

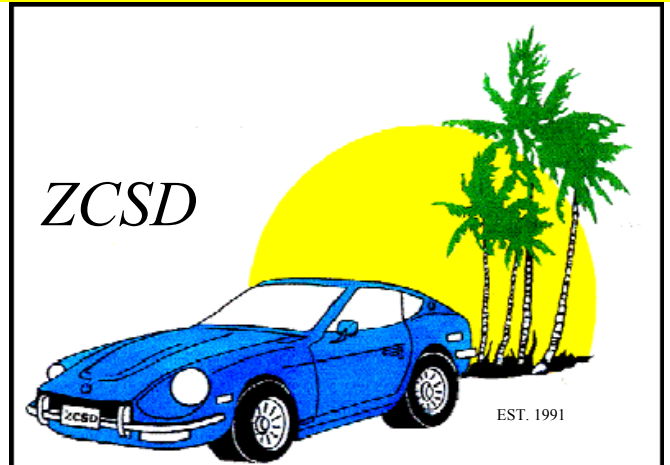
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**NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS NOVEMBER 6th AT DENNY'S  
in the Clairemont Square Shopping Center (See Page 2)**



October Fest

# SEZ THE PREZ



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Oct. 2nd: This was our General Meeting and we started off with a good general meeting with reports from members that went to the National Z Convention in Phoenix. We had one member for each days events and David showed slides of the events at the convention with the tour of the Nissan Test Track being the best event.. Then David had a slid show of the All Japanese Car Show at the Queen Mary.

Oct. 7th: Our monthly event was a drive to Stone Brewery to celebrate OK-TOBERFEST, with a brewery tour and lunch at a Mexican restaurant, great food and low prices. The drive was kept short due to the high cost of gas. All had a great time.

Oct. 16th: Our board meeting where we had club member come to see what happens. We put together a slate of officers to presented at the Nov. General Meeting. We authorized Michele to purchase more shirts in small and medium sizes. The monthly events are planned for the first half of next year. It was another productive Board Meeting. All members are invited to come and participate.

#### NOVEMBER:

Nov. 4th: This is an important meeting to nominate the slate of officers for next year, with nominations being accepted from the floor. We will have a guest speaker and our drawing for prizes. Come on out.

Nov. 11th: This is our annual Wine Tasting Drive with three different wineries planned on the drive, with lunch afterward. A great event. Put it on your calendar.

Nov. 20th: The next to the last Board Meeting of this year with more events to plan for next year. All members are invited.

This is you club. You need to participate to have the fun that all the other members are having.

Your Prez, Wally Cook

Established in 1991 by the owner of Z-Whizz.

**The Z Car CLUB OF SAN DIEGO** is a group of

Datsun and Nissan Z enthusiasts and a Charter

Member of the National Z Car Club Association.

**Purpose:** The Club is organized as a California Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation formed to: 1) Provide its members with access to knowledge about their Z Cars;

2) Provide a forum for members and other interested parties;

3) Exchange Z Car information;

4) Organize events and activities for members which enhance their enjoyment of Z car ownership.

**Persons interested** in becoming a Member should fill out the Membership Form located on the last page of this Newsletter.

**Monthly Meetings** are held the first Tuesday of each month with dinner at 6 PM and meeting starting at 7 PM. See below for driving directions.

**Contact an Officer:** See the list of Officers on the left side of this Newsletter. Any Officer will respond to your Email.

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**DENNY'S**

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San Diego, CA 92117

#### **Driving directions:**

From 52, take the Genesee exit south to Clairemont Mesa, go west just past Clairemont Drive, and it's on the right

From 5, go to Clairemont Dr and go east a couple miles 'til you get to the Clairemont Square Center. Turn right on Clairemont Mesa Blvd. Then look for the Denny's. on your left. We park in back of Denny's

# ZCSD EVENTS


## 2012

**November 11th** ZCSD's Winery Cruz—Sheri , organizer  
**December 8th** ZCSD's Annual Holiday Party-Sheri, organizer




## 2013

**January TBA** Campo Train Museum and ride-Clif ,organizer  
**February TBA** Avocado Drive or Easy Over Brunch Drive-  
Wally, organizer

## NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER



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## 2012 ZCSD Winery Cruise Sunday, November 11, 2012

Come join us for our annual drive to several local wineries.

This year we will break from tradition and visit some of the Ramona Valley's small boutique wineries.

We will begin our day in Rancho Bernardo at the Bernardo Winery and Shops, located at 13330 Paseo Del Verano Norte, San Diego CA 92128.

They open at 9:00 a.m., so arrive early if you want to browse the shops and galleries or maybe have a cup of coffee and a scone!

At 11:00 we will gather at the Winery's Tasting Room before departing for Ramona, taking a leisurely drive along Highland Valley Road.

We will visit two more wineries before stopping for lunch at the Ramona Valley Grill (formerly The Sizzler Restaurant) located at 344 Main Street, just east of downtown Ramona on Highway 78.

After lunch, if anyone is interested, we might stop to visit another winery on our way back home.

Detailed information and a route map will be available on the morning of the run.

Please join the most active Z Car Club in Southern California for one of our most popular events.

**Z YOU THERE!**



# Your Board in Action



Prez Wally Cook opened the General Meeting, welcoming everyone and Vice Prez David Gonzalez provided the program of action and slides from the Japanese Classic Car Show at the Queen Mary, Long Beach and our Olympic Gimmick Rally Drive and more. Various members provided oral reports on all the past events and each day's activities at the ZCCA Convention in Phoenix, AZ. The officers gave their reports and the meeting was adjourned to the parking lot for general Z car viewing where we were able to see the damage suffered to Larry Foster's truck when on the way home from ZCON he blew a rear tire at 80 mph. His superior driving skills kept the family safe.

The Board Meeting was held October 16th at Coco's, El Cajon. We reviewed the slate of officers for 2013 to be presented at the November meeting, with elections at the December meeting. We discussed; Wine Tasting in November and ideas for future meetings and events. We also discussed various merchandising ideas and thoughts on "our" ZCON in 2014. The next Board meeting will be held at Coco's in El Cajon on November 20th with dinner about 6:30 and the meeting at 7:00 pm.

## ZCSD STORE



**See Michele for sales**



**NEW CLUB SHIRTS ARE IN !!!  
\$ 25.00**

## Club Store Items

<b>THE ZCSD Club Shirt:</b> Short sleeve shirt in Maroon with ZCSD logo. <i>Available in men sizes: L, XL, 2XL. Women sizes and smaller men sizes soon.</i>	\$25.00
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<p><b>Payment due in full with your order – cash or check!</b></p>	

# CLIF'S MEMBERSHIP



**Which Z car is the most popular in ZCSD?**

<i>Z Car Model</i>	<i>240Z</i>	<i>260Z</i>	<i>280Z</i>	<i>280ZX</i>	<i>300ZX-Z31</i>	<i>300ZX-Z32</i>	<i>350Z-Z33</i>	<i>370Z-Z34</i>
<b># of cars</b>	22	3	15	13	5	9	12	6

**NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**  
**Happy Birthday!**

Total Members: 121

john	Parker	11/14
Sheri	Arnoth	11/17
Steve	Sverci	11/19
Miguel	Santos	11/27
Dave	Lopez	11/30



## Short note from your Editor And Vice-Prez

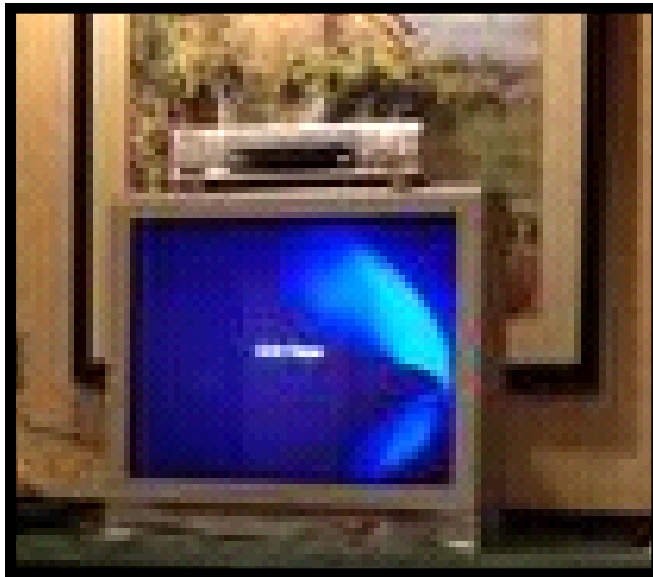


Hello and welcome to the ZCSD November Newsletter. Hope you all had an awesome and fun Halloween. Thanksgiving is almost here which means it's time for the ZCSD Annual Winery Run. More details soon in the form of a e-flyer. For sure Sheri got something special for us all. The October Fest, beer tasting run was awesome and the lunch at Mi Guadalajara Restaurant was great. The ZCCIV Car Show was the best car show ever, great Z cars, an awesome modified Datsun Roadster, Maxima, Infiniti G35, John Williams Datsun 510 Wagon and Altimas too. SoCal Wax Shop hosted the show in their facilities. Thanks to Bill and Shalena Williams for their hospitality. The ZCCIV people really know how to put a car show together, the food from home bake cookies to the NY tamales (hotdogs) all the fixings plenty of water, sodas, fruits and chips. There were some of the best interiors, paint and engines I have ever seeing. At the General Meeting we are going to have Carlos from San Diego Tire and Wheel Outlet. He will be our guest speaker for the month. Come in and ask about that new set of tires and wheels you want or need.

"Z" you at the November Meeting.

David

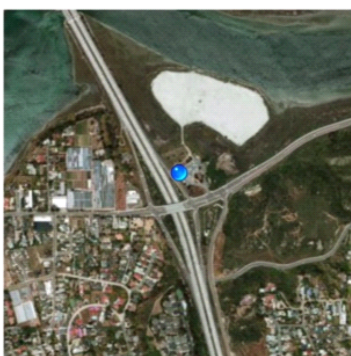
## October Video Presentation



September was a month with lots of action for the Zcar enthusiast. Nissan Design America, Japanese Classic Car Show, ZCON, Coronado Speed Festival, so in the October General Meeting I prepared a video presentation with the help of Marisela to summarize all those great events and give the ZCSD members an opportunity to see pictures from all of them. Hope everyone enjoyed it and if you are interested in a copy let me know they are for sale at \$5.00 each and the money goes to the ZCSD 2014 ZCON FUNDS.

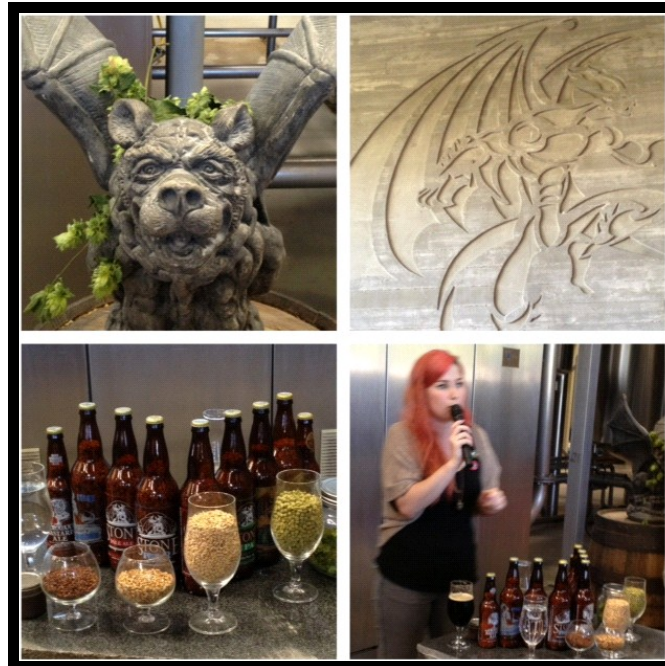


# October Fest at Stone Brewery



October Run was our first "October Fest Beer Tasting" at The Stone Brewery. ZCSD members had a chance to relax at the awesome brewery restaurant before we tour their facilities and learned about the ingredients and process to manufacture/craft a beer. Then we were treated to a beer tasting and sample some of their beers.









## Mi Guadalajara Restaurant

After the Stone Brewery tour and beer tasting we head out to Mi Guadalajara Mexican Restaurant in Escondido. Thanks to Michael Libonate for suggesting this delightful and delicious restaurant. We enjoyed the service and the food.





# October General Meeting



Another well attended General Meeting. PreZ Wallie Cook presented the floor to Rich Scharf who spoke about the ZCON Car Show where his pristine stock 240Z got Second Place in a very tough competition.





# October General Meeting





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Michael's Z PT Cruiser



Chuck's and Jack's Z31's



Phil's V8 power Z



See Jack I told you, I'm taller and mine is bigger than yours



Jack's Z31



Chuck's Z31



# Know where your Z came from

RESPECT YOUR ELDER...

The **Nissan 350Z** (known as **Nissan Fairlady Z Z33** in Japan) is a two seat sports car that was manufactured by Nissan from 2003 to 2009 and marks the fifth generation (codename: Z33) of Nissan's Z-car line. The 350Z entered production in late 2002 and was sold and marketed as a 2003 model. The first year there was only a coupe, as the roadster did not debut until the following year. Initially, the coupe came in base, Enthusiast, Performance, Touring and Track versions, while the roadster was limited to Enthusiast and Touring trim levels. The Track trim came with lightweight wheels and Brembo brakes, but its suspension tuning was the same as all other coupes. The Nissan 350Z has been succeeded by the 370Z for the 2009 model year.

## Background

After the Nissan 300ZX was withdrawn from the U.S. market in 1996, Nissan initially tried to keep the Z name alive by re-creating the 240Z the following year. The car was conceived by Nissan's North American design team in their free time, and the concept was introduced in a four state Road Show in July 1998 to various car media, dealers and employees. Yutaka Katayama, regarded as the "Father of the Z" unveiled the Z concept sketch to the public when he received a motor industry award. The design, representing a modern vision of the 240Z, did not please the original 240Z designer Yoshihiko Matsuo, who compared it to the Bluebird and Leopard. [1] [2]

The 240Z concept was produced for the Detroit Motor Show for the following August and September. Nissan was unhappy with the first design as they felt the original 200 bhp (149 kW; 203 PS) 2.4 L engine known as the KA24DE that was going to be assigned made the car feel underpowered, they also felt the car was considered too "retro" or too "backward" resembling a futuristic 240Z; thus, a redesign was commissioned. During a press conference in February 2000, president Carlos Ghosn announced plans to produce the car as he felt the new model would help to assist the company's recovery. [1]

The Z Concept was unveiled in Detroit Motor Show two years later, which was similar in body shape but with a new front end. The car then underwent a minor redesign and was eventually assigned the VQ35DE engine, hence becoming known as the 350Z



Nissan 350Z(Z33)



Nismo 380RS-C

## 240Z concept (1999)

The 240Z Concept in the famous Orange color seen on the 350Z

Nissan unveiled the 240Z concept car at the 1999 North American International Auto Show , then later at the Los Angeles Auto Expo . The concept was designed by Ajay Panchal of Nissan's California design studio. Clearly a throwback to the original, it was a bright orange two-seater with classic swept-back styling. In addition, it was fully functional, with the 2.4-liter 4-cylinder KA24DE engine from the Nissan Altima featuring 200 bhp (150 kW) and 180 lb·ft (244 N·m) of torque. The designers used an original 240Z to provide inspiration and the concept was created in only 12 weeks. Fortunately, critics said "it would be cool but get a new model. "[3]

The running concept, featuring a 4-cylinder engine compared to the Z-car's traditional 6-cylinder engine, was eventually thought a less than a worthy successor to the line. [4] [5]

## [edit ] Design and layout

The 350Z is a front-mid engine rear-wheel-drive two door, two seat, sports car designed by Ajay Panchal of Nissan Design America in San Diego , California in 2000.[6]

The vehicle features the long-hood short-deck design common to the Z-Car family. Currently, external design highlights include: sloping fastback style roof line, unique brushed aluminium door handles, high waistline, and bulging fenders that are pushed out to the corners of the vehicle.

Interior cabin design is straightforward with brushed aluminium accents. The main gauge pod is mounted directly to the steering column allowing their movement to coincide with steering wheel adjustments. Additional gauges are mounted in a center triple gauge cluster (similar to the 240Z/260Z/280Z ). Touring models are equipped with the Bose sound system get a 6 CD changer and 8" Bose sub mounted behind the drivers seat. The 350Z's interior does not have a conventional glove box, instead it makes use of various storage compartments located either behind or between the 2 seats.

## [edit ] Models

Released on August 20, 2002, the 350Z coupé was available in the U.S. in 5 trim packages: '350Z' (Base), 'Enthusiast', 'Performance', 'Touring', and 'Track' editions. In Europe, only the 'Track' trim was available, although it was badged and marketed as '350Z'.

In 2004 Nissan introduced the 350Z Roadster featuring an electrically retractable soft-top roof. In the U.S. market the car was available in just 2 trim packages (Enthusiast and Touring), while in Europe, the same versions as the coupé were offered. Nissan added the Grand Touring (GT) trim to the Roadster trim packages for 2005.[ *citation needed* ]

In 2005 Nissan launched a 35th Anniversary edition, with a revised exterior and interior (see *Special Editions* below). 35th Anniversary 6-speed manual models and Track models were a mid-year introduction, and included the 300HP/260TQ Rev-up engine. Automatic transmission-equipped 35th Anniversary edition models continued with the original VQ35DE with 287HP/274TQ. [*clarification needed* ]

For the 2006 model year, the 350Z received a number of notable changes for its mid-cycle facelift. The 300HP/260TQ Rev-up engine that was introduced mid-year 2005 with 6-speed manual was offered for every trim now. The VQ35DE with 287HP/274TQ was offered with the 5-speed automatic. New features included bi-xenon projectors, a revised front fascia, new LED rear lights, and changes to the interior trim. Touring and Grand Touring models have radio-steering controls standard, MP3 CD compatibility, and Satellite Radio became an available option. For the 2007 model year, the 350Z was again moderately revised. The VQ35DE V6 was replaced with a new VQ35HR V6. It produced 306 hp (228 kW) at 6800 rpm with 268 ft·lbf (363 N·m) at 4800 rpm using the revised SAE certified power benchmark. The hood was redesigned featuring a bulge reminiscent of the original 240Z in order to accommodate the revised twin-throttle design of the new VQ35HR V6 engine. In the US, trims levels were narrowed down to 350Z (base), Enthusiast, Touring, and Grand Touring, while in Europe the same trim levels remained



Nismo

Police Z, Japan





## Special Editions

### [edit ] Type E (2004)

A limited run (only 5 units) called the Type E was produced in Japan in order to meet homologation requirements to compete in the Super GT series. The Type-E featured a longer nose and rear overhang as well as a few extra aerodynamic aids.

Engine is rated at 206 kW (280 PS) @ 6200 rpm, 363 N·m (37.0 kgf ·m) @ 4800 rpm [7]

### [edit ] Gran Turismo 4 Limited Edition

Set for limited release Spring 2003 only in Europe, Nissan 350Z Gran Turismo 4 Limited Edition featured the Nissan 350Z, in Ultra Yellow and Kuro Black body colors, as its focus. Only 700 copies of this collectors' item were released in the time period. The unique coupé with 3.5 liter engine has 300 hp (10 hp more than original) at 6400 rpm, but the red line starts at 7000 rpm. [8]

### [edit ] 35th Anniversary Edition (2005)

To commemorate the 35th anniversary of the début of the Datsun 240Z , Nissan released a tuned version of the 350Z coupé. The 35th Anniversary Z was debuted at the Specialty Equipment Marketing Association (SEMA) Show in Las Vegas on November 2, followed by its first public appearance at the Miami Auto Show in early November. It went on sale in January 2005.[9]

The 35th Anniversary Edition includes an up rated 300 hp (220 kW) V6 engine for the six-speed manual transmission model. Other key 35th Anniversary Z equipment (standard on both six-speed manual and five-speed automatic - equipped versions) includes unique 18-inch (460 mm) cast aluminium-alloy wheels, front and rear spoilers, Brembo brakes and special Z badging. The car comes in a variety of unique colors including "Ultra Yellow", "Super Black" body colors. This Z's interior also was available with a two-tone black and beige set configuration. Also included was a Bose 7-speaker premium sound system with available navigation.

## GT-S

During the 2006 Goodwood Festival of Speed , Nissan Technical Centre Europe (NTCE) unveiled the 350Z GT-S concept. [10] The GT-S featured a unique radial flow supercharger (that could be turned on or off via a switch on the dashboard), raising engine output to 382.6 bhp (285.3 kW; 387.9 PS) and 424.8 N·m (313.3 lb·ft) without modifications to the engine components. The car also featured new body kit for more cooling and down force and wider 245 and 265/40/18 tires . No plans for production have been revealed, although there have been some hints that the package may be offered as an upgrade kit. The car has been tested favorably against its possible production rivals, the Porsche Cayman S and BMW Z4 M .[11]

Auto Express magazine reported the GT-S would be on sale in UK for £36,000, but it has yet to be produced. [12]

## [edit ] NISMO Editions

Nissan's performance tuning division, NISMO , began producing modified versions of the 350Z shortly after its introduction, although in the UK these were only available one year after the car was launched. [*citation needed* ]

### [edit ] NISMO R-Tune (2004)

The R-Tune was introduced into the NISMO line-up with modifications including headers, cams, pulleys. The R-Tune voids the Nissan factory warranty,[ *citation needed* ] but gains significant horsepower, intended for track racers.

### [edit ] NISMO S-Tune GT (2005)

Modified Nissan Fairlady Z NISMO patrol car (Japan)

The S-Tune GT was released by NISMO to celebrate its success in motorsport, particularly in the Super GT series. The S-Tune GT featured revised long nose bodywork as in the Type-E, a modified version of the VQ35DE engine called the S1 with more power (300 PS / 221 kW / 296 hp) and higher redline (7200 rpm), as well as a sportier NIS-

MO suspension.

20 were produced each month in Japan. Although Nissan did not officially sell S-Tune in UK, Nissan Motor (GB) Ltd. imported 1 S-Tune GT to UK[13]

## **NISMO 350Z (2007–2008)**

This edition of the 350Z Coupé debuted in New York International Auto Show on 2007-04-04. This version featured the same engine as the regular 350Z (VQ35HR) with 6-speed manual transmission only. The car featured NISMO aerodynamics package based on the Super GT championship car, which included an aggressive front fascia with chin spoiler, side skirts, an extended rear fascia with under body diffuser and a rear wing. The car also had NISMO -tuned independent multi-link suspension, Brembo brakes with four-piston front and two-piston rear calipers (with 12.8-inch (330 mm) front and 12.7-inch (320 mm) rear rotors) and NISMO -branded gunmetal gray RAYS alloy wheels (18x9-inch front and 19x10-inch rear with 245/40WR18 front, 265/35WR19 rear Bridgestone Potenza RE050A tires), and NISMO-branded tuned exhaust. All Nismo versions are "Ready For Track" with the safety equipment in it.

The NISMO 350Z went on sale in the USA in July 2007 at Nissan dealers. [14] [15] 1607 were produced for the 2007 and 2008 model years, and it was assumed that if there was a greater demand, more would be produced, limited to 10% of all 350Z sales. The NISMO model 350Z had a manufacturer's suggested retail price of \$38,070 for the 2007 model year.

Nismo 350Z

## **[edit ] NISMO Type 380RS (2007)**

Released as the road version for Japanese market of the Type 380RS-Competition race car, it includes the VQ35DE engine stroked and bored to 3.8-litre, rated 257 kW (350 PS/350 hp) at 7200 rpm and 397 N·m (40.5 kgf·m/293 lbf·ft ) at 4800 rpm torque. Brembo disc brakes are fitted, as are Bridgestone Potenza RE-01R tires (245/40R18 in front, 275/35R19 in the rear) with RAYS wheels. Front and rear dampers come from Yamaha.

NISMO Type 380RS is priced 5.397 million (5.14 million+tax) yen (\$38695 USD).[16] Only 300 cars were produced .[17] [*not in citation given* ]

## **[edit ] NISMO Type 380RS-Competition**

NISMO 380RS-C

It is the race car for which NISMO Type 380RS is based. The 3798 cc engine rated 294 kW (400 PS) at 7500 rpm and 421 Nm (43 kgm) at 5200 rpm torque. This in turn is based on the GT 500 race car that Nissan enters into the Super GT championship.

According to Nissan, the race car cost 26.25 million yen

## **Police version**

A NISMO version of the Z33 was also used by Tochigi Prefecture police force. [19] [20] [*not in citation given* ]

## **[edit ] Motorsport**

### **Grand Am**

Since its introduction in 2002, it did not take long for drivers and teams to enter a Z33 for competition when B.J. Zacharias and Michiel Schuitemaker of Schuitemaker Motorsports helped the car to make its début in the Grand-Am Cup Series at the start of the 2003 season. They have taken a few podium finishes with Unitech Racing who is also the other team to field a Z33, but effort was proved to be successful under the name of *Geddings Racing* scoring wins along with the other current Grand-Am entrant East Competition Promotorsport. The Grand-Am Cup car has also been used in the new FIA GT4 European Cup . Schuitemaker Motorsports with drivers Michiel Schuitemaker and BJ Zacharias won 3rd place in the '03 Grand-Am Cup season. The following year, they improved and finished in 2nd place. Schuitemaker Motorsports was sponsored by 350EVO, a manufacturer of performance 350Z parts. Af-

ter winning 3rd overall in the '03 season, Nissan had Wright Tuning build a new 350Z race car for the '04 season. This car differed from the '03 car in that it was completely stripped and seam welded. The cage was lighter and stiffer by using different diameter tubing where possible. The car used a Menard's built engine with a Pectel engine management system. Overall racing weight was 2,450 lb (1,110 kg) which was the minimum allowable weight for its class. The '04 chassis proved to be the most successful chassis to run in Grand-Am to date. The '03 chassis was sold to a French team with Edouardo Atkylan as the driver. It still competes in the European "Fun Races" today, winning 2nd place in the inaugural '07 race in Madrid.

## **JGTC/Super GT**

The 350Z replaced the Skyline GT-R as the car for Nissan's factory and customer teams in the Super GT 's GT 500 class. The cars used are heavily modified and feature a longer nose and tail (requiring the production of the Type-E homologation special), carbon fiber bodywork, and a tube chassis. In 2004, NISMO won the GT500 championship. Until the 2007 season, the car was powered by a VQ30DETT V6. In order to increase competitiveness, however, a new 4.5L V8 power plant has been developed. The 350Z, with slightly more pedestrian modifications also competes in the GT300 class (having started there even before the Skyline GT-Rs were replaced) by teams such as Endless Sports and Mola. In 2003 Hasemi Sports won the GT300 championship with the 350Z. In 2008 season, the 350Z's were all replaced by Nissan GT-Rs in the GT500 class, but they have continued to be used in the GT300 class as the GT-Rs exceed the horsepower limits which make it impossible to participate. Thus, two 350Z's competed in the series and MOLA won the both Drivers' and Teams' championships in the GT300 class.

## **[edit ] Super Taikyu**

The Z33 also appears in the Japan's Super Taikyu series, entered by C-West Labs.

## **[edit ] British GT Championship**

The British GT Championship also fields a privateer 350Z which competed in the series until 2006.

## **[edit ] SCCA**

The car is considered popular choice for amateurs and professionals in SCCA events, T.C Kline took third place in the 2003 Touring 2 category in 2003, having been one of three Z33s that made it into the SCCA T-2 runoffs. In the SCCA GT2 class, Jim Goughary took the title in the car's debut season

## **NASA**

In 2012, NASA [1] (National Auto Sport Association), created a class specifically for the 350Z. The "Spec Z" class includes all trim levels of the popular 2003-2008 Nissan 350Z in a single class focused on close competition, parity and cost containment that will showcase driving ability and car setup skills. The road racing series is backed by Nissan Motorsports and BFG Tires. The 2012 class rules are in their infant stage, but will solidify by mid 2012.

## **[edit ] Drifting**

The car is used in import events and drifting , where in the latter, some drivers such as Tanner Foust, have started to use them with success in the D1 Grand Prix and Formula D series. At the 2006 D1GP exhibition event at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway , Tanner Foust became the first driver to score a perfect 100 points in a 350Z. In the non-Japanese domestic D1GP spin-off series, D1 Great Britain (D1GB), there are two Z33s that compete in the series. Of the 2007 season, both SVA Imports and Sumo Power 350Z currently competes in the EDC (European Drift Championship), which is run by a different organization to D1, and in Formula D, Foust took runner up spot at round 1[21] and at round 2, Chris Forsberg would score its maiden victory [21] in his Roadster equipped with a VK56DE from a Nissan Titan .[22] His win for the 350Z was followed up by Youichi Imamura 's win during the Las Vegas round of the US D1GP series in his RB26DETT engined car. Foust would eventually take the Formula D title. [23]

The SVA Imports Z33 is significant for being the other drifting car other than the Team Orange Impreza to feature a rear radiators with air ventilation on both sides rather than just on one on the Impreza



Open Road racing

Option magazine founder Daijiro Inada used an extensively modified 350Z, dubbed *Option Stream Z* to compete in the Silver State Classic Challenge .[25] The car was equipped with a Greedy/Trust T88 turbo-charger and was stroked to 3.8 L to produce over 900 bhp (671 kW; 912 PS). The *Option Stream Z* was also featured in the PlayStation 2 game title Gran Turismo 4 .

[edit ] Land speed record

In 2004, the tuner Dandy and magazine Option entered a Z33 known as the *Option Dandy 380Z* with a donor engine from a wrecked Stream Z minus turbocharger producing 370 bhp (276 kW; 375 PS), to compete in the F/GT class for unblown grand touring sport cars at the Bonneville Speed Week . The car could at best reach 151 mph (243 km/h), which is likely much lower than its true top speed, due to the surface conditions of the salt flats, and the measurement being based on a fixed distance. On pavement, even stock 2005–08 350Z's can reach 156 mph (251 km/h), which is the speed at which the governor is set. [26]

[edit ] Advertising and promotions

To promote the 350Z, Nissan released a short film, *The Run*,"with a 2003 model being driven in a high-speed run through city streets of up to 200 km/h (124 mph). This took place through the narrow cobblestone streets of Prague in the Czech Republic, and lasted six and a half minutes. [27] [28]

	2003-04	2005	2006	2007	2008
Available Trims	350Z (base), Enthusiast, Performance, Touring, Track	350Z (base), Enthusiast, Performance, Touring, Track, Anniversary	350Z (base), Enthusiast, Touring, Grand Touring, Track	350Z (base), Enthusiast, Touring, Grand Touring, NISMO	Coupé: Base, Enthusiast, Touring, Grand Touring
Roadster:	Enthusiast, Touring, Grand Touring				
Powertrain					
Engine	VQ35DE 3.5 L (210 cu in) V6				
	287 hp (214 kW; 291 PS) at 6,200 rpm				
	274 lb·ft (371 N·m) at 4,800 rpm	VQ35DE 3.5 L (210 cu in) V6			
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	VQ35DE 3.5 L (210 cu in) V6				
	300 hp (224 kW; 304 PS) at 6,400 rpm				
	260 lb·ft (353 N·m) at 4,800 rpm	VQ35DE 3.5 L (210 cu in) V6			
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	260 lb·ft (353 N·m) at 4,800 rpm	VQ35HR 3.5 L (210 cu in) V6			
	306 hp (228 kW; 310 PS) at 6,800 rpm				
	268 lb·ft (363 N·m) at 4,800 rpm				
Transmission	6-speed manual, 5-speed automatic				
Dimensions					
Curb Weight Coupé:					
	3,188 lb (1,446 kg) (Base)				
	3,197 lb (1,450 kg) (Enth)				
	3,217 lb (1,459 kg) (Perf)				
	3,247 lb (1,473 kg) (Tour)				
	3,225 lb (1,463 kg) (Track)				
Roadster:					
	3,428 lb (1,555 kg) (Enth)				
	3,462 lb (1,570 kg) (Tour)				Coupé:
	3,339 lb (1,515 kg) (Base)				
	3,346 lb (1,518 kg) (Enth)				
	3,400 lb (1,500 kg) (Tour)				
	3,404 lb (1,544 kg) (Grand)				

3,353 lb (1,521 kg) (NISMO)

**Roadster:**

3,580 lb (1,620 kg) (Enth)

3,600 lb (1,600 kg) (Tour)

3,602 lb (1,634 kg) (Grand)

**Wheelbase** 104.3 in (2,650 mm)

**Length** 169.8 in (4,310 mm)

**Width** 71.5 in (1,820 mm)

**Height** 52.1 in (1,320 mm)

	<b>Year</b>	<b>U.S. Sales</b>
2002	13,253	
2003	36,728	
2004	30,690	
2005	27,278	
2006	24,635	
2007	18,957	
2008	10,337	



350Z Roadster



Z Concept

## Awards and recognition

The 350Z has been given extensive coverage in the automotive press, and has obtained generally positive reviews. Eddie Alterman, senior editor of Automobile Magazine, said of the 350Z "An outstanding performance value. They got all the important stuff right. "[29] While David Swigg of Motor Trend said "With a competent driver at the wheel and the traction control switched off, many Boxster drivers would be hard-pressed to post better lap times than with this Z."[30] Top Gear magazine later awarded the Nissan Designers with the 2004 Top Gear Magazine Car of the year award .[31]

Automotive journalists tend to praise such features as the 350Z's value, performance, handling, and braking. Criticisms tend to be directed towards the grade of interior plastics, greater curb weight than its competitors, cabin ergonomics and engine refinement. Other reviews have criticized reflections off the back strut in the rear window.[32] [33]

The 350Z has been recognized including the following:

- Japanese Performance Car of the Year 2007 *Top Speed Magazine* [34]
- 10 Best Cars 2003 *Car and Driver* [35]
- Most Significant Vehicle of the Year. Two years running *Edmunds.com* [36]
- Editors' Most Wanted 2003 *Edmunds.com* [37]
- International Car of the Year: Most Sex Appeal Award 2003 *Road and Travel* [38]
- Canadian Car of the Year 2003 *Automobile Journalists Association of Canada* [39]
- Best New Design 2003 *Automobile Journalists Association of Canada* [40]
- Driver's Choice Best Performance Car 2003 *Motor Week* [41]
- Winner 12 Best Cars Under 30K *Road & Track* [42]
- Car of the Year 2004 *Top Gear Magazine* [31]

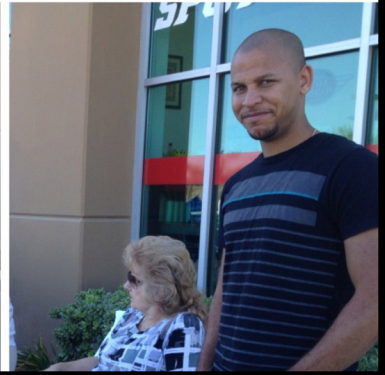


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Top: 240Z Stock, Roger Brown and Modified, Tony Martin  
Bottom: 260Z Stock, John Moran and Modified 280Z Marquez  
Reeds also best of show



Top: 280ZX Stock, Betty Jordan and Mod 280ZX, Ean Thompson  
Bottom: 300ZX(Z31) Stock, Chuck Golden and Mod 300ZX (Z31)  
Lemarr Childs



Top: 300ZX(Z32) Stock, Rob Calderhead and Stock 350Z  
Shalena Williamson  
Bottom: Mod 350Z, Jami Norris and Datsun Roadster Mod  
Karen Desirello



Top: Datsun 510 Mod, John Williams and Other Nissan Stock  
Hector Gutierrez  
Bottom: Other Nissan Mod, Adrian Mack and Infiniti Mod Victor  
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## 2012 ZCCIV Car Show Winners

<b>240Z STOCK (70-73)</b>	<b>Roger Brown</b>	<b>White 1973 240Z</b>
<b>240Z MOD (70-73)</b>	<b>Tony Martin</b>	<b>Purplish Black 240Z</b>
<b>260-280Z STOCK (74-78)</b>	<b>John Moran</b>	<b>Blue 1974 260Z</b>
<b>260-280Z MOD (74-78)</b>	<b>Marquez Reed</b>	<b>Silver 1978 280Z</b>
<b>280ZX STOCK (79-83)</b>	<b>Betty Jordan</b>	<b>Black/Gold 1980 280ZX</b>
<b>280ZX MOD (79-83)</b>	<b>Ean Thompson</b>	<b>Blue 1979 280ZX</b>
<b>300ZX STOCK (84-89)</b>	<b>Chuck Golden</b>	<b>Red 1989 300ZX</b>
<b>300ZX MOD (84-89)</b>	<b>Lemarr Childs</b>	<b>Black 1988 300ZX</b>
<b>300ZX STOCK (90-96)</b>	<b>Rob Calderhead</b>	<b>Black 1996 300ZX</b>
<b>350Z STOCK</b>	<b>Shalena Williamson</b>	<b>Black 2005 350Z</b>
<b>350Z MOD</b>	<b>Jami Norris</b>	<b>Silver 2003 350Z</b>
<b>Other Nissan STOCK</b>	<b>Hector Gutierrez</b>	<b>Black 2003 Maxima</b>
<b>Other Nissan MOD</b>	<b>Adrian Mack</b>	<b>Blue 2002 Altima</b>
<b>Datsun Roadster MOD</b>	<b>Karen Desirello</b>	<b>Red 1966 Roadster</b>
<b>Datsun 510 MOD</b>	<b>John Williams</b>	<b>Red 1971 Wagon</b>
<b>Infiniti MOD</b>	<b>Victor Castro</b>	<b>Silver 2005 G35</b>
<b>OVERALL BEST OF SHOW</b>	<b>Marquez Reed</b>	<b>Silver 1978 280Z</b>



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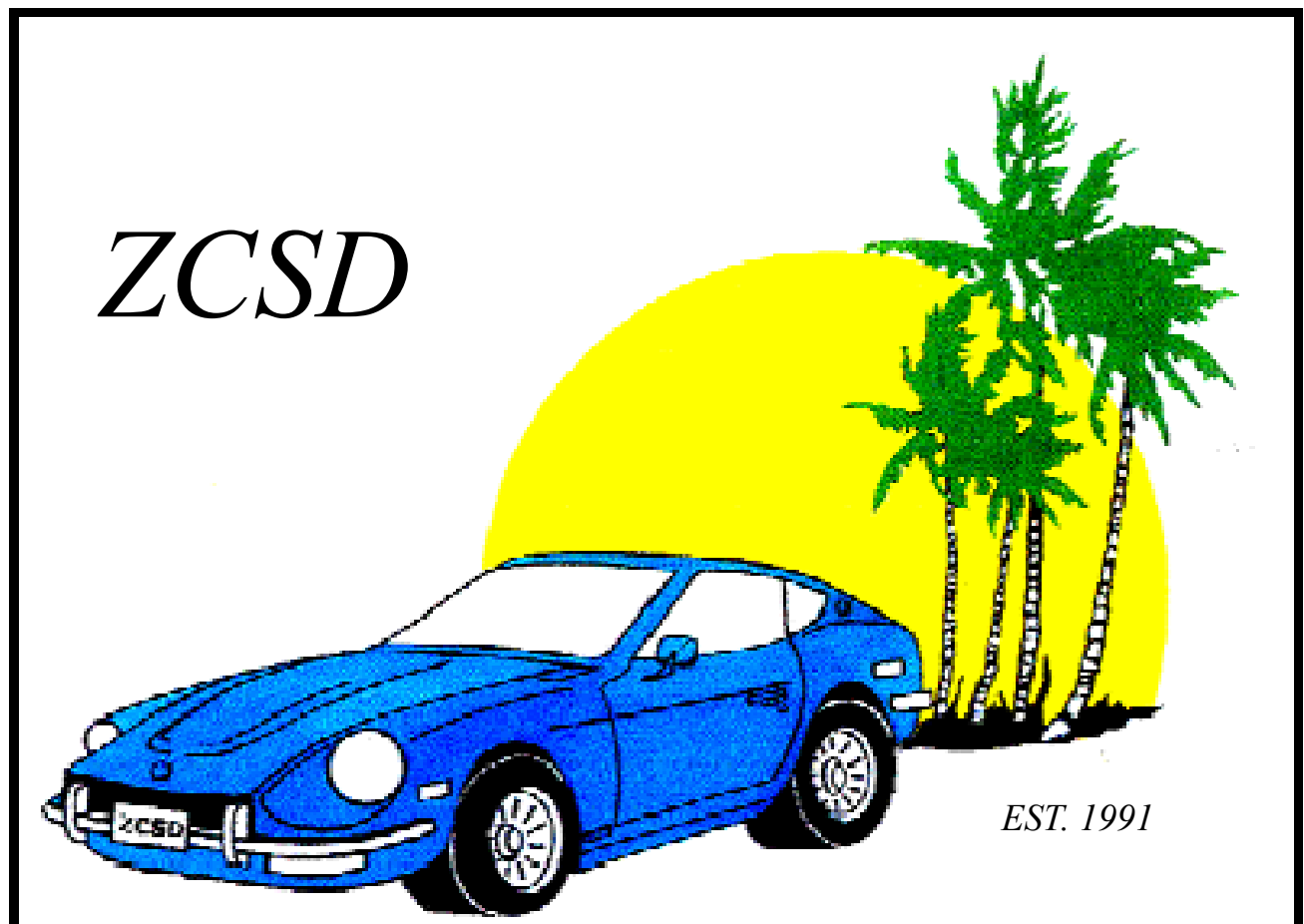


The 6th Annual Empire Z Car Show took place on Saturday October 13, 2012 at Nissan of San Bernardino. Great turn out with awesome and pretty Z cars. The food was great and the weather perfect. The BRE Z was on display for the pleasure of all present. Thanks to our friend and Empire Z president, John Moran and their membership for putting together this magnificent Z Car Show.





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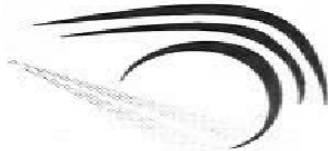
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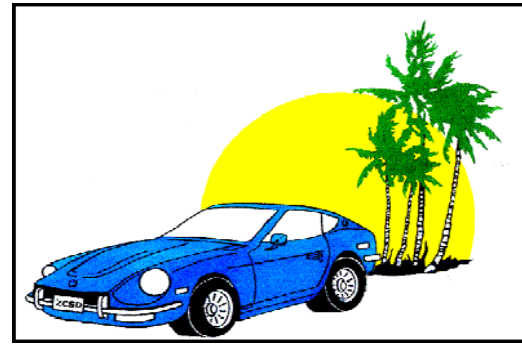
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