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GENERAL MEETING IS TUESDAY

June 4, 2024 — 7:00 PM

AT DENNY'S

4280 Claremont Mesa Blvd.

Come Enjoy Your Dinner at the Meeting!



ZCSD Annual

BBQ

Story & pictures

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SEZ THE PREZ

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I can't believe summer is almost here. Hopefully, May Gray and June Gloom will disappear, so when summer starts, we can drive our Zs in complete sunshine.

The club's annual summer picnic at Bates Nut Farm was a resounding success. There was a good member turnout, and there was great conversation and food. A big **THANK YOU** to Sheri for organizing the picnic while nursing Lenny. Another big **THANK YOU** to Clif and Dennis for cooking the hamburgers, hot dogs, and brats.

This month's run, our much-anticipated annual drive to Idyllwild, is just around the corner on Sunday, June 9th. Get ready to enjoy a thrilling drive up the mountain. Run details are later in this newsletter. *See pg. 6*

WARNING—WARNING—The July meeting will **NOT** be at Denny's! It will be held at De Anza Cove on Tuesday, the 2nd. Come and eat pizza and have fun on the beach.

Z you on the road.

Michael

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 a dinner at 6 PM and the 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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MONTHLY MEETING PLACE:

DENNY'S

**4280 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
San Diego, CA 921117**

DRIVING DIRECTIONS:

From the 15;

Take the 52 West, exit on Gene-see Ave South, turn right on Clairemont Mesa Blvd, it's on the right just past Clairemont Drive.

From the 5;

Take the 52 East, exit on Regents Road South, continue onto Clairemont Mesa Blvd, it's on the left at the end of the Claremont Town Square shopping center.

We park in back of Denny's

CHUCK'S JUNE REPORT ON BIRTHDAYS & MEMBERSHIP

Birthdays		
SO Name	Last Name	Birth Date
Marty	Peters	06/01
Diane	Pickelsimer	06/03
Dee	Valle	06/06
Jeff	Smith	06/09
Michele	Ruppert	06/10
Sharon	Anderberg	06/14
Brian	Alexander	06/19
Michael	Sandness	06/26



Cars Count	
ZCars	Model
24	240Z
3	260Z
10	280Z
11	280ZX
6	300ZX - Z31
13	300ZX - Z32
8	350Z - Z33
6	370Z - Z34

As I stated at our last meeting, If you haven't paid your dues by June 1, You are on the inactive list. Meaning you are not listed on birthdays and not going to received emails from the Club. Also you can't participate in the attendance, events, and new member programs. Any questions you can contact me.

Z you at the meeting, **Chuck**

2024 ZCSD EVENT SCHEDULE

JAN. 6	ZCSD Hawk Watch & Lunch, Ramona
FEB. 10	Automobile Museum, Balboa Park & Lunch
MAR. 10	ZCSD Gimmick Run to Café 101
APRIL 13	ZCSD Cruz to the Campo Train Museum
APRIL 15-17	Bottom Buster Motor Tour
MAY 4	ZCSD Anniversary B-B-Q at Bates Nut Farm <i>See Article & Pics pg.7-</i>
JUNE 4	ZCSD General Meeting and SPEAKER, Denny's, 7:00 PM 4280 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
JUNE 9	ZCSD Cruz to Idyllwild for Lunch <i>See Flyer pg. 6</i>
JUNE 16	Datsun Enthusiasts Coffee & Datsuns <i>See Article & Flyer pgs. 14-17</i>
JULY 2	ZCSD — MEETING & Pizza at the de Anza Cove
JULY 20	Main Street America Car Show <i>See Flyer pg. 13</i>
JULY 21	ZCSD Cruz to the Eagle Gold Mine, Julian & Lunch
AUG. 17	ZCSD Sand Castle Cruz, & Lunch
SEPT. 9-14	ZCON 2024 — Tampa, FL https://zcon.org/conventions/2024
SEPT. 21	ZCSD North County Canyon Cruz & Lunch
OCT. 5	ZCSD DYNO Day
NOV. 2	ZCSD Wine Cruz & Lunch
DEC. 7	ZCSD HOLIDAY PARTY

The Racing Schedule is on pg. 18

**ZCSD Meetings held the First Tuesday of every month at
Denny's, 4280 Claremont Mesa Blvd.**

7:00pm

Come Early and Enjoy Your Dinner Before the Meeting!

ALWAYS Watch for special flyers regarding upcoming events

GENERAL MEETING

MAY 7, 2024

Secretary's Scribblings

By Patty Cook

The May General Meeting was called to order by Pres. Michael Montag, at 7:00 PM. Member introductions included the question: Have You Taken Your Z on Any Good Trips This Year. This produced some chuckles and future drive ideas.

See: *My Datsun Story pg.11*

V.P. David Ferris introduced our speaker Laith Althiabat from Mossy Nissan Kearny Mesa, who told us all about the new and not so new Zs.

We continued with committee reports and birthday gift selections. This was followed by discussions of last month's Cruz to the Campo Train Museum and the Bottom Buster Drive. Sherri got volunteer cooks for the Club Picnic at Bates Nut Farm on May 4th (see article and pictures, pgs. 7-10).

REMINDER: Be sure to sign up for the Main Street America Charity Car Show, July 20 at the Embarcadero. There is a link on the ZCSD website under events. Don't miss the **meeting June 4th**—there will be a **speaker** from the Corvette Club talking about this car show.

Idyllwild run with Z Club of San Diego

Sunday June 9 2023

Join us for a fun drive to Idyllwild on Saturday. This is one of our longest driving events and very scenic. We will meet at the Chevron gas station, at 9936 Mercy Rd. Take the Scripps Poway Parkway exit, go under the freeway and the Chevron station is on the right. We meet at 9:30 and leave at 10am.

We will go north on I-15 to Via Rancho Parkway and turn right, another right on San Pasqual Rd and a right on Old Milky Way. This takes you to Hwy 78 and into Ramona. We drive thru Ramona and regroup at 4th and Main (The Barn parking lot). Next stop is Dudley's in Santa Ysabel. From there we will travel thru Warner Springs on Hwy 79 and turn right on Hwy 371. This will take us to Anza and we turn left on Hwy 74 (at the Paradise Valley Café). We will pass Lake Hemet and turn left on Hwy 243, next stop is Idyllwild. Parking is limited and we usually park in the PNC bank parking lot that is close to Idyllwild Pizza.

Lunch will be at Idyllwild Pizza Company in the Strawberry Creek Shopping Plaza. You can call in your lunch order after 11:30 because it is a very busy place. After lunch you can visit all the shops before you head home.

Idyllwild Pizza Company

54391 Village Center Drive 92549, (951) 659 5900

ZCSD Annual BBQ

May 4, 2024

What can be said about a BBQ that hasn't already been said? Well, I'm not sure, but here's my take on our annual BBQ get together.

The day started out a

little drizzly for us in the north county region of San Diego. I was told that the club members driving from the south and east county had good weather until they got to the Mira Mesa region where the skies started clouding over. Once everyone got there, we gathered at the end of the petting zoo under the big tarp and everyone started setting up.

This was my 1st time to attend this club tradition. I have been a member of ZCSD for almost a year. I attended my 1st meeting the month after the BBQ, so this was a real treat for me.



ZCSD Annual BBQ—Cont.



I am only sorry that the normal Grill Master wasn't able to participate this year. You could tell that Lenny was sorely missed at this event. He was brought up and talked about a lot during this BBQ with all the members telling good hearted tales about past BBQs where he held court with his spatula and tales.

Everyone sends their best wishes and prayers to him and we are sure to see him back at the grill next year.

Sheri still brought all the supplies. She was wonderful. I have been told that both Lenny and Sheri go all out for this event every year.

You could tell she was a tiny bit worried about her patient at home, still, she ate and enjoyed time with all of her friends in the club. This club has been around for 30+ years. For myself, after only being a member for a year, I can tell that there are lifelong friendships that are built by this club



and their shared passion for their cars! I have heard it said multiple times since joining that you come for the cars but stay because of the people.

ZCSD Annual BBQ—Cont.

Clif held the spatula this year and hot dogs and hamburgers came off the grill with a good regularity that had no one waiting and everyone got their fill. The food was wonderful. There were salads and desserts and lumpia and beans and so much food that everyone was quite content after the grill was closed. There were about 8 Zs there with a few attendees that just came for the food and comradery.



There was a dog show at Bates Nut Farm at the same time as our BBQ and a few of the members went to look at the dogs. Jerry and Stephanie, one of our past speakers, brought their own puppy, Russet, to attend the BBQ and be spoiled by all the attention given by all the dog lovers present. We had a couple of new attendees that brought a truly custom Z, and a beautiful Doberman in training to be a service dog.



ZCSD Annual BBQ—Cont.

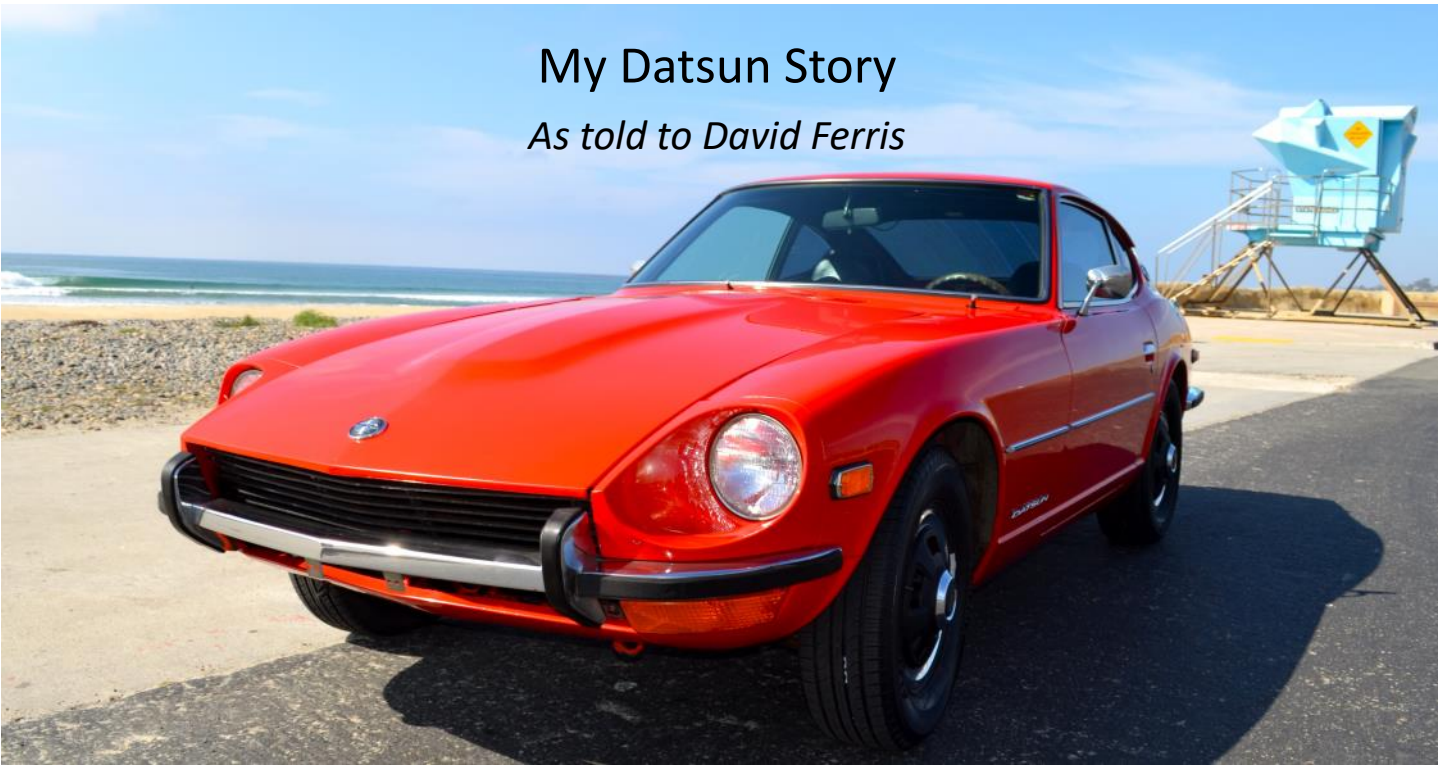
As the day got a little later in the afternoon, and almost everyone got a piece of cake, we helped Sheri load up the grill and canopy and prepared to say good bye. It turned out a little later that the sun come out — on our way home. Once again good memories and companionship was had by all and most of us are eager for our next event so we can all be together again.



Article by: David Ferris
Pictures by: David Ferris,
Michael & Marcy Montag,
and Clif & Marcia Yaussi

My Datsun Story

As told to David Ferris



A friend of mine and I ate a charity dinner in August 1971 and he won the Grand Prize. It was the new 240 Z by Datsun. He had two little babies and really did not want the car. Sooo I gave him a check for the car he won the very next day.

Within six months my wife and I found out that we were going to have our first child. My wife could not ride in the car because it was too bumpy! Dilemma, sell it or bag it! I chose the latter and after five years and two kids I was able to take it out of the bag.

In 1977 it only had 5000 miles on it so time for a road trip. Off to San Francisco for a Pension Administrators convention with golf clubs! Arriving a day early, I decided to play a short round of golf on the Olympic Country Club. Not a member, I so parked the car on the road approximately 250 yards from the tee on the 5th fairway. Grabbed the clubs and after sneaking on the course I was ready! I struck the ball squarely and sent it screaming off the tee. Problem I pushed the shot to the right. The next sound was that of the ball hitting my car! WHAT TO DO? What would any golfer do? Well I hit another shot and proceed to say to myself - I should not have sneaked on the course and God was paying me back!

My Datsun Story

Later that day I approached my car and could not find any damage at all! Later when I was washing the car I noticed that on the hood right where the headlight and the hood joined there was a dent with dimples in the dent. This had to be a one in a million shot, and therefore, a one in a million car.

Yea, I went to confession and told the priest of my contrition. Part of my penance was to play a round with Father and put Green fee in the collection box!

It is now 30 years later and the car is back in her bag. I finally broke down and had her repainted last year with the original paint. The cost of the paint job was more that the original cost of the car! Well I hope that you have enjoyed my story I know that some of the stories I have read have made my day. I hope that this one brings a little laughter into yours!

Best Wishes and NO IT IS NOT FOR SALE,

Marty Peters
Del Mar California



ZCSD will be helping to
Sponsor this
Car Show:

SAVE THE DATE!

Main Street America

A People's Choice Charity Car Show

Presented by the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego

SATURDAY, JULY 20, 2024 10 AM – 3 PM

Embarcadero Marina Park North (Seaport Village)

A fundraiser for the San Diego Center for the Blind

Registration will be available in May!



Please plan to enter your Z

And if your Z isn't ready to show...

Please plan to attend and support this car show

There is a **link to registration** on the ZCSD website under **Events**

Datsuns And Coffee

May 19th



As I get a bit older, I find that the little things I enjoy are really big things. I truly miss the Mira Mesa, Cars Coffee and Donuts. One thing has kept me from being too sad about that and it is the Datsuns and Coffee that happens in Carmel Mountain Ranch on the 3rd Sunday of the month. It's not far from my house, about a mile, and lots of terrific people and cars show up to this event. I have enjoyed meeting them and learning things about their cars and their journey to get their cars to the desired configuration that will meet all their own personal requirements for that vehicle. It truly is a lot of fun and there's a ton of information at this show from the attendees!



Datsuns And Coffee—Cont.



At this last D.A.C. I talked to a lot of guys I've talked to before, but I had something I was trying to promote. This year our club is going to be a sponsor for a car show in July. The thing I really like about this is that it's for a good cause and it's a beautiful, wonderful venue. Also I am hoping to have a good showing for the ZCSD. I talked to Bobby and Ray who are not members yet but I hope I can encourage them into joining. Bobby has a truly beautiful 240Z (at least I think it's a 240Z). Silver, classic and yet one of the most beautiful cars I have ever seen. He has been at almost all of the cars and coffees I've been to. We have talked a few times, and he's a friend of David Gonzalez, but I think he would be a neat person to be in our club. I also talked to Ray. Ray has a beautiful 78-79 black 280Z and a New Z. He has brought both to one of the Mira Mesa Cars and Coffees and I'm hoping I can talk him into bringing both to the July Car Show.



Datsuns And Coffee—Cont.

If you haven't made it out to the Datsuns and Coffee on a Sunday morning, you should give it a chance. It's a fun group of people and cars. There are all sorts that show up and everyone that I've met there are, truly, really good people.



One other thing I would like to say is that there are great stories to be had at these meets. I would like to offer anyone hearing a great story, or even if you have your own great story about a cars and coffee, I would like you to write the story and send it to me. Send it to David Ferris at faithfuldf67@gmail.com and I would like to review it and put it in our newsletter. It doesn't have to be about this meet, or any meet in recent times or any meet at all, just a good car/ car and people story. If it made you laugh, smile, or simply just think "wow that was a good story" send it along. Our newsletter would be that much better by sharing good stories written by the people who shared in them.



Thanks,

David Ferris



Datsun Enthusiasts Monthly Meet

You are invited to the monthly Coffee & Datsuns

Sunday June 16th at:

Coffee Bean and Tea

12070 Carmel Mountain Rd San Diego 92128

This is a coffee and cars format, from around **8am to 10am**. Come out and kick some tires and visit with some Z guys and girls.

This is a third Sunday meet every month.

This is not a Z Club sponsored event just an opportunity to drive your Z and hang with Z people. For more info visit their Facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/sandiegoDatsunEnthusiasts.

2024 SCCA — Competition Schedule

SAN DIEGO REGION SCCA



AUTOCROSS — NICU Amphitheatre, Chula Vista

June 1—2

Sep 7—NOVICE SCHOOL

Sep 8

NEW * RALLYCROSS—NICU Amphitheatre, Chula Vista

Rallycross takes place on a dirt or grass course marked by orange safety cones. It's similar to Autocross, but on a different driving surface. Read more on SCCA.com.

August 10

AUTOCROSS — Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium, Lake Elsinore

Oct 5—6

Nov 2—3 and 23

Dec 14

ROAD RALLY — San Diego

June 8—Avocados, Vines & Lines

Sept 14

Dec 7

TRACK WEEKEND — Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Desert Center

Nothing Scheduled

For more information about San Diego SCCA events please visit:

<https://sdrscca.motorsportreg.com/>



Z Club of San Diego

Membership Form



Active Full Member Renewal \$36.00 _____
 Military/Student Full Membership \$21.00 _____
 Associate Member Renewal \$21.00 _____

Membership renewals are due in March. Please, return this form along with your payment.

Indicate level of membership, sign and return this form with check payable to:

*Thank you,
 Chuck Golden
 Membership Coordinator
 760-443-5625*

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 Santee, CA 92072-0886

Member Number	<i>If known for renewal</i>		
First Name	Last Name	Nick Name	Birth Date MM/DD
SO First Name	SO Last Name	SO Nick Name	SO Birth Date MM/DD
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code Phone
E-Mail Address		SO Email Address	
Z Car #1 Year/Model/Color	Z Car #2 Year/Model/Color	Z Car #3 Year/Model/Color	

Waiver and Release from Liability

This form limits Z Club of San Diego's liability. Read it thoroughly and sign below.

As a Member of the Z Club of San Diego (ZCSD), I am solely responsible for any damage or injury to third parties, or myself resulting from anything connected with ZCSD Events/Activities. I agree to fully indemnify and hold ZCSD, its officers and representatives harmless for or in any claim, loss, damage, injury or liability which may be asserted against them by me or by any third party as a result of my activity. The foregoing covenants of exculpation and indemnity are intended to be and are complete, general and without restriction and include but are not limited to negligence (active or passive) or willful, reckless or wanton activity. I further agree that my car will be operated by a licensed driver and that the driver will comply with all applicable provisions of the California Vehicle Code. I further warrant that I carry automobile liability insurance on the vehicle, meeting or exceeding all California statutory requirements and that this insurance will be in force and effect for all ZCSD Events/Activities in which I participate. I will not participate in any Event/Activity under the influence of any alcoholic beverages or other drug or drugs that would impair my ability to perform at ZCSD Events/Activities. This release will be active for all ZCSD Events/Activities in which I participate.

 Member

 Spouse(Significant Other)

 Date