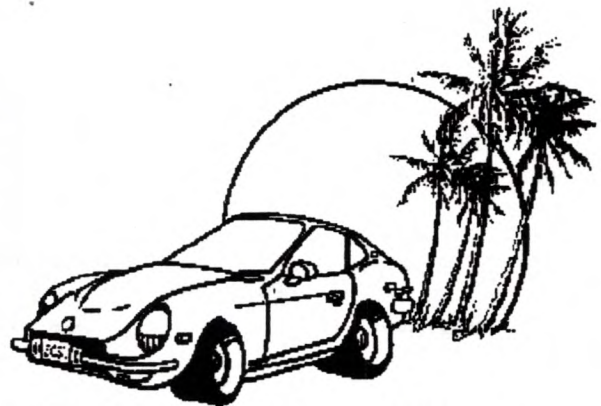


The Z-Club of San Diego Newsletter



Z Club of San Diego

July, 1996

Calendar of Events: (see page 3 for more info)

- > **August 3 & 4** **Vintage race at El Toro airfield**
- > **August 6** **Monthly meeting @ Nissan Design International (see map inside)**
- > **August 18** **Picnic @ Ski Beach (see map inside)**
- > **September 3** **Meeting @ T. B. A.**
- > **September 21** **Rally using fast food checkpoints**

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Yauzzi Sez.....

I'm too tired to continue with the Charles Kuralt dialogue, so read this with any voice that comes to mind.

Part 2, the road to Denver: The wagon master Jerry Petersen from Group Z had us all lined up and ready to pull out of Grand Junction at 8:30 am. We headed east on I-70 and started to get into greener landscapes. At Glenwood Springs we heard the Nissan Motorsport Van was at the Nissan dealership in town, so Charlie Dever lead us to the front door and were they surprised when 10 Z cars roared up and blocked off one entire lane of the downtown thoroughfare. We took pictures and looked at the sleek Nissan race cars on display. Of course they would be in Denver at the convention too. Back on the road with the next stop Vail, and lunch. But for the first time our group got strung out and separated, calls on the cb radios couldn't raise all the cars, so most of us ate at the McDonalds, while Jerry and Bob Seager at the posh Vail Village. (Are you guys sure you didn't hear us on the cb's!)

We figured they would be waiting for us at the next designated rest stop, and sure enough, our band of roadwarriors were back to full strength. The top of the summit gave the carbured cars fits, but the fuel injected ones purred on over. We got to the convention hotel and found Denver hotter and more humid than expected.

The Z Car Club of Colorado had their act together, and the registration went smoothly, as did most everything the entire week. We know firsthand how many small details there are at a convention, so if you read this ZCCof C, congratulations on a job superbly done. There were over 250 people registered and the entire 4th level of the parking garage was filled with Z cars. We had a great opening reception with tons of door prizes (thanks sponsors for the truckload of freebies) then the traditional Texas Chili reception followed, and chili isn't the main attraction, it's those margaritas that ~~blur~~ **blur** your memory.

Day 2 was the car show at Heritage Square, a family fun center and shopping area on the outskirts of Golden. We viewed the cars, went to a couple tech seminars, (great job Sal Perno from Motorsports Auto in Orange CA) and Mad Mike Taylor for the club organization talk. We slipped out and went to the Coors Brewery for the tour and tasting room visit, then got back in time for the bar-z-que. Went to the national z car business meeting that night and the next where important stuff was discussed, but I'll save that for another time.

Day 3 was the racing at Stapleton airport track. 3.1 miles of smooth runways made into a 10 turn course. It was fast and safe, I only saw a couple of spin outs and no damage to anything or anyone. We got to practice twice for about 5 laps per session then were timed for 3 laps. The ~~best~~ **best** timed lap placed you in the standings for the 4 different run groups. I had a blast and, and was proud of ~~my~~ **my** car for passing the rigorous tech inspection and for lasting the entire day, and the trip home. Maybe Colorado will sent us the official results and we can print them later.

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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 July 9, 1996 Meeting

The July meeting was held at Kate Sessions Park in Ls Jolla. 19 members and three visitors attended, including the Harris's from Group Z - just happened to be in the neighborhood. [Gosh, even members of other Clubs read the Newsletter - I'm flattered!]

Clif called the meeting to order at about 7:40, after about an hour of socializing and comparing cars, with a round of introductions. The minutes were approved as printed in last months Newsletter.

President's Report : Clif summarized the trip to the Convention in Denver (see last months and this months "Yauzzi Sez" for a less elaborated version). He then showed the plaque the Club received to acknowledge that the ZCSD is a charter member of the National Z Car Club Organization. There are still unsold posters are left of #46 240Z, #33 280ZX and #76 300ZX - signed by Mr. K. Price is \$25, contact the Texas Club - address in the Classified Section.

Treasurer's report: none

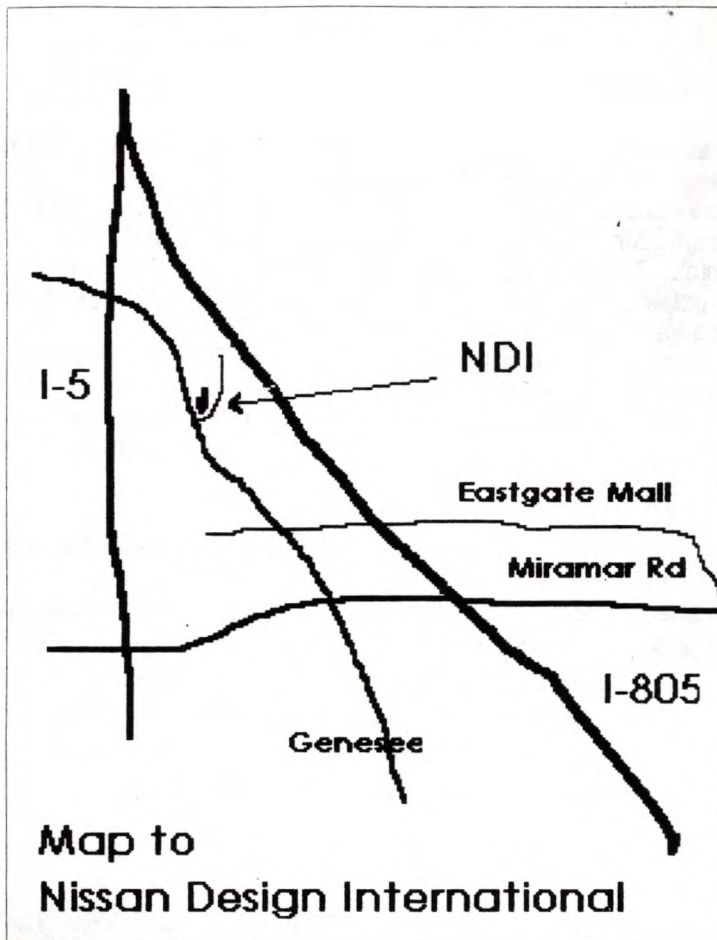
Membership report: two new members.

Events: See the cover and the next page for up coming events.

Ben summarized a party at Les Cannaday's shop that was attended by Mr. K.

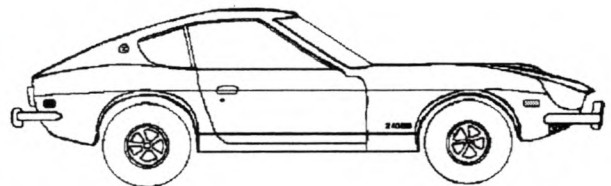
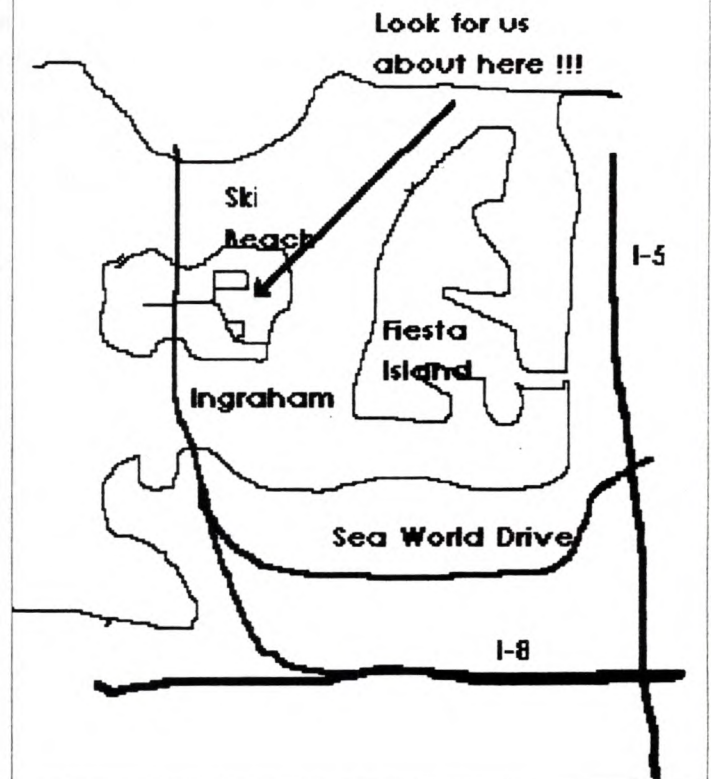
Gary Cawthen won the 50/50 (\$28).

The meeting was called on account of darkness at 8:20



The next meeting will be at Nissan Design International. Doug Wilson will start the tour at 6:30 PM, the club business meeting will follow in the parking lot. The tour will last probably an hour, but we do tend to get very interested in the design/model areas. NDI is at the intersection of Campus Point and Genesee in La Jolla, see map above.

Map to ZCSD Picnic At Ski Beach



Upcoming ZCSD events

August 3 & 4 - Remember how much fun the Palm Springs races were? El Toro Marine Air Base is closer and you can also see the monster airship hangers. Leave Sally's at 6:30 AM, the Northbound Park & Ride at Governor/ I-5 at 7:00 and the rest stop just north of Carlsbad at 7:30. We hope to be at El Toro around 8:00 for a full day of race activity, possibly including the Nissan GTP and/or Cunningham 300ZX. Whatever we see will be a blast!!! To accomodate as many people as possible there will be one group on Saturday and one group on Sunday.

August 18 - Beach party at Ski Beach in Mission Bay, see map above. Bring lawn chairs & your own food. The Club will provide Sodas and Grills for cooking. Turn left after you enter the park from Ingraham and look for the Club banner. See the map above.

September 21 - Food rally - The fast food restaurant receipt will be the check point time stamp in this different but unusual rally.

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Yauzzi Sez.....

Day 4 was the Rocky Mountain Tour. We had 90 cars in a huge caravan as we drove from Denver down to Colorado Springs and circled back through the mountains and to Denver. We visited the Garden of the Gods, and ate lunch at a picturesque lake. One small group of cars made a wrong turn and took 17 miles of dirt road, but that was the worst tail I heard. The final banquet was that night, Mr. Katayama was introduced and gave and received many gifts. We made him a member emeritus of our club. The awards were handed out for the car show winners, racing champs and a good time was had by all. Every aspect of the convention was done superbly and again a huge round of applause for the Colorado Club. The hotel was top notch and the staff very cordial.

We had about the same group head home together backtracking over the same route. One car bit the dust, but Sal Perno, towing his car on a trailer, graciously volunteered to have someone drive his Z and put the wounded car on the trailer. We dropped it off in Las Vegas and by now should be back in Johnnie Rinard's own garage. We spent the night at the Rio Hotel in Las Vegas and some came away luckier than others. All in all, a great trip, great people and of course GREAT CARS!!

Keep Z faith

THE MAROON MARAUDER

Ben Pila has found out about a new Z Car get together for left coasters. The Pacific Coast Z Car Extravaganza will be held September 27 thru 29 in Dublin CA (30 mi East of San Francisco). The base will be the Best Western in Dublin, call 800-244-4492 or write c/o Marissa Porteus, P.O. Box 7884, Fremont, CA, 94537 for a registration form. Planned activities are: Reception, model Z Car contest, R C Autocross, Tech sessions, Trade Show/ Swap meet and more. Benefits MADD.

Z's cage Tigers

Donn Vickrey reported that in late May he got a chance to race a few Sunbeam Tigers in BSP solo competition. The results as follows:

Donn Vickrey (280Z) 80.454 sec; Sam Williamson (280Z) 81.346 sec; Ramon Spontelli (Tiger) 82.563; Pable Romo (240Z) 83.007; Theresa Spontinelli (Tiger) 84.912.

For those that may not know, the "Tiger" is a Sunbeam Alpine (a car about the size of a Triumph TR-4/250/5 or Z Car) that had the 4 cylinder engine swapped for a FORD 260 or 289 (Mk II version) 2 bbl V-8 - a "poor man's COBRA". It appears tha Donn really knows how to drive the wheels off a car, but Donn credited his success to getting the lucky #280 from Clif for his 280Z.

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.

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.

The Chicago Club is trying to convince some Matchbox and Mattel Hot Wheels toy people to re-issue models of Z Cars in gift pack sets.

Write:
Matchbox Toys
Subsidiary of Tyco Toys, Inc.
Mt Laurel, NJ 08054

and:
Mattel Consumer Affairs
333 Continental Blvd.
El Segundo, CA 90245

Z Cars in the Club

Here is a summary of the cars the members of ZCSD drive, compiled after our recent membership renewals.

240Z	15	280ZX	12	Fairladies	2
260Z	1	300ZX (31)	9	People who own more than one Z	5
280Z	15	300ZX (32)	8		

Results of the Z Car Club of Colorado "What do you drive ?" census:

In the April issue of the SDZC Newsletter I published a census form from the Colorado Club that asked what model of Z you owned and what other Nissan products you and/or relatives owned. The Z Car Club of Colorado has published the results on the internet, Ed Peterson has provided them to the Newsletter:

312 responses from 31 Z Clubs; 860 Z's and 1,382 Nissan products.

8.33 % have a Z and a pickup; 8.01% have a Z and a Maxima; 4.8% have a Z and a 510; 4.2% have a Z and a Sentra; 85.6 % own another Nissan product or have a close relative that does.

What about the distribution of Z models? 240 Z - 53.2%; 260 Z - 10.9%; 280 Z - 27.9%; 280 ZX - 18.9%; 300 ZX (Z31) - 15.4%; 300 ZX (Z32) - 14.1%.

The results have been given to Nissan in hopes to move them to sponsor the Convention in the future.

Local and Regional automotive related events

<u>When</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>
August 2-4	Vintage Racing	El Toro Air Base, Tustin, CA
August 18, 1996	Concours d'Elegance	Pebble Beach
August 31-Sept 2	36th Annual Sorts Car Olympics	Boreal Ski Area, Fremont, CA
September 27-29	Pacific Coast Z Car Extravaganza	Dublin, CA
September 29	Concours d'Elegance	Embarecadero Park
November 22 -24	Vintage racing	Palm Springs

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.

1977 280Z, metallic blue/black. 4-sp, 124 Kmi. Air, new tires, aftermarket mags, + stock wheels. No rust, garaged, perfect condition. Second owner, all records. \$3495/ offer. John Mosby (619) 434-8548

1971 240Z 4-sp, 114K mi !! needs a good home. Same family owned since new !! CA. car, no rust, garaged, all original good cond. Orange/black. \$3000/offer Merideth 421-9398

For Sale:
25th Anniversary T-Shirts with #46 BRE 240Z and #75 300ZX (Cunningham Racing). Four colors on Hanes Beefy T. 12 Large left. Signed by John Morton. \$12.50
Call or see Ben Pila

1972 240 Z, 4-sp, Silver//Red/Black. 59K Mi. Garaged, Gorgeous !!! \$10,000 - Negotiable. Lou (401) 333-0305

1973 240Z. Auto, 280 engine. Green/Tan, never wrecked. Mags, new brakes front. 154K Mi \$650. Chuck 275-6678 (D), 487-4784 (N)

1976 280 Z project car, blown head gasket. Grey, new brakes, clutch, alt. Karl -230-9448

Posters - 222 x 17, picture of #46 240Z, #33 280ZX and #75 300ZX signed Mr. K.

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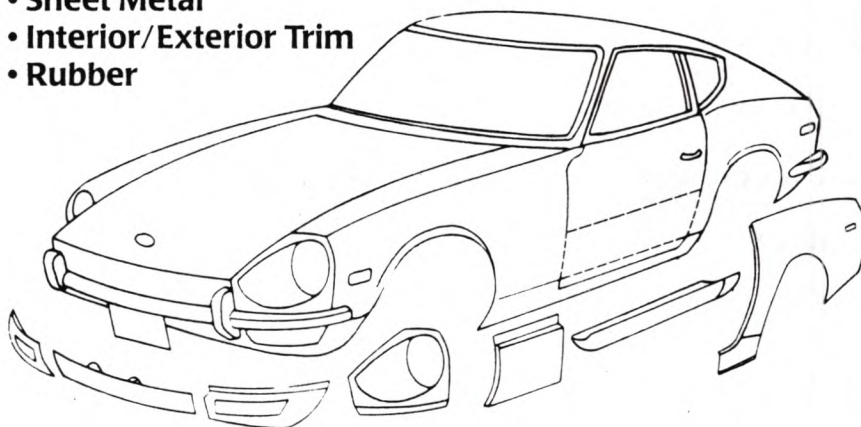
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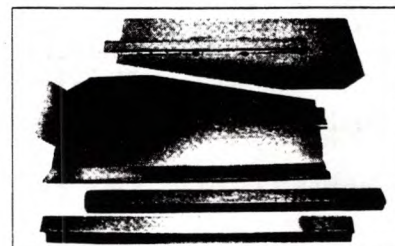
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** Warning the below conversation is intended for humor purposes only,
** and is an extreme example of what can happen a your Z-car by
** thoughtless Z restoration.

In a local foreign auto parts store.....

Joe: Hi I need some parts for my Datsun
Partsman: OK, what kind of Datsun??
Joe: it's a Datsun Z
Partsman: 240, 260, 280 or 300?
Joe: Ummm, I think it's a 240-Z
Partsman: You mean, you're not sure?
Joe: Well, it used to be a 240-Z, but after the last three
owners, it's got some parts from other Z cars also.
Partsman: OK, well what does it say on your registration?
Joe: It says it's a 1970 240-Z.
Partsman: OK, a '70Z, what can I get you?
Joe: Well, first I need some tuneup parts, like plugs etc.
Partsman: (handing over the cap, points, condensor, plugs): here you go.
Joe: (pointing to points) no, these aren't right! My car
doesn't have this stuff on it. My car has electronic ignition!
Partsman: I thought you said it was a 240Z?
Joe: Well, yes, but the motor is out of a 280-Z.
Partsman: (puts away points and condensor) OK, what year 280-Z motor?
Joe: I'm not really sure. Well, let's leave that for later, I
need some other stuff too. I need to do some engine work.
I have to replace the exhaust manifold, so I'll need a
new intake/exhaust manifold gasket.
Partsman: (put's gasket on the counter) Here you go.
Joe: No that's not right. I have square ports.
Partsman: But you said you had an L-28 engine, right?
Joe: Yeah, but I think it's got a 240-Z head.
Partsman: OK, so it's a 280Z block, with a 240 head?
Joe: I think so. Let me try this gasket and see if it fits.
Partsman: Anything else, Joe?
Joe: I need brake shoes.
Partsman: For a 240-Z?
Joe: Well- not exactly. You see, my car has vented rotors,
and according to what I've read, 240-Zs came with solid rotors
I think the brake pads I need fit a '86 Toyota 4-runner.
Partsman: OK, well, my computer shows 2 different pads for the
Toyota, is that Toyota truck a manual or automatic?
Joe: It's not a Toyota, it's a Datsun! Never mind the brakes,
I need a muffler!
Partsman: (put's muffler on the counter) Muffler for the 1970
240-Z. Do you want the resonator too?
Joe: What's a resonator?? No, no this isn't right! The
tubing is way too small!
Partsman: That's stock 1 7/8" tubing, which the 240-Z used.
Joe: Well, my car has 2.5" or 2.25" pipes or something bigger,
I think. I'll have to measure it. How about a
speedometer cable, and rear transmission seal?
Partsman: 4 speed or automatic?
Joe: 5 speed.
Partsman: 5 speed? The book doesn't show a 5-speed for a 240-Z!
Joe: Well, my car has a 5th gear, I'm positive of it! I think
the trans. is out of a 280-ZX.
Partsman: What year 280ZX?
Joe: I have no idea! There's some stuff written in Japanese

RUBES by LEIGH RUBIN



I letters, but I can't read it! I also need to exchange
these halfshaft U-joints you sold me last week.
Partsman: They don't fit? These should fit the stock 240-Z
Joe: No, I think my Z
Partsman: OK, do you have the R-180 differential?
Joe: I'm not sure. I think it's from a 260Z 2+2. OK, forget
the U-joints. How about some front end parts- ball
joints, tie rod ends....
Partsman: OK, now the very early 240-Z ball joints are unavailable-
you'll have to switch to the later style steering knuckles.
Joe: No, no, no! My car has the Dymano-Ultra tweaked Z
suspension kit! I have the 3mm knuckles, camber
bushings, shorter springs, camber plates and teflon tc
rod ends! I've taken it to 6 alignment shops and they
can't get the vibration out of the front end!!
Partsman: Well, I'm afraid all I have is the stock front end parts.
I could special order it for you.
Joe: No, I need them today! Look, never mind! I've had it
with this 'Z' car.



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