

Z Club of San Diego

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NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS CANCELED

Meetings will resume when it is declared safe to so.



ZCSD

COVID COMPLIANT DRIVE



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After eight weeks of sheltering in place, 30 cars were dusted off, fueled, and driven to Lakeside for the start of our COVID friendly Mountain Run on May 17th. Clif put together a great run through Descanso, Pine Valley, Mr. Laguna, Julian, Santa Ysabel, and Ramona ending at North County Fair. An obligatory stop was made at Dudley's for bread etc. A shout-out to Johnnie Gable, her son Kenny, Mike and Bonnie Rocha and Empire Z members for getting up early and driving down to join our run.

This month's meeting at Denny's is canceled due to the local authorities' directives on how restaurants are to operate currently.

Currently, our **June picnic/BBQ** is **still scheduled** for the 28th. We are monitoring the county parks website and contacting county park officials to try and find out when the park picnic areas will be open. An email blast will be sent our saying go, or no go to the picnic prior to the 28th.

Be healthy, be safe!

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.

Club Mailing Address:

Z Club of San Diego
P.O. Box 710886
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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
Dan	Williams	06/03
Dee	Day	06/06
Jeff	Smith	06/09
Michele	Ruppert	06/10
Sharon	Anderberg	06/14
Brian	Alexander	06/19



Cars Count	
ZCars	Model
25	240Z
3	260Z
9	280Z
9	280ZX
7	300ZX - Z31
8	300ZX - Z32
8	350Z - Z33
4	370Z - Z34

The clubs driving run was great. Cliff and Marcia had a fast pace to keep us going. I didn't invite Diane on this run, she would have had the brake on all day. 28 cars was a tremendous turn out for a run. Shout out to Empire Z, Johnnie Gabble and Kenny and others. Great day and great weather. Hopefully next month we will do another. I'm not sure when we will see each other at Denny's, we will just play it by ear.

Stay safe, Z ya soon Chuck

2020 ZCSD EVENT SCHEDULE

JANUARY 25	RAMONA GRASSLANDS HAWK WATCH
FEB. 14-17	5th ANNUAL FRIENDS OF MR. K FUN RUN
FEBRUARY 22	J A COOLEY MUSEUM & LUNCH AT BUENO NAPOLETANO
MARCH 21	MINIATURE ENGINEERING & CRAFTSMAN MUSEUM
APRIL 13-16	BOTTOM BUSTER MOTOR TOUR
APRIL 18	BORREGO FLOWER RUN (pending road closures)
MAY 17	JULIAN GOLDMINE TOUR
MAY 17	SOCIAL DISTANCING DRIVE
JUNE 28	ZCSD ANNUAL PICNIC, Solana Beach
JULY 7	ZCSD MEETING & PIZZA at De Anza Cove
JULY 18	BARONA SPEEDWAY
AUGUST 16	IDYLLWILD RUN
SEPT. TBD	JCCS LONG BEACH
OCT. TBD	DYNO DAY, Santee
NOV. 15	WINE RUN, Ramona
DEC. 5	CHRISTMAS PARTY, LA MESA

29TH ANNUAL ZCSD PICNIC

SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH



Join your friends and fellow club members on Sunday, June 28th at San Dieguito Park, starting at 10 am. The club will be supplying hot dogs and hamburgers, bottled water and BIRTHDAY CAKE!

Bring your favorite dish to share. We will have an afternoon of fun playing bocce ball, croquet, Frisbee and anything else you might want to bring. Be sure to spiff up your ride for the Show & Shine competition!

From the I-5 take the Lomas Santa Fe exit and go East. Turn left on El Camino Real. Turn left again at the San Dieguito Park entrance (about a half mile down). There is a \$3.00 park entrance fee.

We will be at picnic Area #5 at the lower level. Lots of grass and shade. Look for the club EZ-up and park accordingly. It will be a fun day! Come out and make some new friends and share some good times with your old friends too!

Don't forget sun screen, a hat and your lawn chairs.

SOCIAL DISTANCING Z-CAR MOUNTAIN DRIVE

MAY 17, 2020



SOCIAL DISTANCING DRIVE—CONTINUED

RUN FOR THE MOUNTAINS

GET BACK ON I-8 EASTBOUND, RESET YOUR TRIPOMETER

18 MILES EXIT #40 JAPATUL VALLEY RD, TURN LEFT. PROCEED
9.2 MILES ON OLD HWY 80 PAST DESCANSO, GUATAY AND PINE
VALLEY. TURN LEFT ONTO SUNRISE HWY (S1) GO

23.8 MILES, PAST MT. LAGUNA TO JUNCTION OF HWY 79.
TURN RIGHT AND TRAVEL

3.2 MILES TO INSPIRATION PT. RD. TURN RIGHT, VIEW THE
DESERT AND SALTON SEA. TURN RIGHT AND GO

2.6 MILES TO JUNCTION OF HWY 79, TURN LEFT INTO JULIAN,

.3 MILES TURN LEFT TO FOLLOW HWY 79 TO SANTA YSABEL

6.7 MILES AND DUDLEY'S BAKERY IS ON THE RIGHT. POTTIE
BREAK

15.4 MILES ON HWY 78 TO RAMONA, RIGHT TURN AT SIGNAL
TO FOLLOW HWY 78

12.6 MILES TOWARD ESCONDIDO, TURNING LEFT ONTO SAN
PASCUAL RD.

3.8 MILES GETS US TO BEAR VALLEY PRKY. DECISION WILL HAVE
BEEN MADE AS TO LUNCH PLANS, OR TURN LEFT AND I-15 IS
DOWN AROUND THE CURVE.

THANKS FOR JOINING US, HAVE A SAFE WEEK, AND TAKE CARE!



SOCIAL DISTANCING DRIVE—CONTINUED



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Z ACROSS AMERICA

PART 2

Last month's ZCSD newsletter told the story of our club's participation in the 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Z car. We left off with the party at Nissan Headquarters in Carson CA. Our club then headed to Universal City Nissan where we got the relay baton from the Group Z club of Orange Co. We left L.A. and got Dave Draper back to his home in Escondido.

The next morning, Todd Wills continued the story in the club newsletter with our trip on the Fourth of July to Casa Grande, near Phoenix.

The participating clubs were to submit photos and a story of their leg to earn points for prizes. Our story was a TALL TALE of the RATTLESNAKE RUN. It was inspired by the actual fact that we dropped Dave Draper off at the airport and drove away. He was late for the flight and had to catch a bus back to San Diego. Our club members were staying overnight in Phoenix and visiting the Bondurant Driving School the next day. (we did take a pottie break on tribal land.)

Clif Yaussi

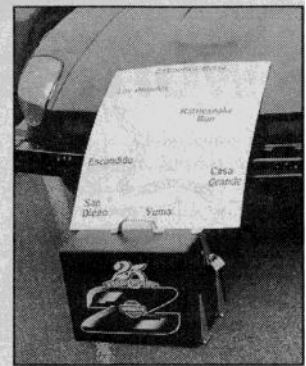
Thank you to Todd Wills for additional photos.

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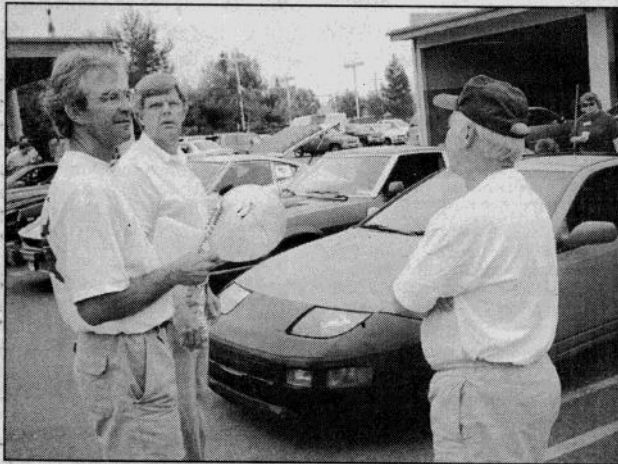
TIMES ADVOCATE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 1995

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A line of "Z" cars, left, leave Escondido Nissan to join up with more "Z"s at San Diego Nissan. Above, a map shows the Z-shaped route for this leg of the relay. Below left are Cliff Yaussi, left, president of the Z-Club of San Diego; David Draper, who originated the Z-car tour, and Escondidoan Terry Allen, who owns a '73 "Z" car.



'Z' drivers stop in Escondido

Times Advocate

ESCONDIDO — The Z American Relay made a brief pit stop at the Escondido Auto Park Tuesday morning before heading on to Arizona.

The stopover was part of an 11-week road relay that began May 13, in which Nissan "Z" car drivers crisscross the U.S. in a Z-shaped route to celebrate the "Z" car's 25th anni-

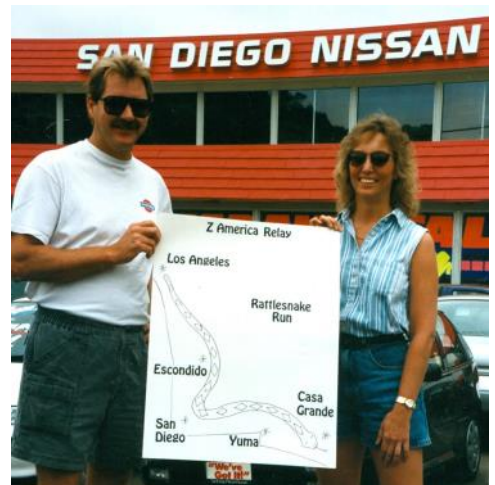
versary.

"Z" clubs across the country have joined the fund-raising, weekend-only event. Each San Diego Z Club driver who participates is sponsored for 1 cent per mile, and all proceeds are donated to the Make-a-Wish Foundation of San Diego. The Nissan Corp. has donated \$2,500 to Make-a-Wish foundation in each of the nine regions taking part in the relay.

Handing off the baton



San Diego's
Section
Of The
Drive



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Last month's Fun Stuff ...

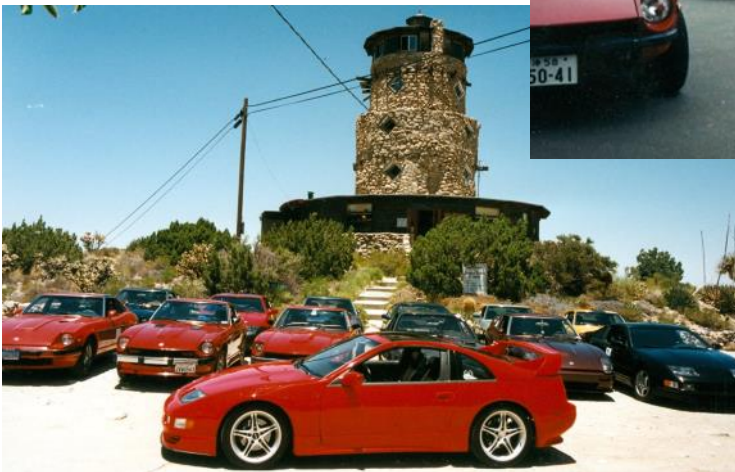
WHAT A MONTH !!!!! The back country tour with Group Z, the Z Across America Relay and the tour thru Palomar Observatory !!! Can't get a whole lot busier than that. **The Back Country Tour** - can't tell you much about it 'cause I had prior commitments that day. Come to the meeting and find out !!

The Z Across America Relay I can tell you about. Wish you were there, glad if you were there!! I'll pick up where Cliff left off (see Cliff's Notes On ...). The schedule said to meet at San Diego Nissan at 10:30 for photo and TV coverage. Not wanting to be late I set my CB to channel 24 and timed my trip to hopefully meet the rest of the Club on the route from Escondido to Mission Valley. I arrived at a San Diego Nissan dealership that was dark and parked alone on the street. After about ten minutes two more Z's showed up, we chatted; it seems they were there for the same reason I was. Then another, then another, and about 45 minutes later the whole Club showed up being led by a red 300ZX Twin Turbo SMZ 25th Anniversary Special. Except that the dealership was closed on the alleged busiest car selling day of the year, all was good. Over the next hour I was to learn the meaning of "lets see some energy". Waivers signed, pictures taken, greetings exchanged and radios checked we pointed the long line of beautiful Z Cars east on route 8 toward the mountains - 22 Z's in a line is a beautiful sight. After a pit stop in Alpine, Cliff and I had to play catch-up with the rest of the cars; did you know that those magnetic CB mounts blow off somewhere around 90 mph? Twice. We caught everyone just as they were stopping for a rest stop at the Dessert Overlook Tower and - that's right, folks "lets see some energy". From 4500 feet (altitude) to 200 feet was an easy coast for the 12 Z's that "went all the way", but on the four hours of virtually straight (as in no curves) road to Phoenix the boredom was only relieved by the chatter and sometime good natured ribbing on the CB (is your little yellow thing hot, Dave?). We pulled into the Casa Grande Sizzler parking lot at 6:30 PM only to find out they were closing early because of the holiday. On to Chandler, where Dave Draper was to leave the SMZ. After a dinner at Appleby's mixed with lots of good conversation, we went to our motel rooms and most reported seeing the fireworks display. The next morning we met for breakfast, gassed up and caravanned to Bob Bondurant's School of High Performance Driving. We were met by one of Bob's staff who showed us a promotional video and gave us a tour of the maintenance area - easily as large as any of the large dealerships. We then piled into a fifteen passenger FORD van and were given a demonstration of the skidpad, accident avoidance and brake test areas of the complex - mixed with the Mustang GT's of students - by one of the instructors. THEN we got into OUR Z CARS and played pace & chase with a couple of Bondurant's instructors driving

Taurus SHO's. Bondurant has a road course that challenges students with any type of corner one might encounter - BOY WAS THAT FUN. Naturally, we all wanted to go faster, but the instructors are professionals and they limited the speed to what they thought was safe for all of us. After we parked our cars Bob Bondurant wanted some publicity photo's, and who showed up but Johnny O'Connel, one of NISSAN's top drivers of the Cunningham 300ZXT IMSA GTS team. After the picture session two instructors and Bob himself gave demonstrations to eager passengers of how to properly drive the course. They were faster than we were [I could have gone faster, but that damn yellow Taurus was in front of me... besides, I have to pay for my tires, he gets his free from Goodyear... It's his track, he's used to it]. We then had a souvenir buying/autograph session in the Bondurant store and talked about how much fun it was to throw our cars around the road course. After the adrenalin wound down, pulses returned to normal and t-shirts were purchased we got some drive-thru lunch and headed back to San Diego. Six hours of driving, again chattering on the radios and we arrived tired, but very excited, back in San Diego. Problems? One car lost a mirror, an oil pressure question, a few warm engines and a burst heater hose, but no major problems. Are these great cars or what? The trip, over 750 miles, was survived by three new 300ZX, one 85 turbo, three 280ZX, two 280Z and three 240's - almost all of the cars were over ten years old. We got some neat momentos for participating in the rally - license plate frame, t-shirt, lapel pin, poster - and from Bondurant's - hat, lapel pin, bumper stickers, CART raceguide; but what we really received from the adventure was a camaraderie earned from sharing a fantastic experience and a chance to meet a legend of racing history.



Z ACROSS AMERICA—CONTINUED



Stop at Dessert Overlook Tower



Z ACROSS AMERICA—CONTINUED



Bondurant



Z ACROSS AMERICA—CONTINUED

RATTLESNAKE RUN

An appropriate name for a run across the southwest deserts of California and Arizona on the 4th of July. But as the president of the Z Club of San Diego I felt obligated to take up the gauntlet thrown down by Dave Draper and get our club excited about the Z America Relay.

We had 23 cars meet at 8:30 a.m. in Escondido Nissan's parking lot. This was Dave Draper's home town and we wanted a good showing. The owner was handing out juice and coffee, and everyone had several. We saddled up after Draper had taken more publicity photos than he'll ever use, and pulled out of the parking lot some 30 minutes behind schedule. Being July 4th, the traffic would be minimal, and we flashed down the freeway for San Diego 30 miles south.

We picked up another 5 cars and of course the scheduled 30 minute stop turned into an hour after Draper took 24 more publicity photos. Kodak should have sponsored this guy. We agreed on channel 24 for the CB equipped cars and rolled off down I-8 for the 357 remaining miles to Casa Grande, Arizona. A total of 12 cars passed over the summit of the Laguna Mountains and plunged into the 105 degree heat of California's Imperial Valley. All the while, drivers and their navigators were sipping on whatever they had that was wet and cold. Another photo opportunity at the Desert View Tower had eaten all the remaining spare time out of our schedule, so the rest stop in El Centro was waived, and we pressed on for Yuma.

How quickly can people eat and run at a McDonald's? We probably set the record trying to make up for lost time and get to Casa Grande on time. As we drove, the CB radios kept us in touch with the pace car, and as the hours zoomed by like so many cactus, I could only hope that the rest of the cars weren't about to mutiny for lack of a potty break. Finally, Draper said, "Clif, should we stop in Gila (pronounced Heela) Bend, or press on to Casa Grande?" (55 more miles) I said, "lets stop, but don't take the first exit, use the second." But as the sight of civilization loomed ahead, 2 cars exited and were never seen again. But at the second exit, Draper got confused and didn't turn off. Dutifully all the cars followed him and as I crossed my legs and screamed, we of the rattlesnake run continued. I guess I shouldn't have had that last liter bottle of Gatorade.

One last chance was a rest area marked on the Arizona highway map, but the sign at the exit read "CLOSED FOR REPAIR", we pressed on. We took the exit for the Maricopa Highway and our destination Casa Grande was only 10 miles down this road, through the Maricopa Indian Reservation. Tall saguaro cactus were now on each side of the road, the kind that look like a person with his arms held out and up. I guess Draper felt the same way I did, for suddenly the pace car swerved to the shoulder of the road and Dave made a mad dash for the privacy of the nearest cactus to answer nature's call. Our caravan of 12 cars had hardly come to a complete stop when the first vehicle we spotted was the Maricopa Indian Reservation Tribal Security Patrol. They came to a tire squealing, dust cloud raising stop and leap from their Blazer. "Hold it right there mister!" I think at the time, Dave was holding it right there. "You're under arrest for desecrating sacred tribal land." We were all dumb founded. We tried to persuade the officers, but they said the deed had been done, and nothing short of a night in the Reservation's jail or a fine of \$250 dollars cash could resolve the issue. They drove him away in the blazer, and

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I got to drive the pace car as we followed them to the Tribal Headquarters. Between us we had the \$250 dollars, so as they took their time shuffling the paperwork and finally removing the handcuffs, we had eaten up another hour and a half of precious time.

We completed the run to Cassia Grande, far off schedule, and most importantly, we were late for Dave's airplane connection back to San Diego. We hauled up the interstate toward Phoenix at over 90 mph. Unfortunately, we were not in time... Dave missed the last flight out of Phoenix, and the alternatives were grim. Does the thought of 8 hours on a Greyhound Bus sound like the perfect way to end 4 full days of cross country driving ?

I guess the saying holds true. Take Greyhound, and leave the driving to us. Sorry Dave, we tried to get you there on time.



2020 Auto Cross Schedule

First Half



⇒ ~~Mar 21st/22nd — Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium~~

⇒ ~~Apr 18th/19th — SDCCU Stadium~~

⇒ ~~May 3rd — Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium~~

⇒ ~~May 16th/17th — SDCCU Stadium~~

⇒ Jun 13th/14th — SDCCU Stadium, West Lot

On-Line preregistration only:

<https://sdrscca.motorsportreg.com>



ZCSD STORE

We still have some club and ZCON 2014 merchandize!!!!
Posters , beach bags T-Shirts and Polo Shirts.

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VINTAGE CLUB SHIRTS \$10.00
(1 limited edition)



CLUB SHIRTS AND HATS ARE IN \$15.00



VINTAGE CLUB PINS \$5.00 each



NEW CLUB PINS \$5.00 each

New Club's Merchandise



Thanks to Jeff Smith from Tailored Customs for the Club's New Merchandise

There will be
Merchandise at the next meeting.



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:

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

Thank you,
Clif Yaussi
Membership Coordinator

Member Number	Membership Type

Please update as needed.

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 _____