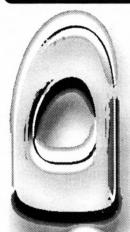
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# The Z-Club of San Diego Newsletter



A MEMBER OF THE Z-CAR CLUB ASSOCIATION

inside:



Welcome to our future.
As we enter a New Year
beginning with the North
American Inernational Auto
Show, our message is clear:
Nissan is back!

- Carlos Ghosn, President of Nissan Motor Co., Ltd. From the Steering Wheel

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#### NOTICES

Established in 1991 by the owner of Z-Whizz, 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 unless otherwise posted. 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 website: www.zcsd.org

#### Club Statistics

Active members: 110						
Z type	# in club	percent				
240Z	49	37%				
260Z	7	5%				
280Z	17	12%				
280ZX	20	15%				
Z31	20	15%				
<b>Z32</b>	19	14%				
<b>GTO</b> conversions	1	1%				
Total	133	100%				

## From the Steering Column

by Michael Libonate



ell Z Club members, here goes my very first ever byline. I hope that I can stand up to the standard set by the previous president, Dennis.

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new things— like the new "Z", whether we like it or not. It can generate new interest in "Z's" and our club.

I hope that your Board of Directors can help make it interesting enough to get more of you to your meetings and events. The directors have planned things to do that should be FUN. In January it is Bates Nut Farm. In February, the Valentines Day winery run. Even in the rain last year, it still was a lot of fun!

Start planning some of your valuable free time to give us a look. You may even get to like being among us!

> Michael mlibonate@dysonanddyson.com or glibonate@tns.net

## **Welcome New Members**

No new members this month



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

## We get Letters -

Meeting

February 6 @ 7:00 PM @ COCO's Restaurant

5550 Lake Murray Blvd, La Mesa.

#### CHRISTMAS GIVING THANK YOU

Doug and Irene Milton would like to say an extra thank you to all of the Z Club of San Diego members who gave to CHRISTIE'S PLACE at Christmas. We are grateful to all and want to let you know that our needs are ongoing. Not so much for toys, but for the daily needs for cleanliness and consumable items that one uses every day for keeping fit and healthy. Please keep our group in your giving and your prayers.

Sincerely,

Dong & Irene Milton

#### NISSAN Z CONCEPT

- 3.5 liter VQ-series V6 engine producing 260-plus horsepower.
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# We have February Birthdays Barbara Glenski-Willmot Carolyn Barry Mark Harris



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Carol Sightler 7
Michael Libonate 8
Billy Cast 10
Dennis Ramirez 11
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# February's Z'tailed Events Check the HotLine for updated information (619) 589-0975

# Sunday February 18 - Valentine Sweethearts Wine Tour

This year our Sweethearts Wine Tour will be calibrated a little late, come out on Sunday the 18th and join the ZCSD along with Group Z as we go wine tasting in Temecula.

9:00 AM depart Coco's La Mesa

9:15 AM depart Carrol Canyon / I-15 (Carl's Jr.)

9:45 AM depart Deer Springs / I-15 (Park & Ride / Arco

Station)

10:30 AM meet Group Z at Maurice Carrie Winery. We will

stay here for about 45 minutes

11:15 AM depart for Cilurzo Winery for a tour, wine tasting

and souvenir glass

(The tour is scheduled for 11:30 AM and is \$5 per

person.)

12:30 AM depart for MT. Palomar Winery for more wine

tasting and lunch.

After lunch the group usually splits up with some going into town to look at Hot Rods and others going on for more wine tasting.

March 24 - Each Party at Jerry Peterson's in Palm Springs

As usual we will be communicating on CB channel 24.

Clif Yaussi (619)401-0680 or Philip Childs (858)695-1594 for more info,

# Local & Regional automotive related events

When

What

Feb 11, Mar 18, May 28, Jun 24, Jul 15

Stadium Auto Swap

San Diego Qualcomm Stadium (www.carsnet.com)

Mar 4, Apr 22, Jun 3, Pamona Swapmeet Jul 15, Aug 26, Oct 14, Dec 2

Pamona County Fairgrounds

# **Autocross Schedule**

#### January through July 2001

<u>Date</u>	Location	Sponsor	Event
Sunday, Feb 11	Qualcomm West Lot	DCCSD	Practice
Sunday, Feb 18	Qualcomm West Lot	SCAT	Championship
Sat/Sun, Mar 3/4	Qualcomm West Lot	TART	Practice/Championship
Fri-Sun, Mar 16-18	Qualcomm West Lot		National Tour
Sunday, Apr 8	Qualcomm West Lot	SDAD	Championship
Sat/Sun, Apr 21/22	Qualcomm Southeast Lot	DCCSD	Practice/Championship
Sunday, Jun 10	Qualcomm Southeast Lot	SCAT	Championship
Sat/Sun, Jun23/24	Qualcomm Northeast Lot	TART	Practice/Championship
Sat/Sun, Jul 28/29	Qualcomm Southeast Lot	SDAD	Practice/Championship

Please Note:

Events are open to the public at no charge, however to enter the pit area you must sign a release and waiver form at the entry gate. You will be given a wristband which must be worn at all times. There is no seating provided so bring a lawn or beach chair.

May your holidays be followed by a wonderful new year.

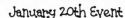
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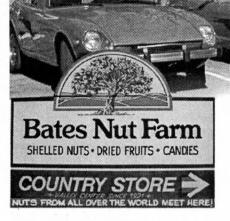


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beautiful Saturday morning found 18 Z cars ready to roll out of the parking lot at Coco's Restaurant in La Mesa. We hadn't made enough route maps for a group this size, but it was wonderful to look in the rear view mirror as we streamed down the freeway and see all those Z cars with their headlights on headed for the winding roads of the north county. We were happy to include a few Datsun Roadsters in our numbers.

Our route took us up Hwy 67 and over Archie Moore Rd in Ramona, to catch the ever popular Highland Valley Rd. We enjoyed the great views, and good winding road as we made a sharp turn at Bandy Canyon and headed toward the Wild Animal Park. Traffic was light and we made great time as we went west on Hwy 78, then north on Valley Pkwy, around Escondido. We got stuck behind a semi, and as he turned right we screamed past him, only to realize, that was our right turn to Lake Wohlford. Oh, well, Everyone stayed with the leader and the group zipped into the Bates Nut Farm from the west rather

Our new president (not Bush) Mike Lebonate and his wife Gloria were already at the farm, having come south from Carlsbad. Also joining us there was Stan Orr, and to our wonderful surprise Fred and Betty Jordan, down from Murrieta. Fred has been under intense chemo-

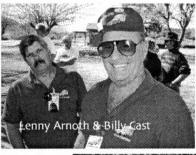
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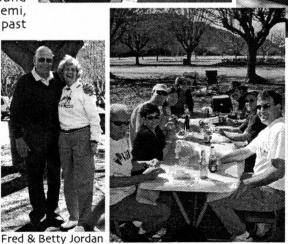
therapy for cancer, and we are so happy to see him up and about. Betty looked pretty good behind the wheel of that award winning 10th Anniversary addition car.

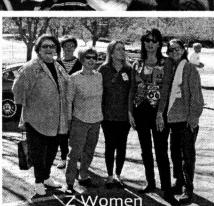
Everyone shopped the nut farm's gift shop and store, viewed the livestock on display and ate lunch in the picnic area. A fun drive, great weather and fabulous people in our club. Come join us at our next event, February 18 in the wine country of Temecula.















s your fuel injected Z (1975 and up) consuming a lot of gas, fouling spark plugs, stumbling on acceleration, or hard

to start? The fault may be with your temperature sensor. The coolant temperature sensor (75-79) or cylinder temperature sensor (80 and up) plays an important role in the performance of your Z car. The sensor "tells" the engine management computer the temperature of the coolant or cylinder head so that it, the computer, can adjust the injector pulse width (the length of time the injectors stay open and therefore the amount of gas that can enter the combustion chamber). The sensor talks to the computer by way of varying resistance (ohms). When the temperature is low the resistance is high and vice versa.

#### How can we accurately diagnose a bad sensor?

First we need a couple of tools. The most important tool is a factory service manual. The factory manual not only shows the location of the sensor but it also contains a graph and chart that clearly indicates the relationship between temperature and resistance. We will also need an ohm meter. With the engine stone cold disconnect the sensor from the harness. Using your ohm meter measure and record the sensor resistance. Start your engine and allow it to reach approximately 120 degrees as indicated by the coolant temperature gauge. Stop the engine, measure and record

the ... resistance. This step is important because the

sensor must be accurate not only at the temperature extremes but also throughout it's range.

Restart the engine and allow it to reach normal operating temperature or about 180 degrees. Stop the engine, measure and record the sensor resistance. If any of your findings vary significantly from the factory specifications you have a defective sensor. It's important to note that if your car has a defective thermostat, stuck fan clutch or anything else that prevents the engine from reaching normal operating temperatures. It CAN NOT operate at maximum efficiency.

#### A word of caution

Some models employ a short wiring harness between the sensor and the main injection harness. If you find that the sensor is OK you may have a bad sensor harness. It too can be checked with your ohm meter. It should read zero ohms. Frequently the connectors at either end can, over time, become corroded effectively blocking the resistance signal from reaching the computer. As a practical matter whenever I find a bad temperature sensor and a sensor harness that's old and therefore suspect, I replace both simultaneously. It makes good sense.

California Looks to Emissions Test Older Cars **Increase Scrappage Opportunities** 

alifornia regulators are at it again. Scant months since California's car club community and SEMA helped beat back a legislative effort by the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to eliminate California's 30year rolling emissions testing exemption comes news that the exemption is under fire again. Only this time the consequences are potentially much worse.

California's I/M Review Committee, the group tasked with developing and evaluating the success of the state's emissions testing program, has issued a report recommending that 1966-1973 model year vehicles be emissions tested and eligible for scrappage. For the first time, California regulators are specifically targeting "muscle-car" era vehicles. From 1966 Chevelles to 1970 Mustangs to 1973 Chargers, some California regulators want your car in their smog check program. This is even more of a head-scratcher when we remember that pre-1974 vehicles were not originally equipped with modern pollution control equipment.

SEMA has learned that there my be plans afoot to use the committee recommendations in the coming legislative

session to, at a minimum. again seek a repeal of the current 30-year rolling emissions exemption. At a maximum, California may try to extend testing back to model-year 1966.

SEMA Action Network Director Brian Caudill notes that, "SEMA-member companies, as well as California SEMA Action Network clubs, individual members and publications, have been encouraged to contact their legislators to oppose repealing California's emissions testing exemption for older vehicles. We anticipate a tough battle this year and we will need everyone's help."

To read the SEMA Legislative Alert on this matter, go to . For information on how to turn this alert into a letter you can send to a California legislator, read SEMA's information on How to Lobby Your Elected Officials available at www.enjoythedrive.com/cgi.asp?id=49&read=821.



# **Legislative Alert**

## CARB May Look to Eliminate Emissions Testing Exemption for Older Cars



In early 2001, the California Air Resources Board (CARB) is likely to pursue legislation in the California State legislature to repeal the state's current rolling emissions test exemption for vehicles 30 years old and older. If CARB is successful, emissions tests could be required for vehicles as far back as the 1966 model year. In other words, CARB is working to ensure that older vehicles are NEVER excuses from the SMOG Check program.

### We Urge You to Contact Your State Legislators to Support the Current Emissions Exemption

- Existing law in California exempts all pre-1974 vehicles from emissions testing until 2003. After 2003, vehicles 30 years old and older will be exempt from emissions testing.
- California's emissions testing exemption recognizes the minimal impact of antique and classic vehicles on vehicle emissions and air quality.
- Vehicles 30 years old and older constitute a small portion of the overall vehicle population and are a poor source from which to look for emissions reduction.
- Antique and classic vehicles are overwhelmingly well-maintained and infrequently driven and have little impact on California's pollution problems.
- Expanding emissions testing could unfairly force 1960'-era vehicles vehicles not originally equipped with pollution control systems to undergo emissions test.
- Expanding emissions testing to take in older vehicles could lead to increasing the pool of vehicles eligible for scrappage, including 1960s-era cars.

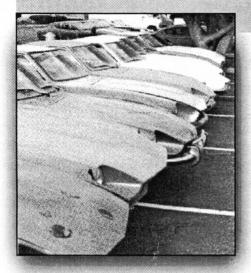
Contact our state legislators to oppose repealing California's emissions exemption for older vehicles. To find out who your legislators are, contact the California Senate general information line at (916) 445-4311 and the California Assembly information line at (916) 445-2323. This information can also be accessed via internet at <a href="https://www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html">www.leginfo.ca.gov/yourleg.html</a> or by calling the SEMA Washington, DC office at (202) 783-6007. Please fax a copy of your letters to us at (202) 783-6024 or mail to:

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1981 280ZX 2+2, 5spd, original owner, original white, 95K miles, T-Tops/AC/PS/PW, excellent shape. \$3,000. Call Bill at (310) 375-9192 (12/00)

1982 280ZX 2+2 TURBO, auto, original owner, 106K mi., new AM/FM/cassette, good tires, runs like a top, just passed smog test. Needs work inside after 15 summers in Palm Springs. Needs new audio speakers, has a few dings but looks good. It breaks breaks my heart to pat with her, but necessity demands it. \$2,000 OBO. Call Anita at (619) 523-0971. (02/01)

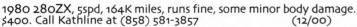
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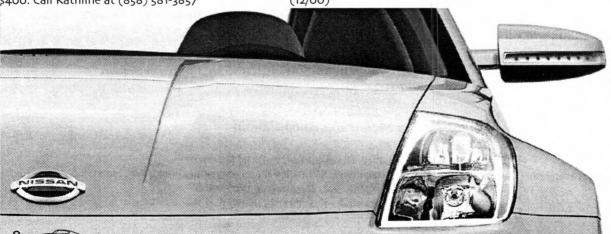
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