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# July Rally Put Everyone To The Test!

The Just Pazzin' Thru Rally did not just test our knowledge of San Diego. What we did not know, that would be a major part of the run, is how it would test patience, compatibility, ability to tell left from right and decipher some interesting clues!

We met in the Hotel Circle area of town at 10am to start registering people. There were a total of twenty-four cars.

After everyone signed in and paid their entrance fee they were give shoe polish to put their entry number on their car. At 10:45am Dave called a meeting for the drivers and navigators to give them the rules for the run. Tickets or an accident would disqualify you (unless you were rear ended) so all driver's licenses were put into sealed envelopes and handed back to the driver.

The final direction really had everyone groaning; left is right and right is left. Everyone felt that was not a nice trick to play on them!

At II am the first car left. There was a two minute delay between cars and the last car was out at II:46 am. The first car came in at I:57 pm and the last car at 4:30 pm.

(Story continued on page 6)



Everyone had a great time at the pizza parlor giving everyone a chance to cool down from the long hot drive.

# **Upcoming Events**

August 2nd 6:30pm General Meeting Harry Griffen Park

August 13th 6pm Drive-In Santee

Sept 6th 6:30pm General Meeting Kate Sessions Park

Sept 17th 7am Netthercut Museum

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#### **REMINDER:**

All members are required to wear their badges for all events/meetings, or there will be a .50¢ fee that goes to the "Special Events" Club Account.

Well here we are well into summer and what fun we had on the rally the Dave Platt forced us into.

ZCSD has not done an event like this in years and we had a great turnout, 24 cars from ZCSD, ZCCIV and some non - members. It was not an easy task, in fact about 9 didn't even finish. I would not quit as I was asked to several times by Sheri, my wife. As we came to the end I found out that the same scenario was being played out in almost every vehicle that was a couple thing. There were several death threats aimed at Dave, he just laughed......
Fortunately there were no divorces or

serious bodily injuries incurred by anyone. Sheri did at one point threaten to strangle me but I think she was just kidding,, right Babe??

Really all things considered we did have a great time and something to talk about for some time to come.

Now for the important stuff,,, CHECK MELODY'S EVENTS!!!!!!!

We have the Drive in, Nethercutt Museum and the Dyno Day, all coming up in the next 3 months. For something out of town we have been invited to go to Las Vegas for the Valley of Fire run a tour of Carroll Shelby's it's a 3 day'er in September.

Make Plans, get involved and have fun!

Hope to Zee you out there Lenny



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 marquee. As a Charter member of the National Z Car Club Association, the clubs sole purpose is to promote interest in Z's through social activities, touring outings and charitable events.

Persons interested in upholding the same ideals toward Z's are encouraged to join the ZCSD. Annual dues for new and continuing members are \$30 a member, and \$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 7:00 pm at Denny's Restaurant, 4280 Clairemont Mesa Blvd, San Diego, unless other wise posted. 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:

Z Club of San Diego P0 Box 261574 San Diego, CA 92196 Email: zcsd@zcsd.org Website: www.zcsd.org

# **Meeting Place**

August 2nd 2005 6:30pm Harry Griffen Park in La Mesa Directions:

From 125, take the Amaya/Fletcher Parkway Exit, stay on Amaya heading east. Go through 2 lights at the first stop sign (Water St.) you come to take a right. Take a left at the next stop sign (Milden St.). Take a left into the park. We will be near the amphitheater.

# **Total Members 122**

Thanks for joining the most active Z-Club in Southern California!



# **August Birthdays**



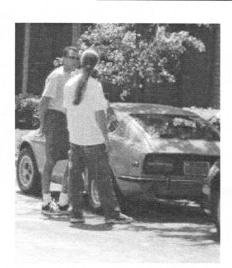
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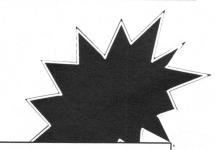
**New Member** 

# Mark Forte





New member Reid Warrick at the July Just Pazzin' Thru Rally.



# **Membership Stats**

Membership by Model

240Z-46

260Z-5

280Z-18

280ZX-20

300Z31-21

300Z32-30

350Z-19

# ZCSD EVENTS

# Tuesday August 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30pm

General Meeting at Harry Griffen Park in La Mesa. Be sure to bring a portable chair and a picnic dinner.

# Monday August 8th 7pm

Board Meeting at Tierrasanta Mexican Restaurant

# Saturday August 13th Drive-In Night

We will meet at the Sonrise Church parking lot in Santee at 6pm on Magnolia (south of Mission Gorge Road). We will vote on what movie we want to see then drive as a group to the entrance of the drive-in.

# Tuesday September 6th 6:30pm

General Meeting at Kate Sessions Park in Pacific Beach. Be sure to bring a portable chair and a picnic dinner.

## Monday September 11th 7pm

Board Meeting at Tierrasanta Mexican Restaurant

#### Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> 7am Nethercutt Museum and San Sylmar Tour. We will leave from Coco's in La Mesa at 7am.

We will leave from the Governor Drive Park & Ride off the I-805 at 7:30am.

Leaving this early will give enough time to stop someplace to eat before going to the museum and tour.

If any other group pickup points are needed please contact Melody (see staff box pg 2).

- This event's dress code is no jeans, no shorts and no holes/ripped clothes. This is a very fine museum please dress accordingly.
- \* Children should be 12 years of age or older to join the
- \* Cameras are permitted, but flash photography and video are not allowed.
- Parking for cars and buses is free in front of the Nethercutt Museum, located across the street from San Sylmar.
- The guided tour is approximately 2 hours long.

The San Sylmar Tour is at 1:30pm sharp. Arrive 15 minutes early to check in. There are 30 spaces available for the tour, please give a \$20 refundable deposit per person, please make checks payable to ZCSD. When you arrive at the museum your check will be handed back, no show's checks will be deposited and put towards future event expenses. If you only wish to see the Nethercutt Museum, no deposit is necessary.



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# Tuesday October 4th 7pm

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# Monday October 10th 7pm

Board Meeting at Tierrasanta Mexican Restaurant

# Tuesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 7pm

General Meeting at Denny's in Clairmont Square.

# Sunday November 6th Valley View Casino Run

We will leave from Coco's in La Mesa at 9 am.

Meet at the Ramona K-Mart at 9:45am.

From here we will drive on to the casino and have lunch.

# Monday November 7th 7pm

Board Meeting at Tierrasanta Mexican Restaurant

# Tuesday December 6<sup>th</sup> 7pm

General Meeting at Denny's in Clairmont Square.

## Saturday December 10th Holiday Party 5:30pm

The location will be the Tierrasanta Mexican Restaurant. This is right off the I-52 at Santo Road. Our charity once again will be the Polinsky center. You may donate anything from new clothing to toys to gift certificates for kids ranging in age from newborn to 17 years. Please bring your donation unwrapped. We will also do a gift exchange. Bring in a wrapped new item that you would like to receive as a gift. Does not have to be car related.

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Friday, 9/23: We are looking to have a Meet'n Greet. We are still working on a time and place. Saturday, 9/24: We have a tour set for the Shelby factory at 9:00 AM. Typically they do not give tours on weekends; however they are setting up a special tour for us. After the tour we plan a drive

to the "Valley of Fire," Then on to Lake Mead and then back to Las Vegas. We will plan an early dinner - place TBD. I wasn't planning any events after dinner. I'm sure people would like some free time to enjoy the sights.

Sunday, 9/25: - Meet for breakfast - location is TBD. I haven't planned anything after breakfast. Some people may want to start the drive home or whatever

## Saturday, September 24 2005 Nissan/Datsun Z Car Show

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First place was won by Donn Austin and his navigator Larry Ross, not only did they have the most questions correct, they missed 5, but they were the first ones back.

Second Place was won by Lenny Arnoth and his navigator Sheri Arnoth. They also only missed 5 questions.

Third place was won by Sharon Anderberg and her navigator Gary Anderberg. They had only missed 6 of the questions.

Murray Moran had his entrance fee returned for being such a good sport about the events coordinator's mistake.

Tempers flared, people complained, but after everyone had a chance to cool down and eat, everyone had a great time.

I want to thank David Platt because with out him this event would not have happened. He did a lot of work to plan this event from testing the run, making copies to reserving the restaurant that we finished at. He did a tremendous job.

Yes it was a long run, yes it was frustrating, and yes it was a hot day. But everyone, that went on this run, can say that they will never forget it. I believe that this is one of those events that will be talked about for years to come.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this event.

Melody Bakhshandeh, Events Coordinator









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# AUTOCROSSING MY Z CAR By: Les Heil, Vice President ZCSD

Were you ever curious about what you would do if your z car lost control on the street? Or did you ever want to see what you and your z can do? These are just a couple of questions we should ask ourselves.

I'm going to tell you a little about me and what it is that I'm looking for. I've owned my 77 since 1993. I never had a z car before or even thought of having one. As soon as I started driving this car, I started asking myself, "what if?" I did this, if the car did that, what it needed and so on. I came to realize that this car had potential. So now it all comes down to time and money. We either have lots of time and no money or lots of money and no time. All I know is that I want to race this car of mine and that I'm in the same class as most others with having lots of time and no money.

Now you're saying, "Just get to the point". The answer to these and many other questions is autocross. It's very inexpensive and you don't have to drive all day to get there. All you need is a safe car, a helmet (Snell 1990 or newer), a good factory seatbelt and the desire to answer these questions on your own.

If you're like me, then this is the perfect start to moving up to road racing. But if you're someone that is looking for a safe and legal way to get a little crazy then it works for you also. No matter your driving experience, auto crossing is the best way to learn how to handle these wonderful cars of ours.

Now I'll tell you what auto crossing is. It's a course laid out by cones. There's a start and finish and there's usually no more than 2 cars on course at the same time. The point is simple, get from point a to point b as fast as you can without hitting any cones. Simple? You would think so, but take it from me it's not as easy as it looks. However, it is more fun than what you would expect.

Saturdays are usually practice events. These days are good for getting in all the runs you can handle. Sundays are usually championship events which means, best time in your class wins. The downfall to this is you're normally not going to get more than 3 runs for the day.

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I'm there on Saturdays so I can accumulate seat time. I've learned that sometimes when you do these bolt on installations, they sometimes cause more harm than good. I'm not talking to your car, but to your times and handling. An example would be the Toyota front brake conversion. These brakes really stop the car, but now I'm facing a terrible under steer problem. This is caused in my car by the tremendous weight transfer brought on when still using stock rear drums.

As I apply full brake into or approaching a turn, the weight of the car is moving all forward. With my front tires turned to take a turn, the car is still moving in a forward straight motion (plowing). I might be able to rectify this by changing the stock rear drums to disc and replacing my rear worn out illumines with new.

Now what has helped is changing the stock drivers' seat with a more contoured seat that accepts a four point harness. This way when I threshold brake, I'm not slipping out from underneath the lap belt or side to side. The other item I changed was all the worn out suspension bushings with the polyurethane ones. I would suggest this to anyone, no matter if you're racing or not. This makes the ride of the car more stable. So in closing I hope I was able to articulate how much fun this is. Go to <a href="https://www.sdr-scca.com/solo2">www.sdr-scca.com/solo2</a> for more info on requirements and registration. Maybe we can get a club event to one of these events, to show the corvettes and miatas what these cars can do.

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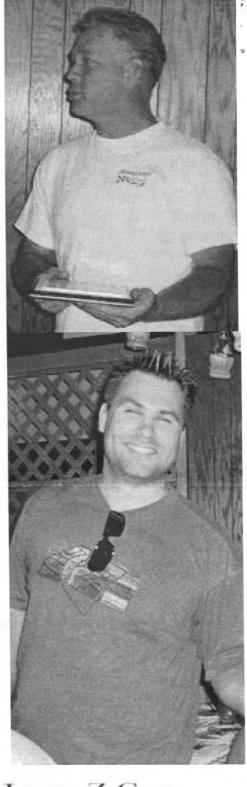
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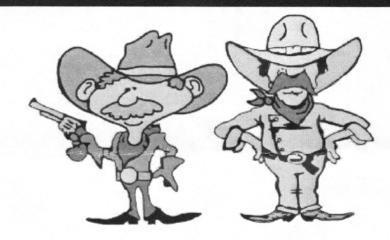
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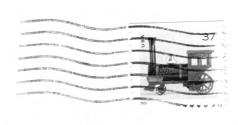
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