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THE NEXT GENERAL MEETINGS IS TUESDAY

December 5, 2023

AT DENNY'S,

4280 Claremont Mesa Blvd.

Come Early and Enjoy Your Dinner Before the Meeting!



NOVEMBER WINE CRUZ



SEZ THE PREZ

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

The club's popular Wine Run took place on Saturday, November 4th with approximately 10 vehicles in attendance. A great lunch was had at Mariscos del Mar de Cortez, recommended by Dennis, topped off by a wonderful root beer float at Smoking Cannon Brewery. Not sure there was much wine tasting after the floats. A big shoutout to Lenny and Sheri for a fantastic run. Our last event of the year is the annual Holiday Party, which will be held on Saturday, December 3rd at El Torito in La Mesa. Come on down and have a great time. Don't forget to bring a gift for the Toy Drive and/or white elephant gift exchange. An event flyer is later in this newsletter.

The ZCSD Board will be meeting next month to lay out and schedule events for the coming year. Please pass on to any board member events, activities, or runs you would like to see the club do in the coming year.

I want to thank the 2023 ZCSD Board members Clif, Dennis, Patty, Wally, Chuck, Lenny, Sheri and Carl Cook for their hard work in making 2023 a club success. The board is looking forward to continuing to make ZCSD the most active Z car club in 2024.

Now, let's drive those Z's.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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.

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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 DECEMBER REPORT ON BIRTHDAYS & MEMBERSHIP

Birthdays		
SO Name	Last Name	Birth Date
Carlton	Gasior	12/15
Judy	Heintskill	12/21
Diane	Golden	12/22
Mikel	Krause	12/29
Linda	Thompson	12/29



Cars Count	
ZCars	Model
25	240Z
3	260Z
9	280Z
11	280ZX
8	300ZX - Z31
12	300ZX - Z32
8	350Z - Z33
5	370Z - Z34

The wine run happened on a beautiful day, The Escondido winery had plenty of shade and had a wonderful time talking to friends. Lunch was great. Dennis picked out another Mexican restaurant which was great. Hopefully I will see a lot of you at the Xmas party. Details coming.

Z ya at the meeting in December, Chuck

2023 ZCSD EVENT SCHEDULE

JAN. 15	ZCSD — Cars and Coffee—Then Visit the San Diego Automotive Museum, Balboa Park
FEB. 25	ZCSD Cruz to Ramona for the Hawk Watch
MAR. 26	ZCSD Cruz to Borrego Springs—Picnic, Sculptures & Wild Flowers
APRIL 17-13	Bottom Buster Motor Tour <i>www.bottombustermotortour.com</i>
APRIL 22	ZCSD Cruz to the Motor Transport Museum
MAY 21	ZCSD Anniversary B-B-Q at Bates Nut Farm
JUNE 24	ZCSD Cruz to Idyllwild
JULY 4	ZCSD — NO MEETING
JULY 9	ZCSD Cruz to the Zimmerman Automobile Driving Museum
JULY 31-Aug. 5	ZCON 2023 — Ontario, CA
AUG. 13	ZCSD Palomar Mountain Cruz
SEPT. 9	ZCSD — DYNO DAY and BBQ
OCT. 22	ZCSD Cruz to Desert View Tower <i>See Story, pg. 16-18</i>
NOV. 4	ZCSD Wine Cruz <i>See Story, pg. 9-14</i>
DEC. 2	ZCSD HOLIDAY PARTY <i>See Flyer, pg. 8</i>
DEC. 7	ZCSD Meeting Night, Denny's 4280 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
DEC. 17	Datsun Enthusiasts Coffee & Datsuns <i>See Flyer, pg. 21</i>

**ZCSD Meetings held the First Tuesday of every month at
Denny's, 4280 Claremont Mesa Blvd.**

7:00pm

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ALWAYS Watch for special flyers regarding upcoming events

GENERAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 7, 2023

Secretary's Scribblings

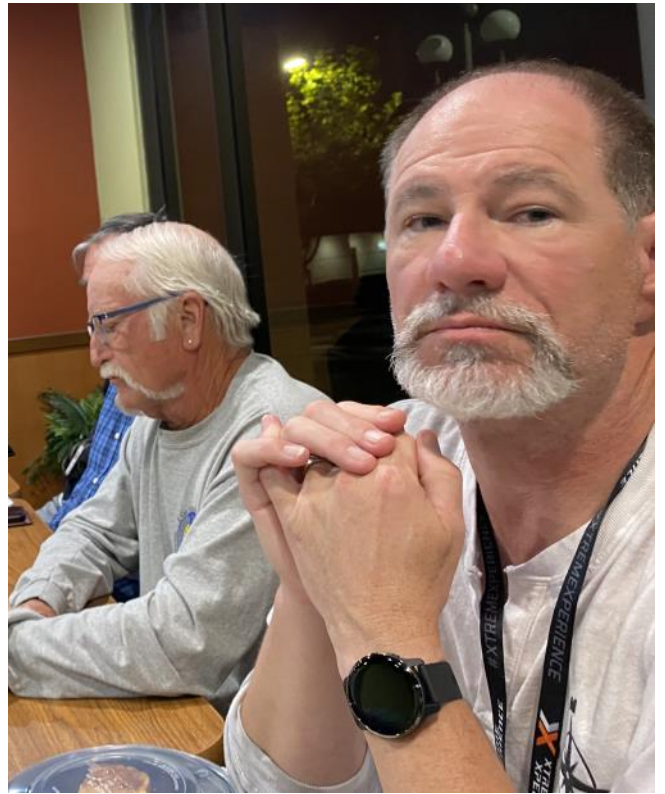
The November General Meeting was called to order by Michael Montag, Pres. After member/guest introductions, Nominations for the 2024 Board of Directors were announced and accepted.

General Discussions followed regarding 2024 ideas for events, drives etc. Majority of those present wanted more drives on picturesque roads, especially North County, Angeles Crest Highway, Mulholland Road etc. Other events discussed; Hawk Watch, Peterson Museum, Vista Steam Museum, Campo Train Museum and the Camel Dairy.

Clif gave a recap of the Desert View Tower Cruz and Sheri talked about the Holiday Party, gift exchange and the toy drive benefiting the Boys and Girls Club of East County.

Monthly Birthday attendees; Sheri Arnoth and Al Milano made their selection from Chuck Golden's gift bag.

Michael Montag reminded everyone to remember to pay their bill on the way out and to bring more ideas for future Drives & Events to the next meeting.



GENERAL MEETING—CONT.



Our President has gone over to the 'DARK' side!





The Following have ACCEPTED Nominations to the
ZCSD Board of Directors for 2024:

President—Michael Montag

Vice President—David Ferris

Treasurer—Dennis Darnall

Secretary—Patty Cook

Member-At-Large—Clif Yaussi

Nominations from the Floor

And Elections will be held at the next General Meeting

Tuesday, December 5, 2023



Christmas Party

When:

Saturday, December 2nd
at 1 p.m.

Where:

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

Please come and celebrate with our members and guests!
Lunch will be served from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

The price is \$30 per person (tax and gratuity included)
Payable at the door

Included are your choice of five different entrees,
soft drinks, tea & coffee,
and a Christmas celebration cake for dessert.

Lunch will be followed by our world famous, often imitated, but never duplicated

Christmas Gift Swipe!

If you would like to participate in the gift swipe please bring a wrapped item
(in the \$15 to \$20 price range)

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

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

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



WINE CRUIZ – NOV. 4, 2023

By David Ferris

It's Saturday morning and I am going to see some of the same people that I've seen the last few weekends, and I was happy about that. My wife and father-in-law are coming to see the cars and meet the people I've been talking about from our car club. The event is only a few miles away from my house and it's literally just up the street from my in-laws. My wife is working later today and so she is only able to come for a little while. The members of ZCSD are a great group of people and I'm glad to be able to introduce my better half to a few of them.

I show up at 9am at the winery. I wasn't sure where we are going to meet on the property. I don't see any other Zs anywhere, so I park next to the coffee house and wait. A beautiful and wonderful sounding Z32 shows up and drives through the parking lot. He doesn't see my car so goes to the next entrance and then later to the parking lot in the back. I wait about 5 minutes and then decide to go and find him. I follow the driveway to the back and find Roger and his Z32 300ZX Turbo. This car sounds wonderful and shortly after I park next to him my wife and her father show up.



WINE CRUIZ – CONT.



My wife, Carey, has a Z too, it's a Honda CRZ hybrid. She loves her car almost as much as I love my 370Z. As we walk through the winery grounds, others show up. Dave G and his Hulk show up. Patty, Wally, and a friend of theirs arrive in Patty's beautiful Jag. Lenny and Sheri, Ron and Judy, Clif and Marcia, and lots of others get there and grab coffee and scones. After coffee we head to the parking lot. We have BMWs, Hyundais, Chevys, and lots of Zs. There are 240Z, 260Z, 300Zs, 350Z and 370Z. Sheri Arnoth hands out instructions and we're on our way.



WINE CRUIZ – CONT.

Our 1st stop is Orfila Winery off Via Rancho Parkway. We pull up and find our individual parking spots and head inside. It is a beautiful day outside. We all go in and choose our refreshments and head outside. As we gather around and share stories and ideas, we enjoy the beautiful day. The vineyard is gorgeous and the grounds inviting.



WINE CRUIZ – CONT.

We sit beneath the canopies and share cars and tales with each other. Dennis and his wife meet us with his BMW Z3 and we have one more added to the list. After the libations we get ready to head to our next stop.



Traffic is a little nuts, but eventually, we all get behind the leader and head to Marico De Cortez in Romona for lunch

WINE CRUIZ – CONT.

It's a nice yet short drive to the restaurant. There are a few curves and turns but the day is sunny and the temperature just right and the beautiful day continues. As we arrive at the restaurant, we find parking and head in. The staff has anticipated our arrival and wait for us to enter and get seated to allow us plenty of room. Some of us decide the patio is the way to go and the rest of us pick a long table at the back of Mariscos where they can all sit together. Drinks and food get ordered and served. More tales and sharing happens while we eat the excellent food served to each of us. At my table there is talk of birds and gardens and long friendships and diabetes. Well diabetes comes up a lot around me, it's another issue with having to deal with it but I'm always willing to impart the information I have.



After our meal and bills have been settled, we decide what the next stop will be. Some of us are ready to head home, some decide to head to the winery on the list, the distillery on the list, but a lot of us head to Smoking Cannon Brewery. The treat here is a treat. This brewery makes its own beer, obviously, but in this case it's homemade root beer. Add a scoop of vanilla ice cream, which ran out by the time Lenny ordered his, and you have quite a treat indeed.

WINE CRUIZ – CONT.



The day has progressed through morning to late afternoon and the group of us still gathered know the end of the event has arrived. We say our goodbyes and a few promise to see each other at the upcoming meeting Tuesday night.

I hop in my Z and drop the top. I head out with a final wave to Dave Gonzales coming out of the antique store on the corner, and I'm on my way home. It was a wonderful event, and I can't wait until the next one.

Article by David Ferris

Pictures by Clif Yaussi, Michael & Marcy Montag, Patty & Wally Cook and David Gonzalez

Vice-President Elect — David Ferris



Let me introduce myself. My name is David Ferris. I have lived in San Diego for 37 years and I'm 55+ years old. I grew up in the Midwest and my family moved out here in 1986. I am a machinist by trade. I have worked in all sorts of machine shops since 1986. I have made airplane, submarine, satellite, auto, medical, and even Mars Rover parts. Currently I work for a company called MPS that makes hand driving controls for disabled drivers.

I also make cue sticks as a hobby. I enjoy building something from start to finish. My job normally has only let me make a piece of an entire assembly, so cue sticks allow me to design and engineer the entire process.

At the age of 15 I went on a work trip with my dad to Colorado Springs. We flew to Colorado from Oklahoma in my dad's twin engine Cessna. I hadn't gotten my driving permit yet and my dad wanted to spoil me a little, so he rented a little car called a Nissan 280zx. I still remember the interior and the dash lights being a red background and thought I needed a car like that just because it made so much sense to not lose so much of your night vision when you drove at night. The car was fast, nimble, and entirely sexy.

This was a wonderful trip. You see we were heading to NORAD (Shall we play a game?). My dad was working on a generator base that needed help, so he needed to look at it to develop the repair process. We were there for a few days and when we had the time my dad decided to go for a ride up Pike's Peak. Back then you could still rent a car with a manual transmission and my dad enjoyed driving. It was an incredible, very memorable day and trip.

I am married with 4 sons. My wife and I have been together for 25+ years. After getting the boys, who are from the ages 26 to 31, to a point they can stand on their own, so to speak, I finally had a little wiggle room for something fun. I've finally gotten to a point in my life that I can have a sports car, a purely useless but entirely enjoyable vehicle. It doesn't have to be my daily driver and I have just enough space in the garage behind my motorcycle (which I sold to give my car more room in the garage). I had been looking for over a year to find the exact car I want. I vacillated between a 350Z and a 370Z Roadster. At the time closer to purchase I decided on the 370Z because I like the options and the shape just a tiny bit better. It also must be a manual. This is a sports car, for me. I want to use all my limbs to drive it. Hence my involvement in Z's.

After finding this club I feel like my sports car journey is finally taking off. Thank you for having me as your new Vice President. I will do the best I can to take our club to new and even more enjoyable heights.

REMEMBERING DESERT TOWER

By David Ferris



It was earlier than normal on a Sunday morning. Normally my wife and I don't leave for church for another 30 minutes or so, but she wasn't going with me this morning. As I warmed up the roadster in the garage, I decided early or not the top was going to stay down. It was going to be a nice day, eventually, and outside it was calm. I backed out and crept around the corner in our complex. My friends, Eric and Myrna, had just backed out their Solstice GXP and were ready to go as well. We were off to a Z event and it was the start of a wonderful day.

Down the I15 to the 52 east, from there the 125 south to the 94 east turn off. The onramp there was a little fun, horseshoe onramps giving the Z a little room to flex. Going down east to the morning meetup a Jaguar that looked familiar passes us. Waving at Patty and Wally, we follow them into the parking lot. We were the 1st. Eric and Myrna went to top off tanks and we waited for the others to arrive. Z's and others came out of all the entryways.

Dennis, James, Greg, Mike and Marcy, Clif and Marcia, Ron and Judy, Greg, Lenny and Sheri, Rob, David, James, and a few others I haven't met yet but hope to at upcoming meets, all pulled up. Dennis and Greg's Z's pulled side by side. Clif parked next to an awesome 1st gen 300ZX. James and his 240sx pulled up and parked next to Davd G's Gold 280ZX. Eventually we were all ready to go and hit the rode heading down the 94.

REMEMBERING DESERT TOWER – CONT.



The day started to brighten. The forecast was mild weather but eventually the sun came out, bright and wonderful. There were plenty of curves and switchbacks along the way. Lots of motorcycle riders and people along the pull outs looking out at the landscapes as we passed heading towards the tower. As we got closer we passed farms, winery's, and even close to the border wall, small towns and lots to look at. It was a wonderful drive.

As we pulled up at the tower we passed what could only be described as a persons treasures. We saw UFO's, RV,s BMW's, and lots and lots of junkyard oddities. The road increased my need to find a restroom to get rid of the coffee I'd imbibed earlier that morning. At last we pulled up to the tower and what a wonderful sight it was. It's for sale, by the way. I think it would make a great Z Club Hideout, once the rode was fixed. We crawled through the rocks and paths. Climbed the tower's heights and viewed the valley and the road passing far below. Looked at the displays in the different rooms. Talked and shared memories and good times.

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REMEMBERING DESERT TOWER — CONT.



After the poker cards were passed out, we were ready to head to the next stop. We headed to a stop at a casino along the way to pass out the 3rd round of cards. (At that point I knew my hand was a bust but I'm sure there were some hopeful players still hoping for the next two dealt cards). Then we loaded up and hit the road again. Heading north-ish we drove through some more twistys with lots of mountain scenery towards Lake Cuyamaca via Mt. Laguna. It was a gentle day and we drove easily with all of our caravan enjoying the day.

When we got to where our next stop was going to be we found that many others that day had the same idea. At that point we decided that the restaurant where lunch was planned was going to be where the last cards were be dealt and we would have everyone call. At Descanso Junction Restaurant we finally all pulled in, some in the dirt parking spots, and gathered to enjoy company and conversation. There was talks of cars, past drives, upgrades, past meals and the sights on this event that others might not have seen as they went by. The last cards dealt gave Rob Johnson the winning hand and Marcia gave him a little competition. It was a great day with terrific people. No better excuse to drive your Z!

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FOR ZALE

1994 300ZX CONVERTIBLE, COLOR CHERRY PEARL

AUTO TRANS. 204,200 MILES

N/A STOCK ENGINE, TRANS REBUILT ONCE

AFTERMARKET STILLEN EXHAUST, AND SWAY BARS

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NO WRECKS, BODY AND PAINT EXCELLENT

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\$14,750 OR RESONABLE OFFER

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4 Z32 STOCK WHEELS 16"-7.5

NO DINGS, MATCHING SET

\$200

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2023 SCCA — Competition Schedule

SAN DIEGO REGION SCCA

AUTOCROSS — Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium, Lake Elsinore

Dec 9

ROAD RALLY — San Diego

Dec 2

TRACK WEEKEND — Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Desert Center

Nothing Scheduled

For more information about San Diego SCCA events please visit:

<https://sdrscca.motorsportreg.com/>





Datsun Enthusiasts Monthly Meet

You are invited to the monthly Coffee & Datsuns

Sunday December 17th at:

Coffee Bean and Tea

12070 Carmel Mountain Rd San Diego 92128

This is a coffee and cars format, from around **7am to 10am**. Come out and kick some tires and visit with some Z guys and girls.

This is a third Sunday meet every month.

This is not a Z Club sponsored event just an opportunity to drive your Z and hang with Z people. For more info visit their Facebook page

www.facebook.com/groups/sandiegoDatsunEnthusiasts.



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:

*Thank you,
 Chuck Golden
 Membership Coordinator
 760-443-5625*

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Member Number	<i>If known for renewal</i>		
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