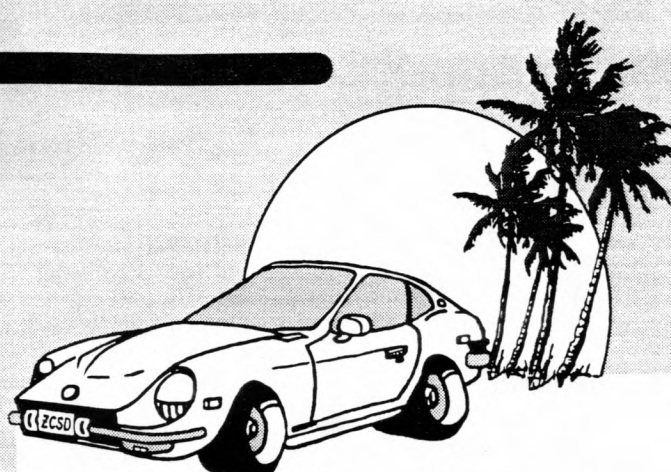


May, 1997

The Z-Club of San Diego Newsletter



Z Club of San Diego
a member of ZCCA

Calendar of Events

(see page 3 for more info)

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| June 3 | Meet at COCO's Restaurant. |
| June 14 | Go Kart Run. |
| June 22 | Casino Run. |
| July 1 | Meet at Kate Sessions Park |
| July 20 | Mission Bay Picnic @ Ski Beach |



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Z-Club of San Diego 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:



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Words From the Pres

by Dennis Darnall, President

The party at Nissan Corporate for the first batch of restored 240's was a blast, they really went all out with great food, a fun freeway rally and lots of entertainment. One of the highlights was MR K making an appearance and speech and they even had the guy from the Nissan commercials that represents MR K with his dog too. There were familiar faces from Z clubs across the U.S. and so many beautiful Z cars that it made your head spin. This is just another example of Nissan finally recognizing that there is a strong group of car enthusiast that love their Z's and will not let the Z heritage die even if Nissan doesn't make the Z any more. It is obvious that Nissan will come back with another Z, but what form will it take and how long do we have to wait. I am glad to see Nissan supporting the national conventions, they helped the White Rose Club this year with a generous sponsorship of \$25,000. Last year the Colorado Club had to wait until the convention was over to get a check from Nissan.

Nissan's finally recognizing that there is a strong group of car enthusiast that love their Z's



We had a large turnout at Dave Turner Motorsports for the May meeting and Dave gave us an informative tour of his place. We will be back at Coco's restaurant in La Mesa for the June meeting so come out and join us, we have a full agenda and you can find out who had fastest track time at the Malibu Grand Prix event. Please note we will not be meeting at lake Murray park for the June meeting due to the early closing time of the park but we will have our first outdoor meeting in July at Kate Sessions park in Pacific Beach.

The June event is something new, a poker run to three local casinos that will include some nice back country driving. You will get two cards when you leave the first two casinos and the last one when you arrive at the last casino. Sound like a nice way to spend a Sunday afternoon, see the events section for more details.

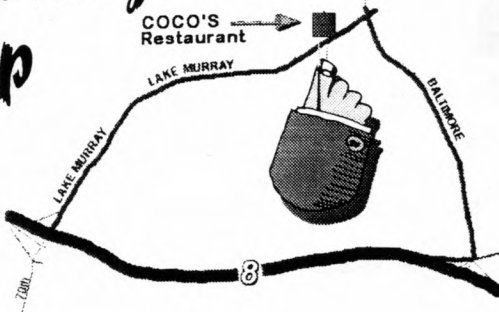
Z Ya at the Meeting

Dennis

The Motor Sports Auto



Meeting Map



NEXT MEETING:
June 3 @ 7:00 PM
@ COCO'S Restaurant
5550 Lake Murray Blvd, La Mesa.

From the 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 worth 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 Ed 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.

Don't forget the Z-Club of San Diego Hot Line!
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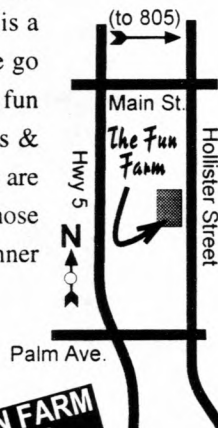
For up to date information on upcoming events and meetings or to leave a message for the Z-Club President

Let The Games Begin

Upcoming ZCSD events



June 14 - Fun Farm Go Kart Run will be a blast. These little go karts don't have to be fast to be fun. Let's just get out there and get bugs in our teeth. This is a new one for us this year, but if it was as fun as the little go kart track we had last year there won't be any end to the fun until they close the place. Meet at Fun Farm's go karts & arcade, 408 Hollister St., Chula Vista at 4pm. Track rates are \$3 for 5 minutes. But since this is a club event, expect those 5 minutes to be longer than clocked! We will meet for dinner after the fun.



**FUN FARM
MAP
June 14**

June 22 - Casino & Poker Run. This is a new one for this year as well. Envisioned by Clif Yaussi, we will combine a poker playing run between the three local Indian casinos. We will allow 1 hour of gambling at each casino before caravanning to the next one - at each picking up more poker cards. The best and worst hands will win. We'll meet at COCO's at 1pm where we will hand out the course maps. For those east county people who would rather meet us at the first casino, we will be caravanning to Sycuan casino by 1:30pm where each participating Z will pick up 2 playing cards. Viejas will be next at 3pm where each Z will pickup 2 more playing cards. The final and last casino will be at Barona at 4:30pm where each Z will pickup the last playing card. Plan to eat dinner at Barona's fine buffet. We will determine the winners and the losers all by 6pm. This is going to be so much fun!

Tech Articles

by Ben Pila, Vice President

This article begins my commitment to do articles of a technical nature for this newsletter. My feelings about writing articles are that not many are written and there are a lot of subjects to write about. I decided - *Caravaning, How Is It Done?*



Z Caravaning, How is It Done?

This article begins my commitment to do articles of a technical nature for this newsletter. My feelings about writing articles are that not many are written and there are a lot of subjects to write about. I decided to write about caravaning first due to problems I noticed on our recent run to Nissan HQ. My hopes are that this writing will open some eyes and bring awareness to what is going on when caravaning.

What we are trying to do with our driving together to events is to get from point A to point B as a group and have fun too. This includes helping anyone who has a problem with their cars and looking good as a club to the public while in caravan form. The problems I've seen most have been following too closely, abrupt stops, abrupt acceleration, last minute lane changes or exits, other caravaners cutting in close or cutting off other traffic, and lack of good communication on the CB.

The solutions are simple. Have a game plan before the caravan begins. Designate a caravan leader. This person is the pace car or the locomotive and has the biggest job. This person will maintain a steady, smooth pace as we drive and any change in speed will take place as smooth as possible. The reason for this is the last person in the group (the caboose), has to depend on those in front of him to keep pace. Any abrupt speed changes up front cause a major change in the rear. All those in the caravan need to keep a safe following distance behind each other and be attentive to what is going on around them. If the lead car changes speed, try to do so smoothly too. When changing lanes to pass, no need to floor it to get back, just take it easy (unless we're on a back roads, twisty run.) The lead driver has to let everyone know via the CB what's going on up front that is of importance. Chatter such as "We're slowing," or "We're getting off

at the next exit," are very important. Those in the middle should repeat those comments so others will hear. When we are caravaning, we are really having a parade. So, drive like you're in a parade and we'll look good. Don't forget to buy your magnetic door signs from Ed so our caravan looks cool and together.

When someone has trouble, we as a group need to pull over and help out. But, don't slam on the brakes and pull hard right. This is dangerous. Just gradually move to the right as the lead car slows us to a SAFE spot to pull over. A safe spot is one that can accommodate all the cars in the caravan and doesn't interfere with traffic in any way. One of the pluses of caravaning is helping each other if there are problems. The last car in the group should tell the group and the leader of anyone with problems ASAP.

One thing to be aware of on surface streets is what to do when lights change and part of the group is stuck. Ideally, the group that made the light needs to pull over and wait for the other group to rejoin. If necessary, the front group may have to pull in a parking lot or onto a side street. Stay in touch on the CB until the group is back together. When parking as a group, let's keep the uniformity and if the leader backs in first, everyone else should too.

When there is a lot of traffic, we should keep the "Jibber/Jabber" down on the CB so we can hear caravan info. In conclusion try to drive smooth and follow the leader, let's look good as a club! Now if we're on a back roads run, most of the staying together stuff is out the window but try anyway. Anyone have any idea or comments, write a letter to the editor. I'm sure there are other things I'm forgetting.

the Stillen event May 17th

by Ed Peterson, Editor

Last year Steven Millen celebrated his 10th year anniversary. It was so popular that we forced him to do it again this year.

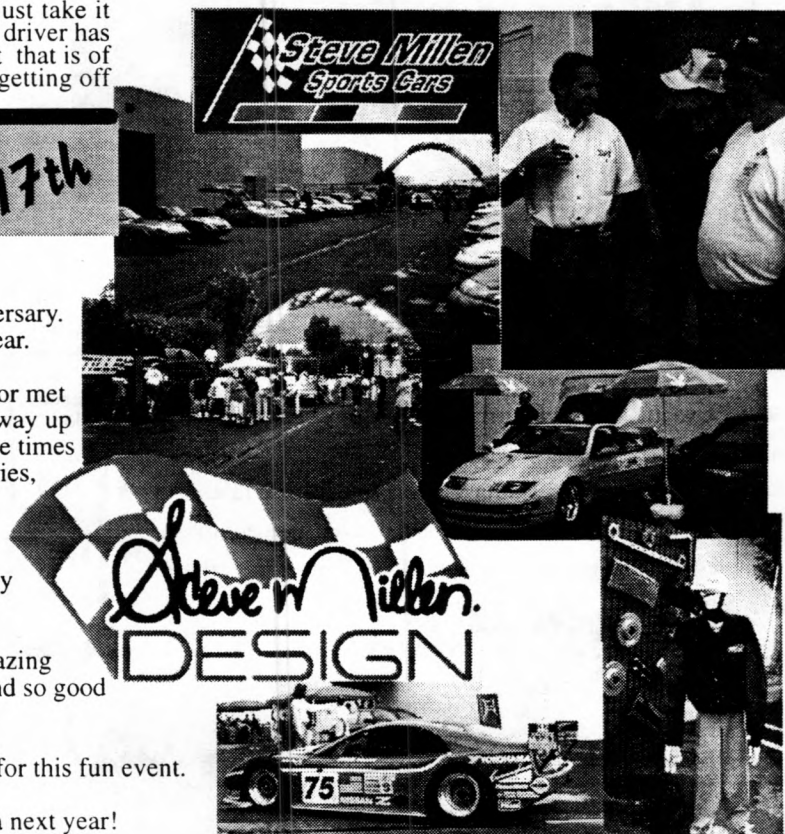
Six cars total from our club either caravanned to Stillen or met us there later. We all ran into a couple ran squalls on the way up but it didn't wet anybody's spirits. There were almost three times the crowd they had last year. The deals on parts, accessories, body parts, tires and wheels were so good you had to be brain dead to pass them up.

Doug Tracy setup a private tour of the facility guided by Steve Millen himself. Thanks Doug!

Steve also had the dyno going non stop all day. It's amazing how much HPs can come out of these cars. And they sound so good doin' it!

Free sodas, dogs and burgers put the icing on the cake for this fun event.

Thanks Steve. See ya next year!



Local & Regional automotive related events



WHEN

June 13-15

July 11-13

July 22-26

August 1-3

August 15-17

WHAT

Taos Z Fest '97

'97 All Datsun Mt. Shasta Meet

10th Annual Z-Car Convention

Tustin Thunder

Monterey Historic Auto Races
featuring Cobras, honoring
Carol Shelby

WHERE

Taos, New Mexico

Mt. Shasta, CA See page 9 for details

York, Pa.

Tustin Marine Air Base

Laguna Seca

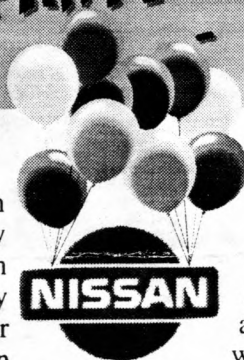
NISSAN GAVE A PARTY

by Patrick Hubbard,
contributing editor

Those of us who participated in Nissan's 25th anniversary celebration on May 3rd could only anticipate what Nissan had in store for us. Seven hearty souls in freshly prepped Zs, braved the early morning elements and left San Diego at 6:30 for Los Angeles. This to participate in a Nissan Corporate Office hosted event to commemorate the unveiling of ten totally factory restored 240 Zs. These are the first of many to be sold throughout the United States in a unique Nissan marketing strategy.

Some two hours later seven more of us headed north and the only thing we braved was a little traffic. By the time we arrived the Corporate parking lot was filled with over 300 Zs representing every model built as well as Datsun Fairlady's and 510s. Racing versions were displayed along with complete restorations. In addition to club member Ed Peterson's "Ferrari Z" was a Cobra styled "Tomahawk Z" - both causing quite a stir. Some came from as far away as Nevada and Texas. New Mexico made their presence known by setting up a booth to advertise their hosting of the Z convention in 1998. A bust of Sky Rat (the ill fated bird in the Nissan commercials) was prominently displayed and the woman in the booth stated it was by far the "peoples choice".

For some of us a poker run, like no other, was next on the docket. Two groups of approximately 60 cars each, left the parking lot in a very organized fashion. One group



AND EVERYBODY CAME

(Pictures on page 6)

headed north to Performance Nissan in Hollywood and the other group set out for Universal Nissan in Long Beach. Each group was immediately joined by a squad of uniformed escort officers and as we departed we found ourselves being covered by what appeared to be the Japanese media. Overhead was a media chopper also covering the event. This writer was privileged to be in the group led by race driver Steve Millen who proceeded south on Interstate 405 to begin the 45 mile trek to Long Beach. What a goose bump experience! With speeds that some say exceeded 70 mph (they must have been playing catchup) we arrived at the dealership with much fanfare and refreshments. On the return trip those of us up front were entertained by Steve Millen who proceeded to hand his CB to the officer on his motorcycle who after a minute or so returned it. This all done at freeway speeds. This would have been worthy of any Hollywood stunt. Occasionally, along the way, a straggler Z or two, observing our caravan and with nothing else to do, joined in.

Upon our return Nissan had a spread of BBQ ribs, BBQ chicken, sausage, salads and soft drinks. While some of us stuffed ourselves with great food, others raced around feverishly negotiating trades with the cards they had received on the poker run in an attempt to enhance their hand. It must of paid off as there was a royal flush, two 4 of a kinds, and seven full houses (four of which were held by our members).

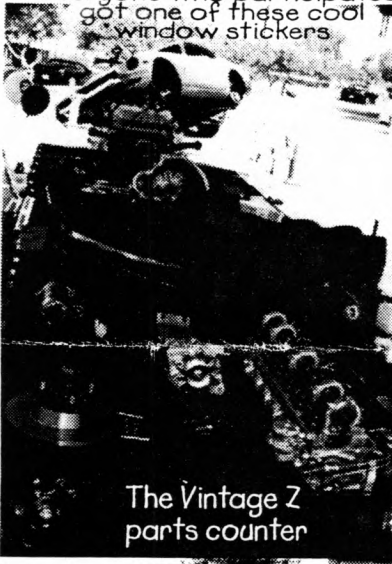
We left that day, each going our separate way with memories of what driving/owning a Z is all about. We occasionally passed (or was passed by) another Z. A honk of the horn and a wave assured us that they too went to the party.

MAY 3, 1997

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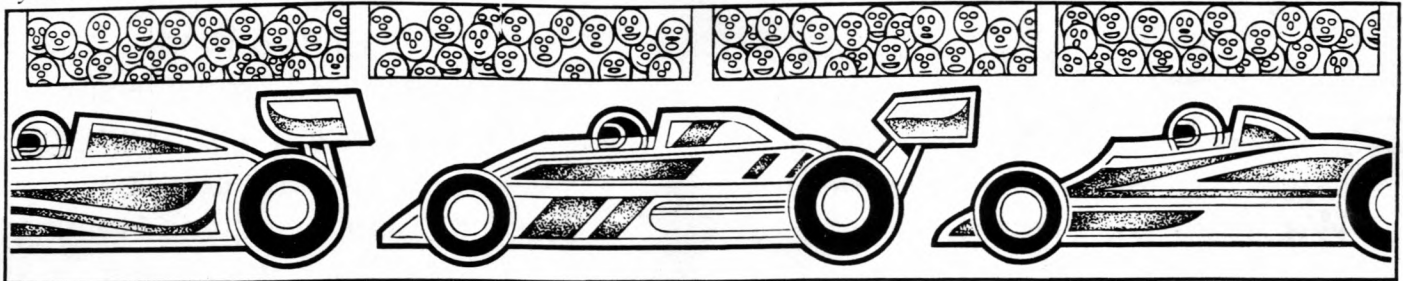


The NISSAN bird's eye view -
Look at all those targets!!!



Classified Section

Advertising automotive related items free for Z-Club members, spouses, significant others, friends, neighbors and casual acquaintances. To place an ad or cancel an ad, call Ed at 447-9585. I'll run your ad for three months unless you tell me to cancel.



AUTOS

1973 240Z Jim Anderson 593-7014 after 5pm (4/97)

1974 260Z original owner, 175K miles, 2+2
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1978 280Z 4spd, 190Kmi, all new U-joints, new paint, tight body, new head gasket, new hoses, new starter, new clutch. \$2500. Andrew 455-0713 (4/97)

1978 280Z 4spd, Rims, Blue, Registered, any reasonable offer. Debra 267-1889 (4/97)

1980 280ZX, 65K miles, 5spd, T-Tops, brown/tan, excellent condition.. \$3650 or best. Joe 447-5140/447-1847 (5/97)

1980 280ZX, 49K miles, 5spd, cruise control, AC, AM/FM, new paint. \$5000. Zoltan. 440-2927 (5/97)

1982 280ZX, original owner, brown/tan, T-Tops, OEM Mag Wheels, 115K mi., 4-new tires, new struts, new auto-trans (500mi), car cover, always garaged. \$3000. Carolyn Davis (619) 447-3813 (3/97)

1982 280ZX turbo LIMITED EDITION, Black & Silver, totally restored, auto, 96K miles. \$4800. Carl 693-0601 (5/97)

1984 300ZX, 5spd, T-Tops, new clutch & brakes, 111K miles, original owner, lt. pewter. \$4000 or best. Phil 588-5178. (5/97)

1986 300ZX Turbo Original owner, 5spd, 113,600mi, great body, perfect maintenance on eng. Light blue, all options, stereo w/CD, no accidents, new tires. Tom 458-0213 or 693-3990 (4/97)

1987 300ZX 150Kmi Kathren Waltmer 352-3008 (El Centro) (4/97)

1988 300ZX 12,000 mi, Dan Burger 451-2324 (4/97)

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



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'97 All Datsun Mt. Shasta Meet July 11, 12, 13

Thursday July 10 Registration 2pm-5pm at the MT.Shasta Community Center

Friday July 11 Registration at the MT.Shasta Ski Lodge Parking Lot
8:30am-12noon

Saturday July 12 Breakfast the Community Center 7-10am

Sunday July 13 Autocross II (not counted toward event trophies)

\$55.00 Full Event ticket

\$25.00 Driver Activity ticket (must have valid driver's license)

\$5.00 Co-Pilot Activity ticket for a non-driver copilot

\$30.00 Adult Meal ticket per person, includes 3 meals for over 10 years of age

\$10.00 Children's Meal ticket per person, includes 3 meals 10 years or under

\$35.00 Activity ticket purchased at event per driver, cash only, no meal tickets

\$10.00 Event T-shirts custom preorder this is a base fee for uncolored shirt

\$5.00 Fee for coloring the base event shirt at the event site

\$15.00 Event T-shirt at event, coloring is same fee \$5.00

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or contact Ben Pila in the Z club (619) 462-8651

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Z Club of San Diego

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● **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 to performance improvement.

● **Events** as varied as enjoying a day at the races to picnics to wine tasting.



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