

Ramblings

The Z Club of San Diego's Monthly Magazine/Newsletter May 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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From the Driver's Seat



What a month! This month started out, with all thanks to Michael Grassi, with an awesome event at the Jordan Family Classic Car Museum. They had Adam Corolla's Paul Newman racing car collection, or at least part of it, on display. There were lots of Nissans and Porsches on display. Michael had invited me to this event put on by Group Z, our neighboring club to the north supporting the LA area. I asked Jeff Agner, Group Z's President, if he would mind extending the invitation to our club and we had more than a few respond and come up for the museum.

After the museum, Group Z helps coordinate a pretty huge cars and coffee and they had decided to do the event at night. Normally this event is the 1st Sunday of the month, in the morning, and they close off W. Center Street Promenade in Anaheim. This Saturday night they closed the street off from 5-9pm. Group Z had a lot of cars and there were even more Z cars that showed up. Mr. K's legendary yellow 240Z, driven by Kenny Ueda, showed up as well. I didn't manage to stay until the end. My friend Ken and myself were pretty beat and only lasted about halfway through the show, but I would suggest the next time they hold this at night you should definitely try and attend.

There was a huge plus to staying, I got a lot of messages about how long it took others to get home after the Museum. Most said it took close to 2 hours. The Cars Coffee and Classics show was 15 or so miles further north from the museum, but it only took me 88 minutes to go the 92 miles home. Not too bad.

A couple weeks later, Dennis Darnall led our April event to the March Air Force Base Museum. This was an incredibly fun day. We had 6 Zs attend and about 8 people, 2 white 370Zs, a blue 350Z, a new blue Performance Z with a newly joined member, Bob Russell, and Clif and Dennis' green Z32-300ZXs. Only time since I've been a member that only Z cars were in attendance.

Once at the museum, we had an excellent docent walk us through a tour. We got to see and hear about every plane we walked past. One thing I learned from him was that the military frequently made normal planes into stealth planes by painting them black and adding guns for night raids. That seemed to be a common trend. If you've never done this tour or haven't been out to the museum in the last 15 years, it is definitely something pretty wonderful to do.

This month Mike Ryan has a fun run for us planned to go see Garage 79. More information in this newsletter.

Also, have you signed up for the Main Street America Car Show, held at the Embarcadero by Seaport Village on June 7th. This show is to raise money for the San Diego Center for the Blind. Most of the proceeds for the show go there, sponsored by the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego. This year we have 2 classes of Zs, S30-Z31 or 1969-1989, and Z32-RZ34 or 1990-current. 4 chances to win something! Also, each entry brings us closer to beating the Miata Club for club participation!

There are some other events on the horizon that will be different and hopefully a lot of fun, so keep your eyes on the newsletter, your email, and the excellent website we have at ZCSD.org.

David Ferris
ZCSD President

Vice President's Message



This month was very busy with doing a Member Highlight, cars and coffee events, club events etc. this is why we have a car club. To stay busy doing car stuff. To kick off the month. I sat down with Wally and Patty Cook for our first Member Highlight interview. It was a lot of fun listening to both of them talk about when they got their Z to all of their travels and memories they made with it.



Second Z club event was the Jordan Family Classic car and hot rod museum museum. This event was hosted by Jeff Agner of group Z. We had a blast enjoying all of the cars on display. All of Paul Newman cars that he raced were there. Including Adam Corolla's Datsun and a Z that Tom Cruise raced in the movie days of Thunder. Is was great connecting with Jeff and his club members. I haven't seen them since the 2023 ZCON. I also got to finally meet Jeffrey Willerth ZCOA Z club of America. Another really neat stand out that happened to be there was famed artist Hector Cademartori. He's famous in the Datsun/ Nissan world for his artwork of Z's racing. I will be commissioning him to do a painting of my Z soon.

Lastly was the March Field Air museum. Dennis Darnal headed that run. This event was a lot of fun. Great drive up and some to see and learn. I've always wanted to stop in and do a tour of that place.



We had an amazing tour. Our guide was very informed about every plane out there. So much history in one place. Inside the facility there were old military uniforms and memorabilia from the mid to early 1900's on display. Not to mention the old photos and artwork everywhere.



I had an amazing time with our club this month. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves. Our goal is to stay active every month and have fun.



Next months Club driving event will be our run to Garage 79 off of Ca 79 in Warner springs, Ca. I'm looking forward to this event. It will be roughly and hour drive with no real twisties. Just a fun drive out to our destination. Garage 79 is a cool little spot where people meet for cars and coffee and various other events. They serve beer and wine. They have a neat little store to buy refreshments and memorabilia. They will also have food trucks for us to enjoy a meal while looking at cars and mingling with others. It has a classic car feel to it. I hope everyone has a great time.



We'll see you all next month.

Photos by Mike Ryan



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Mike Ryan
ZCSD Vice President

Secretary's Scribblings



General Membership Meeting – On April 1, the meeting began at 7:04 PM, with 41 members and guests in attendance. President David Ferris led the introductions with the question, “Are you planning to attend the Main Street America Car Show and/or ZCON?”

President David Ferris then presented the members with the 2025 awards. Clif Yaussi received two gift cards for winning BOTH attendance awards (meetings and events attended). Our President won the Chuck Golden Membership Award (\$100), BUT since he won it last year, he didn't get the money – just his name on the plaque. Michael Grassi (who missed last month's meeting) presented Past President Michael Montag with the book Chasing Z's.

Next, David introduced the evening's speaker, Craig Moya, the Chairman of the Main Street America Car Show for the past 25 of the 28 years it has been in existence (and a member of our Club). He mentioned that this was a fundraiser for the San Diego Center for the Blind. Last year, the goal was to raise \$27,000, marking the 27 th year of the show. They exceeded their goal, so this year they aim to raise \$28,000. The Center exists solely on donations, and Craig introduced Marianela Camarillo, who serves on the Executive Staff, to tell us more about the amazing work this organization does. She also brought special Meta glasses so we could experience what it was like to have glaucoma, cataracts, or macular degeneration.

Dennis Darnall gave the Treasurer's Report and held a 50/50 drawing, which Patty Cook won and took the \$\$\$. Dennis also auctioned off two framed prints of the original Z, signed by the designer of the 240Z, Mr. Yoshihiko Matsuo.

Greg Carlson reminded everyone about Membership renewal and noted that he had gotten the Club computer back up and running. He also introduced the Birthday members, while a slide show showed them at past Club events. Clif Yaussi brought cupcakes for everyone.

General Business:

Past Events: Judy Carlson talked about the twisty drive out to the Lavender Farm and the lunch that followed. It was well attended, and everyone had a great time.

Future Events: Dennis Darnall talked about the April 18 th Guided Tour of March Air Force Base, and the acres of planes on display.

Competition: Craig Moya announced the upcoming track events.

Meeting Adjourned around 8:30 PM.

Board Meeting – April 16: A summary of the minutes will be provided upon request.

By Patty Cook, ZCSD Secretary



CLUB CARS

BIRTHDAYS

MEMBERSHIP

Greg Carlson



Hi everyone,

May is here and summer is coming! We have many fun events coming up this summer. Be sure to check the newsletter for the list. And if you have not yet done it, please remember to renew your dues! We still have a few members from last year that have forgotten to renew.

Please welcome new member Bob Russell from Irvine. He is also a member of the Group Z club.

- Greg -

CARS	MODEL	MEMBER BIRTHDAYS
14	240Z	5/1 Hans Crail
2	260Z	5/2 "Mr. Mike" Ryan
4	280Z	5/3 Bob Russell
6	280ZX	5/4 Ralph Carwin
4	300ZX (Z31)	5/5 Tom Schlax
4	300ZX (Z32)	5/6 Bill Pickelsimer
4	350Z	5/18 Jason Damron
4	350Z	5/18 John Felt
2	370Z	5/20 Michael Grassi
3	Z (RZ34)	5/26 George Taymar
		5/27 Judy Carlson

ZCSD 2026 Event Schedule

Jan 24 (Sat) - Miniature Engineering Craftsmanship Museum, Carlsbad & lunch at the lake

Feb 7 (Sat) – K1 Speed, Chula Vista & lunch

Mar 21 (Sat) – [Ross Lake Lavender Farm](#) & lunch: 40055 Ross Rd., Fallbrook, AC 92028

Apr 13-15 [Bottom Buster Motor Tour](#)

Apr 18 (Sat) – March AFB Museum & lunch

May 17 Garage 79, Warner Springs, & lunch



June 7 [Main Street America Car Show](#)

June 28 Annual Picnic, [Lake Poway](#)

July 1 Pizza Party/Meeting, [de Anza Cove](#)

July 18 Idyllwild & lunch

August 15 [South OC Cars & Coffee](#) then off to the Shelby Museum

September 21-26 ZCON – Phoenix, AZ

October 3 [JCCS Long Beach](#)



October 10 DYNO DAY

November 14 Wine and Car Show, [Bernardo Winery](#) & lunch

December 5 Annual Christmas Party, [Hamburger Factory](#)

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.

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

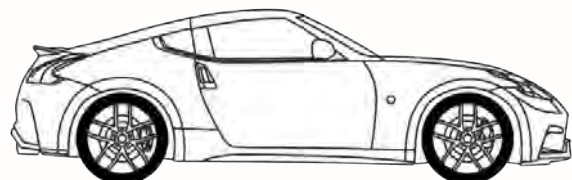
Last Saturday of the month, 8:00 – 10 :00 AM

University City Marketplace, 3202 Governor Drive
(Suggested by David Timber)

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.





SOURCES

WEBSITES

Z CLUB SD

NISSAN USA

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[ZCLUB of San Diego FACEBOOK page](#)

AFTERMARKET PARTS & SUPPLIES

Z1 MOTORSPORTS	z1motorsports.com
CONCEPT Z	conceptzperformance.com
JDM MUSCLE USA	jdmuscleusa.com
APEXi USA	apexi-usa.com
ARMYTRIX USA	armytrixusa.com
AXIS PARTS	axisparts.jp
ECUTEK	ecutek.com
KANJO SPEC.D	kanjospecd.com
FACTORY SPIRIT	factoryspirit.com
EVO-R	evo-r.com
BOOSTED 6	boosted6auto.com
SEIBON CARBON	seiboncarbon.com
MY JAPAN DIRECT	myjapandirect.com
CARBON CREATIONS	carboncreations.com
AWE TUNING	awe-tuning.com
SPEEDFORM USA	speedformeusa.com
DRIVEN BY STYLE	drivenbystyle.com
ZPEC DESIGN	zspecdesign.com

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

[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

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

2026 Racing Schedule by Craig Moya (Track Coordinator)

The "Route 66 Caravan", highlighted in bright yellow(Oct3/4), runs from Sept. 29 through Oct. 10, and will likely only happen if there is enough interest. It's destination is an amazing track in Missouri called Ozarks International Raceway. But it is open to anyone who would like to join us as we visit sites along "The Mother Road". I would appreciate it if anyone considering participating would contact me for the details ASAP.

Craig Moya
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2026 Track/Racing Team Schedule

Dates	Day	Location/Track	City	State	Organization	Cost 1 day	Cost 2 days	Comments
Mar. 7/8	Sat/Sun	L.E. Storm parking lot	Lake Elsinore	CA	SCCA			Novice school/practice on Sat.
Mar. 22	Sun	K1 Circuit	Winchester	CA	COCSD/ZCSD	\$125.00		2 "Arrive & Drive" races + annual license
April 4	Sat	Streets of Willow	Rosamond	CA	Speed Vent.	\$340.00		Student group w/instruction available
April 12	Sun	K1 Speed	Chula Vista	CA	COCSD/ZCSD	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races
Apr. 17-19	Fri-Sun	Grand Prix of Long Beach	Long Beach	CA	IndyCar			6 race groups including IndyCar & IMSA
Apr. 18/19	Sat/Sun	L.E. Storm parking lot	Lake Elsinore	CA	SCCA			Novice school/practice on Sat.
Apr. 24	Fri	Buttonwillow 13CW	Buttonwillow	CA	Speed District	\$425.00		
Apr. 25/26	Sat/Sun	Buttonwillow New Circuit	Buttonwillow	CA	SpeedSF	\$250.00	\$500.00	
May 10	Sun	K1 Speed	Chula Vista	CA	COCSD/ZCSD	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races
May 16/17	Sat/Sun	Spring Mountain	Pahrump	NV	LVRPCA	\$455.00	\$655.00	\$75 rebate with 10 reg., student group
June 14	Sun	K1 Speed	Chula Vista	CA	COCSD/ZCSD	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races
June 19-21	Fri-Sun	NASCAR Street Race	Coronado	CA	NASCAR			3 race groups including Cup Series
June 20/21	Sat/Sun	L.E. Storm parking lot	Lake Elsinore	CA	SCCA			
July 12	Sun	K1 Speed	Chula Vista	CA	COCSD/ZCSD	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races
Aug. 9	Sun	K1 Speed	Chula Vista	CA	COCSD/ZCSD	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races
Aug. 21	Fri	Sonoma	Sonoma	CA	GGLC	\$340.00		6 sessions per run group
Sept. 13	Sun	K1 Speed	Chula Vista	CA	COCSD/ZCSD	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races
Oct. 3/4	Sat/Sun	Ozarks International Raceway	Gravois Mills	MO	PSI Motorsports	\$350.00	?	"Route 66 Caravan" Sept. 29 - Oct.10
Oct. 3/4	Sat/Sun	Spring Mountain	Pahrump	NV	LVRPCA	\$455.00	\$655.00	\$75 rebate with 10 reg., student group
Oct. 18	Sun	K1 Speed	Chula Vista	CA	COCSD/ZCSD	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races
Nov. 7/8	Sat/Sun	Buttonwillow New Circuit	Buttonwillow	CA	Speed Vent.	\$300.00		
Nov. 15	Sun	K1 Speed	Chula Vista	CA	COCSD/ZCSD	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races
Nov. 19-21	Thur-Sat	Las Vegas Grand Prix	Las Vegas	NV	F1			Qualifying Fri. night, Race Sat. night
Nov. 27	Fri	Buttonwillow 13CW	Buttonwillow	CA	Speed SF			Yes, we leave on Thanksgiving Day, 11/26
Nov. 28	Sat	Laguna Seca	Monterey	CA	Speed SF			92dB
Nov. 29	Sun	Sonoma	Sonoma	CA	Speed SF			Ultimate Track Day Weekend 2
Dec. 5/6	Sat/Sun	L.E. Storm parking lot	Lake Elsinore	CA	SCCA			
Dec. 12	Su	Buttonwillow 13CW	Buttonwillow	CA	OnGrid	\$150 - \$260		passengers allowed
Dec. 13	Sun	K1 Speed	Chula Vista	CA	COCSD/ZCSD	\$43 - \$78.50		3 "Arrive & Drive" races

Autocross

Karting

Professional Race

Special multi-day event

Track Day(s)

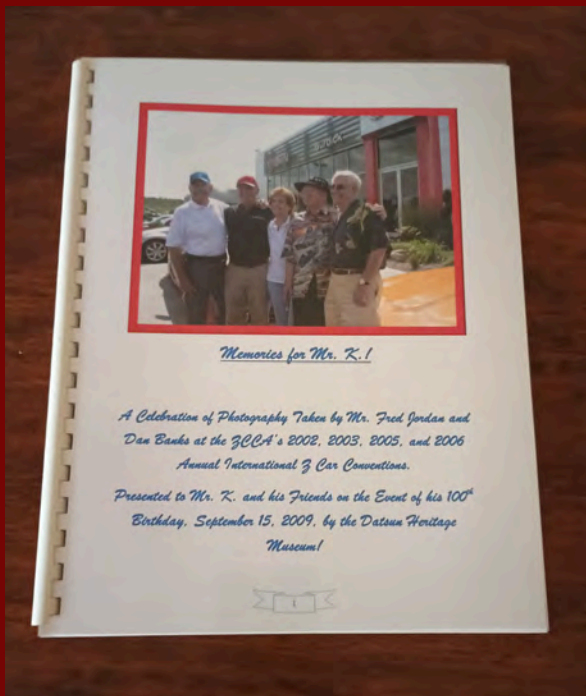
Picture courtesy of Nissan Motor Corp



Club meeting and auction

Be sure to make the next meeting. The club will start something new by auctioning off certain items.

The auction for May club meeting is a 45 page book of photos celebrating Mr K on his 100 th birthday. These photos were taken at the 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2006 ZCCA conventions. This was produced by the Datsun Heritage Museum that Fred Jordan started but is now closed. Many great photos of all the conventions Mr K attended. Starting bid is \$100. The club gets half and Diane Golden gets half. We do accept Zelle for payment.



Bottom Buster Tour

By Clif Yaussi

This year's tour took 12 cars on a run to the western side of the Sierra Nevada Mountains, but not before making our way from the Rose Bowl's starting point. Then over to Santa Paula and up to Ojai. My favorite road that Monday morning was Hwy 33, from Ojai north to Hwy 166 and a turn to the west. We had lunch in Oceano's Rock and Roll diner, a train car restaurant located just below Pismo Beach. The afternoon route led us to Visalia, off the 99 freeway south of Fresno.

Wally Cook had his son Carl drove their 240Z, Mike Libonate was in his yellow 350Z, and Clif and Marcia Yaussi were in his Green 300ZX Roadster. The other assortment of cars included a Corvette, Cadillac XLR Coupe, Camaro, MGB, Jaguar XKE, Lotus Elise, Mini Cooper, Alfa Romeo Giulia and Honda S2000.

Day two saw the group depart around 8:00am and some not returning till 7:00pm. A lot of twisty highways in the mountains and a stop at Buckhorn Saloon in the town of North Fork. It is noted for being closest to the exact center of California. We passed two or three lakes, ran a rough spell over deteriorating tarmac and ended the day with a group dinner.

Day three toured roads on the way south from Visalia and through Tehachapi CA, and down the I-215 and San Diego. A total of over 1000 miles, if you completed each leg. The weather was great, the traffic light and the roads curvy. What more could you ask for? See you next year!



Photos provided by Clif Yaussi



Z Club drive to March Field Air Museum April 18 2026



Saturday April 18 saw 6 ZCSD cars heading up the I-15/215 to the Air Museum next to March Air Base. We met at the Rainbow Oaks Restaurant, hidden from view off I-15 in Rainbow, but a quiet spot for the locals. Run leader Dennis Darnall had in tow David Ferris, Mike Ryan, Rob and Kim Johnson, Clif Yaussi with passenger Hugh Clark, and Bob Russell, a new member.



For first timers, it is an overwhelming vista. 30 acres of war planes lined up in somewhat of an order, fighters here, bombers there, cargo and refueling jets everywhere. My dad was a bombardier in a B-17 in Europe during the early stages of WWII, so I was drawn to their B-17.



Our group signed up for a tour and our docent was very knowledgeable about the vast collection they have outside.

The size of the B-52, around since the 1960's and still in use, was amazing. A lineup of Russian Mig's was also impressive. They featured mostly Air Force jets, but had a few Navy jets, including the F-14 Tomcat made famous in Top Gun.



We concluded our 2 hour stay by viewing the awesome SR 71 Blackbird they have inside a hanger and several rooms full of military gear and mementos.

We headed for lunch to an Indian restaurant not far away and enjoyed their great food. Thanks Dennis for a great adventure into the past, and the comradery of club friends.



By Clif Yaussi. Photos by Mike Ryan and Clif Yaussi

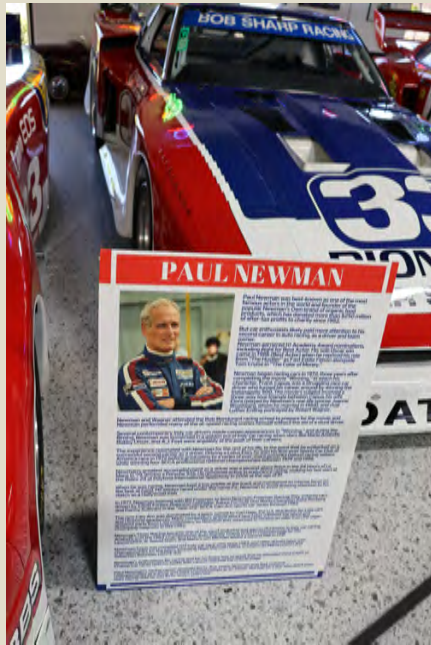


On Saturday, April 4th, a number of ZCSD members headed north to the Jordan Family Classic Car Museum in Santa Ana! ZCSD was invited by the Group Z Club of Orange County for a private showing of comedian, actor, director and podcaster Adam Carolla's collection of Paul Newman's race cars, comprised mostly of Datsun and Nissan Z's! Adam owns the world's largest private collection of Paul Newman's race cars, valued at over \$15 million. The collection includes many of the Datsun/Nissan Z cars that Paul raced for the East Coast based Bob Sharp Racing (BSR) team as well as a 1979 Porsche 935 that Paul raced and placed second with at Le Mans in 1979.

I would always bring my 35mm camera with me and snap pics of the Z cars in the pits and on the track. My main interest was getting pictures of the BSR team prepping the Z cars for the race, Paul (and other BSR drivers including Sam Posey) talking race strategy with Bob Sharp, followed by finding a grassy knoll where I could set up with my camera and get pictures of the BSR Z's and other teams cars racing on the scenic track.

Paul Newman was a very accomplished race driver, winning four SCCA National Championships, winning the 1995 24 Hours at Daytona (at 70 years of age!), and a second overall place at Le Mans (winning his class) in 1979. Newman's last race was at Lime Rock at age 81 driving a Corvette. Newman's racing life was chronicled in the 2015 documentary *Winning: The Racing Life of Paul Newman*, directed and produced by Adam Carolla.

For me, this was a very special opportunity to relive a memorable time of my youth. Having grown up in Connecticut where I owned a 1974 Datsun 260Z, followed by a 1978 280Z, I spent many a summer day in the late 70's/early 80's driving my Z's up to the "home track" of BSR, Lime Rock Park located in the Berkshire Mountains in Lakeville, CT. Bob Sharp Racing was one of two race teams sponsored by Nissan, the other being Peter Brock's race team, Brock Racing Enterprises here on the West Coast. Paul and his actress wife Joanne Woodward lived nearby in Westport, CT and would usually accompany her husband to the track.



By Jim Thompson. Photos by Mike Ryan and Clif Yaussi and Jim Thompson



The pictures included here from Lime Rock show the Bob Sharp race ready 280Z in the pits, Paul sitting in his race trailer prior to a race, talking strategy with team owner Bob Sharp, walking to his race car with wife Joanne Woodward and driving a victory lap with the checkered flag after winning another race.

So yes, this was a very special visit to the Jordan Family Museum. Many thanks to the Group Z Club for inviting the ZCSD and to Adam Carolla for opening up his amazing collection of Paul Newman's race car collection to fans of Paul Newman and Z cars.



By Jim Thompson. Photos by Mike Ryan and Clif Yaussi and Jim Thompson

May



Event

For our May run we will be heading to Garage 79. This a neat little place off the 79 highway in Warner springs. Here's a brief description of Garage 79.

Garage 79 is a popular, eclectic beer garden in Warner Springs, California, known for its vintage auto shop theme, craft beer selection, and rotating food vendors.

It offers a relaxed, family-friendly, and pet-friendly atmosphere with both indoor and outdoor seating, often featuring live music and car-related events. The spot is a popular stop for those exploring the scenic backcountry roads between the desert and Palomar Mountain, serving local craft beers, regional wines, and non-alcoholic options alongside guest food trucks.



MAY 17th

This will be a fun drive out to our destination spot. We will be meeting at the Albertson in Ramona at 1459 Main st Ramona, Ca 92065. We will meet there at 10:30 am and leave by 11:00 sharp. The drive will take approximately 53 minutes. From the Albertsons parking lot we will head out on to Main Street and head east to Ca-79. This will take us straight to Garage 79.

I would suggest you bring a drink and some snacks. You can use the restroom and do a little shopping at the Albertsons before we head out. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.



Meet up at Albertsons in Ramona at 10:15am. Shooting to head out by 10:45am and no later than 11am. We will take 67 to 79 to Santa Ysabel. Then turn left to continue on the 79. Takes about 53 minutes to get there. They get things started around noon. I figure we should get there a little early for space/

Member Highlight

I recently had the pleasure of interviewing Wally and Patty Cook. Two of our most treasured members. We discussed one their prized possessions, a 1972 Datsun 240Z.

Wally purchased the Z in late 1972. He stopped in at Granada Hills Datsun to check out the 240Z's on the lot. He test drove two of the Z's they had. He wasn't really happy with them, so the salesmen mentioned he had one more inside.

When Wally walked into the showroom, he saw what would be his forever Z. It was one of Datsun's pace cars. It was a rare car only 50 were made. It was Painted in the iconic blue on top and white on the bottom. It had two racing stripes on the sides of the front fenders.

After some negotiating Wally traded in the wagon and purchased the Z for a whopping \$2300. On his way home, I'm sure he wondered how he was going to explain this to Patty.

When Wally arrived home. He Surprised Patty with "their" new sports car. When the discussion came up about the kids. Patty's comment was "where are we going to put them? Wally responded "in the back".

Wally and Patty were no stranger to sports car ownership. They've owned a Porsche and a sprite. And a few other sports cars. When I asked her what she thought of it her comment was "I loved it". She said it out performed all the other cars.

They've been on many trips with this Z car. They've enjoyed many miles in nearly 54 years. To the tune of 700k miles on the chassis.

They lived the Z so much. They decided to start their own Z club. In 1973 they started their own club called the "San Fernando Z club". They only had about 10-12 people but they had fun while it lasted. They later joined "Group Z" in LA and then when they moved to San Diego county they joined the "Z club of San Diego.

Wally was also president for a few years and hosted the 2014 ZCON here in San Diego. It was my first ZCON as a member. It was a lot of work for our board members but it was worth it in the end. It turned out to be a great show.

I wish Wally and Patty many more years of Z driving experiences. They've both been an incredible part of our club. Thank you both for your amazing contribution to our amazing club.

Mike Ryan
VP



The 29th Main Street America People's Choice Charity Car Show Presented by the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego

Sunday, June 7, 2026 10 am – 3 pm
Embarcadero Marina Park North (Seaport Village)

A fundraiser for the San Diego Center for the Blind

\$55.00 Pre-registration is required. Entry must be postmarked by May 24, 2026. This show has sold out the past 5 years. Once all spaces are reserved, we will no longer take reservations, *regardless of the date*. So don't wait to send in your registration!!! NO LATE OR DAY-OF-SHOW ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED!

Registrants receive a *reserved* space with the other vehicles in their class or club, or pre-registered friend (their choice), a dash plaque and 1 LUNCH TICKET.

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Choose ONE parking option: Vehicle class _____ Car club _____ OR With (name) _____

By signing, I agree my vehicle will remain in its assigned parking space until the end of the awards ceremony, per the Port of San Diego requirement. Club _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Entrants release the Corvette Owners Club of San Diego, the Port of San Diego, the City and County of San Diego from any known or unknown damages, injuries, losses, or claims that may occur during this event. COCSD and its representatives reserve the right to limit entry to the first 350 paid registrations

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CLASSES

A Pre-War Classics

Completely stock cars of model years 1900 to 1942.

B 1946-1960 Domestic

Essentially stock cars of U.S. make, except Corvettes and T-Birds, of the model years 1946 to 1960. Significantly modified cars will be classified as Customs.

C 1961-1966 Domestic

Essentially stock cars of U.S. make, except Corvettes and T-Birds, of the model years 1961 to 1966. Significantly modified cars will be classified as Customs.

D 1967-1989 Domestic

Essentially stock cars of U.S. make, except Corvettes and T-Birds, of the model years 1967 to 1989. Significantly modified cars will be classified as Customs.

E 1946-1989 Foreign

Essentially stock cars of non-U.S. make, except Nissan/Datsun Zs of the model years 1946 to 1989. Cars with significant modifications will be classified as Customs.

F 1990-2026 Foreign

Stock and modified cars of non-U.S. make, except Nissan/Datsun Zs and Mazda Miatas of the model years 1990 to 2026.

G 1969-1989 Nissan/Datsun Z Cars

Stock or modified Nissan/Datsun Zs of model years 1969 to 1989.

H 1990-2026 Nissan Z Cars

Stock and modified Nissan Zs of model years 1990 to 2026.

I 1953-1967 Corvettes

Stock first and second generation Corvettes, 1953 to 1967. Corvettes with modifications will be classified as Customs.

J 1968-1996 Corvettes

Stock or modified third and fourth generation Corvettes.

K 1997-2004 Corvettes

Stock or modified fifth generation Corvettes.

L 2005-2013 Corvettes

Stock or modified sixth generation Corvettes.

M 2014-2019 Corvettes

Stock or modified seventh generation Corvettes.

N Stock 2020-2026 Corvettes

Essentially stock eighth generation Corvettes. Minimal carbon fiber, no added chrome, etc. Custom wheels are acceptable.

O Custom 2020-2026 Corvettes

Modified eighth generation Corvettes. If it doesn't look stock to a non-expert, it's modified.

P 1990-2015 Miatas

Stock or modified Mazda Miatas of model years 1990 to 2015.

Q 2016-2026 Miatas

Stock or modified Mazda Miatas of model years 2016 to 2026.

R Thunderbirds

Stock or modified Ford Thunderbirds of all model years.

S 1990-2026 Pony, Sports and Muscle Cars

Stock and modified cars of U.S. make, except Corvettes, Low Riders and Thunderbirds of model years 1990 to 2026.

T Trucks and Sports Utility Vehicles

Stock and modified trucks and SUVs of any make or model.

U 1900-1942 Street Rods

Custom cars based upon pre-war vehicles of model years 1900 to 1942.

V 1946-1989 Customs

Cars other than T-Birds, '68 - '89 Corvettes and Low Riders, of the model years 1946 to 1989 with significant modifications.

W 1946 to 2026 Lowriders

Cars of any make or model, customized with under-sized tires, from model years 1946 to 2026.



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 March that I captured from the website. Please check out the site for a whole years calendar. [click logo above to go to website.](#)

- FRI. May 1st - Temecula Rod Run | 5p-8p | Old Town Front Street from First Street to Moreno Rd. Temecula, CA 92590 | 951-240-4268
- SAT. May 2nd - Bonita Cars & Coffee | 6a-9a | 4414 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902 | Every Saturday | [FACEBOOK](#)
- FRI. May 2nd - Temecula Rod Run | 9a-4p | Old Town Front Street from First Street to Moreno Rd. Temecula, CA 92590 | 951-240-4268
- **SAT. MAY 2ND - MOTORS FOR MINDS 4TH ANNUAL FIREFIGHTER CHARITY CAR SHOW | 9:30A-2P | 15805 EL MONTE RD LAKESIDE, CA 92040 | MOTORSFORMINDS@GMAIL.COM**
- SAT. May 2nd - Poway Cruisers In-N-Out Cruise In | 10:30a-1:30p | 12890 Gregg Court. Poway, CA 92064 | Every 1st Saturday | billpersonius@gmail.com
- SUN. May 3rd - Escondido Cars & Coffee | 8a | Kit Carson Park - 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025 | EVERY SUNDAY | 858-342-6404
- **SUN. MAY 3RD - MOTORCARS ON MAINSTREET | 10A-3P | 1050 ORANGE AVENUE, CORONADO, CA 92118 | DIRECTOR@CORONADOMAINSTREET.COM**
- WED. May 6th - Cajon Cruise Opening Night | 5p-7:30p | DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 3PM | Main St & Magnolia Ave. Downtown El Cajon | Every Wed May 6-Aug 26 | 619-995-5219
- **FRI. MAY 8TH - OVER THE HILL GANG STREAK | 8A-10P | 2211 PACIFIC BEACH DRIVE, SAN DIEGO 92109 | OTHGSD.STREAK@AOL.COM**
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- SUN. May 10th - Escondido Cars & Coffee | 8a | Kit Carson Park - 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025 | EVERY SUNDAY | 858-342-6404
- WED. May 13th - Cajon Cruise Girls Nite Out | 5p-7:30p | DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 3PM | Main St & Magnolia Ave. Downtown El Cajon | Every Wed May 6-Aug 26 | 619-995-5219
- SAT. May 16th - Bonita Cars & Coffee | 6a-9a | 4414 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902 | Every Saturday | [FACEBOOK](#)
- **SAT. MAY 16TH - RUN TO THE HILLS CAR SHOW | 9A-3P | OLD HWY 80 | 619-504-2682**
- SUN. May 17th - SD Automotive Museum Cars & Coffee | 6:30a-8a | 2080 Pan American Plaza 92101 | Every 3rd SUN | Brandi@sdautomuseum.org
- SUN. May 17th - Cars and Coffee La Mesa | 7a-9a | 8332 La Mesa Blvd. La Mesa, CA 91942 | Every 3rd Sunday | [INSTAGRAM](#)
- SUN. May 17th - Escondido Cars & Coffee | 8a | Kit Carson Park - 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025 | EVERY SUNDAY | 858-342-6404
- WED. May 20th - Cajon Cruise Camaro Craze | 5p-7:30p | DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 3PM | Main St & Magnolia Ave. Downtown El Cajon | Every Wed May 6-Aug 26 | 619-995-5219
- THU. May 21st - 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. May 23rd - Bonita Cars & Coffee | 6a-9a | 4414 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902 | Every Saturday | [FACEBOOK](#)
- SAT. May 23rd - Santee Cars & Coffee | 7a-10a | 9608 Carlton Hills Blvd. Santee, CA 92071 | Every 4th Saturday | 619-253-0524
- **SAT. MAY 23RD - SANTEE STREET FAIR CLASSIC CAR SHOW | 9A-5P | 9888 MISSION GORGE RD, SANTEE, CA 92071 | ORGANICOFFICE619@GMAIL.COM**
- SUN. May 24th - Escondido Cars & Coffee | 8a | Kit Carson Park - 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025 | EVERY SUNDAY | 858-342-6404
- SUN. May 24th - Black Angus Steakhouse Car Show | 10:30a-1:30p | 707 E St. 91910 | Every 4th Sunday | 619-778-1395
- MON. May 25th - San Diego AutoSwap | 6a-1p | Pechanga Arena 3500 Sports Arena Blvd 92110 | 619-201-8207
- WED. May 27th - Cajon Cruise Impala Palace | 5p-7:30p | DO NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 3PM | Main St & Magnolia Ave. Downtown El Cajon | Every Wed May 6-Aug 26 | 619-995-5219
- SAT. May 30th - Bonita Cars & Coffee | 6a-9a | 4414 Bonita Road, Bonita, CA 91902 | Every Saturday | [FACEBOOK](#)
- SAT. May 30th - Ride for Life | 9a-3p | 4645 Morena Blvd San Diego, CA 92117 | Lauren@soslsd.org
- SUN. May 31st - Escondido Cars & Coffee | 8a | Kit Carson Park - 3333 Bear Valley Pkwy, Escondido, CA 92025 | EVERY SUNDAY | 858-342-6404

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