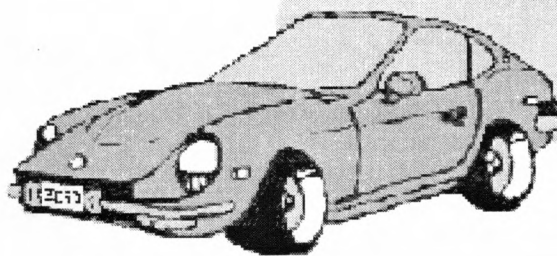


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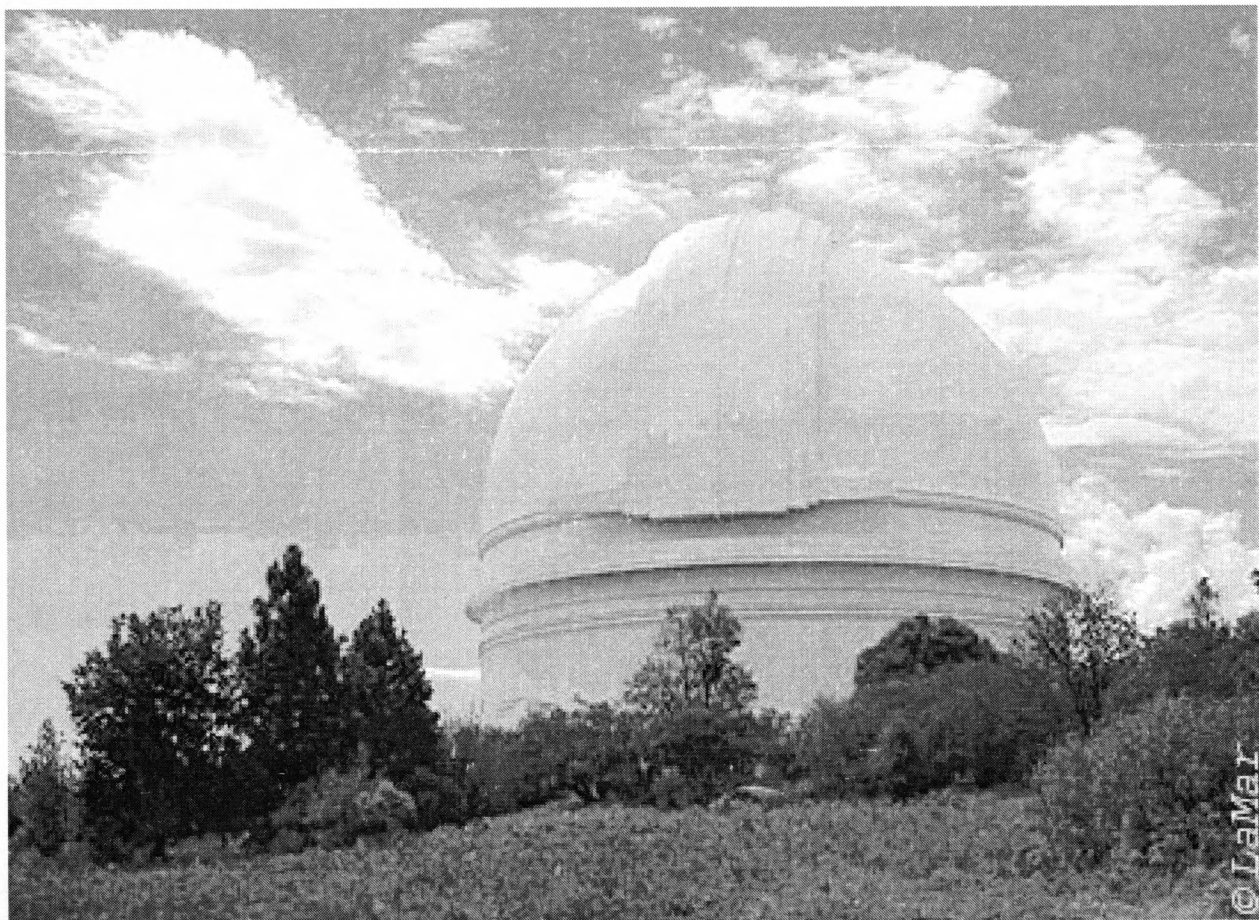
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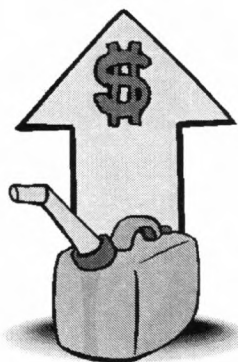
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FOR RUN DETAILS SEE PAGE 3**



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Ever wonder why computer printers are so cheap?

So they have you hooked for the ink.

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\$5,200 a gallon!

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So, the next time you're at the pump, be thankful your car doesn't run on water, Scope, Whiteout, Pepto Bismol, Nyquil, or worse, Printer Ink!!!!

Z CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

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 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 \$36/full members, \$21 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 located in the Clairemont Square shopping**

Center, just a stones throw from Krispy Crème donuts, unless otherwise posted. Come early 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

P.O Box 710886

Santee, CA 92072

Email: zcsd@zcsd.org

Website: www.zcsd.org

Come to the meetings OR CONTACT AN OFFICER should you need more information

Our monthly meeting place

Meeting directions:

From 52, take the Genessee exit south to Clairemont Mesa, go west to Clairemont Drive, turn right and it's on the left in the center,

From 5, go to Clairemont Dr and go east a couple miles 'til you get to the Clairemont Square center then look for the Denny's.

CORNER

SHERI'S



What's Cookin'?

EVENTS

COMING EVENTS

- May 20: Mt. Palomar Run and Picnic*
- May 27: ZCCIV 5th Annual Auto Show*
- June 10: Bates Nut Farm Picnic and Show & Shine*
- July 14: Drive-in movie Night at Santee Drive-in*
- August: El Cajon Car Show (date to be announced)*

Sunday May 20 - Mt. Palomar Run

This is a great mountain drive with a lot of curves for the driver and a wonderful view for the passenger! Bring a picnic lunch - there are no restaurants nearby.

9:00am Meet at Coco's in La Mesa

9:30am Meet at Carl's Jr. the Carroll Canyon Exit from I-15 Go North on I-15 and exit on Pomerado Rd.

Right turn, then up to Highland Valley Rd. Turn left.

Left on Bandy Canyon Road.

Left on Hwy 78

Right on Bear Valley Parkway

Right on Lake Wohlford Road.

Right on Valley Center S6.

Right on Hwy 76 or Pala Road.

Left on S6 up to the top of Mt. Palomar.

Here we will break for lunch. There are picnic tables and restrooms at the observatory.

ZCSD EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ALL CLUBS

5th ANNUAL ZCCIV DATSUN/NISSAN AUTO SHOW (Z-CAR CLUB INLAND VALLEY)



**Sunday May 27, 2007
10:00AM to 2:00PM
Gates open at 9:00 AM**

**Location: Quality Nissan
41895 Motor Car Parkway Temecula, CA 92591**

Entry fee is \$30 per car. (\$35 after May 1st.)

Preferred "Roof Top" Parking for first 100 Registrations.

Go to www.ZCCIV.com to register and then

mail checks to: ZCCIV 27895 Diaz Road Suite I, Box I, Temecula, CA 92590

All Years of Datsun/Nissan/Infiniti models are eligible for registration.

Each pre-registered entrant will receive a "Goodie Bag", T-shirt, Dash Plaque, 1 (one) raffle ticket, 1 (one) lunch ticket and 1 (one) voting form.

Awards are by "People's Choice."

**Information/questions, contact
Joe Hastie at joe@zcciv.com or
Fred Jordan at ftenthz@zcciv.com or 951-696-9770**

**A 50/50 raffle and a Prize Raffle will be conducted.
Parts Department will be open; contestants will receive a 20% discount on parts.**

Vendors, Products, Supplies and Technicians on site.



DARA'S MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Total Members: 128

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

New Members:

Stephen Dowell
Laurence Lerma



Welcome!

May Birthdays

Michael Ryan	- 5/02
B. J. Greenwood	- 5/03
Pat Connolly	- 5/04
Debby Dreischmeyer	- 5/06
Bill Pickelsimer	- 5/06
Barbara Childs	- 5/07
James Bohnsack	- 5/19
Harold Judd	- 5/21
Jim Pelling	- 5/27
Kevin Muckleroy	- 5/27
Deborah Clark	- 5/29
Johnnie Gable	- 5/30
Jim Gonzalez	- 5/30

Which Z car is the most popular in ZCSD?

240Z	42
260Z	4
280Z	16
280ZX	19
300ZX (Z31)	18
300ZX (Z32)	23
350ZX (Z33)	22

A grand total of 144!

Joining or Renewing

If you would like to join the Z Club of San Diego and receive member benefits such as meeting like-minded Z-car enthusiasts, participating in events, monthly newsletter, and receiving great discounts on parts and services, here's how:

Fill out the form on the back page. Mail it and your dues to the address shown. Or come to a meeting and give to an officer. Current members may renew in the same way.

If you have any questions, contact Dara

Bakhshandeh. (Contact info on Page 2)

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MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

In President Lenny's absence, Vice President Donn Austin convened the meeting at Denny's.

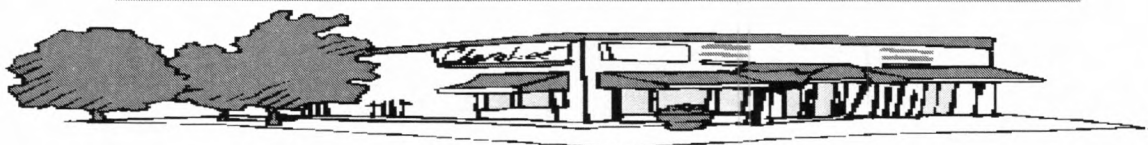
Members shared about the club activities at the Palm Springs Run & BBQ.

Upcoming events are the Borrego Springs run and Motor Sport.

Inland Valley is having its annual Car Show on 5/27.

Discussion was held about embroidering of our car club emblem on jackets.

ZCSD STORE NEWS



ZCSD GOODIES

Our T-shirts

are a big hit!

The men's style, shown at the top, is light grey, with the logo on the back and "ZCSD" on the front upper right & comes in sizes S thru XXL - \$15

The women's shirt is light blue with a cap sleeve with the logo on the back and "ZCSD" on the front & comes in sizes S thru XL - \$15

We have canvas tote bags printed with "ZCSD" - \$10

We also have some of the old style caps in Maroon - come get 'em before they disappear forever! - \$10

All items are available for purchase from Sheri Arnoth at any meeting or event that she is attending.

For colder weather, you can order a grey sweatshirt, using the

ZCSD SWEATSHIRT ORDER FORM

Hooded and non-hooded zip sweatshirts in sizes XS, S, M, L, & XL are \$35. Sizes XXL & XXXL are \$37.
Non-hooded pullover sweatshirts in sizes S, M, L, & XL are \$25. Sizes XXL & XXXL are \$27.

	XS	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
Hooded with Zipper							
Non-hooded with Zipper							
Pullover	////////						

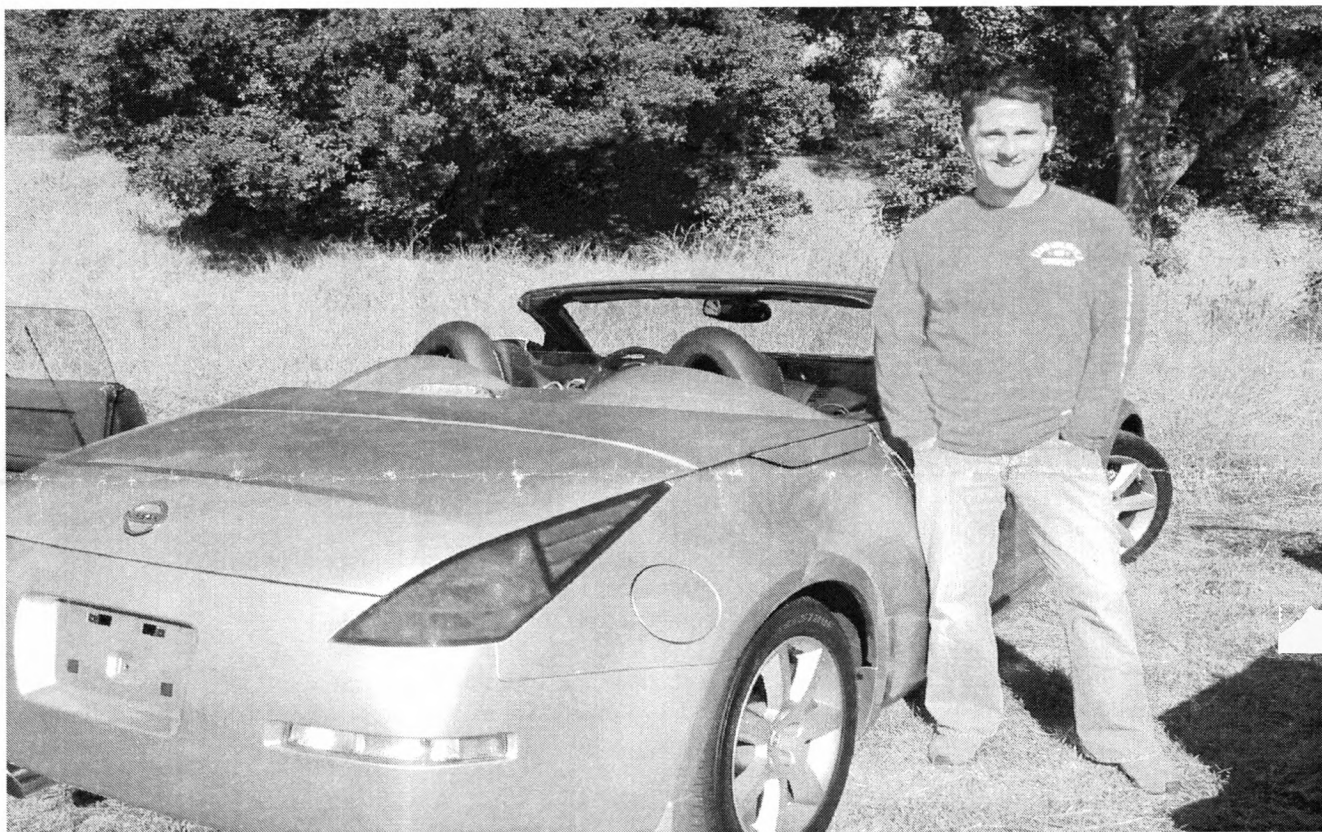
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FROM THE EDITOR...

This month I'm off on a road trip to New Mexico with my family, so we won't be in the (2-seater) Z for this one. I will be back in time for the Anza Borrego desert run and Motorsport. This required getting the newsletter out early so some columns are missing as well as any news and pictures about the April runs. So next month there will be lots to cover. Z you at the next run!

Hugh



ZCSD MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

By Bryon Kibildis

Joel Griffin Dodd is a newbie to the "Z Scene" but you wouldn't know it. He is a perfect fit for his 2004 350Z convertible and drives it like it was meant to be driven. I had just met Joel on a spirited club run through Julian all the way to Dudley's Bakery and then the Hideout Saloon, where we shared the place with about 50 people wearing black leather and riding on steel horses. I had found, by following him through the mountains, that he is no novice driver. Joel gave up his affiliation with a Honda S2000 club to be part of a more well rounded and fun-loving group of enthusiasts. After watching several beautiful S2000's end up in canyons and gullies, nearly killing its young drivers, he decided to retune his focus in car clubs. Joel is a marketing director for Zoovy, Inc. and lives in Oceanside. He just recently joined the ZCSD and is happy he's done so. Interestingly, he never thought much of the Z car until his wife, Colleen, mentioned the new Z car. After some simple research, Joel discovered a whopping 300 horse power available in Nissan's latest version of the Z car. He found the power band of the car to be both plenty and predictable. For now, Joel is just getting his feet wet with the car. But after speaking with him, it's apparent he's got some nice modifications in mind. At least he's already set up a budget for this. I wonder if Colleen knows about this. Hmmm. Maybe he should keep this newsletter in the garage, safe from spousal judgment!

Finding Vacuum Leaks

Let me start by saying thanks to Spongerider on tt.net that suggested this method.

This is by far the best method to look for leaks in the intake system.
You are checking all the hoses and seals at once!

Preparations:

You need to block the intake pipes right after the filter.

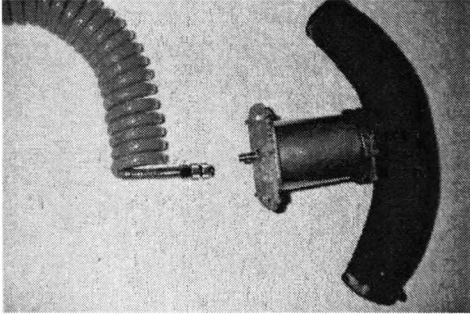
You can either plug the both metal pipes that the intake T-hose attaches to or use the T-hose and plug its inlet.

Gotta use your imagination here. I plugged the T-hose by using the MAF-dummy that came with the dual POP upgrade.

I attached a wooden plate with sealant, where the filter used to be and used the screw holes to hold it in place.

Remember, there will be a lot pressure there so you can't use a thin plate to block the opening.

Here's my setup:



Next, you will need a good place to attach the air compressor (or some other source of air/gas pressure) to.

I bought a snap-on fitting with threads and a nut at the other end and installed it in the middle of the plate that I blocked the intake with. You can of course tap into the intake system wherever you find it easy.

Testing:

Do this after driving for a while as the heat makes the rubber hoses softer, so the air can escape easier through the leak.

Pump up the intake system by raising the pressure slowly.

Don't over pressurize the system!! You are putting a pressure on the oil in the oil pan as well, remember that!

It's best to use a pressure regulator (often standard on the air compressors with tanks).

I found that 3psi(0.2bar) was enough to hear the air escaping through a leak.

Now just listen for leaks. In places where it's hard to reach with your ear, use your finger, wet finger...

F.ex. I heard a leak around the EGR somewhere. You probably know how tight it is down there. When I've put my wet finger under the EGR membrane, I could feel where the air was escaping from.

It was the EGR valve which was NEW! I think that the EGR-valve design is to blame so don't get alarmed by this. I've heard of several people with this problem. The air is escaping around the rod that goes down from the membrane. The seal around the rod is not enough to keep the air from escaping. The hole is small though so it's nothing compared to what the engine is consuming at boost.

At higher boost levels you will hear a shhhh sound from there though...

I blocked the EGR system off, but I'm not recommending this to anyone.

Do it at your own risk.

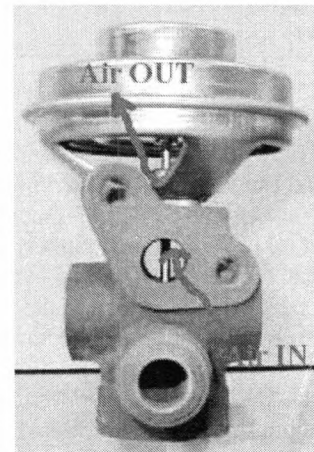
You can also use a bit of a hose to listen for leaks:

Put one end in your ear and the other one where the leak is.

Now go and blow up your engine...literally speaking of course :-)

Good luck!

Maciej



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