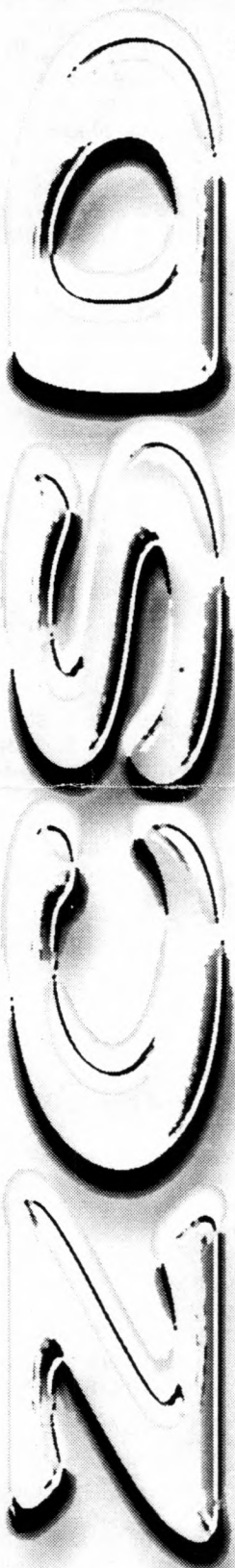
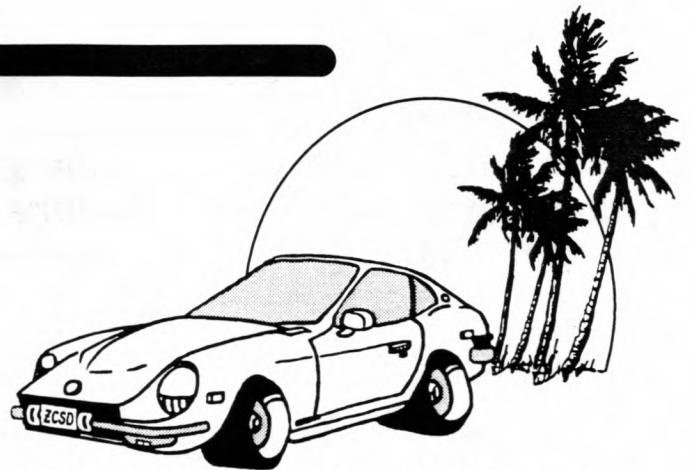


March, 1997



The Z-Club
of
San Diego
Newsletter



Z Club of San Diego
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Calendar of Events

(see page 3 for more info)

- April 1** Meet at the Auto Museum. NISSAN Corporate will be at our meeting to present a slide show.
- April 19** Z Exhibition & Garage Sale @ Motorsport Auto, Orange, Ca
- May 3** Nissan's celebration of the unveiling of the first of the restored 240Zs
- May 22** Indy Night @ Malibu Grand Prix
- May 24** STILLEN Open House

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CHARTER MEMBER

From the Prez

by Dennis Darnall, President

How would you like to see a completely restored, factory certified 240Z ?

Join us for the April meeting and you can check it out in person. We are having a very special meeting in April and just because the first Tuesday of the month falls on April 1st don't think it is some kind of a April fools joke. We will be having our monthly meeting at the Auto Museum in Balboa Park to accommodate the large turnout that we expect. Our guest speakers will be from Nissan Corporate and they are coming down to San Diego to give the Z club a slide presentation on the restoration process of the 240Z's that are starting to roll out of Pierre Z Service Center in Hawthorne Calif. They will have the restored Z on display at 6:00 p.m. and we will be starting the meeting early so we have time for all those questions and comments. Lets show Nissan the enthusiasm that we have for the Z by a large turnout and lots of questions/comments.

ZCSD Club Info...

Established in 1991, the Z Club of San Diego is a group of Datsun/Nissan Z enthusiasts dedicated to the NISSAN marque. As a charter member of the National Z Car Club Association it's sole purpose is to promote interest in Zs through social activities, touring outings, and charitable events.

Persons interested in upholding the same ideals toward Zs are encouraged to join the Z Club of San Diego. Annual Dues for new and continuing members is \$30, \$15 for associate members. Full members receive ZCSD membership discounts at participating dealers of parts and/or service, participate in monthly club events, and receive the ZCSD monthly newsletter. Associate members only receive the ZCSD monthly newsletter.

Monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00pm and are located at COCO's Restaurant, 5550 Lake Murray Blvd, La Mesa. See map on page 3. Come early to see other member's Zs and socialize.

Club event ideas and advertising submissions are welcome. Items to be placed in the classified section of the ZCSD newsletter are listed at no charge and run for three months unless canceled or renewed. Submissions should be received by the 15th of the month prior to publication. Send submissions to:

Z Club of San Diego
7473 El Cajon Blvd
La Mesa, CA 91941
ZCSD Hot Line: (619) 589-0975
Club e-mail: zcspd@geocities.com

The desert run to Borrego Springs was great and no we didn't see any flowers this year but we did see a record number of cars show up with the help of Goup Z and the Southern Calif Miata Assoc. Can you picture a caravan of 34 vehicles winding through the twisty turns of Julian and down into the desert. The breakdown was 15 Miata's, 10 Z's from S.D. and 9 Z's from L.A. Speaking of breakdowns we did have one casualty from our group due to a bizarre clutch problem and unfortunately the Z had to be trailered home the next day. Borrego was a busy place with the art show and the airplane and car show all going on. The weather had cooled down to mid 80's and we had a nice visit at Christmas Tree Circle with the other clubs as we listened to live music and watched the vintage airplanes fly over.

I would like to thank Peter Kezios, who is a new member, for the articles in the Saturday Union Tribune Wheels section about the club and the desert run.

Z YA @ the meeting
Dennis Darnall

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 1996

by Lance Wills, Secretary



Dennis Darnall, the newly elected president, started the meeting at 7:25 with a round of introductions.

Next month's meeting will be held at the San Diego Automotive Museum. Some people from Nissan Corporate will be there to present a slide show about how the 240 Z's are being refurbished before being sold at the ten Z Zone Stores across the country. We expect a large turnout for this and expect to need more room than is available at COCO's. A research firm (Oracle Strategic Research) requested a copy of the ZCSD membership list to send a questionair to Z Club members about what direction the new Z Car should take. While it has been, and still is, the policy of the ZCSD board of directors to guard the privacy of members, the board believes the membership of ZCSD (as well as all Z Clubs across the country) has the opportunity and obligation to give input to Nissan so a new Z Car can be built the way we want it !!! Oracle has promised that the membership list will not leave their possession.

The board sent a card of congratulations and best wishes to Jonnie Renard, after learning of her upcoming retirement.

Johnnie sent back a thank you note with a video of an LA TV station news story about the Z refurbishing and a poster of the Nissan ad with the pigeons bombing the Maxima.

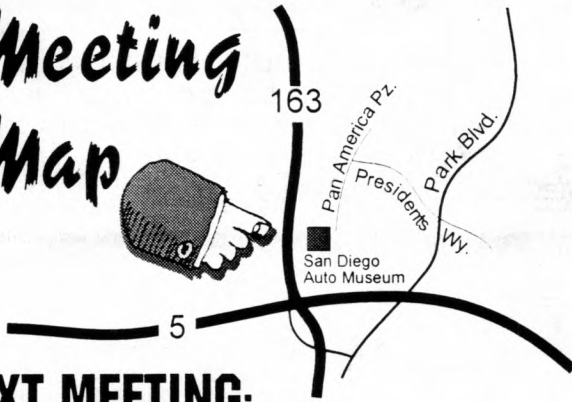
Dennis proposed having outdoor meetings during the summer, as we did last year. The membership thought that was a good idea; we need volunteers to recommend and scout potential places, especially in North County. Balboa Park was one of the places suggested.

Some time in April a "coming out party" will be held for the first refurbished 240Z to go to either Universal Nissan or Performance Nissan. ZCSD and Group Z will plan a caravan - date/time TBA.

Bill Black suggested we do some telephone answering for KPBS, to help out and to get some publicity for the club.

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Meeting Map



NEXT MEETING:

April 1 @ 7:00 PM

@ San Diego Auto Museum in Balboa Park

Meeting Minutes (continued)

More info will follow at the next meeting.

Nissan Corporate will be planning a party for August 3, when Mr K stops by while traveling from the York, PA National Z Car Club Convention to home.

The ZCSD received a letter from Children's Hospital thanking us for toys we dropped off during our December Toy drive/Party/Light Tour.

On April 19 the track at Holtville will be open, cost is \$40; a helmet and seat belts are required (this is the same day as the Motorsport Auto car show/garage sale).

Dave Platt summarized the February Wine Tour.
Treasurer's report - There is \$1307.97 in the club account.

Membership report - Membership is at 83.

Door prizes: Miguel - T Shirt; Todd Berglund - Lube/filter from Z Whizz; Kevin Ham - Malibu tickets; Clif - (2) Z America license frames; 50/50 (\$37.50)

Note the new address for the Z-Club of San Diego and Z-Whizz.

The new address is 7473 El Cajon Blvd, La Mesa, CA 91941

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

Let The Games Begin.

Upcoming ZCSD events

April 1 - April Meeting. This one's going to be a special meeting to be held at the San Diego Auto Museum. NISSAN Corporate will come to San Diego with one of the restored 240Zs and present a slide show on their restoration project. The restored Z will be on display starting 6pm followed by the hour long presentation starting at 6:30pm. When Group Z was shown this presentation, 65 Zs showed up so we can expect a large turnout for this media-type event. Don't miss this special event!

April 19 - Z Exhibition & Garage Sale. Last year over 140 cars were on display or lining the streets at Motorsport Auto in Orange, CA. The ZCSD had a few members' cars entered in the show and we all had a great time talking with our friends from Group Z, checking out some great cars and buying some of the stuff Sal marked

down to prices we could not pass up. It must have been good for Sal 'cause he's gonna do it again this year. Meet at COCO's at 8:30AM, Governor Dr at 9:00, and San Alejo rest stop at 9:45. That should put us at Motorsport about 11:00.

May 3 - Nissan's celebration of the unveiling of the first of the restored 240Zs. This will be a big event not to be missed. Open to all Z owners and all Z-car clubs. Nissan Regional Office at 18501 South Figueroa St. in Gardena, CA. Details have not been finalized yet, but expect an all day event.

May 22 - Malibu Grand Prix. Last year we had a fun time driving these hot cars around a tight course. The best times wins a trophy for both the best men's time and the best women's time.

May 24 - STILLLEN Open House. Last year was Steve's 10th anniversary open house. It was such a success that he plans to recreate the event this year. There will be special prices on performance accessories, product displays, dyno runs, closeout specials, with free food and drinks.

Tech Articles



Ben Pila is working on tech articles for future newsletters which will include articles on headlights and lighting, exhaust systems, brake mods, tune-ups and maintenance, driving styles and many other varied topics. Stay Tuned.....

240-280Z TuneUp Instructional Video available

Credentials: I've been restoring Z cars for 10-15 years. I rode the restoration collector car craze wave in Phoenix from '88-'90. Moved to N. Ca in late '90 and built 10 240Z convertibles that appraised for as much as \$22,000 (as well as restored a bunch of coupes). I was trained on the SU carbs whilst stationed in England '85-'88. I don't know it all, but I know enough to build some awesome Z cars. Ben Millspaugh says the video "...Is a valuable tool for the 240Z owner"... He promised to plug it in the next Z Car Mag issue.

This amateur video is aimed at the 240Z carbs, but also covers timing chains, valve adjusting, center console crack repair and reinforcing, interior dye, fiberglass air dam repair, and lots of other stuff for the ZX and older. 2 hrs and 40 min long...hopefully there's something in there that YOU can use!

Video contents:

For 280ZX-240Z:

- Timing chain stretch- check and fix without dropping the chain *Valve adjustment + make special tool
- Installing a Turbo oil pump without messing up distributor timing *Center console crack repair and retexturing (it's easy!) *Interior dyeing for vinyl trim and plastic console
- *Fiberglass air dam crack repair
- Special tools (most homemade)
- Rear end clunk- diff mount and driveshaft *Pulling valves and replacing stem seals *Misc tech tips

For the 240Z-260Z:

- 240-260Z Choke lever reinforcing plate-THIS IS TRICK. Never crack a console again!
- Door alignment/striker plate adjusting (fix door rattles) *choke cable lubing special tool
- Door handle trick

For the 240Z

- 240Z SU Carb on car annual cleaning and tuning
- 240Z SU Carb bench teardown, inspection, baseline static settings, reassembly * 240Z SU Carb on-car tuning, balancing (w/flowmeter and poor man's vacuum hose)

From A-Z, I cover every aspect of the 240Z carbs. This is why I shot this video.

I have been training my customers on how to tune their own cars for years. I remember what it was like to pick up that tool and stare in bewilderment at the job at hand. Each topic starts off at step one and progresses to the finer points of the job. Along the way I discuss the theory of operation and how each part works. This 160 min video is very detailed!

Checks in the snailmail are fine. I order the video copies in lots of 50, and can therefore offer them for \$23 (second copy/same order/either video for \$40). Priority Mail delivery included in the price.

The "Datsun 240-280Z Convertible Steel Trunk Fabrication" video covers advanced metalworking procedures, even if you aren't interested in a ragtop Z. Price is \$23 or save \$6 by ordering both videos at once!

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March Borrego Grapefruit Run

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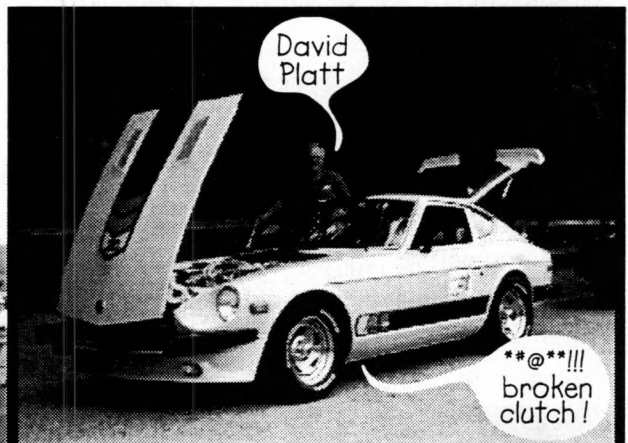
Driver's meeting at Dudley's Bakery

but lots of grapefruit!

Jointed by Group Z and SOCALM (Miata club)



A picture suitable for "framing"



Local & Regional automotive related events



WHEN

April 1-6
 April 5
 April 19
 April 12, May 18
 May 9
 May 10
 May 10
 August 1-3
 August 15-17

WHAT

San Diego Auto Show
 Steve Millen Autocross
 High Speed Practice Days
 Swap Meet
 KC HiLites Happenings
 Classic Car Show
 Old Time Car Show
 Tustin Thunder
 Monterey Historic Auto Races featuring Cobras, honoring Carroll Shelby

WHERE

SD Convention Center
 Los Alamito Racetrack (lot)
 Holtville International Raceway
 Jack Murphy Stadium
 Lake Havasu City
 Scripps Memorial Hospital Encinitas
 Bank of America parking lot 3099 Lemon Grove Ave
 Tustin Marine Air Base
 Laguna Seca

February Fun



**10th ANNUAL
NATIONAL Z CAR CONVENTION**
HOSTED BY THE WHITE ROSE Z CLUB - YORK, PA
JULY 22-26, 1997

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

*** Note: Classing of cars for the car show are done upon arrival to the convention ***

• **TUESDAY, JULY 22nd**

12 noon - 9pm Registration Desk open
6pm - 9pm OPENING RECEPTION (CASH BAR)
8pm - 9pm National Association Meeting
9pm - Until ? Texas Club Chilli Party

• **WEDNESDAY, JULY 23rd**

12 noon - 9pm Registration Desk open
8am - 4pm TRACK EVENT - SUMMIT POINT, WV
6pm - Until ? Free evening
Note: Non-Track Attendees see Registration Packet
for other area activities

• **THURSDAY, JULY 24th**

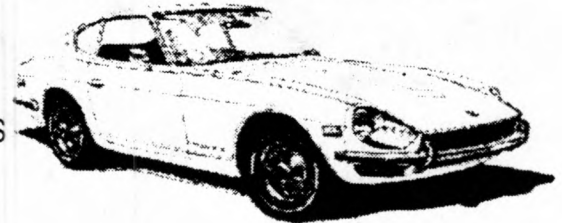
12 noon - 9pm Registration Desk open
8am - 4pm "DRIVE HAPPY ROAD RALLY"
LANCASTER COUNTY/AMISH/COVERED BRIDGES
5pm - Until ? DINNER "GOOD N' PLENTY" - SMOKETOWN, PA
(Casual: Family Style Dinner; Country Store)

• **FRIDAY, JULY 25th**

12 noon - 9pm Registration Desk open
9am - 4pm CHOICE OF SIGHT SEEING TOUR OF
GETTYSBURG OR
TRIP TO HERSHEY, PA
(Amusement Park and Chocolate World)
4pm - 6pm Show Judges Meeting
6pm - 10pm Keg & Clean Party (Dinner on your own)

• **SATURDAY, JULY 26th**

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9am - 4pm CAR SHOW
6pm - 10pm AWARDS BANQUET
*** Note: Schedule subject to change ***



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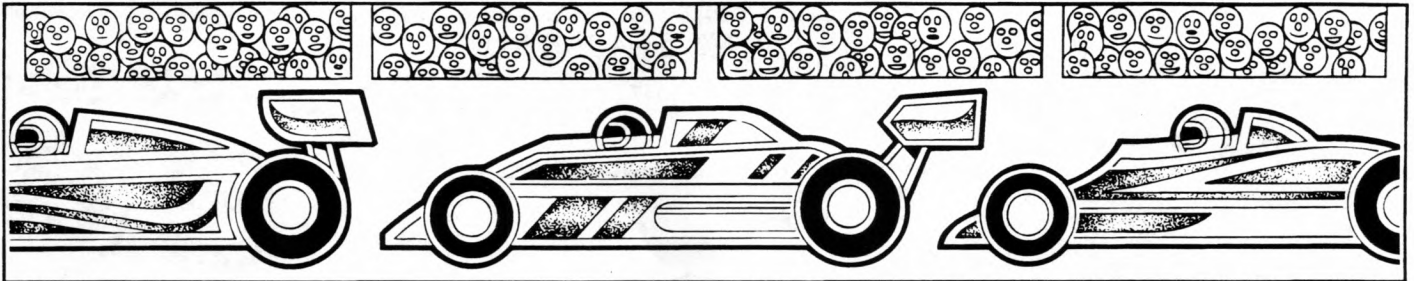
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MISC.

Revell 1/25 BRE 240Z models \$20, European spec. H4 halogen headlamps for your Z made by Auto Pal for '70-'86Z \$50/pair.
Ben Pila Jr. 462-8651 evenings 'til 11pm

Special Issue of J's Tipo magazine from Japan featuring all Zs. \$15 ea. Limited Quantity. Ben Pila Jr. 462-8651 evenings 'til 11pm

Posters - 22" x 17", picture of #46 240Z, #33 280ZX and #75 300ZX signed by Mr. K. \$25.
Contact: Z Club of Texas
3402 Century Circle, Irving, TX 75062.
Phone (214) 438-8344

Anybody Contemplating the possibility of going to the convention in York, PA please contact Patrick Hubbard 271-0194

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Erik Prenton 874-8818 (2/97)

Tires - (2) Michelin XGT 245-45x16 for '90-'96 300ZXTT, 80-90% tread \$100
Steve Becker 435-5180 (2/97)

240Z Parts - Datsun Competition, OEM, aftermarket Body - Mechanical - Interior. SU Carbs, Recaro KR, European 5-spd, Shelby mags 14X6, and much more!!
Dan 297-8175 (2/97)

ANNOUNCEMENT

I am setting up an e-mail list, for ZCSD lunches, in Sorrento Valley/Mira Mesa area. If you would like to be added to this list, send e-mail with the subject "ZCSD lunch" to pchilds@geocities.com. If you would like to be notified when the ZCSD web page is updated, send e-mail with the subject "ZCSD Updates" to pchilds@geocities.com.



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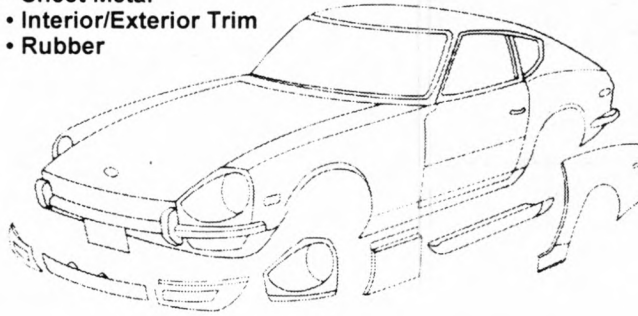
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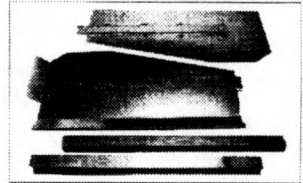
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