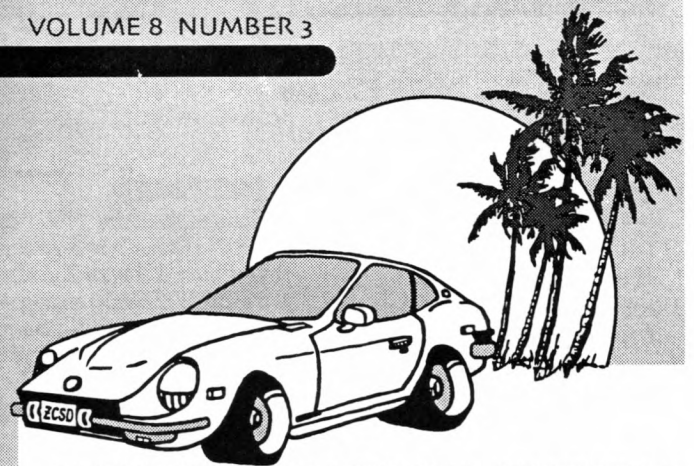


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# The Z-Club of San Diego Newsletter



A MEMBER OF THE Z-CAR CLUB ASSOCIATION

## Words From the Pres



**W**elcome to soggy San Diego, yes I do believe in the power of El Nino. We are actually very lucky compared to our northern California friends.

The Z Club of San Diego doesn't let a little rain dampen our spirits when its time for our monthly activity and the 12 cars that caravaned up to Temecula for the Sweetheart wine tour are proof of it. It started out dry in San Diego and the rain wasn't expected until the afternoon but half way up there it started coming down. We visited only 2 wineries because of the wet weather then we started back.

Our March meeting will be at Nissan Design International. We will get a tour of the place then have a short meeting in the parking lot. It is rumored that they submitted a design for the Z replacement so lets see if we can get any "unofficial news" on what they are doing. The meeting will start at 6:30 and we will start the tour shortly after that. NDI is located north of University Town Center shopping mall and off of Genesee Ave (see the map in the newsletter).

Are you ready for a road trip? We are planning one in May because we are going to visit the Bondurant School of High Performance Driving in Phoenix Arizona. We have also invited Group Z to join us for this event. This is an excellent opportunity to get you ready for that big road trip in July to the national convention in Albuquerque. For more details see the article in the upcoming events section.

Our membership coordinator, Todd Conaway, will be moving to Phonix AZ due to a change in employment. The club would like to thank Todd for all the hard work he has done updating the membership database to a new format and initiating the new color membership badges. Todd will continue to be a club member and he plans on attending some of our events. Yvonne Platt has volunteered to take over the position of membership coordinator and the board has approved it. Welcome back Yvonne glad to see you active in the club again

*Dennis*

## Upcoming Events

Mar 2 - Tuesday  
Meet at Nissan Design  
International

Mar 15 - Sunday  
Speedworld Kart racing

May 9 - Saturday  
Bondurant Tour  
(see page 3 for more info)

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## Remember:

Membership renewal deadline is March. A membership form is included in this issue. Don't miss a single review, renew today!

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## NOTICES

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.

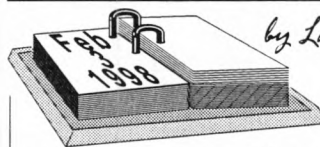
**Monthly meetings** are held the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00pm and are located at COCO's Restaurant, 5550 Lake Murray Blvd, La Mesa. See map on page 3. Come early to see other member's Zs and socialize.

**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: zcsd@geocities.com  
www.geocities.com/MotorCity/6113/

## Meeting Minutes

by Lance Wills, Secretary



Dennis opened the meeting at 7:30 and proudly announced that Dave Platt's 1977 ZAP Z will be a featured car in an upcoming Z Car Magazine. The article has already been written and the pictures taken - look for the March-April issue and get Dave to autograph it before the celebrity status goes to his head - oops, too late. Dennis passed around a thank you from the America Lung Association; ZCSD gave them a donation in memory of Fred Dudley.

**Elections:** since we could not dupe anyone else into accepting a nomination, the slate, as printed in last months minutes, was approved by acclamation/show of hands.

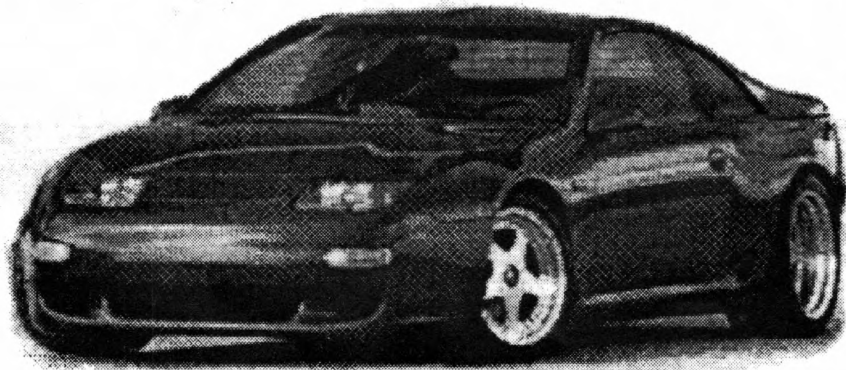
**Membership:** we now have 118 members. Only nine members have 240's, but of the nine several have more than one. It is time for the annual renewal festival!!! Expect to find the renewal application in the mail soon, along with a form asking how you would like to help with planning/execution of the 2000 National Z Car Club Convention in Las Vegas. Don't forget to sign the reverse side disclaimer of the form.

**Treasury:** \$1150, and renewal dues are due.

**Competition Coordinator:** Sunday Feb 8 [too late you missed it]; Autocross, "X" class, no competition - just drive for fun. 7:45 Registration and Tech inspection - \$25 + \$15 for number registration (good for one year).

**Events:** Clif summarized the January run to Campo Train Museum - 15 cars went. Dennis summarized the trip a few club members made to Las Vegas to meet with members of Group Z, the Las Vegas Club and the Arizona club to kick off planning for the year 2000 Convention. February 14 is the Sweetheart Wine Tour, come to the next meeting to hear how it went if you missed it. March 3 [the next ZCSD meeting] will be at the Nissan Design Center in La Jolla - see the map for directions. On March 15 we will terrorize the track at Speedworld in La Mesa, the place that just opened with the electric go-carts. Saturday April 4 we will go to Bob Bondurant's Performance Driving School for a tour. We are still exploring travel options; it's a 5 hour trip each way from San Diego. Group Z and the (Phoenix) Arizona club will join us. Also in April 24, 25, 26 will be the Motorsport Auto show, which has exploded in size in only two years - stay tuned for more details.

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## Welcome New Members

Tom Hansel  
Andy Brunhart  
Al Peterson  
Terry Allen

Orange, CA  
Coronado, CA  
Jamul, CA  
Escondido, CA

Welcome and thank you for joining the most active Z-club in Southern California



**NEXT MEETING:**  
**March 2 @ 6:30 PM**  
**@ Nissan Design International**  
**9800 Campus Point Dr.**



## We have March Birthdays

Monica Cline  
David Mihalko  
Jack Hill  
Kevin Ham

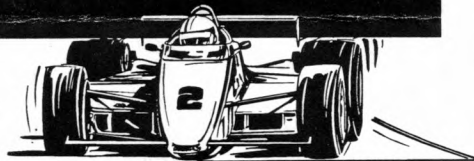
Robert Mashman  
John Kostrewski  
Avril Gerlog  
Miyuki Gumienny

**Don't forget the Z-Club of San Diego Hot Line!**  
**(619) 589-0975**

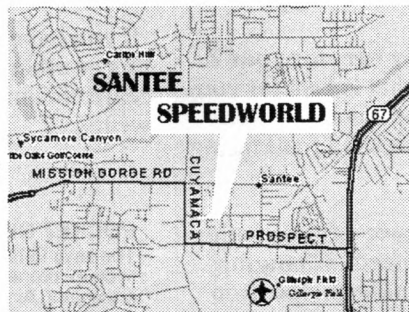
For up to date information on upcoming events and meetings or to leave a message for the Z-Club President

## This Month's Detailed Events

### March 15 - Speedworld Indoor Racing



How about some wheel to wheel racing on a tight course in some fast karts. The facility is called Speedworld and they have some very special electric karts for us to play with. It should be quite different than Malibu Grand Prix and more fun because there will be several people on the track racing with you. Come out and give it a try, maybe we can have our Indy 500 night there instead of Malibu Grand Prix. The cost is about \$5.00 per race. It is located in Santee at the corner of Cuyamaca and Buena Vista Ave (Buena Vista is just south of Mission Gorge Road). The entrance is in the back of the parking lot, just look for some Z's. We will meet at 3:00pm and maybe go for some diner after we finish.



### May 9 - Bondurant Tour

Saturday May 9th is the tentative date that we have set for a tour of the Bondurant School of High Performance Driving. We need to be there before noon so we can have a track tour while the classes are on their lunch break. We have several options on how we can get there. We can drive our Z's, we can car pool, or we could fly (I was told you can get tickets very cheap). We will need to leave San Diego around 5:00am and we should finish the tour around 3:00pm. We could drive back to S.D. and get here around 10:00pm or we could spend the night and drive back the next morning. I would like to get a head count so please call/Email me if you are planning on going and let me know how you want to get there. If you plan on driving solo and want some company give me a call and I will coordinate people needing a ride with anyone offering a ride.

## Election results

Results of the February elections:

<b>President :</b>	Dennis Darnall
<b>Vice Prez :</b>	Ben Pila
<b>Secretary :</b>	Lance Wills
<b>Treasurer :</b>	Ed Peterson
<b>Membership Coordinator :</b>	Todd Conaway (Yvonne Platt)
<b>Newsletter Editor :</b>	Ed Peterson
<b>Activities Coordinator :</b>	Dave Platt
<b>Member at Large :</b>	Michael Lee and Gary Cawthon
<b>Webmeister :</b>	Philip Childs
<b>Competition coordinator :</b>	Donn Vickrey and David Hadden

## Meeting Minutes

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In exchange for advertising in our newsletter, we will have some Z Car magazines available for sale at our future meetings. Perfect time to get pictures of Dave's car if you don't have a subscription.

Register and reserve a room soon for the Convention in Albuquerque - rooms are reported to be filling up due to another convention in town at the same time.

Door prizes: Donated by Philip Childs: Sunshade - Clif, Tshirt - Lance, Motorsport Tshirt - Todd, Nissan lapel pin - Ed, Datsun key fob - Mike Lee, 50/50 (\$30) - Lenny, who will use it for sandpaper and paint..

If you missed the article in the Union Tribune about the restored Z Car you can still get a copy of the paper from the Union Tribune at the Tribune office in Mission Valley.

*Lance*

# TECH ARTICLES

by Ben Pila, Vice President



## Tuning Your Z's Suspension For Best Handling

Developing suspension systems and tuning them is one area on Zs I like discussing with others whenever I can. I know that making a car go faster in a straight line returns immediate fun but if you come up to a corner and can't put the power to the ground, you are in for a surprise. If you improve the engine and the brakes, then the suspension needs to be improved resulting in a nice, balanced package.

I like to included the following items all together as all these items effect one another in various ways. Tires, springs, shocks/struts, anti-sway bars, bushings, and camber/caster adjusters along with proper alignment settings make up the total suspension package.

The tires are the first and most significant improvement in the suspension chain. Getting more rubber in contact with the ground nets improved cornering speed. Wider is usually better but other things need to be taken into consideration too. The tire and wheel combination needs to be of the correct width, size and offset. The tires need to fit into the wheel wells and not rub anything during any normal driving condition. Normally a "0" offset wheel with a 6"-8" width works and tires from 195mm to 225mm width can work on Zs '89 and older. The width of tire used all depends on whether you use a 14", 15", 16", or 17" diameter wheel. My experience has shown me that the 15" and 16" wheels in widths between 6"-7" offer the best fit and availability of tires for the 1983 and older Zs. Good tire sizes are 215/60/14, 205/60/15, 225/50/15, 225/50/16. The later Zs from 1984 and up can use the 16" or 17" without problems. If your Z came with 16" and you wish to upgrade, opt for the 17" with a lower profile tire to improve steering response. But on the other hand, 17" tires are quite costly so I suppose it's really a matter of preference on the 1990 and up 300s.

In selecting springs, shocks/struts, and sway bars for your Z, you have to do some research to figure out what is best for you. There are many suspension component companies out there making kits from a street driven Z to a fully prepared road racing Z.

Bushings are usually made from urethane these days but other materials like Delrin and aluminum still get used. Changing from rubber to the harder urethane type bushings helps keep the suspension parts from deflecting during hard cornering resulting in a more precise feel and more stable alignment settings. The trade off for the hard bushings is more road noise and generally a stiffer ride all around. Some bushings like tension rod bushings and sway bar bushings make an improvement and don't change the ride quality noticeably.

Camber/caster adjusters allow suspension alignment settings to be changed that previously couldn't be done. Increasing the front and rear camber to a more negative setting than stock can improve overall cornering and turn in. Changing and adding

in more caster allow the steering wheel to turn back faster after a turn but there are other things that come into play with that.

With all the changes that can be done, the first and simplest thing is getting wider tires and wheels. Note, just wider tires alone aren't enough. For the best handling, get lighter aluminum wheels and a name brand high performance tire. We are driving sports cars aren't we so why buy cheap, no name tires? To save from confusion, buy a suspension system upgrade with Tokico gas shocks (regular or adjustable,) or KYB gas shocks, a matched set of springs and a matched set of sway bars. All those items combined, make your Z the most fun and

safer to drive. The other things I mentioned are for those who want to "dial" in your suspension to get the ultimate handling. There are a lot of good books out there on suspension so I won't elaborate any more on this subject. If you really want to know, buy some of those books like "How to Make Your Car Handle" by Fred Puhn and other more recent books.

For the benefit of suspension tuning, see the accompanying chart that shows how changes within the suspension system causes changes in the overall handling characteristics. Ultimately, neutral or neutral steer is the most desirable effect to achieve while taking a corner. If your Z had this then you could have the most control of the car by being able to induce oversteer with a little throttle lift (weight transfers to the front while rear gets light and loose,) or induce understeer with a little more throttle (weight transfers to the rear and the front gets lighter and pushes.)

So for more discussion let's see some questions come back to the editor and we can publish them for everyone to benefit. Happy motoring.

If you have any questions, comments or suggestions on this or other tech articles feel free to e-mail me at [zcartech@juno.com](mailto:zcartech@juno.com) or write to the Z Club attention tech writer.

*Ben*

### POCKET GUIDE TO HIGH PERFORMANCE HANDLING.

The keys to high performance handling are a top quality suspension system, proper chassis adjustments and properly balanced tire pressures. Aim for the theoretical ideal - **Neutral steer**: matched front and rear traction. **Understeer** is a plowing or pushing effect when cornering; **Oversteer** is the rear sliding outward on turns.

Adjustments	To Increase Understeer	To Increase Oversteer
Front tire pressure	Lower	Higher
Rear tire pressure	Higher	Lower
Front tire section	Smaller	Larger
Rear tire section	Larger	Smaller
Front wheel camber	More positive	More negative
Rear wheel camber	More negative	More positive
Front springs	Stiffer	Softer
Rear springs	Softer	Stiffer
Front anti-sway bar	Thicker (stiffer)	Thinner (softer)
Rear anti-sway bar	Thinner (softer)	Thicker (stiffer)
Weight distribution	More forward	More rearward

Chart provided by Dave Turner Motorsports





## Local & Regional automotive related events



### WHEN

Feb 28 - Mar 1  
Mar 22, Apr 19  
May 24, June 21  
July 20-25

### WHAT

Big 3 Auto parts exchange  
San Diego Car Show, Sale & Swap  
11th Annual Z-Car Convention  
Stay tuned: <http://www.swcp.com/~forsmanz/>

### WHERE

Qualcomm Stadium  
Qualcomm Stadium  
Albuquerque, NM

## Member Profile *by Michael Lee*

**H**ow does the superb handling of a Z-car

combined with American V8 grunt sound to you? That's what attracted Kirk Svalstad, ZCSD member #106, to modifying early generation Z cars. It was only recently that Kirk got interested in early generation Zs.

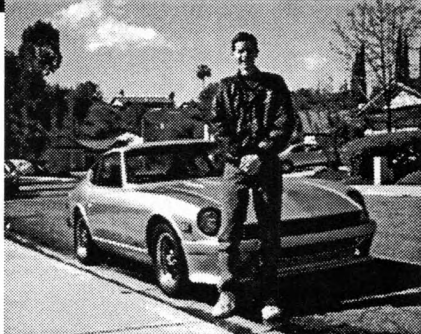


photo by Michael Lee

It all started when his dad bought a book two years ago by Mac Knell, *Datsun V8 Z Conversion Manual*. After reading this book from cover to cover Kirk was convinced that this was the ultimate "sleeper". He began his project by purchasing a 1978 280Z. This original purchase was a learning project. Kirk fully restored the 1978 Z over a substantial period of time to learn all the details to come when building his V8 monster. During his restoration, Kirk learned that the Z is a perfect platform for more horsepower and torque given its lightweight and nimbleness.



After about a year of prepping, Kirk sold his '78 for a '77 280Z where his project leads to today. At first glance, you would never think Kirk's Z is more than "another restored 280". The exterior remains stock except for a lowered stance and a set of after market wheels. When asked about his Z, Kirk will inform you that it is painted "Polar Porsche" (silver) with a very exceptionally restored black interior.

Since Kirk is an Engineering major at San Diego State University, you can bet that the attention to detail is there. When the key turns, a low level rumble is felt and heard. This bass-like mote makes your head turn and the brain inside it baffle by the V8 grunt this Japanese car is churning out. Kirk has somehow managed to rewire his vehicle to accept a Chevy V8 motor in the engine bay with plenty of room left over. It doesn't stop there though. To make his modification complete, Kirk added a Tilton master cylinder, a



photo by Michael Lee

Camaro transmission and clutch all linked to the almighty R200 Nissan rear end. According to Kirk, he believes that the stock rearend can handle up to 400+ pound/feet of torque.

When I asked for a ride, Kirk was intimidated that I drive a modified and nitrous assisted Twin Turbo ZX. But let me reassure the fans of older Zs that Kirk's sleeper will give me a run for the money at stop light confrontations. It is apparent that for around eight thousand bucks, good old elbow grease, a piece of American V8 muscle, and some time and patience - everyone can own a "Japanese Heartbeat of America". While I search out for an older 240 or 280Z to build in Kirk's fashion, he will be watching modern fuel injected vehicles as a blur in his rear view mirror!

*Michael*

## Mr. Katayama Inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame

**O**ur favorite "Man in Japan", Mr. Katayama, has been elected to the Automotive Hall of Fame in Dearborn, Michigan! Hall of Fame Induction, the highest honor bestowed, is reserved for individuals who have made significant impact, contributions and historical change to automotive products, concepts or processes. Selections are made by the Hall of Fame Board or Directors following extensive research and recommendations from an advisory panel of automotive historians and editors, and the Hall of Fame Awards Committee.

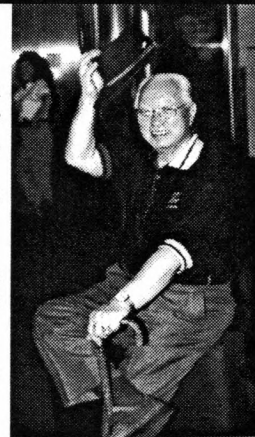


Photo by Ed Peterson

In the "1998 Automotive Hall of Fame Inductees" release I received from the AHF this afternoon, the Hall of Fame says this about "our" Mr. K:

### Yutaka Katayama

A sales-oriented visionary, Yutaka Katayama is the automotive pioneer behind Nissan's success in the United States. In spite of great adversity, Katayama is credited with selling a product in a market that was reluctant to buy or consider imported cars. He started by carefully tracking changes in the U.S. market, and promoted cars and trucks that he felt Americans wanted. The Datsun 510 or 1968 was a pacemaker - a small durable four-door sedan that sold for approximately \$1,800--a price within reach of many car buyers. In 1970, Katayama introduced the popular Datsun 240Z,

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# Sweetheart's Temecula Wine Run

Feb 14, '98



photos by Ed Peterson



**T**he sweetheart wine run was a little damp this year but still fun. We started at the Maurice Carrie Vineyard and winery then proceeded to the Filsinger Vineyard and Winery for a private tour. The owners of the facility gave us an interesting tour and explained how they make different types of wine. The flavor of the wine is influenced by the wooden barrel that it is stored in so winemakers will experiment with barrels from different countries. The Filsinger winery has been trying some barrels from China but they have one minor problem with them, *they leak*. After the tour the owners opened several bottles of their best wines and we began to sample them. I found their White Zinfandel to be outstanding. We had planned on having lunch at Mount Palomar Winery but it was still raining and the Filsinger Winery had an indoor picnic area so we stayed there for lunch. After lunch most of us started back to S.D. because of the wet weather.

*Dennis*

## Mr. K Inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame

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and then launched the first small pickup truck in the U.S. Known as "Mr. K," Katayama used his people skills and sales ability to establish a vast network of dealers. He also built technical schools to teach dealers and their mechanic the benefits of superior service. Katayama retired in 1977 at the age of 68 and resides in Japan.

Although in a new facility, the Automotive Hall of Fame was founded nearly 60 years ago in October 1939 to preserve the history of motor vehicle pioneers. In those six decades, 155 individuals have been inducted into the Hall of Fame. At an October 13, 1998 Induction Ceremony in Dearborn, Mr. Katayama will be honored and his achievements will be recognized.

This gala will be an "admission by invitation only" event. Information on the procedure to request your name be added to this invitation list will be made available for release at the Fiesta de Albuquerque 11th Annual Z-Car Convention in July.

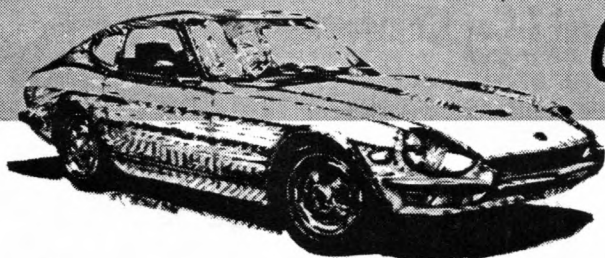
Along with Mr. Katayama, other 1998 Inductees are to include: Andre Citroen, Charles M. Pigott, Fred M. Zeder, Count Ferdinand von Zeppelin, and the five Opel brothers, Carl, Wilhelm, Heinrich and Ludwig. Of the 1998 inductees, all except Yutaka Katayama and Charles M. Pigott are deceased.

Mr. Katayama will be our Honored Guest at the 11th Annual Z-Car Convention, July 20th-25th. Don't miss the opportunity to meet the "Father of the Z-Car." Mr. K is truly a remarkable human being and we are very proud that he will soon be "officially" honored for his automotive accomplishments.

- Michelle Forsman (Editor - New Mexico Z-Car Club)







## 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 553-6625 I'll run your ad for three months unless you tell me to cancel.

### AUTOS

**1971 240Z** (early '71), clean '85 305 chevy V8-TPI auto installation, all smog legal, new dark metallic purple paint, clean interior, alarm, stereo. Still have original 6-cyl & trans. \$4995 OBO. Ask for Randy (619) 222-1634 (2/98)

**1971 240Z**, Lots of extras too many to list. New 280Z motor w/10Kmi, roll bar, fast car. \$3000 firm. Terri (619) 447-0763 (2/98)

**1972 240Z** 4spd, 6-1al webbers, clean interior, new clutch, new calipers, 30K miles on rebuild. \$2500, Ted (619) 281-0654 (2/98)

**WANTED 1973 Datsun 610 wagon or sedan.**  
Call Bill Black at (619) 692-4474 (2/98)

**1973 240Z** (1/73) engine rebuilt, new tires, not registered, needs some body work. Very close to fully restored. Hardship forces me to sell. \$700, Jason, (619) 546-9540 (2/98)

**1973 240Z** 4spd, 97K miles, Red/Blk, very clean, well maintained interior/exterior, new tires, Enki rims, alarm. \$2500 OBO, Darrick (619) 421-5163 (2/98)

**TRADE 1975 280Z**, auto, runs good w/current registration and/or **1984 300ZX**, parked for 2 years, runs. Need a dependable family car, preferably a van or sport utility vehicle. Call either Cindy @ (619) 292-9835 or George @ (619) 258-9428 (2/98)

**1978 280Z 2+2**, 5spd, burnt valve but runs, never wrecked, 160K miles. \$750, Andre (760) 728-5061 (2/98)

**1978 280Z** 5spd, 83K orig mi., 2nd owner, all maintenance records, excellent body & eng., orig met. gold paint, air dam, chrome spoke wheels, great stereo. Best Offer, Donna (619) 755-5277 (12/97)

**1979 280ZX** auto, 116K miles, original owner, power everything, great shape, repainted original metallic brown. \$2400, Pam (619) 452-8850 (1/98)

### CLUB STUFF

ZCSD Shirts (T)	\$12-14
ZCSD Hats	\$10
ZCSD Event door signs	\$15/pr
ZCSD window stickers	\$1 ea.
ZCSD Hat/lapel pins	\$1 for 2
Mouse Pads	\$11 for 8x9 \$9 for 6x9



### PARTS

**One pair of T-Tops for a ZX**, complete with inside shade covers and storage bags for a tan interior. \$150 or best. These will not fit a 2+2 model. Contact Dennis at (619) 581-1992 or DDARNAL@COMSTREAM.COM. (3/98)

**WANTED** early '71 240Z ashtray/fusebox cover. Todd (619) 549-7700 or zcon@juno.com (10/97)

**BREMBO** front rotors & calipers for 17" wheels. Bolts on Z-cars, Maximas, Infiniti J-30. Never Used. \$1300, Larry Brinker, Nissan Design International, (619) 457-4400 (12/97)

**'90-'96 300ZX alloys** (16X7.5F) with good tires (225/50/16) will fit all Zs from 84 and newer, Toyotas, Mazdas, etc. \$200 Michael (619) 849-8815 or email audio-phil@juno.com (3/98)

**Tires** (2) 245/45/17 BFG Comp T/A (NEW) never mounted. Paid \$160 ea. Asking \$130 ea. Michael (619) 849-8815 or email audio-phil@juno.com (1/98)

**Wheels** (4) 5x14 Genuine Nissan cast aluminum wheels optional for Z and early ZX. \$350/offer Lance (619) 566-2936. (3/98)

### MISC.

**Revell 1/25 BRE 240Z** models \$20+ \$5.00 to ship in USA, only 6 left at this price. Ben Pila Jr. 462-8651 evenings 'til 11pm or email zcartech@juno.com

**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 email zcartech@juno.com

**Posters** - 22" x 17", picture of #46 240Z, #33 280ZX and #75 300ZX signed by Mr. K. \$25.

Contact Z Club of Texas  
Phone (972) 438-8344



800-252-7772

## Z Club of San Diego



Datsun/Nissan  
Z & ZX  
Enthusiasts  
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Week of Fun  
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rate offered by calling  
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## Fiesta de Albuquerque 11th Annual Z-Car Convention

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## Monday, July 20, 1998

2:00pm Registration Opens  
7:00pm Welcoming Reception  
9:00pm Texas Chili Party

## Tuesday, July 21, 1998

9:00am Z the City Fun Rallye  
2:00pm Pieces & Parts Swap Meet  
4:00pm Internet Clubs Social  
8:00pm ZCCA Annual Meeting #1

## Wednesday, July 22, 1998

9:00am Solo II Autocross  
7:00pm Tastes of New Mexico  
Dinner & Wine-Tasting  
(21+ for wine tasting)

## Thursday, July 23, 1998

OPEN DAY  
8:00pm ZCCA Annual Meeting #2  
10:00pm Club Officers' Meeting

## Friday, July 24, 1998

8:00am Galles Racing Int'l Tour  
11:00am Z Olympic Games  
7:00pm Keg & Clean

## Saturday, July 25, 1998

9:00am Car Show & Seminars  
7:00pm Formal Awards Banquet

## Sunday, July 26, 1998

7:00am Farewell Breakfast Buffet

## Fiesta de Albuquerque 11th Annual Z-Car Convention Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Children attending & ages \_\_\_\_\_  
Interested in Child Care at a nominal charge? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ On-site ☐ Off-site  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State /Province \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip/Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ e-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ home ☐ work  
Club Affiliation(s), if any (Local, Internet, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_  
Expected Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Lodging Location \_\_\_\_\_  
**\*Vehicle/Transportation Information**  
Bringing a vehicle? ☐ Yes ☐ No Year 19 \_\_\_\_\_ Make \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_  
Flying to the Fiesta? ☐ Yes ☐ No In need of shuttle from/to airport? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
**\*T-Shirt/Sport Shirt Options & Ordering Information**  
I. T-shirt(s) ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL Youth size(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
(1 free per paid registrant; additional T-shirts @ \$15; Youth T-shirts available @ \$10.)  
II. Sport Shirt(s) ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ XXL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Sport Shirt may be selected for \$10 instead of free T-shirt; additional Sport Shirts @ \$25.)

Fees are indicated below for Convention registration and events. Early registration (7/26/97-3/15/98) earns one free event or copy of Convention promotional video. Registration date is based on postmark date on your envelope.

Events	Before 3-15-98	7/26/97-7/15/98	7/16-7/25/98	Amt. Enclosed
Registration		<input type="checkbox"/> \$25/one person <input type="checkbox"/> \$40/with guest	<input type="checkbox"/> \$35/one person <input type="checkbox"/> \$50/with guest	\$ _____
(Includes airport shuttle if needed, goody bag, T-shirt, Welcoming Reception, Internet Social, Galles Racing Tour, Keg & Clean, Awards Banquet & Farewell Breakfast Buffet)				
"Z the City" Rallye	<input type="checkbox"/> Free	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15/car	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20/car	\$ _____
(Includes meals & soft drinks for two at lunch-stop. Additional meals available @ \$6.)				
Autocross	<input type="checkbox"/> Free	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15/driver	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20/driver	\$ _____
Tastes of New Mexico		<input type="checkbox"/> \$20/person <input type="checkbox"/> \$10/child (4-10)	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25/person <input type="checkbox"/> \$15/child (4-10)	\$ _____
(Includes mealized bus transportation, dinner, beverages, wine-tasting (21+) & entertainment.)				
Z Olympic Games	<input type="checkbox"/> Free	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5/person	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5/person	\$ _____
(All adult participants and spectators must pay to attend because of gate fee.)				
Car Show	<input type="checkbox"/> Free	<input type="checkbox"/> \$15/car	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20/car	\$ _____
Promo Video	<input type="checkbox"/> Free	N/A	N/A	---
Sport Shirt Option @ \$10 or additional T-shirts/Youth Shirts/Sport Shirts ordered above				\$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED (Payable to: New Mexico Z Car Club)				\$ _____







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## Tech Tips

**FYI** For Your Information is a column of tips and info for the benefit of Z owners

### Manual transmission tips:

When driving, don't hold or rest your hand on the shifter of a manual transmissioned car. The weight or pressure pushes the shift forks against the slider and wears out those parts faster. It's best to use your arm rest not your shifter.

Since reverse isn't a synchronized gear like the forward gears are, going from neutral straight to reverse may occasionally grind or clunk. To avoid the "clunk" or grinding sound when going into reverse from neutral, first shift into a forward gear like either 5th or 3rd.

### Toyota 4 piston caliper conversion:

If you have installed the Toyota 4 piston caliper conversion, make sure the spring that spreads the pads is installed on the bottom of the pads not the top. If installed on the top, the pads will grab the rotor and make a clicking sound as well as squeel. I've experienced this but moved the spring and all the problems were fixed.

If you have any tips or helpful info on anything Z related, get it to the editor so everyone can benefit.  
zcartech@juno.com

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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.

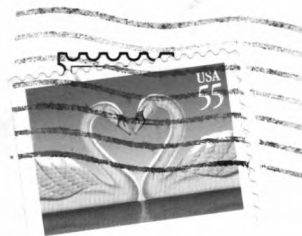
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- **Save money** by taking advantage of Z-Club member discounts on parts and services.
- **Club Newsletter** once a month keeps you advised of planned events, what happened at the monthly meeting, service and safety tips.
- **Monthly Meeting** lets you guide the club's direction for events and business. Speakers share knowledge on subjects ranging from detailing to theft prevention to performance improvement.
- **Events** as varied as enjoying a day at the races to picnics to wine tasting.



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