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SEZ THE PREZ



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THE PREZ SAYZ

Hello:

I'm going to start this short note with the sad news of Mr. K passing. This impacted all Z car enthusiasts and Z car communities deeply, but lets focus on the fact that his memory lives in his contribution to the automobile industry, he lived to be 105 years and impacted multiple generations breaking barrier of gender and race. Lets faced who doesn't love the 240Z? Our most sincere condolences goes out to his wife, sons, grandchildren and great

grandchildren. We should celebrate his life and his contribution and rejoice in the fact that his hard work and contribution has given past, present and future generation the joy of owning and driving a Z car. In his own words; "Love Cars, Love People, Love Life" Mr. K we all miss you and thank you for all you mean to our Z car community.

February also brought us the Palm Springs BBQ at Jerry Peterson. Members from ZCCIV, Empire Z and Group Z joined in the fun. We also had the All Datsun Meet organized by Sebastian Hill. Some nice Datsuns showed up Z cars, Roadsters, B210 ,510 coupes and wagon and one very rare RHD Bluebird.

March bring us the Empire Z, Avocado Run and our own 2nd Gimmick Rally organized by Patty Cook. Also the 2nd Datsun Enthusiast Meet.

Come out and have some fun if your Z car is down bring your daily driver.

Hope to see you at the General Meeting March 3,2015



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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WEB Site: www.zcsd.org

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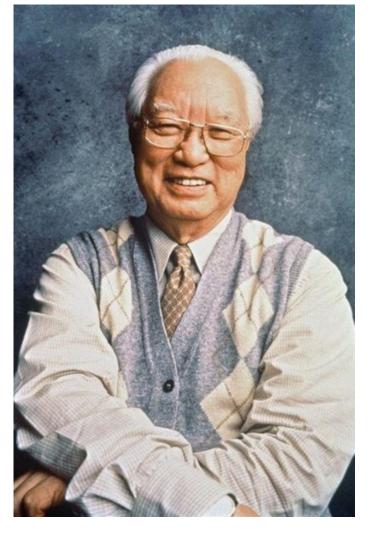
4280 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.

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



25 FEBRUARY

YUTAKA KATAYAMA: 1909-2015

By: Jeff Peek and Rob Sass

Mr. K changed the way Americans look at Japanese cars

"My commitment to stand behind Datsun gained the trust of dealers and sold cars. My motto was: Dealers make money first, and then we make money." – Yutaka Katayama, former president of Nissan Motor Corporation USA

Peter Brock and Yutaka Katayama were automotive legends long before they met – Brock, designer of the iconic Daytona Coupe that gave the U.S. its first victory in the 24 Hours of Le Mans in 1964, and Katayama, the charismatic "Mr. K" who almost single-handedly changed the way Americans look at Japanese cars.

With similar interests, their introduction was inevitable. And when Brock Racing Enterprises began successfully racing Datsun 2000 roadsters in the late 1960s. Katavama asked for a meeting. Brock guickly obliged.

"Mr. K became a good friend and ally," Brock said of Katayama, who died on Feb. 19 at the age of 105. "He was a great enthusiast for performance. He understood the value of competition to Datsun's image and made sure we had whatever we needed. Instead of requesting that I go through the usual bureaucratic management levels, he asked me to call him directly if I ever needed anything."

Katayama is often referred to as "father of the Z," a nod to the Datsun 240Z, which in the 1970s was praised internationally as a well-built, affordable sports car and vaulted the company to new heights. Katayama knew the value of a breakthrough sports car, and the 240Z (as well as the 260Z and 280Z that followed) certainly delivered. He also knew that success on the race track would benefit Nissan/Datsun in two ways – by proving that the cars were durable and by building the company's image.

Bob Sharp, a six-time Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) champion who raced red, white and blue-painted Datsuns and Nissans in the 1970s and '80s, was certainly sold. Sharp not only raced the cars but also owned a successful Nissan dealership in Wilton, Conn. His team, which included late actor/driver Paul Newman, was the east coast equivalent of Brock Racing Enterprises (BRE).

"Mr. K was a special person to every Z enthusiast who knew him," Sharp said. "He was a great businessman, but was also a very personable and down-to-earth individual. He loved life as he loved all the Nissan racers. He was a tribute to our sport. I'm so happy just to have known him."

Katayama was 25 when he joined Nissan on April 1, 1935, and he and the company grew up together. Katayama worked in publicity and advertising before finally landing a position as designer. Two decades later, after Toyota established its American sales arm in California in 1957, Nissan followed with Datsun in '58. The company started with a small, bugeyed, slab-sided, 37-horsepower sedan called the Datsun 1000. In the December 1958 issue of *Road & Track* magazine, reviewers described the car's performance as melancholy, which actually may have been kind. It had a top speed of 66 mph and a 0-60 time of ... wait for it ... 46 seconds.

Undaunted, Nissan decided to form its own American distributorship, and in 1960 Katayama was named vice president of Nissan Motor Corporation USA. He was promoted to president in 1965.

Katayama's influence on Datsun's early days in America is undeniable. Datsun made its first real splash in the U.S. as a pioneer in the compact pickup market. The Datsun 520, an improved version that was introduced in 1965, was an instant hit and led to Datsun's 10-year domination of the market segment.

The first Datsun automobile to register with American sports car enthusiasts was the 1962 SPL 310. Over its 18-year production run, it was known by various names, including Fairlady, 1600 and 2000. Enthusiasts refer to the cars collectively as Datsun roadsters. Some assume that the Datsun roadster was simply a copy of the visually similar MGB, but it predated the MGB. And as the MGB's performance became weaker with the addition of pollution controls, the Datsun's got stronger. Car and Driver was so enamored of the 2000 that in June 1968, the magazine's editors wrote, "We wouldn't miss a chance at driving the Datsun 2000 even if it looked like a peach crate."

Datsun hit the ball out of the park with a small sedan, the 510, and the historic 240Z followed. With acceleration of 0-60 mph in about eight seconds and a top speed of 120 mph, the 240Z found itself in the same league as a contemporary Porsche 911T, but its \$3,500 price was about half that of the Porsche. In 1970, Road & Track offered a prescient observation: "The Japanese industry is no longer borrowing anything from other nations. In fact, a great struggle may be ahead just to prevent a complete reversal of that cliché."

When Katayama retired in 1977, his legacy was assured. Not only was he "father of the Z," he paved the way for other Japanese automakers to find success in the U.S. Fittingly, Katayama is a member of both the Japanese Automotive Hall of Fame and American Automotive Hall of Fame.

"Mr. K forever changed the way Americans think about Japanese cars," Brock said. "Prior to his ascent to the top position at Datsun, Japanese cars weren't favorably viewed by most Americans. Datsun was No. 7 in import sales at that time ... and he made them No. 1."

Brock, who believes Katayama was actually forced into retirement, was thrilled to see Nissan give him his just rewards during the last several years.

"Mr. K was an amazing man because he was gentle, quiet and kind – a poet and artist – but he also wielded tremendous power. That's quite a diverse set of attributes for a man with such responsibilities," Brock said. "I'll miss his friendship and his continued interest in BRE long after we had discontinued our racing relationship with Nissan. He never forgot the role that racing played in helping change America's opinion of Japanese cars."





ZCSD February 2015 General Meeting

February Guest Speakers:

If you are tired of the fuel lines you buy that fall apart in 6 months? then you will want to be here for our monthly meeting. This shop is a gold mine of BRASS FITTINGS, VALVES, NIPPLES & FITTINGS, HOSE CLAMPS, PNEUMATICS, HYDRAULICS. CUSTOM BUILT HOSE ASSEMBLIES FOR EVERY APPLICATION & HARD TO FIND FIT-TINGS AND ADAPTERS. Weather stripping for your restoration project.

Located at: 1099 Cuyamaca St., El Cajon CA 92020

(619) 258-8170

Sebastian Hill was also a guest speaker. He came to promote the first of many more to come all Datsun Car Meet. This one took place at the parking lot in front of MI Tea in Convoy St and Clairemont Mesa Blvd.













ZCSD February 2015 General Meeting

We had a very well attended meeting. Thanks to all that came and thanks to our guest speaker, Darrel Tucker from Industrial Rubber Supply Inc. He addressed the ZCSD members and brought a full box of houses and fittings and clamps and explained their applications.

ZCSD EVENTS for 2014

2015 Events & Dates:

January 17th -K1 Speed race track day and lunch at Cuatro Milpas

February 7th –Palm Springs BBQ at Jerry Peterson's

March 8th--Empire Z's Avocado Run and Lunch

March 21st – Gimmick Rally to Mount Soledad

March 29th - 2nd Datsun Enthusiasts Meet

April 11th – Pismo Beach Z Day (awaiting confirmation)

April 12¹²-15th- Bottom Buster Motor Tour

April - TBD- Motorsports Car Show

April 26st- Coronado Car Show

May 31st - Anniversary Picnic at Santee Lakes

June 7th- Nissan Jam

June 13th- Idyllwild Run

July 14th-18th- ZCON 2015

July 25th-Drive in movie night and BNS Brewery

August 16th – Beach Party and picnic in Mission Bay

September 18th-20th- Coronado Speed Festival 2015

September 19th – JCCS at the Queen Mary in Long Beach

October TBD- Empire Z's 8th Annual Car Show

October 17^{th} - Dyno Day and BBQ at Dyno Shop in Santee and Twisted Manzanita Brewery

October TBD-ZCCIV Car Show at SoCal Wax Shop in Murrieta

November 15th – Wine Drive at Ramona Wineries and BBQ at Dennis's Darnall house

December 12th – Christmas Party 2015

Go to WWW.ZCSD.ORG for a list of our Clubs Sponsors



Is that time of the year for our friends at Empire Z, 9th Annual Avocado Cruise. We will be joining them at the Sunshine Summit General Store,

35230 Hwy 79, warner Springs, CA 92086.

We will meet at 9:30am Chevron Gas Station on I-15 exit #17 9936 Mercy Rd, Poway Pkwy (west of I-15 on Mercy Rd) Depart at 10:00 am Route details at the meeting point



















1^{rst} Datsun Enthusiasts Meet



Thanks to Sebastian Hill for organizing this awesome "All Datsun Meet". It took place on San Valentine's Days. We met at the MI Tea parking located on the corner of Convoy St. and Clairemont Mesa Blvd next to Zion Market. The turn out was great we had Datsun 510, B210,610, RHD Bluebird SSS, Roadsters, 240,260,280Z, 280zx cars and a Z32 and a 370Z. So we don't miss the next one. Next one is in March29, 2015. See details in this newsletter.



















































CLIF'S MEMBERSHIP

Birthdays					
SO Name	Last Name	SO Birth Date			
Jack	Hill	03/03			
Xochi	Cleminson	03/04			
Adriana	Hill	03/05			
Kerry	Krieger	03/07			
Louis	Farris	03/16			
Noemi Lucas	Alberto	03/17			
Ken	Seo	03/22			
Pamela	Daniel	03/26			



ZCCIV MARCH BIRTHDAYS 6 - Mel Eberflus

13 – Arlene Deck

24 - John Williams

Total members: 168 Welcome to Bill Bennett, our newest member has a '73 240Z he is

restoring.

ZCars	Model
41	240Z
3	260Z
15	280Z
15	280ZX
7	300ZX - Z31
15	300ZX - Z32
18	350Z - Z33
11	370Z - Z34

First Name	Last Name	Member#	Date Joined
Miguel	Santos	236	4/1/2000
Chuck	Campbell	244	6/1/2000
Greg	Day	248	7/1/2000
Glenn	Zuiderweg	252	8/1/2000
Jeff	Dodds	256	10/1/2000
Elias	Garcia	280	3/1/2001
Bob	Welty	282	5/1/2001
Tom	Branch	287	6/1/2001
Vicki	Nenner	293	8/1/2001

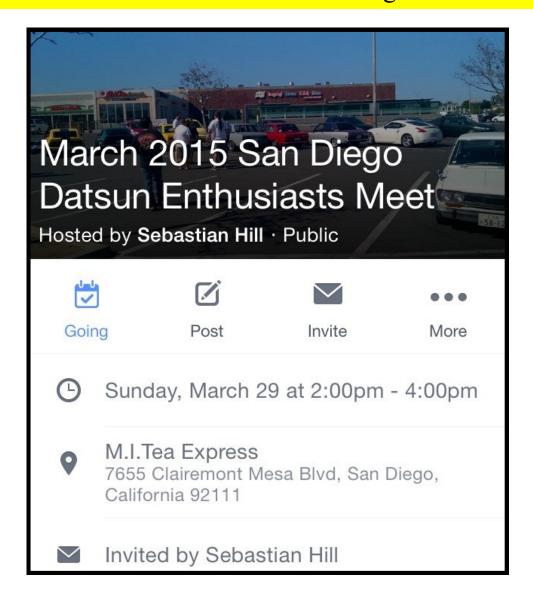
REMEMBER TO UPDATE YOUR DATA ON THE MEMBERSHIP FORM YOU RECEIVED IN THE MAIL, THEN BRING OR SEND WITH CHECK FOR YEARLY DUES RENEWAL. THE ZCSD BOARD MEMBERS APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED ENTHUSIASM AND SUPPORT.

It's that time of the year!!! Membership Renewal

THE CLUB'S ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL CAMPAIGN HAS STARTED. BE SURE TO FILL IN ANY OUTDATED DATA ON THE MEMBERSHIP FORM THAT WILL BE MAILED TO YOU THIS MONTH. BRING THE FORM BACK TO NEXT MONTHS MEETING, OR MAIL IT IN WITH THE RETURN ADDRESS ENVELOPE ENCLOSED. (STAMP NOT INCLUDED)

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR OF EVENTS, MEETINGS AND DRIVES. WE ARE SO GLAD YOU ARE A MEMBER OF OUR CLUB. THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SPEEDY RENEWAL.

2nd All Datsun Enthusiast Meeting



Empire Z: Avocado Run, this is the leg for ZCSD and Z32

We meet at the Chevron Station located at Mercy / Scripps Poway Parkway and I-15 at 9:30 a.m. with the plan to head out by 10:00am. This gives us 90 min to make it to Sunshine Summit in Warner Springs assuming Empire Z is on time; , so I figure we really have plenty of time.

Assuming the weather is good and the roads are clear I propose we head up the I-15, exit Via Rancho Parkway /Bear Valley Parkway (Westfield North County Mall) turn right onto Bear Valley Parkway; turn right onto Valley Parkway (S6); turn right on Lake Wohlford Rd.; turn right on Valley Center Rd.; turn right onto Highway 76; If Palomar Mountain is clear and open we would turn left and head up the South Grade Rd / Palomar Mountain Rd.; turn right on East Grade Road (S7) to head down Palomar Mountain Rd; Turn left on Highway 76; Turn Left on Highway 79; Turn Left into Sunshine Summit to meet Empire Z.

We may want to adjust the route away from Valley Parkway if someone knows a better route to Highway 76 without going through mona.

Sincerely,

Jeff Kitchell, Z32



Make-A-Wish® San Diego

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Dear Mr. Cook,

We are truly grateful to the Z club of San Diego for your contribution to make-A-Wish San Diego. The generosity of the club makes it possible for us to grant a wish to every eligible child in our region without delay. Thank you!

Best wishes to you for a very happy and healthy New Year!

Sincerely,

Dane Vandersip

Here is something to be proud of. This is the letter of appreciation send to our Club and past president, Wally Cook from The Make a Wish Foundation. This is the result of our Club contribution to such a noble cause. The donation was possible thanks to the success of the ZCON 2014. Thanks to all that contributed to by working, volunteering, attending and overall enjoying ZCON 2014. This was Mr. K's favorite Charity organization

ZCSD STORE

Boutique – All Vintage Items on SALE!

THE ZCSD Club Shirt: Short sleeve Polo-style shirt in Maroon with ZCSD logo. Available in men sizes: L and XL (lots remaining).	L - \$15.00 XL - \$10.00 SALE
T-Shirt: Short sleeve shirt in Light Gray with ZCSD logo on back. Available in men sizes: S and M (less than 10 remaining).	\$10.00 SALE
T-Shirt: Short sleeve shirt in Light Blue with ZCSD logo on back. Available in women sizes: XL (last one).	\$10.00 SALE
Bag: White canvas tote bags (lightly soiled) (two remaining).	\$3.00 SALE
Hat Pin: ZCSD Logo	\$3.00
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Note: Logos on The Club Polo shirt are embroidered. Logos on T-shirts and canvas bags are silk-screened. Samples are on display at all club meetings.

Payment due in full with your order – cash, check, and credit card (with a small fee).

Items listed in Red are clearance sale items! This is vintage gear so buy something and get these items added to your ZCSD collectibles!





NEW SHIRTS AND HATS ARE IN \$20.00



NEW CLUB PIN \$5.00 each









Ten braves from ZCSD ventured into the back roads to make it all the way to Palm Springs for the Jerry Peterson's BBQ and club gathering.



It was a great clear and crispy day perfect for a Z car drive



Quick stop to rendezvous with members from Empire Z











Palm Springs BBQ



Jerry Peterson's apartment was perfect for the club members gathering. Plenty of food, side dishes and drinks to satisfy the hunger and thirst .



ZCSD wants to thanks Jerry Peterson and his wife for once again hosting The Palm Springs BBQ and club gathering. Members from Empire Z, ZCCIV, Group Z and ZCSD attended this great event and a few spend the night and met the next day for breakfast at Elmer's. Clif Yaussi framed an exclusive and limited edition ZCON 2014 Parking Pass to The Nissan Design America and presented it to Jerry and his wife as a token of appreciation in behalf of ZCSD members.

Photo Shoot



Had another awesome Photo Shoot with Daralyn Elizabeth Johnson and Mitchel Aragon. My friend Jorge Aguilera brought his beautiful green Celica and Steve Santillan brought his mate black Ratsun Z31. The photo shoot was for the models folio and they were very please and happy to shoot with the "Old Cars"

ZCCIV NOTES

 Our 10 February meeting Blessed the Halls of Casa Jimenez with 18 brave souls who ventured out in the warm So. Cal evening while those living East of Iowa is besieged with snow & cold temps.

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 We have 2 new members, Ivory & Paulette Porter... Welcome to the Club.

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 We talked about a breakfast get-to-gather at the new British Restaurant located in the old Bob's Big Boy on Jefferson in Temecula.

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 I will have a rough draft on the Tour-de-Carlsbad by the March meeting.

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 We still have a few members who have yet to pay their dues. Please respond, I am hesitating on calling "Guido" for some friendly persuasion.

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 Those of us who missed the Palm Springs Run lost out on good food, perfect weather, & as always... many Z tales that were told.

February Birthdays

- 1 Hanns Ruth
- 7 Barbara Williams
- 15 Debbie Connolly

As they say in the movies... "That's a Wrap"

Z Ya! Prez Pat

A final note: We received a phone call this morning informing us that our very own Mr. K passed away this week. Not sure of the exact date. He will be missed by his entire "Z" car family. Rest In Peace Mr. K.

For Sale

1980 Datsun 280ZX 10th Anniversary Edition. This Black and Gold beauty is ready for the upcoming Spring car shows. The vehicle is in pristine condition with 92,000 miles, has all original Datsun/Nissan parts and has been garaged since new.

Fred Jordan, the founder of the Z Car Club of Inland Valley and the Datsun Heritage Museum was the proud owner of this vehicle. Fred and the "Black and Gold" were the recipients of many trophies at Z Car Shows, All Japanese Car Shows, local Car Shows and even at Concourse events. The new owner can expect this car will be a winner right out of the gate!



The "Black and Gold" is being offered at \$15,000. Interested parties can contact:

- Joe Hastie at 951-677-4290 or e-mail at joe.hastie@outlook.com or
- John Williams at 951-768-0916 or e-mail at wmi73@verizon.net



Our fellow club member Bob Bloom is selling one of his 240Z cars and a bunch of 260Z gages. For information and details call or text Bob Bloom at (619) 251-5876.



Active Full Member Renewal

Z Club of San Diego

Membership Form



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