

Z Club of San Diego

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GENERAL MEETING IS TUESDAY

April 2, 2024 — 7:00 PM

AT DENNY'S

4280 Claremont Mesa Blvd.

Come Enjoy Your Dinner at the Meeting!

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WINNERS

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After a wet and stormy February, March was a little drier at least on a couple weekends. Hope everyone had a chance to get their Z's out for some fresh air.

The March Gimmick Run had about 12 attendees who drove around North County while attempting to answer questions about something along the route. Clif and Marcia came in first place by missing only one question and were followed by Greg and Judy in second place and Michael and Marcy at the end in third place. It's mandatory that a run end with food, so lunch was at Café 101 and it was delicious.

April's run/event will be a trip to the Campo Train Museum in Campo on April 13th. Details are included on pg. 6 in this newsletter.

Did you read the entire newsletter? You might miss something if you don't.

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 APRIL REPORT ON BIRTHDAYS & MEMBERSHIP

Birthdays		
SO Name	Last Name	Birth Date
Wally	Cook	04/01
Anita	Almas	04/02
Lenny	Arnoth	04/13
Chuck	Golden	04/16
Galit	Ryan	04/20
Phil	Barlow	04/22
Dennis	Darnall	04/28
Alfred	Miramontes	04/28
Brian	Feuer	04/30



Cars Count	
ZCars	Model
25	240Z
3	260Z
10	280Z
11	280ZX
7	300ZX - Z31
13	300ZX - Z32
8	350Z - Z33
6	370Z - Z34

By now I have sent the membership renewals out, if you didn't receive it please contact me and I will get you a copy. I got a early start on the renewals. The return envelope has my address on it so I will get it faster than going to the P.O. box, picking it up and emailing info.

Like always these funds help with the clubs' functions, pay for insurance and dues to ZCCA, necessary office supplies, awards and to send out renewals, etc.

Hope to Z ya at the meeting

Chuck

2024 ZCSD EVENT SCHEDULE

JAN. 6	ZCSD Hawk Watch & Lunch, Ramona
FEB. 10	Automobile Museum, Balboa Park & Lunch
MAR. 10	ZCSD Gimmick Run to Café 101 <i>See article pg. 8</i>
APRIL 2	ZCSD General Meeting, Denny's, 7:00 PM 4280 Clairemont Mesa Blvd. <i>See Article pg. 11</i>
APRIL 13	ZCSD Cruz to the Campo Train Museum & Lunch <i>See pg. 14</i>
APRIL 15-17	Bottom Buster Motor Tour www.bottombustermotortour.com
APRIL 21	Datsun Enthusiasts Coffee & Datsuns <i>See Flyer pg. 16</i>
MAY 4	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

MARCH 5, 2024

Secretary's Scribblings

By Patty Cook

The March General Meeting was called to order by Michael Montag, Pres., at 7:10 PM. After member introductions, our Vice President (and speaker), David Ferris announced a New Competition within the Club. Full details can be found on page 7 of this newsletter.

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 upcoming Gimmick Drive and lunch at the 101 Café in Oceanside. I provided information about the Bottom Buster Motor Tour which is open to all, with any 'old' car and will be held April 15-17 (see bottombustermotortour.com).

I do hope that there will be a bigger turnout for the April 2nd meeting where there will be speakers and videos. The theme of the meeting is "All Things Racing".



ZCSD APRIL RUN PACIFIC SOUTHWEST

RAILROAD MUSEUM, CAMPO CA.

SATURDAY, APRIL 13th

MEET 8:30am DEPART 9:00am SHARP

CARL'S JR. 2935 JAMACHA RD. RANCHO SAN DIEGO

WE WILL TRAVEL HWY 94 TO CAMPO,

CATCH THE 10:30am TRAIN FOR A 45 MINUTE RIDE TO THE U.S./MEXICO BORDER.

UPON RETURN TO DEPOT, VISIT THE GREAT COLLECTION OF HISTORIC STEAM AND DIESEL POWERED LOCOMOTIVE AND PASSENGER CARS. SOME RESTORED, SOME IN THE PROCESS.

COST IS INCLUDED WITH TRAIN TICKET. AROUND \$18.00 DEPENDS ON;
AGE, MILITARY OR SENIOR DISCOUNT.

THEN WE WILL HEAD FOR LUNCH AT THE
CAMPO CAFÉ, 1247 SHERIDAN RD.

DEPART FOR HOME AT YOUR LEISURE, SAME WAY BACK, OR NORTH TO I-8 AND HOME. ABOUT 100 MILES ROUND TRIP.

QUESTIONS: CALL CLIF 619 944 5205

BE A WINNER!

ZCSD is trying something new this year. We will have **3 new awards** at year's end. It will start in **April** of this year and run until March of 2025. Awards will be presented in the April 2025 meeting. These awards are only for **members in good standing**. After that the contests will run during our fiscal year, from March until the following February.

The 1st Award is for Meeting Attendance

For anyone having a perfect attendance you will receive a certificate and a \$15.00 gift card. Board members are not eligible for this award, and you have to be a member to receive this award.

The 2nd Award is for Club Event Attendance.

There will be only one award for this, unless there is a tie. Again, you have to be a member and board members are not eligible. This will have extra points to help determine the winner. If you made all of the club events over the course of the year the tie will be decided by attendance at the Cars and Coffees that our club promotes over the course of the year. At this time our club is promoting Coffee and Datsuns at 12070 Caramel Mountain Road, #296, every 3rd Sunday at 8am until 10am. This is right in front of the Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf. There will hopefully be a board member at each one of these and will note attendance of ZCSD members. **This award will be given to the person with the most CLUB EVENTS attended.** The Cars and Coffee attendance is only to break ties. If you have gone to 20 Cars and Coffees and only 1 club event and another member has gone to 8 club events and no cars and coffees the award will go to the person going to the 8 club events. The prize for this award will be a certificate and a \$50.00 gift card.

The 3rd Award is Eligible to ALL Members

There will be an award for the member who brings the most new, paid, members into the club during the year. There will be a certificate and a \$100 gift card to the winner.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at

Faithfuldf67@gmail.com

David Ferris, VP ZCSD

March 10th

Gimmick Drive & Lunch at the 101 Café

By Patty Cook



Sunday arrived clear and cool. Such a relief after so much rain. So, I was hoping for a BIG turnout for the event. However, only 5 members decided to attempt the challenge of a 'Gimmick' drive. There were 3 Zs and 3 'Wanta-B-Zs'. However, our Z really wasn't participating since we wrote the route and would not be competing.

The questions were challenging, and I ended up tossing out #23 "How many car dealerships do you pass?". My answer was 11. But I found there were some interpretations since there

was a choice of whether to call the Land Rover and Jaguar a single dealership (Single location) or two dealerships... Michael and Marcy got extra credit for their answer since they listed all the names.



Michele Ruppert with Drive organizers, Wally & Patty Cook



Gimmick Drive — Cont.



Left to Right: Organizer, Patty Cook with the winners:
2nd Place Judy & Greg Carlson,
First Place Marcia & Clif Yaussi and
3rd Place Marcy & Michael Montag

Clif & Marcia Yaussi were the big winners with 92%, then we had a tie for 2nd and 3rd place. I had said at the beginning that ties would be broken by the least mileage and then by the fastest time – never dreaming I would have to resort to that. However, Michael & Marcy Montag and Greg & Judy Carlson both scored 75%! They both had different missed turns which caused doubling back, but when checking their starting and finishing ODO numbers I determined that they both had driven 26 miles! So it was down to the time on course... and Greg & Judy took 2nd Place over Marcia & Clif, by 1 minute!

Ron & Judy Heintskill ventured off course for a little sightseeing but made it to the 101 Café along with most everyone else. However, Michele Ruppert and her

Gimmick Drive — Cont.

driver, Mark Farmer did even more sightseeing covering a total of 41 miles. Marcy had to phone them and tell them to just head for the Café as we were all there and ready for lunch.

A little after Michele & Mark's arrival, Dennis & Carol Darnall showed up for lunch. They missed the actual drive due to the Day Light Savings changeover the night before coupled with not wanting to get up early enough to get from Ramona to Carlsbad (about 50 miles 1-way) for the 9:30 AM meet-up.

All in all, everyone said that had a lot of fun. It was certainly a beautiful day to have a driving adventure and enjoy our Zs.



The Group



Michael & Marcy Montag with

Mark Farmer



Dennis & Carol Darnall

And

Ron & Judy Heintskill

Photos by Clif Yaussi

DESIRE TO DRIVE

By David Ferris, VP ZCSD



As a young child I loved going fast. Growing up I found the steepest hills to ride my bicycle and skateboard down. At the age of 8 my dad bought us kids a Honda Trail 70 motorbike. It's a shame I don't still have that. I saw one sell for \$4800.00 just recently. It had a 3 speed with no clutch and learning to ride it I wasn't allowed past 2nd gear. That didn't last too long, though. At the age of 9 my dad got me a Suzuki CCI 90 dirt bike. I rode this as fast as I could. I had accidents, but for some reason, God watched over my recklessness, and I continued to push for faster trails and paths.

I couldn't wait to get my driver's license. At the age of 4, dad bought us a purple pedal car. My little sister and I did the nuttiest stuff in this little car. The hills we pushed it down, with her in it most of the time I think, should have killed both of us, but once again, God looked after his idiots. My dad got me a car a couple months before I got my learner's permit. He wanted to teach me responsibility with vehicles and finances. I'm not sure that worked out like he thought it would. I got my Driver's license the day I turned 16 because my dad was willing to drive me several counties over to where the examiner was giving the driving tests.

DESIRE TO DRIVE—Cont.



My first car wasn't fast. It was a 1972 MG Midget, yellow in color. I pushed it more than I drove it, but when it ran, I drove the hell out of it. Top speed was probably 60mph going downhill with a tailwind, but I actually managed to get a speeding ticket once. The next car I got had a 302, V8. I got more tickets. As a matter of fact, I managed to average a speeding

ticket once a year until the age of 40. Needless to say, my insurance was normally on the high range.

At the age of 25 I had my 1st son. This alone with bills and responsibilities and not finishing my college education limited me in what I was driving. I had an Izuzu I-Mark that would only really accelerate if you turned the AC off. I had a Suzuki Sidekick because I loved the ability to take the top off. Those were the 1st few cars I had. None of them were very fast, especially the 302-V8. It was a 77 Ford Granada Ghia that had so much smog control on it that even though it was a 5L it only put out 122 HP. My first car wasn't fast. It was a 1972 MG Midget, yellow in color. I pushed it more than I drove it, but when it ran, I drove the hell out of it. Top speed was probably 60mph going downhill with a tailwind, but I actually managed to get a speeding ticket once. The next car I got had a 302, V8. I got more tickets. As a matter of fact, I managed to average a speeding ticket once a year until the age of 40. Needless to say, my insurance was normally on the high range.



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Over the years I've ridden motorcycles, which are crazy fast compared to the cars I've had, including the Z. They filled my need for speed and always gave me that rush off the line acceleration. I've gotten to watch the Formula 1 race in Long Beach several years ago. I would rather be in the vehicle in place of watching from the sidelines.



Last year I got to drive a Lamborghini Huracan around the Sonoma racetrack. Before I drove the Lambo, I warmed up taking laps in a Charger Hellcat riding with a professional driver.



DESIRE TO DRIVE—Cont.



At the end of the year, I got to go to Willow Springs with Dennis Darnall. Dennis took his '75ish 280Z on a trailer to Willow Springs “Streets” track and allowed me to go with him. All I can say is I have a new goal in life.



The day at the track was incredible. His car is immaculate! The outfit that allows track enthusiasts to do this is called Speed District at Speeddistrict.com. We spent the whole day at the track and Dennis got to race once an hour for 20 minutes per hour from 8am to about 4pm. Lots and lots of track time. It’s my goal to get my car ready and be able to afford to do this.

One of my inspirations is Paul Newman. He started racing later in life, around the age of 45. He raced into his 80’s stating that he would stop “when he embarrassed himself”. He drove Z cars from the early 70’s to the late 80’s with a pretty good winning record. He won several SCCA sanctioned events. It says to me that it’s never too late. I will say he probably had more resources than most with his acting career being able to sponsor his racing career a bit.

April 20-21 SCCA Autocross will be held at NICU Amphitheatre in Chula Vista. This is the 1st time I’ve been close enough to do anything like this, and I plan to go even if I can’t participate. I’m going to try to participate though.



DESIRE TO DRIVE—Cont.

This month at the April 2nd meeting we'll be talking about track things. Dennis will talk a little about it and what it takes to track at those events.

I'm curious how many club members have the desire to track their car? Newman started a bit earlier in life than I have, but there are still plenty of years left for me to try. I have no idea how I will do on a track, but I still would really like to try and see what it's like.



Also, at the meeting on April 2nd, Patty Cook will be talking about what it takes to Autocross your car. Almost any car can be raced in Autocross, as she has proven in her Jaguar XJ6 Vanden Plas!

There will also be a couple of videos to give you a taste of Autocross.

Don't miss the April 2nd General Meeting

Where the theme is:

ALL THINGS RACING





Datsun Enthusiasts Monthly Meet

You are invited to the monthly Coffee & Datsuns

Sunday April 21st 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 — NICU Amphitheatre, Chula Vista

Apr 20—21

May 11—12

June 1—2

Sep 7—NOVICE SCHOOL

Sep 8

AUTOCROSS — Lake Elsinore Storm Stadium, Lake Elsinore

Oct 5—6

Nov 2—3 and 23

Dec 14

ROAD RALLY — San Diego

April 6

June 8

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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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