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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 its 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 ZCSD. Annual dues for new and continuing members are $30/member, $15 for associate members. Full members receive ZCSD discounts at participating parts and/or service dealers, receive the monthly newsletter, and may participate in monthly club events. Associate members only receive the monthly newsletter.

Monthly meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month starting at 7:00pm at Coco's restaurant, 5550 Lake Murray Blvd, La Mesa, unless otherwise posted. See map on page below. Come early to see other members and socialize!

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

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The Steering Column

BY MICHAEL LIBONATE
PRESIDENT

Well, the year looks like it got off to a good start! The February meeting had its first outside speaker, Ed Hale, an automobile machinist who gave us some insight on refining an engine.
Our first auto tour to Bate's Nut Farm was a success with about 20 cars. They have a lovely place to picnic outside and it was a gorgeous day! I hope that more of you are able to come on our future "runs" - it can be really pleasant. You don't have to drive like mad to keep up. You can move along at a speed that suits your nature. I am generally at or near the rear. If there is a problem, someone will stop and see if assistance is needed. Many have CB's and will radio for the convoy to stop until everybody is fixed and ready to go.
It also looks like several of the members are going to be auto crossing this spring. If you have time, go to the meets and cheer on the participants. Qualcomm Stadium is centrally located.

Michael

Car Club Association

CHARTER MEMBER

Minutes

The meeting was opened by Michael at 7:22pm.
The question for the introduction round was: "What was the thing that caused you to buy and/or keep your Z?".

Treasurer's report: We have $1640.

Membership this month stands at 113.

Competition Coordinator Al Peterson will list upcoming events in the newsletter. Events: Clif Yaussi went over the Bates Nut Farm run and spoke about the Wine Country Tour for February and the Palm Springs Run for March.

Our guest speaker was engine builder Ed Hale from El Cajon who gave an interesting talk and fielded quite a few questions. We wish to thank Ed for an entertaining and informative evening.

Michael brought up Steve Millen's book.

Mic Halbert asked for input about a club display at the San Diego Auto Museum, through the Museum Car Club Council.

Next came the parts wanted and/or for sale round.

This month's drawing winners:
50/50 $30 – Al Peterson
$20 – Evan Chabot
Care Care Kit – Corina Sozanni
New Z Mag – Kim Huizenga
$50 Gas Card – Steve Ashburn
Calendar – Jeff Mandel

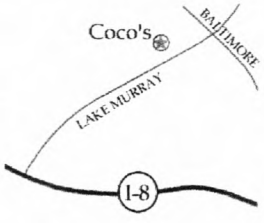
Michael closed the meeting at 8:50pm

Mic Halbert
Club Secretary

Club Stuff

ZCSD T-shirts	$12-$14
ZCSD Hats	$10
ZCSD Door signs	sold out
ZCSD Window Stickers	$1 each
ZCSD Hat/lapel pins	2 for $1

Next meeting March 6 @7PM
at Coco's Restaurant 5550
Lake Murray Boulevard
La Mesa



Craft Z Ladies

The "Craft Z Ladies" will meet Thursday, March 8 at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Gloria Libonate, 2819 Unicornio Street, Carlsbad. We met last month in the home of Barbara Childs and had a great time, eating and talking arts and crafts. All ladies are invited.
It should be fun this month, getting ready for Spring--we will make bird feeders out of things we probably have.
Barbara Childs will be driving a van from Mira Mesa to Gloria's, if you'd like to car pool or follow her. If you'd like directions or instructions on this month's project, call Shari Arnoth, (619) 448-5357, Barbara Childs, (858) 695-1594 or Gloria Libonate, (760) 931-0183. Hope to see you March 8th!!

March Birthdays

Billy Cast	Alan Gieseke	Dick Bardford
Dennis Ramirez	Benice Ricci	Bob Graham
Sam West	Margie Cornett	Akishisa Yamaura
Jasen Webb	Diane Graham	Wes Willoughby
Michael Kelly	Barbara Childs	Suzanne Caddle

Swap Meet Meetings

During our June and August outdoor meetings we will be conducting the ZCSD Auto Swap Meet. Start checking your garages and bring your old Z parts priced to sell!

New Members

This month we welcome these new members to ZCSD:

Abra Woodbyrne
Bill Chapman
Larry Keddy
Mitch Clements

Club Stats

240Z	49	37%
260Z	7	5%
280Z	17	12%
280ZX	20	15%
Z31	20	15%
Z32	19	14%
GTOZ	1	1%

Valentines Sweethearts Wine Tour

Sunday, February 18th by Clif Yaussi

The Z Club of San Diego's annual Valentine Sweetheart Wine Tour was Sunday February 18th. We collected 12 cars at our meeting points and found Fred and Betty Jordan at the first winery, for a total of 13 cars. No members of Group Z joined us this year, but we'll see them next month on the Pines to Palms run and BBQ.

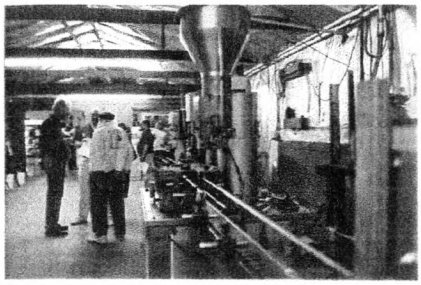
The group this year did only a small tasting at the Maurice Carrie Winery, and had to zoom on to our tour at Cilurzo Vineyard and Winery. The winery is owned by Vince and Audrey Cilurzo, and Audrey gave us the tour, starting with a brief history of wine in the Temecula Valley. She should know, because they were the first winery in the valley. That was in 1968. Now, 15 wineries call Temecula home, the largest being Callaway, yes same name and same fellow who later moved on to golf equipment. The tour was lively and the tasting had 13 selections, I could hardly hold onto my glass after 6 of them. I don't think anyone had all 13.

We went to the Mount Palomar Winery for lunch, all sat around the picnic tables outside, enjoying the warmth of the day and the enthusiasm of the group. It was 2:00pm at that point, so some folks headed to other wineries and some of us headed home. All in all, another fun outing for the Z cars. Thanks to Philip Childs for arranging the tour and thanks to all the people who make the club fun.

-CY

The Zs parked for the picnic

The Prez at Maurice Carrie



Clif and Billy get a bottling machine lesson

The gang out in front of Cilurzo

Sampling at Maurice Carrie

In the basement at Cilurzo

Regional Automotive Events

Sun, Feb 11	Stadium Auto Swap	Qualcomm Stadium
Sun, Mar 4	Pamona Swap Meet	Pamona County Fairgrounds
Sun, Mar 18	Stadium Auto Swap	Qualcomm Stadium
Sun, Apr 22	Pamona Swap Meet	Pamona County Fairgrounds
Mon, May 28	Stadium Auto Swap	Qualcomm Stadium
Sun, Jun 3	Pamona Swap Meet	Pamona County Fairgrounds
Sun, Jun 24	Stadium Auto Swap	Qualcomm Stadium
Sun, Jul 15	Stadium Auto Swap	Qualcomm Stadium
Sun, Jul 15	Pamona Swap Meet	Pamona County Fairgrounds

HIGH PERFORMANCE DRIVING & PRACTCE, Saturday March 10, Holtville Raceway

$100 Pre-Reg./$120 at the track

8:00-10:00	Registration
9:30	Drivers meeting
10:00	First practice

Call Dave Turner @(858) 571-3811

Autocross Schedule

Sun, Feb 11	Qualcomm West Lot	DCCSD	Practice
Sun, 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
Sun, Apr 8	Qualcomm West Lot	SDAD	Championship
Sat/Sun, Apr 21/22	Qualcomm Southeast Lot	DCCSD	Practice/Championship
Sun, Jun 10	Qualcomm Southeast Lot	SCAT	Championship
Sat/Sun, Jun 23/24	Qualcomm Northeast Lot	TART	Practice/Championship
Sat/Sun, Jul 28/29	Qualcomm Southeast Lot	SDAD	Practice/Championship

Palm Springs Picnic

Saturday, March 24 — Rides to Palms, Drive and BBQ

We've been invited to join Group Z for a run to Palm Springs and enjoy a BBQ at Jerry and Carol Peterson's condo. Also invited is the Desert Z Club from Arizona.

8:30AM	Depart Coco's La Mesa
8:45AM	Depart Carrol Canyon/I-15 (Carl's Jr.)
9:15AM	Depart Deer Springs/I-15 (Park & Ride/ARCO Station)
10:00AM	Meet Group Z at Albertson's parking lot, Highway 79 at Margarita Avenue

The run will take Hwy 79 east and take Hwy 371 toward Anza. Turn right on Hwy 74 to Palm Desert. Left on Hwy 111 to Palm Springs, at Sunrise turn right to the Sunrise Racquet Club, 1200 N. Sunrise. Gate code is 020. Condo phone number is (760) 323-9316.
The Clubs will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken, buns, relish, mustard, lettuce, tomatoes and soft drinks. Bring something to share such as desserts, salads, chips, dips, hot dish, etc. Bring your own beer or wine if you desire. Also bring folding chairs to sit on if possible.
If you're interested in spending the night in Palm Springs we'll have a list of motels at the March meeting. We could meet for breakfast someplace Sunday morning if that's of interest to people. The weather has been wonderful for this event in the past and I'm sure this year will be no exception. Let's get a big turnout for this fun drive and have a chance to chat with the members of Group Z. Call Clif (619) 401-0680 if you have questions or plan to go but won't be at the March meeting. We need and accurate head count for the food. I'll coordinate the potluck food items too.

Check next month's newsletter for info on the April event: Motorsport Auto's Car Show, April 27-29

Engine Detailing

The following article provided by Autopia. As always use at your own discretion. -M.Gladstone

Did you know a detailed engine increases the resale value of your car? It's a well known fact that people who take the time and effort to detail their engines also take better care of their cars. Mechanics, too, realize that a clean engine belongs to someone who cares for their car, and they will take the time to do the repair or service work correctly.

Engine detailing is nothing more than cleaning the exterior of the engine and the engine compartment, and applying dressing to protect and beautify the engine. It's very easy to do, and requires no more than 45 minutes to and hour every couple of months.

The first step in cleaning your engine is to remove the excess debris that gets trapped in your hood, grill, and vent openings. This is particularly true if you live in an area with four seasons. If you have compressed air available, this is the best way to remove old leaves, dead cats, and such. If you don't, a simple hand brush will suffice.

The next very important step is to prepare your engine for getting wet. You must cover all sensors, the distributor, spark plug openings and any electrical devices that have the potential for water accumulation (which could cause a short). Use plastic baggies to cover these items. Be sure to use tape or rubber bands to hold the plastic bags in place. You're only trying to prevent the majority of the water from getting in. It does not need to be watertight. The engine environment should already be waterproof. The baggies are just a precaution.

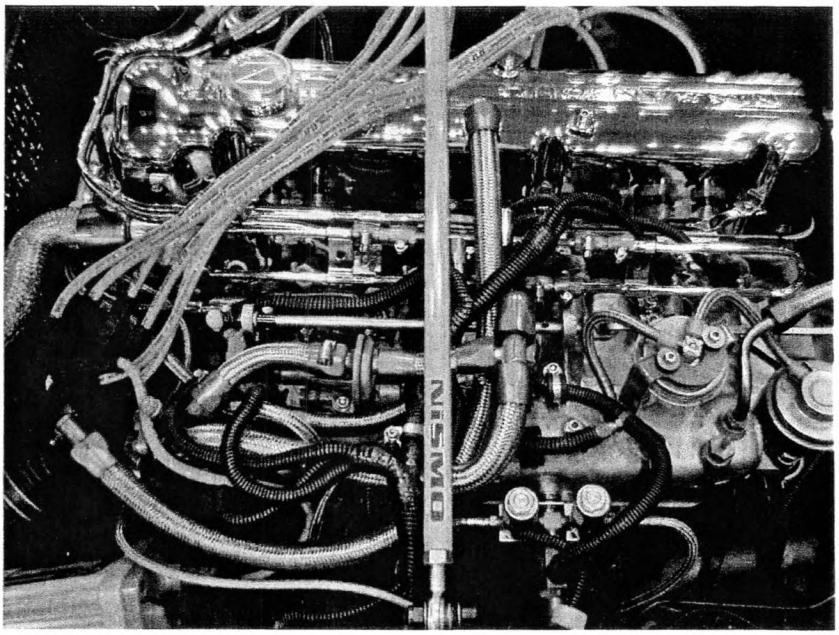
To loosen the grease accumulated on your engine and the engine compartment, start your engine and allow it to warm for a few minutes. The best temperature for cleaning your engine is warm to the touch, but not hot. If you're able to hold your hand to the engine without saying "ouch", then the temperature is just about right.

Now you're ready to apply your engine degreaser. Autopia Car Care warns against the use of petroleum based cleaners in your engine compartment. While they quickly cut though grease and grime, they also deteriorate your rubber and vinyl components (not to mention what it does to our environment!). As an alternative, use a citrus-based cleaner. Our favorites are P21S Total Auto Wash and Eimann Fabrik Engine Degreaser.

When applying your engine degreaser, it's best to start from the bottom and work your way up. This prevents the degreaser from dripping on you as you clean the underside areas. One important thing to remember, the engine degreaser will remove the wax from the painted surfaces of your car. If your get degreaser over-spray on your fenders, plan on re-waxing.

When you have applied your engine degreaser, be sure to wash any excess cleaner from the exterior painted surfaces of the fenders, hood and grill (some people like to spray these areas with water first). Depending on the amount of accumulated grease, allow the degreaser to soak on the engine for three to five minutes. Do not allow the degreaser to dry on your engine. For light to mild levels of grease, you will not need to use a brush on the engine and other surfaces. For heavy soil, you can use a long handled brush (parts brush) and car wash solution to provide additional cleaning action prior to hosing off the degreaser.

When you are ready to remove the degreaser, hose down the entire engine



compartment and surrounding surfaces with plenty of water. If you're using a high-pressure nozzle, be careful that you don't get the nozzle too close to the covered electrical connectors. Allow your engine to air-dry for several minutes before proceeding to use a towel to wipe down all accessible parts. Remove the plastic bags. The heat from the engine will assist in the drying process, however, do not allow the engine to air dry, as this will result in water spots. When dry, start your engine and allow it to run for a few minutes.

When everything is dry and your engine has cooled, you should apply a coating of rubber protectant to your hoses, wires, and plastic shields. To add a quick shine and protection to the painted surfaces in the engine compartment, use a high quality detailing spray wax. We highly recommend Eimann Fabrik Clear Pearl. Just spray it on all surfaces, and wipe up the excess with a clean terry-cloth.

Many car enthusiasts find that detailing their engine is the just the beginning to a long road of engine beautification. Other embellishments include polishing aluminum parts, painting key parts with bright colors, and adding chrome. Whatever you choose, make it your style and have fun.

Autopia Car Care recommends the following cleaners and conditioners under your hood:

1. P21S Total Auto Wash
2. Eimann Fabrik Engine Degreaser
3. Zymol Strik
4. 303 Aerospace Protectant
5. Eimann Fabrik Clear Opal
6. Zymol Seal
7. Eimann Fabrik Clear Pearl

Autos

1972 240Z
White with tan interior, electronic ignition, 2-1/2" exhaust, Nitto 60-series tires, turbo mags, new carpet, Pioneer AM/FM/CASS, engine rebuilt in '95, clean. **$4,300**. Call Dave at (619) 287-7780 or email dhbill@juno.com (01/01)

1972 240Z
White with white leather seat facings, stock motor & 4-speed, just under 150k miles, 2 year old Motorsport R-134 a/c system and 4-row radiator, 280ZX turbo wheels, many upgrades including suspension and brakes. Needs a few things done, but in good shape. Looking for quick sale at **$3,750**. Contact Rob at (818) 889-6929 or robcalderhead@aol.com (11/00)

1973 240Z
5-speed, original orange, '72 carbs, 35k miles on rebuilt engine, completely rebuilt suspension, beautiful body, alarm, always covered. **$4,250**. Call John at (619) 579-9872 (11/00)

1975 280Z
5-speed, a/c, new tires, stereo, runs good. **$1,000**. Call Buddy at (619) 698-4730 (10/00)

1975 280Z
4-speed, one owner, original green w/black interior, a/c, AM/FM/8-track radio w/electric antenna, Interpart springs w/ Gabriel gas shocks, American 4-spoke mags w/spinners, small duck-tail spoiler, bra and cover included. **$4,000 or best offer**! Email ikuof@juno.com or call Ike at (626) 285-4078 (11/00)

1976 280Z
4-speed, 104k miles, all original, original owner. **$4,000**. Call Fred Long at (858) 467-6590 (03/01)

1979 280ZX
White ext, red int, auto, a/c, p/w, new tires, 150k miles. **$2,500**. Call John VanNess or Jim Miller at (858) 443-4721

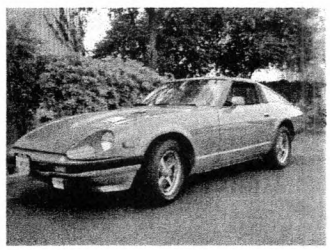
1979 280ZX
5-speed, 99k miles, maroon, new tires, runs great, smogged. **$3,000 or best**. Call Erik at (858) 581-2107. (10/00)

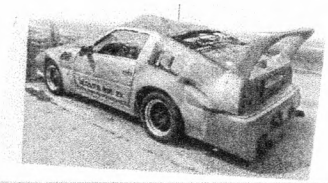
1980 280ZX
5-speed, 164k miles, runs fine, some minor body damage. **$400**. Call Kathline at (858) 581-3857 (12/00)

1981 280ZX 2+2
5-speed, 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 miles, 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 my heart to part with her, but necessity demands it. **$2,000 obo**. Call Anita at (619) 523-0971

1982 280ZX 2+2, 5spd, T-Tops, Alloy wheels, solid driver, good dash, $1,000 OBO. Call Tom at (909) 303-3111. (03/01)
1982 280ZX turbo, red, 5-spd, has rebuilt engine & turbo, new paint, AC, PS, PW, cruise cont, T-tops, factory turbo mags, 180k miles. Asking **$2,800**. If interested call Gary at (619) 589-5104 or check at zwhizz.com under sales dept. (3/01)





Spy photo of a mildly-disguised '03 Z-car prototype

Parts

Toyota 4x4 front brake kit for 240Z (non-inverted rotor) $125; Tokico struts and new stock springs w/1,000 miles on them $125; new 240Z master cylinder $50; new set of early Chevy "ram horns" for V8 conversions $125. Call Jim Ashley at (619) 290-9023 (10/00)

Four 235-40ZR17 Nitto NT-450 tires, 80-90% tread remaining, $200 obo. Call Philip at (858) 695-1594 (home) or (858) 404-2331 (work) or email pchilds@juno.com (10/00)

Stock 1985 300ZX turbo wheels, 80% tread, Goodyear GT tires 215-60/15, great condition. $125 obo. Call Michael at (619) 723-8846 (12/00)

Crower cam, still in the box, stock grind on new blank, cam is for a '74 260Z but can be used in any stock non-turbo L-series Z engine. $50. Contact Miles Gray at (619) 589-6023 (2/01)

Four original-equipment cast aluminum, 5 1/2 X 14, four spoke wheels. $400 firm. Call Lance at [858] 566-2936

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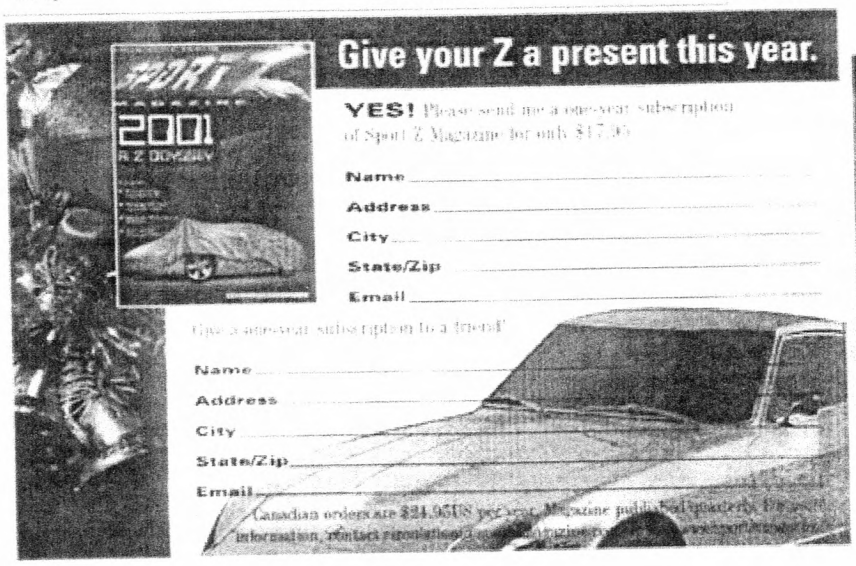

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Evan Chabot (Membership Coordinator)
9934 San Juan Street #4
Spring Valley, CA 91977

Make checks payable to **Z Club of San Diego**

Name _____ New Member (prorated)

Address _____ Renewal ($30)

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Phone _____

The Z Club of San Diego is dedicated to the enjoyment and preservation of Datsun/Nissan Z cars. If you own a Z or want to own one, **you need the ZCSD and the ZCSD needs you!!!** 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

- **Learn more about your Z** from other enthusiasts and automotive professionals,
- **Save money** by taking advantage of ZCSD member discounts on parts and services.
- **Club Newsletter** once a month keeps you advised of planned events, monthly meetings, 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 and wine tasting.

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