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THE NEXT BOARD & GENERAL MEETING IS TUESDAY

February 6, 2024 — 7:00 PM

AT DENNY'S

4280 Claremont Mesa Blvd.

Come Enjoy Your Dinner at the Meeting!



JANUARY AT THE HAWK WATCH IN RAMONA



SEZ THE PREZ

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I hope everyone is having a wonderful year.

We had an excellent turnout for the Hawk Watch presentation in Ramona. The presentation was interesting, but everyone kept looking skyward as several hawks and an eagle were flying around during the program.

A big **Thank You** goes out to Dennis for putting together the Hawk Watch run and lunch at Mariscos Mar De Cortez was great.

I have heard about a couple of Cars & Coffees that I did not know about that club members might like. If you are aware of any Cars & Coffee that the club members might enjoy, let us know so we can add it to the one we currently promote.

A visit to the San Diego Automotive Museum will be this month's event on February 10th. Exhibits include Salute to San Diego's Troops, the Highwayman's vehicle and the brand-new research library. Details are included later in this newsletter.

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 FEBRUARY REPORT ON BIRTHDAYS & MEMBERSHIP

Birthdays		
SO Name	Last Name	Birth Date
Kathy	Sakai	02/04
Michael	Libonate	02/08
Jay	Zorzy	02/10
Dan	Magliari	02/10
Hugh	Clark	02/14
Ron	Heintskill	02/16
Michael	Montag	02/17
Patty	Cook	02/17
Marcia	Yaussi	02/19
Linda	Lee	02/23
Roni	Austin	02/28



Cars Count	
ZCars	Model
25	240Z
3	260Z
10	280Z
11	280ZX
8	300ZX - Z31
12	300ZX - Z32
8	350Z - Z33
5	370Z - Z34

I would like to introduce a new member to the club who has been showing up at meetings, Gregory Smith . If you were at the wine run, you would of noticed his pristine Red 1971 240z. A family heirloom vehicle that with remain in the family. Please welcome Gregory and his dad and family members at our meeting .

I been told that we will have a guest speaker at our next meeting, a long time Datsun employee.

Z ya at the meeting Chuck

2024 ZCSD EVENT SCHEDULE

JAN. 6 or 13*	ZCSD Hawk Watch & Lunch, Ramona (*Rain Date) <i>See Story pg. 7</i>
FEB. 6	ZCSD General Meeting, Denny's, 7:00 PM 4280 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. See Flyer About the Speaker pg. 7
FEB. 10	Automobile Museum, Balboa Park & Lunch See Flyer pg. 6
FEB. 18	Datsun Enthusiasts Coffee & Datsuns See Flyer pg. 12
MAR. 10	ZCSD Gimmick Run to Café 101 in Encinitas for Lunch
APRIL 13	ZCSD Cruz to the Campo Train Museum & Lunch
APRIL 15-17	Bottom Buster Motor Tour www.bottombustermotortour.com
MAY 4 or 11	ZCSD Anniversary B-B-Q at Bates Nut Farm
JUNE 9	ZCSD Cruz to Idyllwild for Lunch
JULY 2	ZCSD — MEETING & Pizza at the de Anza Cove
JULY 21	ZCSD Cruz to the Eagle Gold Mine, Julian & Lunch
AUG. 17	ZCSD Sand Castle Cruz, & Lunch
SEPT. 9-14	ZCON 2024 — Tampa, FL https://zcon.org/conventions/2024
SEPT. 21	ZCSD North County Canyon Cruz & Lunch
OCT. 5	ZCSD DYNO Day
NOV. 2	ZCSD Wine Cruz & Lunch
DEC. 7	ZCSD HOLIDAY PARTY

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

7:00pm

Come Early and Enjoy Your Dinner Before the Meeting!

ALWAYS Watch for special flyers regarding upcoming events

GENERAL MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2024

Secretary's Scribblings

The January General Meeting was called to order by Michael Montag, Pres., at 6:40 PM. After member introductions. Committee reports were given and birthdays announced. New member Greg Vincent was welcomed and he told us about his car (a SCARAB Z), and it's fateful trip to the West Coast.

The General Meeting was closed and at 7:10 PM Michael opened the Board Meeting to set the 2024 Events Calendar. All members were invited to stay and participate. After much discussion the events, drives, luncheons and individual event coordinators were determined. See pg. 4 for the full listing.

Michael Montag adjourned the Board Meeting at 8:30 PM and many members remained for further discussions before going outside to check out Greg's SCARAB.

As Newsletter editor, I would like to apologize to David Ferris for leaving the last page of his *A DAY AT THE TRACK* article out of last month's Newsletter. Later this year, he will be writing a revised version and I promise to include ALL the information.

February Event

San Diego Automotive Museum



When: February 10, 2024

Time: 9:45 AM - Enter the museum at 10 AM when it opens

Where: Parking lot in front of the museum

Cost: Adults (18-64) \$15.50

Seniors (65+) \$11.75

Military (w/ ID) \$11.75

Student (w/ID) \$11.75

Youth (5-17) \$10.25

Lunch: San Diego Chicken Pie Shop
2633 El Cajon Boulevard
San Diego, 92104

Jerry Tucker
Will Be The
Speaker at the February 6th Meeting

Jerry will be talking about the history of Datsun/ Nissan in San Diego.

Jerry Tucker has been involved with automotive repair for over 50 years.

Starting part time in an automotive electrical shop – sweeping the floor and cleaning tools after school at age 15. Worked for a couple of years in that electrical shop, learning all aspects of the trade, then transitioned to dealership work in 1974.

His first dealership experience was at “Ray Lemke’s San Diego Datsun” in Mission Valley (this was the 1st Datsun dealership to open, in 1958. It is now a Honda Dealership)

The next 15 years were spent working at multiple dealerships and independent repair shops, working in all phases of automotive and heavy truck repair eventually becoming Service Manager back at the same Datsun (now Nissan) Dealership (1985) and then Parts and Service Manager at the first Infiniti Dealership in San Diego (1989)

Founded and operated the first independent Infiniti-Lexus-Acura repair shop (All Import Service) in San Diego (1997). Sold AIS after 10 years and it stayed open another 10 years.

Currently working as National Service Manager for MPS Driving Aids (driving controls for disabled drivers) and National Technical Assistance Manager for Paravan Corp (Electronic Computerized Driving Control Conversions for disabled drivers) through his consulting company “JTTechLine LLC”.

ZCSD CRUZ TO RAMONA

HAWK WATCH

BY DAVID FERRIS

I tried to get my wife to join me today. I told her there would be Mexican food at lunch, we'd get to see some cool birds (to me anyways), and after lunch we could go to a brewery that made its own root beer and outstanding root beer floats. None of those prevailed because she had already made plans. It was worth a shot, though.

I wasn't the 1st one at the Shell station off of the I-15. Clif and Marcia were there already, and Ron and Judy were by the McDonalds. I also saw Michelle's car parked in front of the Shell store. It was going to be a great day!



People and their cars started showing up before the 9am leave time and pretty soon we had about 11 cars. We all rounded up towards the exit and we were off down the I-15 south to the Pomerado exit where the adventure would begin.

It was a beautiful day, and, despite the cold, two of the convertibles (mine and Brian Smiths VW) had their tops down to soak up the wonderful sun! Yeah for San Diego. A cold day in January but still nice enough to drop the top.

We wound through the back roads off of Highland Valley Road towards Ramona. On the way to the preserve, I was in front of a beautiful, white 280Z. Alex's 280Z was mesmerizing to watch, so I had to be careful to remember that I was driving my own car as well as watching the amazing views surrounding me. His car sounded as good as it looked.

We arrived at 18528 Highland Valley Road Ramona. This is the Wildlife-research preserve, and yet a private residence, where the Hawk Watch takes place on Saturdays, January through February at 9:30am, rain or shine. We all parked on

the gopher holed lot and watched where we stepped. We made it to the entrance where we signed in to see the birds of prey.

There was shopping, donuts, coffee, snacks, and information in the building before heading out to the viewing area. You can bring your own chairs, but they had seating for those who didn't bring them. I suggest bringing binoculars for the birds flying over the valley. After everyone got the snacks and the stuffed animals they wanted, we sat down to watch a great show.

After hearing from Katie Quint, who was fighting a cold but still spoke wonderfully in between cough drops, they brought out the raptors. 1st up was Ruby, a beautiful red-tailed hawk. What a beautiful bird! So very proud and regal. As Katie talked about red-tailed hawks for a bit Ruby was led through the seated crowd for a closer look.



Next up was Buster. A brown in color, red-tailed hawk. Males are a different color than the females and Buster was named after Buster Brown shoes, being that his coloring was mostly brown.

After Buster we saw Turbo, a beautiful peregrine falcon.



Next in the birds of prey line up came Willow, a great horned owl, Athens a bor-
rowing owl, and last a barn owl, which I didn't catch the name. It was wonderful
learning about these wonderful birds of prey.



We saw a few hawks in the wild, flying, as well as a couple of golden eagles. They are so elegant and majestic, watching the few birds we got to see in flight was wonderful. It made me realize that's why so many people like our Zs. It gives us the chance to soar in our own way.



After the Hawk watch we went to lunch at Mariscos Mar De Cortez for another wonderful lunch. We all sat in the same area but at a few different tables. After eating, visiting, and catching up with one another the afternoon and the wonderful weather caught up to us all and we went our separate ways. It was a wonderful day during any part of the year but for January it was extraordinary.





Datsun Enthusiasts Monthly Meet

You are invited to the monthly Coffee & Datsuns

Sunday February 18th 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.

Car Coffee and Donuts, 6755 Mira Mesa Blvd.

7-9:30 AM, the Last Sunday of the Month

I started getting into this part of car culture in May of 2023. I had my 370Z for 14 months, already had to replace the engine, and was invited to go to a CNC on a Sunday in May. Upon arriving at my 1st ever Cars and Coffee (and Donuts in this case), I was instantly hooked. Cars were arriving, parking, some grouping up, and it was incredible. I have taken personal pride in my car since the day I bought it. I think my roadster is a beautiful car, and I think that others would like to see it up close. I think they should be allowed when I'm not cruising down the road. It's a wonderful feeling knowing that other car owners have this same desire to allow others to see their pride and joys.

This Cars and Coffee and Donuts is going to always be a wonderful memory to me. Next month will be the 9th anniversary of this particular meet, and the last one. I have been to about 5 of these now. The last one in 2023 happened in October and there were so many Z's there. On top of that, every Z that showed up was a manual drive. That showed to me there are so many Z enthusiasts out there and all the ones I've talked to really are passionate about their own personal cars and the Z in general, whether manual or automatic.

There are Miata groups, Civic Type R groups, Audi groups, Lexus groups, Camaro groups, Mustang groups, and of course Corvette groups, and many many others. There are one offs and customs and modified and fully original and stock and... well you get my drift, (oh yeah and drift groups). There is so much to see and be enthusiastic about. There's so much car knowledge and information on how to do this to your ride or what might be done. At any one of these meets you can meet new people, new groups, new clubs, new places for coffee, and new friends.

At one meet I met a guy named Mike Ryan. I liked his car so much and I enjoyed talking with him so much that after he mentioned a club, I went online and found ZCSD and joined. This year I'm now a board member and I'm looking forward to many many more meetings, events, and friends that will be a part of my life in the future. My life has truly been enriched by the people and cars that I've seen at this one Car Meet. I didn't know about Cars and Coffee before I bought my 370Z

and now I have no idea what I'd do without knowing that there's a CNC to go to in the future.

The cars I've seen, the modifications I've seen, are astounding. Today I got to sit in a 2011 Lotus Elise. I'm not totally sure how I got in and I'm really not sure how I got out, but what an experience. The owner was incredibly kind to let me sit in his car and tell me about it. He's owned it since it was new, and wow what a car.

Then there was a man who put a 3.5l motor in an '86 MR2. This car has paddle shifters and all the power of the v6 Lexus engine. How that engine fit in the rear engine bay of the MR2 is still kind of a mystery. He did tell me the customizer that did the engine swap would never do another one, and then after driving it asked if he knew anyone else that wanted one.

The stories I've heard and the cars I've seen are more than entertaining and informative. It shows me the creativity of the human mind. It also shows the will of people who think "how do I do this" instead of "there's no way to do this". It's the spirit of the imagination of people and the spirit of the true motorhead.

I will personally always think this one in Mira Mesa is my favorite. I have been to a few others. There are a lot of others I'd like to go to, and I will try to get to as many as I can over the course of my life, but this one meet will hold a personal place in my heart and car soul for the rest of my life. To Brad, who has run this Cars Coffee and Donuts for the last 9 years, I'm thankful I got to attend before it was over. Thank you for doing this for all of us car enthusiasts.

Article and pictures by David Ferris







2024 SCCA — Competition Schedule

SAN DIEGO REGION SCCA

AUTOCROSS — Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium, Lake Elsinore

Feb 17—18

March 3

San Diego SCCA

Coffee & Donuts...With Cars

GSD Automotive, Santee

Mar 9—Tire Rack SCCA Starting Line School

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

Nothing Scheduled

For more information about San Diego SCCA events please visit:

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

<https://speeddistrict.com/>

Z STUFF FOR ZALE

HARNESS BAR & RACING HARNESS



Harness bar and harness for a **2016 era 370Z**. I no longer have a Z and would like to rehome this item. Probably cost about 500.00 but I will sell for **\$200.00** if you know someone in the club who could use this, they can contact me.

Thanks, Ron Clarke

Ronald Clarke <aldocella1960@gmail.com>



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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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 Santee, CA 92072-0886

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