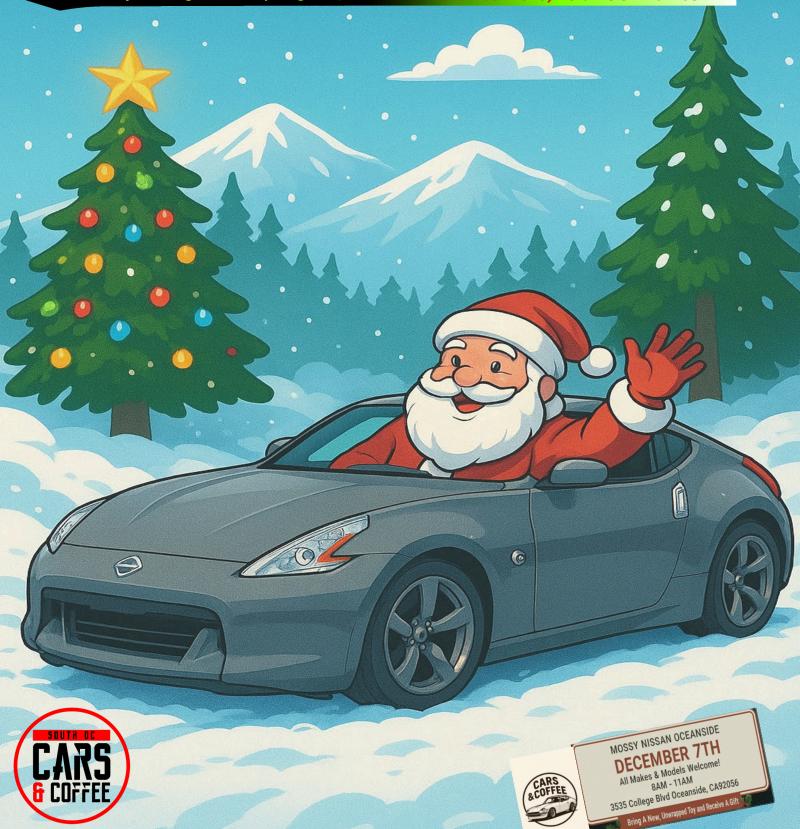
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This Club was Established in 1991 by the owner of Z-Whizz and is organized as a California Nonprofit Mutual Benefit Corporation.

- Provide its members with access to knowledge about their Z Cars
- Provide a forum for members and other interested parties;
- Exchange Z Car information
- Organize events and activities for members which enhance their enjoyment of Z Car ownership

Our meetings are held at 7pm every 1st Thursday of the month at:

Elijah's Restaurant 7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd San Diego, CA 92111

https://maps.app.goo.gl/kyuWKhpQS88m1r4s5

#### **ZCSD OFFICERS & COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

#### **BOARD MEMBERS:**

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# PreZident's Message By Michael Montag



I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving with family and friends.

This year, we renamed the club's famous Wine Run to Wine Event. On Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, with approximately 16 people in attendance, we visited three wineries and had lunch at the last winery. The new format of no planned drives between wineries worked well. The last winery gave a couple of free bottles of wine thanks to David. A big thank you goes out to David for planning and leading this event.

Our last event of the year is the annual Holiday Party, which will be held on Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 1:00 PM, at El Torito in La Mesa. Bring a gift for the Toy Drive and/or a white elephant gift for the gift exchange. An event flyer is later in this newsletter.

The ZCSD Board meeting for December will be held before the Christmas holiday to lay out and schedule events for the coming year. Please pass along to any board member any events, activities, or runs you would like the club to do in the coming year.

For those curious about ZCSD's election night, the following were elected to officer positions:

President – David Ferris Vice President – Mike Ryan Secretary – Patty Cook Treasurer – Dennis Darnell

I want to thank the 2025 ZCSD Board members, David, Dennis, Patty, Wally, Greg, Lenny, Sheri, and Carl Cook, for their hard work in making this year a successful year for the club.

お疲れ様です (otsukaresama desu) is "thank you for your hard work" in Japanese.



Now, let's drive those Z's.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!** 

Michael

# Vice President's Message

The Convertible guy's message

AKA Vice President David Ferris



There have been and will be a lot of changes to the club going forward. We have changed the club meeting place and day. We have changed how many runs and get togethers we try to do in a year, and now we have changed a couple of the top positions on our board starting in January. We have also updated our club bylaws and tried to make them more up to date and easier to follow so that anyone coming on the Board doesn't stress out because there's so much they're supposed to do. Change happens no matter where you are in life. It almost always happens right when you don't want it to change because a lot of times that's when things are going really well.

We advertise ourselves as the most active Z club in Southern California. I like that claim and I also want to make sure it's legit. We have done some really fun things and runs this last year. We have gotten a few more new members, and they seem to enjoy the stuff they are doing with us!

We have a couple of very passionate people on our managing board this coming year with a couple of members stepping up to take work intensive positions so that others can manage keeping the club going in the direction of having fun with our cars and the people in the club.

Mike Ryan has some great ideas for runs and get togethers as well as ideas for some guest speakers. You're going to want to be at our February Meeting but no spoiler alerts here. You'll just have to be there.

At our December meeting bring a written idea for a run you might be interested in, and we'll be taking those suggestions for our planning meeting this year. Also let us know if you might be interested in leading that run and are interested in putting it together for the club!

I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving and a terrific Christmas and New Years! I hope to see you at the Christmas Party December 6<sup>th</sup>, and many if not all of our events next year!

David Ferris ZCSD VP

# Secretary's Scribblings



General Membership Meeting – On November 5, the meeting was opened at 7:15 PM, with 27 members and guests in attendance. President Michael led Introductions with the car you drive, and the question of the day was: What made you modify your Z after you got it? The overall response was 'to make it go faster!'

**Nominations** from the floor were opened. There being none, Michael read the names proposed by the Board: President – David Ferris, Vice President – Mike Ryan, Secretary – Patty Cook, and Treasurer – Dennis Darnall. Judy Carlson called for the Question. Sheri Arnoth proposed we accept the slate as read, seconded by Lenny Arnoth. PASSED.

**Legacy Position:** Michael announced the new Legacy Board position. This person would be a former Club Officer who has dedicated many years of service to the Club. They would serve on the Board of Directors in perpetuity, with no assigned duties. They would lend their knowledge and experience to help guide the Board of Directors.

**Other Board Changes:** Darren Kirkpatrick was introduced as the new Newsletter Editor, and Michele Ruppert will serve as the new Events Co-Ordinator.

**Life Member:** Jim Faaborg, the owner of Poway Valley Collision, was awarded a Life Membership. V-P David said that anyone who wished to contribute \$1,200.00 to the Club could have a Life Membership, too.

Past Events Discussed: October 5<sup>th</sup> at Mossy Nissan in Oceanside. DYNO DAY on October 11<sup>th</sup>. The Tech session on October 19<sup>th</sup>, at Poway Valley Collision.

**Future Events:** The Wine Run on November 8<sup>th</sup> will start at the Bernardo Winery, with a meetup at 10:00 AM. Then proceed at your own pace to the other wineries and lunch.

Greg Carlson, **Membership** Coordinator, invited Sheri Arnoth and Rob Johnson to select their birthday gifts from the swag table.

Several members offered Z items, windshield chip coupons, diagnostic information, etc.

Meeting Adjourned around 8:30 PM.

**Board Meeting Highlights – November 13,** Discussions included: meeting and event insurance, upcoming events 2025, a payment system to facilitate new and renewal memberships, committee chair replacements, and finally, revising the club Bylaws to be voted on in December.

By Patty Cook, ZCSD Secretary

# BYLAWS of the

#### Z CLUB OF SAN DIEGO

**Approved** by the General Membership: April 5, 2011

**Revision #1** Approved by General Membership: July 3, 2012

**Revision #2:** To revise practices and procedures to align with Club operations

#### **ARTICLE II – MEETINGS**

**Section 2.01.04.** A quorum for any regular monthly meeting shall consist of five members in attendance and must include at least two Officers of the Club. A quorum is required for any event that needs a vote.

**Section 2.02.02.** Minutes of any Board meeting can be requested by any member in good standing, and a copy can be emailed to the requesting member.

#### ARTICLE III – MEMBERS

**SECTION 3.03. Membership Classes.** There shall be three classes of members: Full Members, Associate Members, and Legacy Members.

**SECTION 3.02.03 Legacy Member.** Long-serving Board member who brings experience and generous dedication of time and service to the Club.

#### ARTICLE IV – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

**SECTION 4.06. Quorum.** A quorum shall consist of a majority of the Board attending in person or through teleconferencing. All decisions will be made by a simple majority of those present at a meeting at which a quorum is present. All material and/or financial decisions affecting the Club will be made by the Officers of the Club.

#### ARTICLE V - OFFICERS

Section 5.01. The Officers of the Club shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and the Membership Coordinator.

#### ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF OFFICERS

**Section 6.05. Membership Coordinator.** The Membership Coordinator shall assume the responsibilities of the President anytime the rest of the Officers are absent or assume those responsibilities as directed by the President, and shall be specifically responsible for:

Section 6.05.01. Ensuring an up-to-date record of members who are in good standing.

**Section 6.05.02.** Collecting dues for renewing members and new members.

Section 6.05.03. Disbursing membership cards and new member welcoming kits.

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ARTICLE IV OFFICERS - Expand and define the duties of the Officers of the Club

Approved by the General Membership:

Proposed by the Officers at Special Board Meeting August 8, 2025

# Christmas Party

#### When:

Saturday, December 6th at 1 p.m.

#### Where:

El Torito Mexican Restaurant 5024 Baltimore Drive La Mesa, CA 91942

Please come and celebrate with our members and guests!

Lunch buffet will be served from 1 to 2 p.m.

The price is \$40 per person (tax and gratuity included)

Payable at the door

Included are a chicken or steak fajita and cheese enchilada buffet, soft drinks, tea & coffee, and a Christmas celebration cake for dessert.

We will once again have our world famous, often imitated, but never duplicated

Christmas Gift Swipe!

If you would like to participate in the gift swipe, please bring a wrapped item in the \$20 price range.

There is a maximum of one gift per guest, please.

There will also be a children's toy drive benefiting
The Boys & Girls Club of East County
(please bring a new, unwrapped toy)

So please come out and join us for lots of fun, friends and a chance to steal the gift of your dreams!

And thanks for making the Z Club of San Diego The most active Z Club in Southern California!





# South OC Cars and Coffee ZCSD Quarterly Run

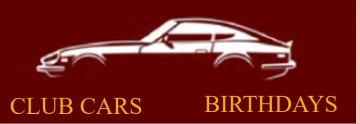
**Saturday December 13th** 

We will be meeting at the Denny's at 529 Avenida Pico, San Clemente, 92672. Be there early, around 7am for breakfast. We will need to leave at 7:55 to get to the gate for entry. If you are going, I will need your name, Model, and License plate # for entry as a club, The week before the event.

This will be a weather dependent run, if it's raining we won't go. Also I would suggest leaving the event before 11am unless you don't mind the traffic around Oceanside and the 78.

Send to David Ferris at Faithfulldf67@gmail.com if you're planning on going.

www.southoccarsandcoffee.com



CARS	MODEL	MEMBER
28	240Z	BIRTHDAYS
2	260Z	12/05 Lilah Felt
12	280Z	12/15 Carlton Gasior
10	280ZX	12/21 Judy Heintskill
8	300ZX (Z31)	12/27 Jon Krause
12	300ZX (Z32)	
9	350Z	
7	370Z	

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

Greg Carlson



Hi everybody. We have a couple of new members this month. George and Ashanti Taymar, Aaron Lamb and also Jim and Debbie Faaborg. George has a beautiful gray 280Z and Aaron has a blue 350Z. Welcome to the club!

Our next general meeting is on December 3rd at Elijah's Restaurant and Delicatessen. See you there!

- Greg -

# ZCSD 2025 EVENT SCHEDULE

November 8 ZCSD Wine Meet and Greet

December 6 ZCSD Holiday & Christmas Party

December 13 ZCSD Cruz to South OC Cars and Coffee & Lunch

December 21 Planning meeting/Board meeting and Dinner. 2PM @ Mike & Marci Montag's house.

TBD More events for 2026 coming!!

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#### San Diego CARS & COFFEES

Cars and Coffees not listed here, please send me the information (Date, Time, and Address) to Faithfulldf67@gmail.com with Cars and Coffee not listed, in the subject line.

#### **EVERY SATURDAY:**

#### Rancho Santa Fe Cars & Coffee

8am-12:00 pm. 6004 Paseo Delicias, Rancho Santa Fe, 92091

#### **PL Cars and Coffee**

8am-11am 2305 Cushing rd Lot K Point Loma, Ca 92106

#### **South OC Cars and Coffee**

101 W Avenida Nista Hermosa, San Clemente, 92672

**Bonita Cars and Coffee** (The BCC) 7-9 am. 4414 Bonita Rd. Ca 91902

#### **Carlsbad Cars and Coffee**

7-9 am. 7130 Avenida Encinas, Carlsbad 92011

#### **EVERY SUNDAY:**

#### **Escondido Cars and Coffee**

7-9 am. 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy. 92025

#### **Sunday Funday Cars and Coffee**

7:30am-10:am Yum Yum Donuts 517 Telegraph

Canyon Road, Chula Vista, 91910

#### Lakeside Cars & Coffee

8-10 am. 9760 Wintergardens Blvd. Ca 92040

#### **EVERY 1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH:**

**Poway Cruisers In-n-Out Car Show** 10:30 -1 pm. 12890 Gregg Ct. 92064 **Gearhead Rendezvous Car Meet** 10:00am-1:00pm STP Bar and Grill 5487 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

#### **EVERY 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:**

#### **East County Cars and Coffee**

7-9 am. Mary's Donuts 8959 Carlton Hills Blvd.

Santee

#### **EVERY 3RD SUNDAY OF THE MONTH:**

San Diego Automotive Museum Cars and Coffee 7:30-9 am. 2080 Pan American Plaza, San Diego, 92101

Coffee and Datsuns (Ran by our own Mike Ryan) 8-10 am. 12070 Carmel Mountain Rd. San Diego 92128

#### La Mesa Cars and Coffee

7-9 am. La Mesa Blvd (between Palm Ave and 3rd St.) 91942

#### **EVERY 4TH SATURDAY OF THE MONTH:**

#### Santee Cars and Coffee

7-9 am. 9626 Carlton Hills Blvd, Santee, 92071 Cars and Coffee University City

Last Saturday of the month, 8:00 - 10:00 AM University City Marketplace, 3202 Governor Drive (Suggested by David Timber)

#### Mossy Nissan Oceanside

#### Cars and Coffee

All Makes and Models, Dec 7th 8am-11am

3535 College Blvd, Oceanside, Ca 92056

South OC Cars and Coffee **ZCSD Quarterly Run** Saturday December 13th

We will be meeting at the Denny's. 529 Avenida Pico, San Clemente, 92672

For more information on other car related events:

# sandiegoassociationofcarclubs.org/fulllistofevents

You can find more information on different cars and coffee at the San Diego Museum Page on Facebook. They try and list events that go on for every week.

#### 2025 — Competition Schedule

#### --- DECEMBER ---

**Dec 6** -- SCCA – Road Rally - San Diego

**Dec 6** -- <u>Speed Ventures</u> @ Big Willow, <u>Willow Springs Raceway</u>, Rosamond

Dec 7 -- Speed Ventures @ Streets of Willow Springs Raceway

Dec 13 -- SCCA - Auto Cross - Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium

Dec 13-14 -- Speed District @ Buttonwillow Raceway "The Circuit" (New Track), Buttonwillow

Dec 19 -- Speed District @ Willow Springs Raceway - Road Course\*

Dec 20-21 -- Speed Ventures @ Buttonwillow Raceway - Classic

\*Speed District **Dec 19** @ Willow Springs **may be cancelled** – not showing on some schedules

### 2026 — Competition Schedule

#### --- JANUARY 2026 ---

Jan 3-4 -- SCCA - Open Track Weekend @ Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Desert Center

Jan 10-11 -- SCCA - Autocross - Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium

Jan 17-18 -- SCCA - Rally Cross - Ramona Fairgrounds, Ramona

Jan 24-25 -- Speed Ventures @ Buttonwillow Raceway "Classic"

#### --- FEBRUARY 2026 ---

Feb 7-8 -- SCCA - Autocross - Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium

Feb 21 -- Speed Ventures @ Streets of Willow Springs Raceway, Rosamond

Feb 28 -- Mar 1 - <u>Speed Ventures</u> @ <u>Buttonwillow Raceway</u> "Classic"

#### --- MARCH 2026 ---

Mar 7 -- SCCA - Autocross Novice School, <u>Lake Elsinore Storm</u> Stadium

Mar 8 -- SCCA - Autocross - Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium

Information: <u>sdrscca.motorsportreg.com</u>, <u>speeddistrict.com/event</u>, <u>speedventures.com</u>

Always check with the organizer for event/venue/date updates



# **SOURCES**

**WEBSITES** 

**Z CLUB SD** 

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#### AFTERMARKET PARTS & SUPPLIES

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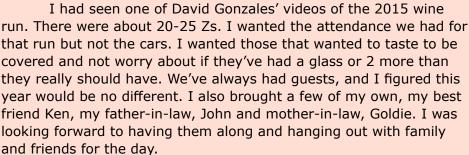
#### VINEYARDS ON A SUNNY NOVEMBER DAY

by David Ferris

This was my 3<sup>rd</sup> Wine run/ event with ZCSD. My 1<sup>st</sup> one a couple of years ago was pretty amazing. It's the first time I saw Roger Castro's "slightly modified" 300ZX Twin Turbo. I didn't really see much of it at first that caught my imagination, I just heard it. Since that day the wine runs have held a special place in my heart and mind. I also asked myself the question, cars and wine? Well, that makes me just a little nervous.



This year I had an idea. I presented it to the board when we did our planning meeting at the end of last year. Let's do a chauffeured bus to Temecula. I did a little research and found it wasn't as expensive as one might think. When I presented it to the club at our meeting in September, I didn't get the response I thought I would. I had one person tell me he would sign up in advance for the bus, and the rest of the response I got back was less than crickets. So, I pivoted.





Photos courtesy of Mike and Galit Ryan

To see all the photos, click the

camera.



A second spicy married

Starting at Bernardo Winery, one of the oldest continual wineries in the region, is always fun. Their coffee shop makes a great coffee and this year we stayed long enough for the tastings and a few of the shops to open and that allowed us to be able to check it out. They have some great wines to taste, and they even have a sangria that is pleasant to drink. We really didn't have enough time to do any shopping in the small shops they have but some of the other members did.



Our next winery was new to the club, Forgotten Barrel Winery. They had a place set aside for us, and it was such a delightfully sunny day. The winery itself was peaceful, beautifully rustic and comfortable. We didn't get to spend enough time at this spot either. An hour to an hour and a half just didn't do justice to the tranquility we all felt while visiting this seemingly forgotten spot just inside the Escondido border. We had a few Zs that were in the parking lot and the owners, of course, had at one time owned a couple of Zs themselves. That made for a few stories that made the time pass even faster. Hopefully we will get the chance to visit in the future!





The last winery that was on our visit list was Orfila. Orfila has a food truck now and serves meals. This allowed us to grab lunch while hanging out near the vineyards and we enjoyed the waning afternoon sunshine. We had a few bottles of wine and pizza and sandwiches and sat back and talked with everyone around a few tables set up for us under canopies. We had a good attendance and the format of the day allowed everyone to come and go at the 3 wineries when they wanted. There were a few mix ups at the last winery, but it was handled and allowed us to get a couple of bottles free of charge to try. The club has to thank Tyler and Matteo for taking such good care of us in the midst of the food truck mix up!

As the event came to the point where people were saying goodbyes and the sun was dropping behind the trees and the hills, I reflected a little that this was indeed a good day. Good grapes, good friends and family, and a peaceful place to get away from the stress of life for a bit, who could ask for anything more?





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poway-valley.com





### Z Club of San Diego

#### **Membership Form**



Indicate level of membership, fill out form, save and print. Sign in pen then scan or take a photo and send this form to the Membership coordinator (Greg Carlson).

EMAIL: hitthethrottle@gmail.com

Pay with Zelle or check.

Z Club of San Diego P.O. Box 710886 Santee, CA 92072-0886

Membership Type:				
Type	Cost			
Active Full	\$36			
Associate	\$21			
Military	\$21			
Student	\$21			

Red outlined fields are required.

#### Membership renewals are due in March.

First Name	Last Name	Nick Name	Birth Date MM/DD
(SO) First Name	(SO) Last Name	(SO)Nick Name	SO Birth DateMM/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 EvenUActivity 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.



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