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The Z Club of San Diego's Monthly Magazine/Newsletter SEPT 2026

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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 Wednesday of the month with [dinner starting at 6pm](#).

[Meeting is at the following address.](#)

Elijah's Restaurant
7061 Clairemont Mesa Blvd San Diego,
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ZCSD 2026 Event Schedule

JANUARY

- 24 – Miniature Engineering Craftsmanship Museum, Carlsbad & lunch at the lake. PAST

JULY

- 1 – Pizza Party/Meeting, de Anza Cove
- 26 – Donut Media YouTube Day



FEBRUARY

- 7 – K1 Speed, Chula Vista & lunch. PAST

AUGUST

- 15 – South OC Cars and Coffee and Segerstrom Shelby Museum in Irvine



MARCH

- 21 – Ross Lake Lavender Farm & lunch: 40055 Ross Rd., Fallbrook, AC 92028

SEPTEMBER

- 21-26 – ZCON in Pheonix, Arizona



APRIL

- 13-15 – Bottom Buster Motor Tour
- 18 – March AFB Museum & lunch



OCTOBER

- 3 – JCCS Long Beach
- 10 – DYNO DAY at JBA in Kearny Mesa.



MAY

- 17 – Garage 79, Warner Springs, & lunch



NOVEMBER

- 14 – Wine and Car Show, [See flyer.](#)

DECEMBER

- 5 – Annual Christmas Party, Filippi's Pizza Grotto, Kearny Mesa



JUNE

- 7 – Main Street America Car Show
- 28 – Annual Picnic at **Bates Nut Farm**

From the Driver's Seat

David Ferris
ZCSD President



What a month! After finishing our Donut Media Run at the end of July, I wasn't sure if anything would be able to compare to that run. We did have some plans for our August Run. We were going to see Shelybs. It was going to be really neat because almost everyone loves Shelybs, well except for Corvette owners, maybe. We were also going to go to South OC, which we haven't done in almost a year. Still, up until a couple of days before I wasn't sure there was going to be a lot of interest in braving the relentless traffic jam that happens when you get close to the view point on 5 south, and sometimes even much further north than that.

The Tuesday before, Donut Media released the video "I Drove Every Z" and we got a lot of interest in the video from the minute it launched. Jeff Agner is the one who let me know it was out and from that point I tried to forward it to everyone. It has been a week at the point of this writing, and it has 254K+ views and over 10K likes. (I wonder if that means that 244k people didn't like it but still...) The video itself was very well done. I really enjoyed watching it. If you haven't seen it, we will be showing it at our September meeting with a little "I was there" commentary by those of us who went to watch that day.



The South OC and Shelby Event Center run went very well that weekend. We had 17 cars go in with us and 16 of them were Zs! We took up an entire parking row, mostly thanks to Armando Quezada Jr. He got quite a few interested in going in with us. A lot of RZ34s, but we still had a few S30s and Z34s. There were more Z cars that came into the show on their own. I thought it was a pretty nice showing for our club. I enjoyed walking around with Eric, a good friend of mine, and looking at the different cars that attended.

After the Cars and Coffee, we went to BJ's for lunch. We had most of the back patio for our club. A few more joined us for lunch. After lunch there were a couple that couldn't attend the Shelby Center with us, but it was great having them there at South OC.





What can I say about seeing all those Shelbys? First, I really need to thank Rae Segerstrom. She allowed our club to come on a day that they were going to be closed to the public. I hope at some point I get to meet her. The collection was amazing! The cars at the Center were incredible, and that's just the ones we got to see. There are many more in storage, and like any museum, they circulate throughout the year. The club had a great time looking around and the museum attendants were absolutely wonderful taking care of us.



We don't have an event planned for September because many of us are planning on going to ZCON. If you are going, make sure you get in touch with us. Many of us are planning on caravanning out to keep us all safe. In October, we have a lot going on as well, so keep watch for next month's newsletter as well. Keep your gas tank full, air in your tires and battery fully charged for what's next!



Vice President's Message

Mike Ryan
ZCSD Vice President



This month started off with multiple cars and coffee events. Our club meeting and the release of the Donut Media video series of "We Drove Every" Z. Then the Segerstrom Shelby Event center run.

August 1st kicked off my cars and coffee marathon day. I went to three events around San Diego county. I've never done that many in one day before. First one was the Rancho San Diego Cars and Coffee. Second was the Poway cruisers car show at in and out burger and lastly was the Elite finish car get together in Mira Mar. the Mira Mesa cars and coffee event has started up again as well. That was a very big turn out and of course I squeezed in a Rancho Santa Fe cars and coffee as well.



Those events have so many really nice cars and cool people to hang out with. Some of our club members attended these events. There were several Datsun/Nissan enthusiasts that showed up as well. I love showing off my Z. People really enjoy my Z out in the wild. She does show nicely.



Following week was our club meeting. Not one of our biggest turn outs but enjoyable, nonetheless. We had Charles Park from Powertrix as our guest speaker. Charles did an amazing job discussing suspensions upgrades and sharing some of the products his company produces. Being a Z guy himself, he knows how to get your Z handling right.



Our big event for the month was our run to the Segerstrom Shelby event center. Talk about a kid in a candy store. There were many cars I would have taken home that day. I am a huge fan of the Shelby cobra, and this place did not fail to deliver. Lots of eye candy and cool memorabilia photos everywhere. Not to mention all of the old fuel pump props and neon signs on display.



All in all a very busy and entertaining month. Looking forward to next month and ZCON. This will be our biggest event yet.

Secretary's Scribblings

Patty Cook
ZCSD Secretary



A General Membership Meeting – On August 5. At 7:00 PM, **President David Ferris** called the meeting to order. There were about 21 members and guests present.

David opened the meeting with introductions, asking everyone about their Z car model or their daily driver. Also, have they had ever done research on YouTube about their car.

David opened nominations for the Treasurer position. Having no other nominations from the floor, **Hans & Kathy Crail** were elected by a unanimous hand vote.

Charles Park from Power Trix Performance & Styling was introduced as the speaker for the night. They specialize in Nissan Z cars, and he talked about suspension systems and adjustable shocks. **Min** passed around several examples of damping and adjustable coilover shocks.

Past Events:

July 26th – Special Z filming with Donut Media. The “I Drove Every Z...” event was a great success. **David** did all the arranging and coordination. With help from Inland Valley and Group Z all the Z Classes were represented. The video is up on YouTube.

Future Events:

August 15th – Museum/Drive will meet at the South OC Cars & Coffee, have lunch, and caravan to the Segerstrom Shelby Event Center in Irvine for an exclusive Club-only viewing.

21–26 September – ZCON in Arizona

3 October – JCCS in Long Beach

10 October – DYNO Day at JBA Speed Shop

November 14th – The “Exclusive Z” Car Show at the Deer Park Winery was discussed. General admission to the winery and museum is \$10/pp paid at the gate. Car show entries are \$10/car if pre-paid and \$15 at the door, if openings remain.

5 December – Christmas Party will be \$20/pp with pizza, pasta, and salad on the menu.

Craig Moya announced the upcoming track events.

Michael Montag talked about the Mopar All American Car Show this Saturday at the Embarcadero. Proceeds to benefit military families.

Greg Carlson, Membership Chairman, announced this month’s birthdays. **Only David Timber** was present to choose a gift.

Meeting Adjourned around 8:15 PM.

Board Meeting – July 23: A summary of the minutes will be provided upon request.

MEMBERSHIP

Greg Carlson



SOURCES

WEBSITES

[Z CLUB SD](#)

[NISSAN USA](#)

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[ZCLUB of San Diego FACEBOOK page](#)

AFTERMARKET PARTS & SUPPLIES

Z1 MOTORSPORTS	z1motorsports.com
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JDM MUSCLE USA	jdmuscleusa.com
APEXi USA	apexi-usa.com
ARMYTRIX USA	armytrixusa.com
AXIS PARTS	axisparts.jp
ECUTEK	ecutek.com
KANJO SPEC.D	kanjospeed.com
FACTORY SPIRIT	factoryspirit.com
EVO-R	evo-r.com
BOOSTED 6	boosted6auto.com
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AWE TUNING	awe-tuning.com
SPEEDFORM USA	speedformeusa.com
DRIVEN BY STYLE	drivenbystyle.com
ZPEC DESIGN	zspecdesign.com

- Greg -



REVIVER PLATES	reviver.com
CA DMV Digital Wallet	dmv.ca.gov

CARS	MODEL	MEMBER BIRTHDAYS
20	240Z	Ed Lantz 9/2
2	260Z	Sandra McClenaghan 9/3
7	280Z	Joe Frani 9/5
5	280ZX	Neal Thompson 9/8
4	300ZX (Z31)	Isai Rocha 9/18
6	300ZX (Z32)	Greg Vincent 9/25
8	350Z	Peggy Frani 9/29
5	370Z	Nick Sprankles 9/29
4	Z (RZ34)	Jim Thomson 9/30

San Diego CARS & COFFEES

Cars and Coffees not listed here, please send me the information (date, time, and address) to Faithfuldf67@gmail.com with (Cars and Coffee not listed) in the subject line.

Rancho Santa Fe Cars & Coffee Every Saturday

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

South OC Cars and Coffee Every Saturday

101 W Avenida Nista Hermosa, San Clemente, CA.
92672

Bonita Cars and Coffee (TheBCC) Every Saturday

7-9 am
4414 Bonita Rd.
Bonita, CA. 91902

Carlsbad Cars and Coffee Every Saturday

7-9 am
7130 Avenida Encinas
Carlsbad, CA. 92011

Escondido Cars and Coffee Every Sunday

7-9 am
3333 Bear Valley Pkwy.
Escondido, CA. 92025

Sunday Funday Cars and Coffee Every Sunday

7:30-10 am
Yum Yum Donuts, 517 Telegraph Canyon Rd.
Chula Vista, CA. 91910

Lakeside Cars and Coffee Every Sunday

8-10 am
9760 Wintergardens Blvd.
Lakeside, CA. 92040

For more information on other car related events, please go to this website.

sandiegoassociationofcarclubs.org/fulllistofevents

You can also find Cars and Coffee information on the San Diego Automotive Museum Page on



Poway Cruisers In-n-Out Car Show Every 1st Saturday of the Month

10:30am - 1pm
12890 Gregg Ct.
Poway, CA. 92064

Gearhead Rendezvous Car Meet 1st Saturday of the Month

10am - 1pm
STP Bar and Grill, 5487 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
Clairmont Mesa, CA.

East County Cars and Coffee Every 1st Sunday of the Month

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

PL Cars and Coffee 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month

7:30 - 10am
2562 Laning Rd.
San Diego, CA. 92106

San Diego Automotive Museum Cars and Coffee Every 3rd Sunday of the Month

7:30 - 9am
2080 Pan American Plaza
San Diego, CA. 92101

Coffee and Datsuns Every 3rd Sunday of the Month

8 - 10am
12070 Carmel Mountain Rd.
San Diego, CA. 92128

La Mesa Cars and Coffee Every 3rd Sunday of the Month

7 - 9am
La Mesa Blvd, between Palm Ave and 3rd.
La Mesa, CA.

Santee Cars and Coffee Every 4th Saturday of the Month

7 - 9am
9626 Carlton Hills Blvd.
Santee, CA. 92071

University City Marketplace Cars and Coffee Last Saturday of the Month

8 - 10am
3202 Governor Drive
San Diego, CA. 92122





If you are looking for something car related to do. Check out this awesome schedule that is put together by the San Diego Association of Car Clubs.

This is just a snip of **September** that I captured from the website. Please check out the site for a whole years calendar.
[click logo above to go to website.](#)

- SAT. September 5th - Bonita Cars & Coffee | 6a-9a | 4414 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902 | Every Saturday | [FACEBOOK](#)
- SAT. September 5th - Poway Cruisers In-N-Out Cruise In | 10:30a-1:30p | 12890 Gregg Court. Poway, CA 92064 | Every 1st Saturday | billpersonius@gmail.com
- SUN. September 6th - Escondido Cars & Coffee | 8a | Kit Carson Park - 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025 | EVERY SUNDAY | 858-342-6404
- MON. September 7th - San Diego AutoSwap | 6a-1p | Pechanga Arena 3500 Sports Arena Blvd 92110 | 619-201-8207
- SAT. September 12th - Bonita Cars & Coffee | 6a-9a | 4414 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902 | Every Saturday | [FACEBOOK](#)
- **SAT. SEPTEMBER 12TH - GREATEST SHOW ON TURF | 9A-2P | SOUTH CLAIREMONT COMMUNITY PARK - 3605 CLAIREMONT DR, SAN DIEGO, CA 92117 | 619-201-8207**
- SAT. September 12th - Sunset Cliffs Auto Show | 10a-3p | The Inn at Sunset Cliffs - 1370 Sunset Cliffs Blvd, San Diego, CA 92107 | sunsetcliffsautoshow@gmail.com
- SUN. September 13th - Escondido Cars & Coffee | 8a | Kit Carson Park - 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025 | EVERY SUNDAY | 858-342-6404
- **SUN. SEPTEMBER 13TH - SAN DIEGO BRITISH CAR DAY | 10A-2P | 2000 MULLINEX DR, CORONADO, CA 92118 | 619-933-1877**
- SUN. September 13th - Ojos Locos Supports Youth Program | 11a-4p | 693 Palomar St #10, Chula Vista, CA 91911 | Edwardybarra1@gmail.com
- THU. September 17th - Encinitas Cruise Night | 5:30p-7:30p | S Coast Hwy 101 From D Street to K Street | Every 3rd Thurs. May-Sept | 760-943-1950
- SAT. September 19th - Bonita Cars & Coffee | 6a-9a | 4414 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902 | Every Saturday | [FACEBOOK](#)
- SAT. September 19th - San Diego Bayfair Car Show | 10a-2p | Crown Point Dr, San Diego, CA 92109 | 619-201-8207
- **SUN. SEPTEMBER 20TH - FIESTA EN LA PLAYA 13 AIR COOLED CAR SHOW | 9A-2P | 940 SEACOAST DR. IMPERIAL BEACH, CA 91932 | 619-972-8279**
- SUN. September 20th - SD Automotive Museum Cars & Coffee | 6:30a-8a | 2080 Pan American Plaza 92101 | Every 3rd SUN | Brandi@sdautomuseum.org
- SUN. September 20th - Cars and Coffee La Mesa | 7a-9a | 8332 La Mesa Blvd. La Mesa, CA 91942 | Every 3rd Sunday | [INSTAGRAM](#)
- SUN. September 20th - Escondido Cars & Coffee | 8a | Kit Carson Park - 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025 | EVERY SUNDAY | 858-342-6404
- **SUN. SEPTEMBER 20TH - COPS & RODDERS FALL POW WOW | 9A-2P | 400 KETTNER BLVD, SAN DIEGO, CA 92101 | 619-405-6319**
- SAT. September 26th - Bonita Cars & Coffee | 6a-9a | 4414 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902 | Every Saturday | [FACEBOOK](#)
- SAT. September 26th - Santee Cars & Coffee | 7a-10a | 9608 Carlton Hills Blvd. Santee, CA 92071 | Every 4th Saturday | 619-253-0524
- SAT. September 26th - Ramona Senior Center Car Show | 10a-2p | 1234 Barger Pl. Ramona, CA 92065 | 619-980-3647
- SAT. September 26th - Party in the Park - Roaring 20's! | 5p | 2080 Pan American Plaza San Diego, CA 92101 | 619-398-0310
- **SUN. SEPTEMBER 27TH - 'EYE CANDY' THE SWEETEST CAR SHOW IN TOWN | 7A-2P | 5147 WARING RD, SAN DIEGO, CA 92120 | 619-980-6699**
- SUN. September 27th - Escondido Cars & Coffee | 8a | Kit Carson Park - 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025 | EVERY SUNDAY | 858-342-6404
- SUN. September 27th - Black Angus Steakhouse Car Show | 10:30a-1:30p | 707 E St. 91910 | Every 4th Sunday | 619-778-1395

2026 Racing Schedule

by Craig Moya (Track Coordinator)

2026 Racing Team Schedule

Location/Track	State	City	Organization	Dates	Day	Cost 1 day	Cost 2 days	Comments
L.E. Storm parking lot	CA	Lake Elsinore	SCCA	Mar. 7/8	Sat/Sun			Novice school/practice on Sat.
K1 Speed	CA	Chula Vista	COCSD/ZCSD	Mar. 22	Sun	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races
Streets of Willow	CA	Rosamond	Speed Vent.	April 4	Sat	\$340.00		Student group w/instruction available
K1 Speed	CA	Chula Vista	COCSD/ZCSD	Apr. 12	Sun	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races
Grand Prix of Long Beach	CA	Long Beach	IndyCar	Apr. 17-19	Fri-Sun			6 race groups including IndyCar & IMSA
L.E. Storm parking lot	CA	Lake Elsinore	SCCA	Apr. 18/19	Sat/Sun			Novice school/practice on Sat.
Buttonwillow 13CW	CA	Buttonwillow	Speed District	Apr. 24	Fri	\$425.00		
Buttonwillow New Circuit	CA	Buttonwillow	SpeedSF	Apr. 25/26	Sat/Sun	\$250.00	\$500.00	
Spring Mountain	NV	Pahrump	LVRPCA	May 16/17	Sat/Sun	\$455.00	\$655.00	\$75 rebate with 10 reg., student group
K1 Circuit	CA	Winchester	COCSD/ZCSD	May 24	Sun	\$125.00		2 "Arrive & Drive" races + annual license
K1 Speed	CA	Chula Vista	COCSD/ZCSD	June 14	Sun	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races
NASCAR Street Race	CA	Coronado	NASCAR	June 19-21	Fri-Sun			3 race groups including Cup Series
L.E. Storm parking lot	CA	Lake Elsinore	SCCA	June 20/21	Sat/Sun			
K1 Speed	CA	Chula Vista	COCSD/ZCSD	July 12	Sun	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races
K1 Speed	CA	Chula Vista	COCSD/ZCSD	Aug. 9	Sun	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races
Sonoma	CA	Sonoma	GGLC	Aug. 21	Fri	\$340.00		6 sessions per run group
K1 Speed	CA	Chula Vista	COCSD/ZCSD	Sept. 13	Sun	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races
Spring Mountain	NV	Pahrump	LVRPCA	Oct. 3/4	Sat/Sun	\$455.00	\$655.00	GREAT first-timers student course!
K1 Circuit	CA	Winchester	COCSD/ZCSD	Oct. 18	Sun	\$75.00		2 "Arrive & Drive" races
Buttonwillow New Circuit	CA	Buttonwillow	Speed Vent.	Nov. 7/8	Sat/Sun	\$300.00		
K1 Speed	CA	Chula Vista	COCSD/ZCSD	Nov. 15	Sun	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races
Las Vegas Grand Prix	NV	Las Vegas	F1	Nov. 19-21	Thur-Sat			Qualifying Fri. night, Race Sat. night
Buttonwillow 13CW	CA	Buttonwillow	Speed SF	Nov. 27	Fri	\$225.00	or less	Yes, we leave on Thanksgiving Day, 11/26
Laguna Seca	CA	Monterey	Speed SF	Nov. 28	Sat	\$450.00	or less	92dB
Sonoma	CA	Sonoma	Speed SF	Nov. 29	Sun	\$400.00	or less	Ultimate Track Day Weekend 2
L.E. Storm parking lot	CA	Lake Elsinore	SCCA	Dec. 5/6	Sat/Sun			
Buttonwillow 13CW	CA	Buttonwillow	OnGrid	Dec. 12	Su	\$150 - \$260		passengers allowed
K1 Speed	CA	Chula Vista	COCSD/ZCSD	Dec. 13	Sun	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races

Autocross
Karting
Professional Race
Special multi-day event
Track Day(s)

[SCCA](#)

[Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium](#)

[Buttonwillow Raceway](#)

[Willow Springs Raceway \(streets\)](#)

[Willow Springs Raceway \(big\)](#)

Ramona Fairgrounds

[Chuckwalla Valley Raceway](#)

[Las Vegas Motor Speedway](#)

Information:
[sdrscca.](#)
[motorsportreg.com](#)
[speeddistrict.com](#)
[speedventures.com](#)

Track Time at Spring Mountain, Oct. 2-5

Are you interested in learning the capabilities of your Z? How about improving your driving skills? Here is a great opportunity to do both safely, while having a full weekend of fun. Join members of ZCSD and COCSD as we head up to Spring Mountain Motor Resort in Pahrump, Nevada for a weekend on their challenging, but oh so fun Charleston Peak course.



The Las Vegas Region of the PCA is hosting the event. They put on a terrific event, with safety their top priority. Registrants will get four 30-minute sessions on the track both days, with four run groups (student, novice, intermediate and advanced). The PCA student program is by far the best offered by any track day organization. Whenever a student is on the track, their instructor is in the car with them. This kind of one-on-one instruction would normally cost well over \$1000, but it is offered to first-timers at no extra charge. Even if you have participated in autocross or other track days, you will learn more with the PCA course.

We anticipate the cost to be \$655 for both days. No, it's not cheap, but it is well worth the money. The LVR-PCA folks appreciate that we are willing to drive up from San Diego, so if we get enough members to sign up, we may be able to get a few dollars refunded. At this time, it looks like we will have a sizable group going up. We leave Friday morning and drive home on Monday. You don't have to drive up with the group, but you are very welcome to do so.

Most of us (if not all) will be staying at the Wine Ridge RV Resort & Cottages (www.wineridgervresort.com), located between the track and beautiful downtown Pahrump. There are several one-bedroom, one-bath cottages available for roughly \$125 per night. Or you can save a few bucks by sharing one of the 4 two-bedroom, two-bath "casitas" with another person or couple. We hope to rent all of the casitas, which are more conducive to group gatherings.

To participate, you will need to have a helmet with either a SA2020 or SA2025 rating. Sorry, motorcycle helmets are not allowed. If you don't have one, let me know and I can help you get one from Pyrotec for less than retail. Driving shoes are recommended, but not required. Attire is long pants and long sleeved cotton shirts. Driving suits are only required for the advanced group. You will need to get your car inspected by one of the approved shops between now and the event. There are several in the San Diego area, including Caliber Auto Repair in El Cajon. The PCA requires them to fill out a form, documenting their inspection. The cost is around \$100.

Feel free to reach out with any questions. Registration is expected to open on www.motorsportreg.com in mid- to late August.

Craig, 619-723-2020



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CLUB FIELD TRIP

South OC Cars & Coffee and an Exclusive Look at the Segerstrom Shelby Event Center

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Club Zs lined up at South OC Cars & Coffee, from S30s to a brand-new Heritage Edition.

Seventeen cars rolled out on Saturday, August 15th, for what turned into one of the club's best-attended runs of the year — and sixteen of them were Zs. The morning started at South OC Cars & Coffee, where members filled an entire parking row with everything from early S30s and 280ZXs to 300ZXs, a string of 350Zs, several RZ34s, and a brand-new Nissan Z Heritage Edition. A lot of the credit for the turnout goes to Armando Quezada Jr., who rallied plenty of interest in the run, and a handful of other Z owners who spotted the group and pulled in on their own once they saw the row taking shape.

It was a good showing for the club among the hundreds of cars that packed the venue that morning — members spent a couple of hours wandering the show, trading notes on builds, and catching up before the day's main event.



Staging up before the roll out — more than a few Zs to keep track of.

After the show, the group broke for lunch at BJ's, taking over most of the back patio. A few more members joined just for the meal, and while a couple of folks weren't able to make the trip out to Irvine afterward, it was great having them along for South OC.

From lunch, the caravan carried on to the part of the day that made this run one to remember: an after-hours, club-only visit to the Segerstrom Shelby Event Center. The private collection, built around the cars and legacy of Carroll Shelby, doesn't normally open its doors to outside groups — the club was invited in on a day the Center was closed to the public, a courtesy extended by Rae Segerstrom herself.



A last look at the Cars & Coffee lineup before heading to Irvine.

Inside the Shelby Collection

Once inside, the group had the run of a two-story space built around Carroll Shelby's history — Cobras from nearly every production run, GT350s and GT500s tracing the evolution of the Mustang, and a recreation of the Terlingua Racing Team's famous “Gawdawful yella” Trans-Am championship car. One of the standouts was a 1969 GT500 finished in Jade Black — the only one of its kind ever built with that color, the Drag Pack option, and a manual transmission together.



A pair of Shelby GT350/GT500 convertibles near the entrance, part of the museum's chronological walk through Shelby's career.



A tribute build of the Terlingua Racing Team's 1967 Trans-Am championship Mustang, driven by Jerry Titus.



One of the GT350 convertibles on display — the collection rotates cars in and out of storage throughout the year.

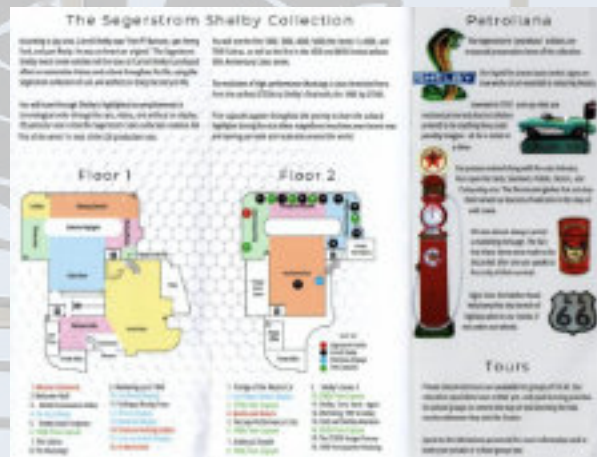
Beyond the cars, the Center's petroliana wing held its own — a wall of glowing gas pump globes, vintage porcelain and neon signs, oil cans, and coin-operated “kiddie ride” cars dating back to the early days of the automobile. It's easy to lose track of time in there, and more than a few members did.

For Anyone Who Wants to Visit

The Segerstrom Shelby Event Center is normally open to the public and offers private, docent-led tours for groups — here's a look at the visitor brochure for anyone who wants to go back or bring family.



The visitor brochure, front panel.



Inside the brochure — floor maps and collection highlights.



The group in front of the petroliana wall — vintage gas pumps, globes, and neon, with Carroll Shelby's signature etched into the glass behind them.

As David Ferris put it in his write-up of the trip: “What can I say about seeing all those Shelbys? First, I really need to thank Rae Segerstrom. She allowed our club to come on a day that they were going to be closed to the public. The collection was amazing! The cars at the Center were incredible, and that's just the ones we got to see — there are many more in storage, and like any museum, they circulate throughout the year. The club had a great time looking around, and the museum attendants were absolutely wonderful taking care of us.”

Thanks again to Rae Segerstrom and the Center's staff for opening up their doors to us, to Armando Quezada Jr. for helping fill out the row at South OC, and to everyone who came out for the run. See you at the next one.

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Why Nissan Keeps Going Back to 1989

What the 2026 Z Heritage Edition tells us about Nissan's favorite Z car



When Nissan wants to remind the world what a Z car is supposed to be, it doesn't reach for the 240Z. It reaches for 1989.

That's the story behind the 2026 Nissan Z Heritage Edition, unveiled this spring at ZCON, the annual gathering of the Z Car Club. Available only on the Performance grade for \$2,940, the package dresses the seventh-generation Z in bronze 19-inch RAYS wheels, a carbon-fiber spoiler wearing a retro "Twin Turbo" badge, matching "Twin Turbo" graphics down the doors, and a coat of Midnight Purple — a shade borrowed from the GT-R parts bin but instantly familiar to anyone who grew up with a 300ZX poster on their wall. It's a clear, unapologetic homage to the Z32-generation 300ZX Twin Turbo, the car Nissan sold from 1989 through the mid-'90s.

It's worth asking why. The 240Z is the car everyone assumes is the "real" Z — the one with the badge that launched the whole nameplate in 1969, the one auction houses fawn over, the one every retro-themed concept eventually nods to. But when Nissan's marketing team needed a well of nostalgia to draw from for a limited-run special edition, they skipped right past it and landed on a car most casual fans couldn't sketch from memory. That's not an accident. It's a pretty good case that the Z32 is the most important Z car nobody talks about.

The car that had to save the Z

By the late 1980s, the Z nameplate had a problem. The outgoing Z31-generation 300ZX had drifted into soft, grand-touring territory, and Japan's home-market rivals weren't waiting around — Toyota was cooking up the Supra, Honda was about to drop the NSX, and Mazda's RX-7 was already earning real respect. Nissan needed the next Z to be a genuine sports car again, not a boulevard cruiser with a Z badge on it.

The Z32 was the answer, and Nissan didn't hold back. It was an all-new design from the ground up, greenlit in 1986 and styled by Isao Sono and Toshio Yamashita, with a lower, wider, more sculpted body than anything wearing the badge before it. The engineering matched the ambition: a 3.0-liter twin-turbo V6 (the VG30DETT) making around 300 horsepower, one of the first production applications of a four-wheel multi-link suspension, and Super HICAS four-wheel steering borrowed from the Skyline. When it landed at the 1989 Chicago Auto Show, it wasn't just competitive with the Supra, the RX-7, and the Porsche 944 that Nissan had reportedly benchmarked during development — for a lot of buyers and reviewers, it was the one to beat. Motor Trend named it Import Car of the Year for 1990, beating out that exact field of rivals.



A design people still steal from

What makes the Z32 such a natural well for a "Heritage Edition" isn't just the numbers. It's that the shape has aged into something closer to timeless than dated — low and wide, with slanted pop-up-free headlights and a cabin pushed forward over the front wheels, giving it a stance that still reads as modern nearly forty years later. It's the kind of design that other manufacturers, and Nissan itself, keep circling back to.

You can already see it in the current-generation Z without the Heritage package at all. The seventh-gen car's taillights are a direct quote of the Z32's, and Nissan has etched "Since 1969" into the rear glass as a nod to the whole lineage. Even the upcoming 2027 model, which adds a split grille as a callback to the original 240Z, is layering references on top of references — an S30 nose on a car that already wears Z32 taillights. The Z has become a car that's constantly in conversation with its own past, and the Z32 keeps coming up as the favorite thing to talk about.

The forgotten one, until now

Part of what makes the Heritage Edition interesting is that it's rehabilitating a car that's spent the last two decades a little overlooked. The Z32 never built the same cult following as the 240Z or the R32/R34 GT-R, and it's often left out of the "golden age of JDM" conversation that centers on the Supra and the NSX — despite arriving the same year as the R32 GT-R and just ahead of both. Values have stayed comparatively reasonable as a result, even as clean examples of its contemporaries have climbed into six-figure territory at auction.

A factory-sanctioned throwback, sold on a brand-new car with a warranty, is a fairly deliberate way to put the Z32 back in the conversation — and to remind buyers that the "Twin Turbo" badge has a specific, respected history behind it, not just a vague '90s vibe.

Why this matters for a Z-car retrospective

For a historian's angle, the Heritage Edition is a useful hook because it flips the usual retrospective structure. Instead of starting at the 240Z and working forward, it invites you to start at the Z32 and ask: what did this car get right that Nissan is still borrowing from, generation after generation? That's a more specific — and more surprising — story than "the Z has a long history," and it gives readers a reason to look twice at a car they may have driven right past in a used-car lot for the last twenty years.





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