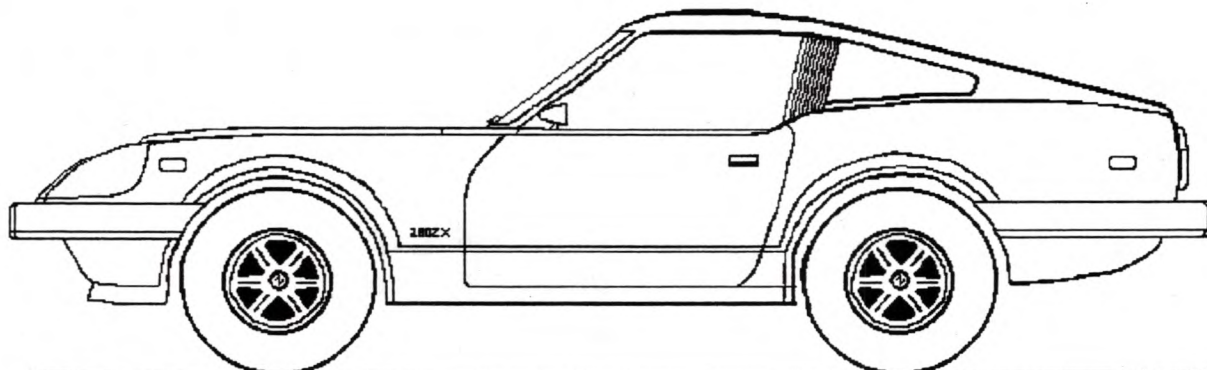
Address:

**Dave Turner Motorsport
5555 Magnatron Blvd.
571-3811**

Refreshments will be provided.

Tech Tip: A better hood prop by Ben Pila Jr.

If you own a 1984-88 300ZX, then you may have old now weak hood support struts. After time, these struts leak out the high pressure gas that gave them the strength to support your hood in the open position. Here's a fix that works, is easy to fabricate and is very inexpensive. Take a piece of 1/2" PVC pipe (sprinkler pipe) and cut it to the length of the shaft of the hood strut when the hood is open, this should be 5". Then cut a lengthwise section out of the pipe; this section should be slightly wider than the shaft of the hood strut. The finished support "wedge" should now slip over the hood support strut shaft and keep your hood up.



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where we dropped off Z loads of toys for the kids unlucky enough to be in the Hospital over Christmas. From there we caravanned (literally in my case, as I had a minivan with my wife and three children aboard) to Stuffys Restaurant on Balboa Ave. Instead of the usual tour of San Diego we had dinner together and hot swapped presents (valued <\$5). In case you haven't heard of this, each person draws a number; number one picks a present from the pile and opens it; number two can steal the present or pick another to open. If he steals, the other person gets to pick another present. Everyone gets a present and the stealing can be a lot of fun, especially when you get to BOO someone stealing a present from a little kid! Everyone had a good time and we got into more of a Christmas Spirit for the Christmas light tour which followed. Dennis had mapped out several neighborhoods that had cooperated in light displays. Despite some heavy traffic thru some areas (boy, those CBS came in handy!) we stayed pretty much together and saw some very impressive displays.

Local and Regional automotive related events

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>
February 17 & 18	Big Three Swap Meet	Murphy Stadium parking lot
March 25 - April 6	San Diego Auto Show	Convention Center
April 14	Long Beach GP	Long Beach
August 18, 1996	Concours d'Elegance	Pebble Beach

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Dennis 581-1992

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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.

Name _____ ☐ New member (\$25) *
Address _____ ☐ Renewal (\$25)
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ ☐ Associate (\$15) *

Phone _____ (Home __) (Work __) Birthday _____

Check here ☐ if you do not want your name and phone number on membership lists sent to the general membership.

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Please fill out the above form and send (with check for amount corresponding to level of Membership desired) to:
Yvonne Platt (ZCSD Membership Chair), 725 Garfield Ave, El Cajon, CA 92020. Make checks payable to the Z-Club of San Diego.
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
- Fun Day at Heritage Square in Golden
- Buffalo Bar - Z - Que Picnic in Heritage Square Park
- Seminars
- Timed Laps on Road Race Course
- High Country Rally & Tour
- Awards Banquet

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Send the form below to the ZCCC address above for your early registration form (available in early 1996).

*Ninth Annual Z Car Club Convention
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Yes! Please, send me an early registration form when they are available.

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