

Z Club of San Diego

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THE NEXT BOARD & GENERAL MEETING IS TUESDAY

March 5, 2024 — 7:00 PM

AT DENNY'S

4280 Claremont Mesa Blvd.

Come Enjoy Your Dinner at the Meeting!

CARS

COFFEE

—N—

Donuts



FEB.

25TH

See Article pg. 11



SEZ THE PREZ

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February was a very wet and stormy month. I hope everyone has been able to stay dry and not receive any property damage from the Pineapple Express.

The February event had about 12 attendees who were treated to an updated San Diego Automotive Museum. There were exhibits on the San Diego Highway Man, Low Riders, Pebble Beach and La Jolla Concours shows. There was also an exhibit dedicated to veterans. There is also a new fairly extensive library. After touring the museum everyone went to Chicken Pie Shop and had a wonderful meal. Ask Patty how big her cinnamon role was.

This month's run/event will be a gimmick run to Café 101 in Encinitas on March 10th. Details are included later in this newsletter on pg. 6.

Be sure to read the entire newsletter, you might miss upcoming changes.

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 MARCH REPORT ON BIRTHDAYS & MEMBERSHIP

Birthdays		
SO Name	Last Name	Birth Date
Colin	Winfield	03/05
Brenda	Feuer	03/06
Trina	Gatchell	03/10
Greg	Carlson	03/20



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 congratulate David on his guest speaker last month. A long time Datsun employee. Jerry Tucker started at San Diego Datsun and went up the ladder at the dealership. Great presentation with slide show. I know it was a rainy day, members who showed up were entertained.

Starting in March we will have incentives to attend meetings, events and bringing in new members. Attend the March meeting for more information.

Z ya at the next meeting *Chuck*

2024 ZCSD EVENT SCHEDULE

JAN. 6	ZCSD Hawk Watch & Lunch, Ramona
FEB. 10	Automobile Museum, Balboa Park & Lunch <i>See Article pg. 7</i>
MAR. 5	ZCSD General Meeting, Denny's, 7:00 PM <i>4280 Clairemont Mesa Blvd.</i>
MAR. 10	ZCSD Gimmick Run to Café 101 <i>See Flyer pg. 6</i>
MAR. 17	Datsun Enthusiasts Coffee & Datsuns <i>See Flyer pg. 14</i>
APRIL 13	ZCSD Cruz to the Campo Train Museum & Lunch
APRIL 15-17	Bottom Buster Motor Tour <i>www.bottombustermotortour.com</i>
MAY TBD	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 <i>https://zcon.org/conventions/2024</i>
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

FEBRUARY 6, 2024

Secretary's Scribblings

The February General Meeting was called to order by Michael Montag, Pres., at 7:10 PM. After member introductions, our speaker Jerry Tucker was introduced. For those of you who didn't want to venture out in the damp weather, you missed a great talk with pictures and videos about the first Datsun dealership in San Diego. Jerry even had some of the old TV commercials—what a riot.

Next we had the committee reports and birthday gift selections—it pays to make sure you come to the meeting during your birthday month! This was followed by discussions of the up coming Automobile Museum visit and lunch at the Chicken Pie Shop.

I do hope that there will be a bigger turnout for the March 5th meeting...

March Event

Gimmick Drive

When: March 10, 2024

Time: 9:30 AM

Cars will be sent out starting 9:45 AM

Where: Parking lot of the Carlsbad Poinsettia Coaster Station

6511 Avenida Encinas, Carlsbad, CA 92011

Disorganizers: Patty & Wally Cook

714-743-3221

Lunch: Cafe 101

631d S. Coast Highway, Oceanside, CA 92054

What is a Gimmick Drive???

At the start you will be given a set of printed driving instructions
Within those instructions there will be a series of questions

The car with the MOST correct answers
In the least amount of time (if there are ties)
Will be declared the winner

Make it easier on yourself:

Bring a navigator/scribe, clipboard & pencil
Keep an open mind

February 10th Cruz to the San Diego Automotive Museum



It was a Saturday like any other, where the ZCSD has a run planned. The difference was that it was still wet. I like keeping my convertible dry and, if I can help it, clean. There was enough leftover rainwater on our road that I decided not to chance it. Also we weren't driving anywhere together, we were meeting at the San Diego Automotive Museum. I had also gotten a different daily driver and my wife was going to drop me off and take the new car to work, while we were in the museum. Then she was going to meet us at the Chicken Pie Shop. My idea of fun is cars, pool (billiards pool), etc. My wife's idea of fun is to be able to work without anyone bothering her. Obviously she's the smart one in the family.

Getting to the museums, the day outside had turned out pleasant. The sun was in the sky and the sky was blue and inviting for a day outside. I momentarily wished I had brought the convertible. After seeing the parking lot, that wish died easily. When it looked like everyone that was coming to the event had shown up, we went inside to look at the collection of automotive history.

San Diego Automotive Museum—Cont.

The first car in the museum was a 1955 Ford Country Sedan called Beulah. This car was custom assembled by Thomas Weller to help motorists in need. “Highwayman” Thomas had started helping stranded motorists in 1966 and continued to do so until 2011. This vehicle would have been a welcome sight to many motorists who weren’t sure what they were going to do, being stuck alongside the roadside.

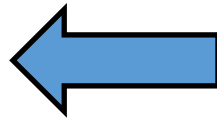


There were many historical vehicles, Model T's, REO Runabout, an International Harvester, a Willy's Jeep, Chevys, Mercedes, an Austin, MG, Mustangs, a Delorean, a Lamborghini, and a Dodge Viper. There were Indian Motorcycles and a few Low Riders. It was extremely pleasant going through the exhibits and reading the stories behind them.



San Diego Automotive Museum—Cont.

Ask Michele Ruppert, “What’s so special about this Jeep?”



San Diego Automotive Museum—Cont.



After we all looked at the cars on display and told stories of other car adventures some of us had experienced of similar cars and similar eras of the autos shown, we packed up and headed to

The San Diego Chicken Pie Shop has been around, in one form or another, since 1938. Wholesome comfort food at an extremely reasonable price, my wife and I have only recently tried it out. This was the 3rd time we've been there, and with the Z Club group, it was a very good lunch with awesome company. Marcy Montag joined her husband for lunch as well and we all had a great afternoon.



This Saturday was spent with automotive artistry and good people. You can't beat that!

Article by David Ferris

Pictures by; David Ferris, Michael Montag and Michele Ruppert

Cars Coffee –n- Donuts

February 25



February 25th, 2024 and the weather was calm and no rain in the air. One wish granted. I wanted to get there a little early. A friend told me if you get there too early no one sees you roll in. My idea was that my car got center stage for awhile because it was already parked in a premium spot in the middle. Friends began showing up early as well. It was going to be a big meet because this was the 9th year anniversary and the last one at this location run by this organizer.

As cars started rolling in, some shined so brilliantly that it hurt to look directly at them and others with the mud still on from their last day off road. As cars arrived, groups began to form. There was a VW Beetle group that came in early. The Corvettes were already present. The Audis took their place in the middle of the lot. More and more cars showed up, some grouping together some just taking a space. All of them to pay homage to the last time this event would be held.



Cars Coffee –n- Donuts—Cont.



Around me quite a few Zs of all types started finding spots. A couple 240Zs, two 260zs, including Dave's Hulk Z, a new Z, some 280Zs and 280ZXs, several 2nd gen 300Zs, one of them a really nice red roadster (for sale), 350Zs, and a few 370Zs. When all was said and done, I counted about 17 different Datsun/ Nissan Zs had attended. Lots of different colors, styles, mods and owners. The Z inspires all types of enthusiasts.



Cars Coffee –n- Donuts—Cont.

There were lots of GTRs all different ages and styles. There was the most awesome looking Maserati I have ever seen, an MC20 in black. Mustangs, Supras, Miatas, S2000s, Civic R Types, Challengers, Chargers, etc, there were a lot of cars to look at. At final count it was estimated that there were 250 cars. Not too bad for a last ride.



If you missed it, I'm truly sorry that you didn't get a chance to experience this one event. The people here are great. They are all willing to talk with you about their vehicle and answer questions you might have about their car. The Donut Touch is a terrific donut shop and has lots to offer! There's a Starbucks and Burger King in the shopping center as well. Cars Coffee -n- Doughnuts San Diego has a terrific Facebook page that shows most

of the cars that have shown up to their events. This was a truly well-run event. I'm going to miss it.

Article by David Ferris

Pictures by; David Ferris, Michael Montag and Clif Yaussi



Datsun Enthusiasts Monthly Meet

You are invited to the monthly Coffee & Datsuns

Sunday March 17th at:

Coffee Bean and Tea

12070 Carmel Mountain Rd San Diego 92128

This is a coffee and cars format, from around **8am 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.

2024 SCCA — Competition Schedule

SAN DIEGO REGION SCCA

AUTOCROSS — Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium, Lake Elsinore

Mar 9—Tire Rack SCCA Starting Line School

March 3

San Diego SCCA

Coffee & Donuts...With Cars

GSD Automotive, Santee

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 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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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