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THE NEXT BOARD & GENERAL MEETING IS TUESDAY

January 2, 2024 — 6:30 PM

AT DENNY'S,

4280 Claremont Mesa Blvd.

Come Enjoy Your Dinner at the Meeting!



DECEMBER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON



SEZ THE PREZ

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I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season with family and friends.

The ZCSD Holiday Party had an excellent turnout, with everyone having a joyous time. Kenny Ueda, Johnnie Gable's son, and Empire Z President Mike Rocha his wife Bonny joined us. Also, former members; Larry, Lisa and Joshua Foster drove in from Arizona to celebrate the holidays with us. This year included eclectic gifts along with adult beverages which seem to be a big hit every year.

A big **Thank You** goes out to Sheri and Lenny for putting together the fantastic holiday party at El Torito. Planning a large party at any restaurant is a real challenge. The food was served fairly quickly and hot.

The Board will be meeting early this month (January) to select activities, events and drives for the year. Please join us at 6:30 to provide your input. A complete calendar listing will be included in the February newsletter.

Our first event of 2024 will be the Romana Hawk Watch weather permitting. Details are included later in this newsletter.

Be healthy, be safe! Have a fantastic **2024!**

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.

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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 JANUARY REPORT ON BIRTHDAYS & MEMBERSHIP

Birthdays		
SO Name	Last Name	Birth Date
Kathy	Crail	01/02
Vivian	Livelsberger	01/03
Jeff	Sakai	01/05
Kim	Johnson	01/16
John	Hunter	01/25
Chuck	Campbell	01/29
Bernard	Vinluan	01/31



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

I would like to introduce new member Greg Vincent. Greg has a 1976 Datsun Seavab 280Z GT. Hopefully will get to meet Greg at one of our meetings or runs. Welcome Greg !!

Happy New year to everyone. Hopefully we have a prosperous year ahead of us. Our next meeting Jan 2 the club will be deciding on events during the year. Please attend the meeting to have some feedback. Picking days of which Saturday or Sunday , which weekend.

Hope to Z ya there Chuck

2024 ZCSD EVENT SCHEDULE

JAN. 2	ZCSD Board/General Meeting Calendar Planning Night, Denny's, <u>6:30 PM</u> 4280 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.
JAN. 6 or 12*	ZCSD Hawk Watch & Lunch, Ramona (*Rain Date) <i>See Flyer pg. 7</i>
Jan. 21	Datsun Enthusiasts Coffee & Datsuns <i>See Flyer pg. 14</i>
FEB. ?	ZCSD Cruz TBD
MAR. ?	ZCSD Cruz TBD
APRIL 15-17	Bottom Buster Motor Tour www.bottombustermotortour.com
APRIL ?	ZCSD Cruz TBD
MAY ?	ZCSD Anniversary B-B-Q at Bates Nut Farm
JUNE ?	ZCSD Cruz TBD
JULY 2	ZCSD — MEETING & Pizza at the de Anza Cove
JULY ?	ZCSD Cruz TBD
AUG. ?	ZCSD Cruz TBD
SEPT. 9-14	ZCON 2024 — Tampa, FL https://zcon.org/conventions/2024
SEPT. ?	ZCSD Cruz TBD
OCT. ?	ZCSD Cruz TBD
NOV. ?	ZCSD Wine Cruz
DEC. 7	ZCSD HOLIDAY PARTY

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

~~7:00pm~~ January ONLY at 6:30 PM

Come Early and Enjoy Your Dinner Before the Meeting!

ALWAYS Watch for special flyers regarding upcoming events

GENERAL MEETING

DECEMBER 5, 2023

Secretary's Scribblings

The December General Meeting was called to order by Michael Montag, Pres. After member introductions, Nominations from the floor for the 2024 Board of Directors were opened. With no additional nominations, the proposed Board as of the November General Meeting was accepted by acclamation.

General Discussions followed regarding 2024 ideas for events, drives etc. The members present voted to turn the January 2nd General Meeting into a Board Meeting with **all** club members **invited** for planning the 2024 Calendar. Sheri gave a recap of the of the Holiday Party, gift exchange and toy drive. The members voted to limit the 2024 Gift Exchange to a single gift per participant to be in the \$20-\$30 range.

There were no Monthly Birthday attendees.

Michael Montag reminded everyone to pay their bill on the way out and to bring more ideas for future Drives & Events to the January Board/General meeting on January 2, 2024.

(There are no pictures this month)



The Following **ARE** 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

ZCSD CRUZ TO RAMONA

HAWK WATCH

JANUARY 6, 2024 (RAIN DATE = JANUARY 12, 2024)



Join the Z Club of San Diego for a presentation of resident and wintering raptors in Ramona hosted by the Wildlife Research Institute at the Ramona Grassland Preserve. There will be red-tailed hawks, Peregrine falcons, Bald eagles, Screech owls, Barn owls and other birds of prey at this free event. This educational program is offered on Saturdays in January and February to show the public how important the Grassland Preserve is to these rare birds. This will take place at the Begent Ranch (which overlooks the Ramona Grassland Preserve) located at 18528 Highland Valley Rd Ramona CA. This is a private ranch that is open to the public just for this show. The program starts at 10am and there will be coffee and refreshments available before the show. **Bring a chair, and binoculars** to view the birds in the preserve.

For more info go to www.wildlife-research.org/hawkwatch.

The Club will **meet at the Shell gas station on Via Rancho Pkwy west of I-15**. The address is 3480 Del Lago Blvd. **We will depart at 9am** and go south on I-15 to West Bernardo Dr then take Highland Valley Rd to Ramona. **After the event we will drive into Ramona for lunch at Mariscos Mar De Cortez** restaurant, 780 Main Street, Ramona.

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – DEC. 2, 2023

By David Ferris



“We’re going to your car club Christmas party, why aren’t we taking the Z?” my wife asked me.

It was a beautiful December morning. It was chilly though. There were a lot of people out on the roads. There are any number of reasons why I didn’t take the 370Z Roadster to the Christmas party. The 1st is we’re not driving anywhere except to a parking lot... the 2nd is holiday shoppers...

the 3rd, we had holiday shopping that we needed to do. As we pulled into the El Torrito parking lot, we found a parking spot in front of a 350Z with a Snoopy license plate. Since I figured the Prez wouldn’t mind my car guarding the front of his, we parked.

I have been one of the 1st to arrive at most the events I’ve attended. I’m given a time and I’m there, normally a little early because I don’t want to make anyone wait on me, not that many would. We were a good 10 minutes early and when we got inside and led to our section by the hostess, I couldn’t believe how many people were there and how packed it was. My wife looked at me and asked if I had gotten the time wrong. Apparently, this is an event where everyone gets there pretty early.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – CONT.

We immediately saw Patty and Wally. Soon after we saw Sheri, David G., Clif and Marcia, Mike and Marcy M., Greg and Judy, Ron and Judy, Bill, Chuck and Diane, Mike Ryan, Dennis and Carol, Mike Grassi, and lots and lots more. I recognized a couple I had met from the Empire Z club that I had seen from the Idyllwild run. There were many many more there and so many that I don't know yet. I heard that there was even a family from Arizona that came all the way for our party. Must really be a wingding of a good time! All in all, there were about 38 people at last count. If I didn't mention you by name, I hope in the coming club year I get to know you.

Party business ensued and drinks were gotten, orders taken, conversations started, continued, and concluded. Carey, my wife, and I took our seats. Carey was soon caught up in a conversation with Ron about their birds. I asked Mike Ryan and Mike Montag a few questions. I said hi to Marcy and talked with her a bit.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – CONT.



After a while attention was brought to Mike Montag. Everyone quieted down and he was presented a gift by the club members for being the longest sitting president on our club board. He thanked everyone for the honor and soon food was being served. There were a lot of conversations about past runs and get togethers, previous ZCons, and other club get togethers that made me really look forward to the coming days as a club member.



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – CONT.



After most of the food was finished, we started the traditional White ZElephant gift exchange. There were blankets and tools and books and bottles and cookies and many other items unwrapped, traded, fought over (in the kindest way) and finally settled in their new homes. After the gift exchange we all had cake and dessert. Everyone started packing up their new gifts and leftovers and

as the party wound down people offered hugs, Christmas wishes, and best hopes for the future for all of our friends. It was a wonderful party and thank you to all that attended. Thank you all that made such a wonderful effort to put on such a grand occasion! For those who couldn't make it, we hope you can make it to the next one!



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON – CONT.



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Article by David Ferris

Pictures by David Ferris, David Gonzalez, Clif Yaussi, Marcy Montag, and Patty Cook



Datsun Enthusiasts Monthly Meet

You are invited to the monthly Coffee & Datsuns

Sunday January 21st 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.



Cars and Coffee is really the reason I found ZCSD. I bought my 2014 370Z Roadster in March of 2021 after a lot of research and looking for just the right vehicle. In April of this year, I had gone to New Orleans with my family for a birthday celebration and when I came back I fired up the Z to go and get a sandwich. Less than a mile from my house the engine threw a rod (although I didn't know that at the time) and she had to go into the shop. I found a garage that diagnosed it

and gave me a decent price to do an engine replacement. (The name of the garage is Japanese Auto Care in Rancho Bernardo. It's in the same complex as Perry's and was recommended by them). I also did a new clutch from Z1 at the same time since it was already out in the open and since the engine went, no telling what kind of shape the clutch would be in, so why not?

After I got my car repaired, my friends told me of a Cars and Coffee and Doughnuts in Mira Mesa. They were taking their Solstice GXP and would I like to take the Z down as well. I went with them one Sunday morning before church and really enjoyed it. I liked the cars, the setting, the people were awesome, and I met some new friends. As the next one came up, I got to meet a few more people and one of them was Mike Ryan. He mentioned something about his club and so after the meet I went home and looked. I found ZCSD online and decided I would go to a meeting.



If you get the chance to get out on a weekend, The Cars and Coffee experience is all over San Diego. There are some that meet every weekend, some that meet once a month, and some that meet every 3 months. Whichever one you decide to check out, you'll find some really great cars and a great group of people that are very happy to tell you about their ride.



I've been to a few different Cars and Coffees so far. One is very close to me in Carmel Mountain Ranch on the 3rd Sunday of every month from 8-10 outside of the Coffee Bean and Tea Leaf. This last Cars and Coffee on Sunday, December 17th was a wonderful day. It also happened to be my dog, Frankie's, 12th birthday. Frankie and I loaded up and headed out to the Coffee Bean to look and see what kind of cars would show up. This is an older car show.

There were a lot of old Datsuns, some Nissan Z's, and a few other makes and models. Restored, modified, and original, there were quite a few 510's, 280Z's, and Sunbeam 2000's . There happened to be one 280Z that had an LS swap. It didn't sound like a Z, that's for sure. There are quite a few club members that are regular attendees at this CNC. This Sunday, Mike Ryan, Greg Carlson, and David Gonzales were there. My friend Eric Estremera's Toyota Corolla was there as well. There is a lot of car modifying, restoring, and experience expertise at this meet.



Article and Pictures by David Ferris

2024 SCCA — Competition Schedule

SAN DIEGO REGION SCCA

AUTOCROSS — Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium, Lake Elsinore

Jan 27—28

Feb 17—18

Mar 10, 30 & 31

Oct 5—6

Nov 2—3, 23

Dec 14



AUTOCROSS — NICU Amphitheatre, Chula Vista

Apr 20—21

May 11—12

June 1—2

Sep 7—NOVICE SCHOOL

Sep 8

ROAD RALLY — San Diego

Feb 3

Apr 6

June 9

Sept 14

Dec 7

TRACK WEEKEND — Chuckwalla Valley Raceway, Desert Center

Jan 27—28 Open Track Day

For more information about San Diego SCCA events please visit:

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

<https://speeddistrict.com/>

A DAY AT THE TRACK

By David Ferris

At the end of the December 6th meeting, Patty Cook brought up the 2024 SCCA track events that might be happening and where to find the schedule. I have always wanted to have a car I could race, so I stopped her before leaving and asked for more details. She told me if I really wanted to learn a bit about taking my car on a track I should talk to Dennis.

As I was in line to pay my tab, I noticed Dennis leaving the restaurant. After I finished, I quickly caught up to him in the lot and asked him if he could give me some pointers. He offered that he was racing the following weekend at Willow Springs and that if I was interested, I could ride up with him and get some 1st hand knowledge. He sent me a link to have a small idea what to expect and I was thrilled to start on this journey towards something I have wanted to do all my life.

The outfit is called Speed District. <https://speeddistrict.com/>. Josh Shokri has been putting on these events for over 20 years. It's an all day event and you definitely get your money's worth out of a day at the track. For a nominal price you get to spend the day 8am to 5pm at the track. There are 3 groups of drivers, and each group gets the track for 20 minutes every hour. There is a beginning, intermediate, and advanced group. The beginner and intermediate are not allowed to pass unless given permission. The advanced group can pass at will. More on this later.





After a lot of negotiating with my wife, I met Dennis at his house at noon on December 15th. His Dodge Ram truck was packed and his '75ish 280Z was loaded on the trailer bed behind. Clearing the dogs out of the way we cleared his gate and were headed northward. On the way up I asked questions and Dennis answered and it was an informative and fun trip to Palmdale, Ca. The trip up didn't have too much traffic but towing a car behind a pickup still takes a bit more time than just driving a car. We got to our hotel around 5pm, got checked in and went to dinner. Anticipating a long day at the track tomorrow, we both turned in early.

At 7am we grabbed a bite to eat in the hotel lobby and got loaded up into the truck. It was about 25 minutes away and it was a nice clear day outside. It was a little nippy but not freezing cold. When we got to the raceway Dennis pulled around to the "Streets" parking lot. I was entranced! There were racing schools, old junked car lots, expensive track cars, and lots to look at before we even got to our lot. When we pulled in there was a BMW M3 sedan getting his track wheels on and a couple of trailers and a few other really nice cars. There was an Audi R8 next to a brand new Porsche GT3 getting track ready next to us and quite a few BMW's, Porsche's (lots of GT3's and GT4's), Miata's, Subaru's, I'm pretty sure that Dennis's 280Z was the oldest car out there but it was also one of the most stunning!



I had watched and Dennis had listened to the driver's meeting the day before on the way up. Josh explained passing rules, rules for keeping everyone safe and basic instructions. He broke down what was expected in the 3 groups and basic safety for everyone. No one wants to have his car damaged as a result of his bad driving or another's. There are rules

and officials to make sure that everyone stays safe and that everyone's cars stay safe as well. At any one time there can be over 2-3 million dollars' worth of cars on the track. No one wants to have to deal with that kind of liability.

Dennis got his Z unloaded and checked out. He got his track gear ready, and his 1st round started at 8:40. It was a little cold out there to start but not too bad. After watching the advanced and the intermediate groups on the track for their opening time, Dennis got in line and started his 1st track outing of the day. He had asked me if I wanted to ride with him the 1st time around. I told him that I would go at the next one, but I wanted to watch and check things out.



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Z Club of San Diego

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Membership renewals are due in March. Please, return this form along with your payment.

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*Thank you,
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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.

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 Date