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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 its getting close to summer, but you wouldn't know it by the recent weather we are having. By the time this letter is read the Motor Sports Show will have been held. There were 17 cars saying they were going. I hope we all make it. One more meeting and then our summer program goes in effect.

Our June meeting will be at the San Diego Auto Museum the first Tuesday in June. What will be special about it is that we will have two cars from our club members on display. And-after paying the admission price, we will be able to see the entire museum. We will also hold our meeting upstairs and have some food & drink. Fred Jordan said he would allow his 10th anniversary, 280ZX to be there and Darren Kirkpatrick's early 300ZX.

If you haven't done so, please send in your renewal to Evan ASAP. Z Sport Magazine sent the club some issues of its 2nd printing. Please support this if you can. Some of the members say it has quality writers and articles.

I am in need of an opening question to ask at the meetings. If you have a good one, please send it to me. I may use it.

A few months ago, we said we would start a source book. If you have something, please send it to Mic Halbert or give it to him at the next meeting. I am enjoying my stint as the president and though new to the club (4yrs) it's been everything I expected it to be; however, you do still have to work at keeping it going--it will not coast along without your help.

Enough rambling--

Z ya

Michael A. Libonate

Palm Springs BBQ

Reprinted from the GroupZ Newsletter by Jerry Peterson

Twelve Z Cars left Coco's en-route to Palm Springs on Saturday March 24th. John Williams was leading the parade down I-15 en-route to Temecula to meet the San Diego Club when at about Elsinore he blew the gasket of his oil filter. John's car filled with smoke and he sprayed Brian Spadano with oil! Fortunately the offramp to John's shop was just up and he and Brian Got his car to the shop. Needless to say, John rode with brian the rest of the way.

Meeting up with the San Diego Club the rest of the trip was uneventful. As usual the Pines to Palms drive was beautiful and interesting. The hills were green and appealing. *(But were they alive with the sound of music? - ed.)* About 80 people filled Carol and Jerry's condo and spilled out both in front and in back! 5 cars from Dessert Z Association in Phoenix and Gregg Rogers, our member in Las Vegas and his brother drove over as well.

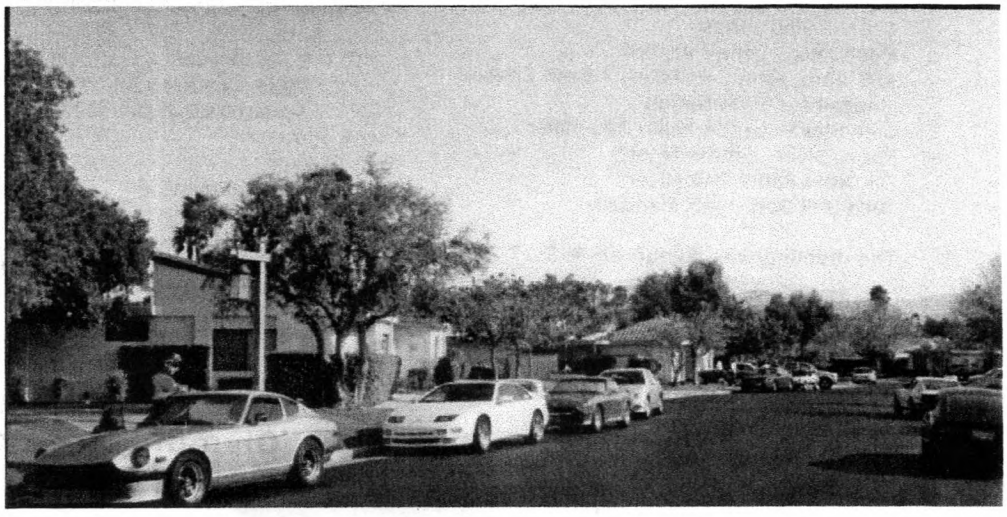
Everyone brought something to share and Jerry Schultz and Jackie Harris were the hamburger flippers. If you didn't get enough to eat, it was your own fault. Carol would like to thank all of the ladies who helped in the kitchen.

Joe Sohn parked his new Mercedes in the driveway, so of course it was the center of attention. *(Enough with the Mercedes' Joe, when are we gonna see that Z of your's? - ed.)* The last of the motley crew left about 8pm. All had a great time. 12 people stayed over in local motels, so all of us had breakfast together at Elmer's Pancake house. We Z people sure know how to eat!

This event is an annual one, so be sure to make the drive and Bar-B-Q next year.

-Jerry Peterson

Thanks to Jerry and Carol Peterson for hosting another great event!



Minutes

Minutes: ZCSD Meeting 4/3/01

Michael opened the meeting at 7:20 PM and the question for the introduction was: "What was your first car, and did it have an updraft or downdraft carburator?"

Michael then offered a Zwhizz smog check coupon to anyone who could use it.

Treasurer's Report: $1500 with several renewal checks yet to be deposited. Membership Report: Evan says we are standing at about 135, with 4 more in process.

Competition Report: There is a practice Sat April 21, Points Autocross Sun April 22, and the Motorsport Auto Z Nationals Autocross/Driving School Sat April 28. Web Site: Those who have visited it report it looks good.

Events: Past - A report on the ZCSD/ Group Z combined Palm Springs Run. Events: Future - Z Car West Coast Nationals in April; Casino Run in May [see newsletter]. Stillen Motorsports will have an open house May 5th, 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM in Costa Mesa.

Dennis Darnall gave an update on Mr. K coming out of retirement and working with Nissan Motorsports.

Next came the parts etc for sale or wanted round.

Mic H gave an update on the Auto Museum Club Display in June.

Drawing Results:
$34 - Don Sanasac
$20 - Phillip Jones
Floor Jack - Lenny Arnoth
$50 Auto Zone Certificate - Evan Chabot
Magazine - Ed Peterson
Calendars - Lance Wills, Ray Miller;
Fuzzy Dice - Lenny Arnoth
Oil Drain Pan - Ray Miller
Taco Bell Dog - Jeff Mandell.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM

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

May Birthdays

BJ Greenwood	Pat Connoly
Mark Carroll	Donald Fifer
Abra Woodbyrne	Doris Fifer
Kim Huizerga	Barbara Allen
Alfred Woerner	Sue Andrews
James Bohnsack	Caroline Clements
Michael Ryan	Carol Bradford
Mike Grassi	Judy Cast
James Kerns	Carol Heuschele
Jim Wildermuth	Barbara Childs
Wess Willoughby	James Gonzalez

New Members

This month we welcome these new members to ZCSD:

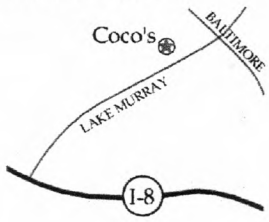
Robert Cruikshank	Paul Jagacinski
David Curry	Steven Ashburn
Michael Cornish	Vern Chancer
Ernest Taylor	Steve Watts
Scott McCrea	Scott Siebenhaar
Mike Savin	Alec Kiln
Julien Brandt	Bennie Allen
Anthony Davis	Brian Bengtson
Elias Garcia	Jerry McGrath

It's time for Renewal...

It's that again. The membership season is upon us. The Z club of San Diego membership began in March. The registration window to continue your membership ends May 30th.
Please send your dues and the form at the back of the newsletter to:

Evan Chabot
9934 San Juan St. #4
Spring Valley, CA 91977

Thank you
Evan Chabot
Membership Coordinator



Next meeting May 1 @7PM at Coco's Restaurant 5550 Lake Murray Boulevard La Mesa

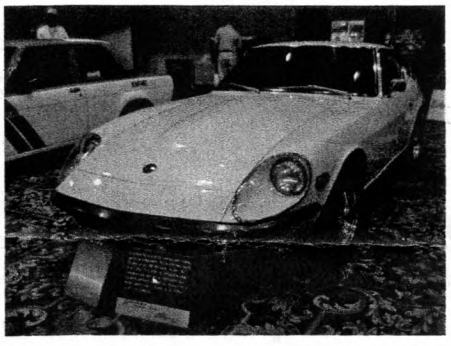
Guest Speaker:
Roger Dannen of Olympic Coatings

Regional Automotive Events

Sun, Apr 22	Pamona Swap Meet	Pamona County Fairgrounds
Sat, May 5	**Stillen Motorsport sale**	**8am-3pm, Costa Mesa**
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

Autocross Schedule

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



Upcoming Events

MAY 1 **CLUB MEETING AT COCO'S**

MAY 12 **CASINO RUN TO SEQUAN AND VIEJAS.** Come for the east county run up the Dehesa Valley to the NEW casino at the Sequan Indian Reservation. Then we continue through the hills of the back country and past the recent Alpine wildfire's scorched earth and into Viejas Casino and their recently expanded OUTLET CENTER. PLUS SOME NEW RESTAURANTS. You can stay to eat or head on back via Interstate 8 to El Cajon and beyond.

12:30 pm Meet at CoCo's La Mesa. Depart for Sequan
2:00 pm Depart Sequan for Viejas.

JUN 4 **7PM, MONTHLY MEETING AT SAN DIEGO AUTO MUSEUM.** We'll tour the museum and see the Z car display featuring some of OUR CLUB MEMBER's CARS, then have a regular meeting upstairs. More details to follow next month. The Club will purchase 20 tickets for sale, and will also supply cold drinks and cake.

JUN 9 **ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC** and car show. Simpson's Nursery, Jamul. Details coming next month.

JUL 22 **CRUISE TO IDYLLWILD** and a rest stop at Mike Libonate's Boss's fabulous rustic cabin. We walk into town and have lunch and Breathe lots of great mountain air.

Author: William Rivers
Date: Apr 7, 8:11pm

Everybody has a place that they prefer to be rather than anywhere else. Whether their place is on the beach or a room in their childhood home, everybody has one. The reason for it being their favorite place can be any of a million fantastical and imaginary images or sounds it reminds them of or the simple reason that it makes them feel at home or nostalgic.

My favorite place is in my car. It doesn't matter if I'm driving at 55 down the freeway or just sitting in it in my back yard, just being in the car separates me from normal life. The infamous 1979 Datsun 280ZX is the most breathtaking sight, most exhilarating drive and most unique experience that I've ever encountered. When I enter my backyard through the side gate, I look to my left. I see my car under the basketball hoop, surrounded by white sugarsand that is in turn covered in little patches that are the burrows of sand lions. There it is, my brown beauty, the car to beat all cars, a true sports car. The line of the body starts from a flat rear end and inches its way up the hatchback. The line creeps its way over the roof to the sudden drop that is the windshield. The line flows down the hood over the recessed headlights that extend another six feet. The view of this masterpiece of engineering makes me want to drop my jaw in wonder that such a creation could be mass-produced for thousands of others to cherish. The only thing that stops the drop of my jaw is the faded brown paint, the pink bondo near the driver's side door and the small patches of rust on the passenger's side and driver's side quarter panel. As I see the car, in spite of the imperfections of the exterior, I can't wait to get in.

As soon as I enter the car and sit down, I start to relax and unwind from the day, yet a minuscule piece of excitement grows in the background of my mind. The relaxation comes from the knowledge that anything that happens in this car is in my control. Anything that I want the car to do, I can try, and knowing that all is in my control makes me release all of the stress that accumulated during the week. The excitement is growing from the knowledge that the immense power of the car's inline six cylinder engine will be at my command.

I stare off past the brown dashboard for a moment to see the tan first story of my home and the darkened window leading to the lower living room. The view makes me feel the anticipation of the upcoming experience. The continued relaxation hides the growing excitement as I insert the key into the ignition. I turn the key in the ignition and listen to the car rumble to life. I push in the clutch and shift into first gear. My foot shakes from the raw power of the engine roaring through me. I let up the clutch slowly and the excitement bursts from its hiding spot as I let the car slowly push itself from the sugarsand. I turn sharply to the right and down my mulch driveway to the private road of my community. I slowly meander down the blacktop, past the large oak trees that make my neighborhood seem friendly, and past the houses that were so non-chalantly thrown up to desecrate the forest that once stood there. The whole way out of the complex I am still relaxed, but the excitement grows larger and larger until, as I near the exit, it completely replaces the relaxation.

As I turn left onto Gunn Highway I push the accelerator to the floor and watch the RPMs grow higher and higher; I shift from second to third and fourth, waiting for the exact moment to shift to fifth. The excitement grows to a continuing crescendo as the cool air flows through my window and through my hair. My back presses into the soft yet torn seats as I accelerate faster and faster. The dark streets light from the glow of my headlights. The surrounding roadside flies by as I catch glimpses of trees, horses, houses and street lamps. The sights make me almost giddy, but I know that I must return home and not just cruise forever down the road that seems almost alive as it tries to kick me from its surface.

I slow the car and turn around. I return more slowly than I came, calming myself the whole way back. As I drive slowly back down the mulch driveway and turn sharply to the left into the sugarsand, the feeling of excitement is again in the background. The torn seats look almost forlorn as they form themselves back to their original shape. When I leave my place of relaxation and excitement, I remember the duties and responsibilities of home, work and school that where mine and are once again. I know that I must do as I can to make all of the places I go and all of the things I do become special, but no place will ever be as special or perfect as being in my car as it flies down the strips of concrete and tar that we call roads.

Sitting relaxes but driving releases the soul. My favorite place may not be the same as other peoples' favorite places, or my feelings not even close to the feelings that their favorite place inspires, but I guess that makes my place just a little more special.

William A. Rivers
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Waxing Your Car

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

It was European coach builders that first applied coatings of animal fats and wax to protect the custom paint on their horse drawn carriages. This tradition has endured over 100 years and is still the best way to protect the paint on modern-day coaches.

Today, the multi-layered finish on your car, from the primer through the top (clear) coat is only .006 to .008 of an inch thick. Regardless of how fine the finish is now, it will deteriorate and dull. Radiant and ultraviolet energy, acid rain, salt, atmospheric pollution, insect fluids, and bird droppings wage a constant war on your car's finish. Waxing provides an easily renewable transparent barrier between the finish and a hostile environment.

Waxing also makes your car, new or old, look better. Quality waxes now combine enriching oils that "wet" the surface with protective formulas of Brazilian Carnauba or modern polymers for a high gloss shine. This brings us to the subject of selecting a wax. Waxes can be made from a natural wax, usually Brazilian Carnauba, or synthetically made of polymers and acrylic resins. In choosing a wax, here are some things to consider:

Carnauba Waxes

Carnauba comes from the fronds of the "Tree of life" (Copernica Cerifera) native to Brazil. It is nature's hardest, purest, and most transparent wax. Carnauba car waxes tend to produce a deeper, darker, richer shine that is often described as "three-dimensional". Many enthusiasts and show-car owners prefer the shine of Carnauba waxes, especially on black and red and other dark colors. Carnauba waxes bead water nicely, absorb the acid content in rain and hide minor swirls in the paint. Meguiar's No. 26 Pure Wax, Mothers California Gold, Eagle One Pure Carnauba Paste Wax, and Pinnacle Paste Glaz are just a few of the many Carnauba waxes available.

On the minus side, Carnauba waxes are not as durable as synthetic waxes. Depending on your climate, they typically last up to 90 days Paste Carnauba waxes will outlast liquid Carnauba waxes due to their higher wax content). Some Carnauba waxes can be more difficult to apply and remove. Additionally, Carnauba waxes can be temperamental, occasionally streaking under certain conditions.

Synthetic Waxes

Made from modern polymers and acrylic resins, synthetic waxes offer excellent durability and ease of application. Synthetic waxes can last six to nine months or longer and typically wipe on and off easily. These waxes create a very bright shine and are resistant to clouding and streaking.

On the down side, many enthusiasts feel synthetic waxes lack depth and richness. Black cars can look a little sterile or silvery white in the direct sunlight. And, the mirror-like polymers can collect minor swirls and actually highlight flaws.

Show-Car Tricks

Detailers that prepare show cars will often layer a Carnauba wax on top of a synthetic wax. The synthetic wax acts as a gloss layer while the Carnauba wax adds depth and luquidity. One combination that works well is an initial coating of Klasse All-In-One followed by one or more coats of Pinnacle Paste Glaz or Souveran wax. The latter two waxes are super-pure Carnauba waxes that can be layered without any yellowing effects.

Autos

'67 Roadster 1600
Black, white top, white seats. Good body, paint, hart top, many spares. Engine apart, but rebuilt and complete. **$3000/offer**. Lisa 619-442-1367 (05/01)

1982 280ZX 2+2
5sp, t-top, white/red, dash perfect, louvers. **$1000/offer**. Tom Grenon 909-268-8996. (04/01)

1978 280Z
5sp, Grey/Black. Original owner, original condition. 140K, always garaged. Priced low to move - **$1500**. Ron Mulcahey 858-274-4213. (04/01)

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

1982 280ZX 2+2, 5spd, T-Tops, Alloy wheels, solid driver, good dash, $1,000 OBO. Call Tom at (909) 303-3111. (03/01)

T-Tops, custom 2-tone paint (burgendy/white), 5 speed, AC, new Kenwood radio w/CD, Boston Aucustic speakers, 72,000 miles, 2nd owner, leather seats, stored for 8 years in AZ, no rust, current CA tags, new battery. Must see to appreciate this car. Collectors car. **$6000 obo.** Contact Nancy at (760) 966-1347. (04/01)

Advertising automotive related items free for ZCSD members, spouses, significant others, friends, neighbors and casual acquaintances. Ads run for three months. To place or cancel an ad, call Lance at (858) 566-2936.

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 (03/01)

1973 240Z
4sp, 92K miles, good tires and body, Weber carbs, **$3000/offer**. Jack 619-444-6529. (04/01)

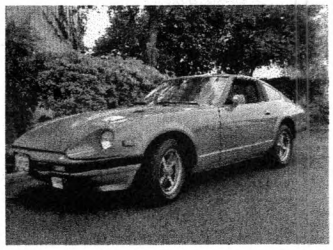
240Z
Car was used in U2 music video call Robert at (760) 753-3504. (05/01)

77 280Z
2 seat project/parts car. Runs, needs rebuild. Body fair, interior good. Mags, stock wheels plus extra parts. **$1000/best**. Steve Smith 619-334-9196 (05/01)

1972 240Z 4sp, White/Red, 67K miles (really!) Dealer installed slotted mags. Purchased new by seller, always under carport.dash perfect, Interior, paint very good. **$5000/offer**. 619-222-6921 Bob. (04/01)

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 (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)



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 rims 5 spoke Eagle Alloy Five Star w/225-50 x 15 tires, 25-50% tread; Four Enkei Mags, no tires; both fit Datsun/Nissan four bolt pattern; R200 differential, 3:54; Accel 8.8mm plug wires; 5sp transmission; other miscellaneous stuff. $600/all or will split. Chris, 858-735-5523. (04/01)

Four original-equipment cast aluminum, 5 1/2 X 14, four spoke wheels. $400 firm. Call Lance at [858] 566-2936 (03/01)