ZBreeze

GroupZ Sports Car Club Inc.
The world's oldest Z car club!
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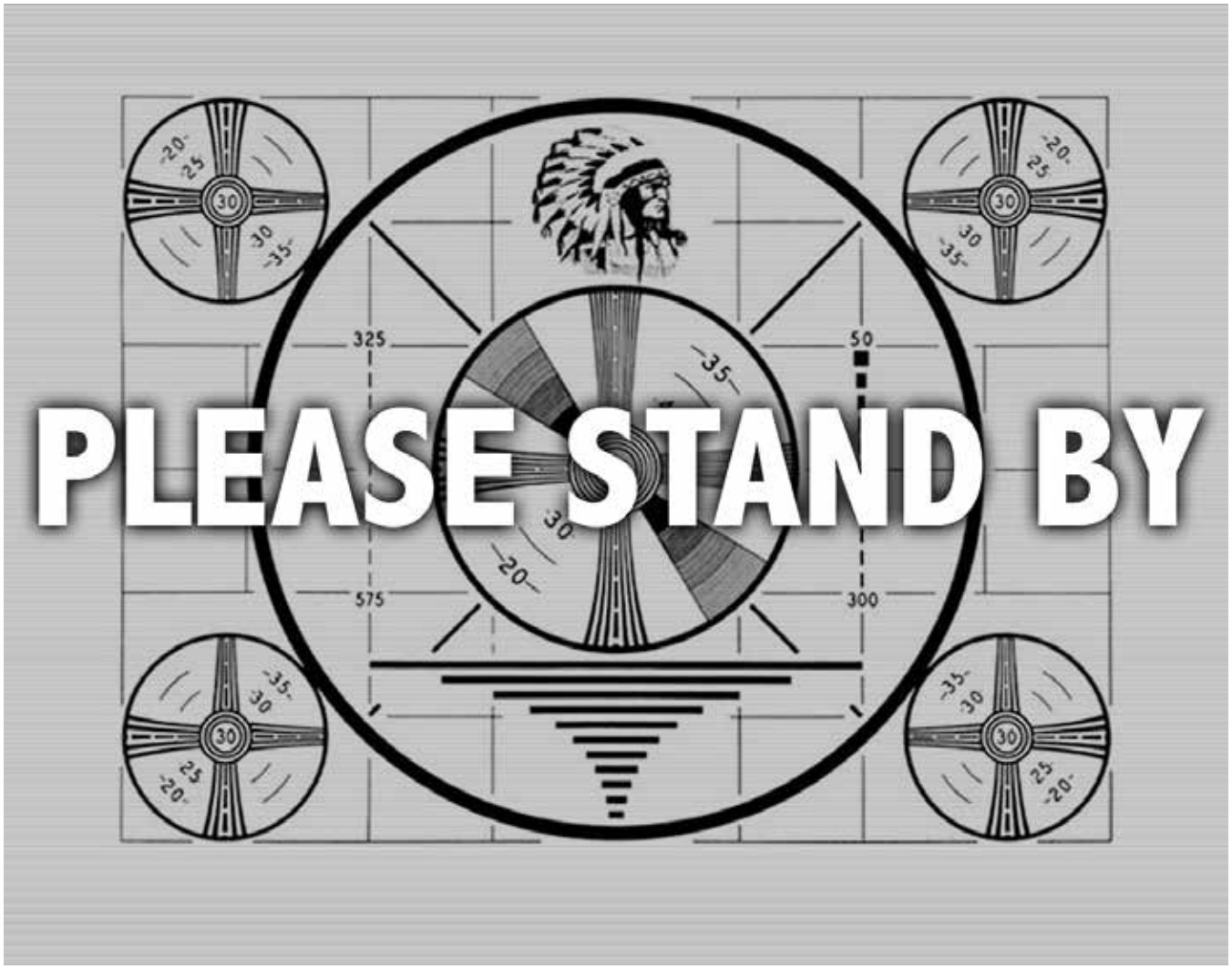

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GroupZ Calendar

Weekends	**Local Area:** Stuff is always going on! For further details, please visit the club's event calendars: website, Facebook, Yahoo Groups.
7:00 p.m. Thu. May 8	**BOD Meeting:** @Katella Grill
8:00 p.m. Thu. May 8	**General Meeting**: @Katella Grill
8a.m-12pm Sun.May 25	**Run of the Month:** Crystal Lake Cafe. Trip leader: Ian S.
10.00am Sun. Jun 8	Big Bear Cruise by **EmpireZ** club: http://www.empirez.com/
9:00 a.m. Sun. Jun 15	**Nissanjam @ Connell Nissan:** Pre-reg & free admission. http://www.nissanjam.com/ (Submitted by Jason)
Tue. Aug 5– Sat. Aug 9	**ZCON @** San Diego: http://www.zccazconvention.com/conventions/2014/.

We need your help!

Calendar events: ***Please*** help us keep the calendars updated by notifying the editor or the coordinators, either for Yahoo groups & the club website or for Facebook, of updates & additions.
Club events: ***Please*** support our club events and let the trip leader know if you'll be participating. **All** members are encouraged to suggest trips so feel free to contact the Events Coordinator. ***Please*** bring your club ID to events.
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Front Cover: Test Pattern (~~stolen~~ borrowed from the www)
Back Cover: Member of the Month

Minutes of the BOD Meeting

April 10, 2014 (7pm-8pm)

BOD members present were Ian Stewart, Steve Donegan, Richard Yarosh, Tom Clark, Curt Wheeler with Jackie & John Harris absent. Other members present were ?

Announcement

<The minutes of the previous BOD Meeting were read and approved as amended.>

Old & New Business

Curt Wheeler was elected unanimously as president. Motion to change signature authority for bank account with Ian to be removed and Curt to be added was carried and passed unanimously. Signees are to be: Tom Clark, Richard Yarosh, Curt Wheeler. Motion to order new club shirts was carried and passed unanimously. Ian has action to order shirts. New shirts will have darker blue on logo.

Z bash items: 1)Friday night (4/25/14) @ 5pm: K1 in Anaheim, 2) Saturday @ 6:30am: Cars & Coffee in Irvine, 3) @ 8:30am: run to MSA via Silverado Canyon, 4) @ 9am: MSA, 5)@5pm: BBQ at Blakes, 6) Sunday @ 9am: the Drive with Fairlady generations

Respectfully Submitted: Ian Stewart

Odds & Ends

Notes from GroupZ

The club newsletter is back up and running.

Run of the Month

Sunday, May 25, 8am-12pm w/ trip leader, Ian S.:

Crystal Lake Cafe @ 118 W Foothill Blvd, Azusa, CA 91702. Ian did this run last year and said it was a TON of fun. Meet in the parking lot across from Starbucks and departure time is 8 am SHARP. Show up with a full tank and $20 cash so you have enough coin for grub at the cafe. Please visit the club website calendar for details.

Rumor has it.....

that Ian S. is shoping for a 2+2. (whew! For a second, I thought it was a 2+3)

Member of the Month: Steve Donegan

My love of cars started in the mid 60's with my first car being a 1965 Plymouth Valiant with a 225 6 cylinder. Being naive, I rebuilt it with 11:1 pistons, a Mondello ported head, Clifford Research headers, an Offy 4 bbl manifold, and a custom ground cam. That ugly car had 2.73 gears so it wasn't a dragster but darn if it didn't hit 150! Since then, I have owned mustang's, camaro's, a GTO, and 2 Z's: a 2007 350 roadster and my current 2011 370 coupe. No car, that I've ever owned, stayed stock :-)---I would modify brakes, cooling, exhaust, intake, and THEN add power :-). In short, I am not a show and shine guy because I bought the cars to provide racing fun.

A SHORT HISTORY OF

Group Z Sports Car Club

Archived Article by Bob Seiger 2/2006

February, 2006 marks the 35th anniversary of the formation of Group Z Sports Car Club, the oldest exclusively Datsun/Nissan Z car club in the world. Our founder, Cliff Bartholomew, a young man of 24 who, after taking delivery of his new Datsun 240Z, was quick to notice the camaraderie of other owners of the new sports car from Japan that had set them back the tidy sum of $3526.00! Of course, when the dealers figured out that they had a winner on their hands, they added lots of "blue sky" to the price which hit $5000 and up real quick.

Cliff had some "Z Club of Orange County" cards printed which he handed out to all the Z car drivers he encountered as well as placing others under the wipers of parked Z's. He started receiving calls right away and it wasn't long before the first meeting was set in February, 1971. There were 37 charter members that formed the club, four of which are still active. Unfortunately, Cliff did not get to see the fruits of his efforts very long because he was stricken with cancer which took him from the Group at the age of only 28. Over the past 35 years, the club has put on events with the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society in his name.

The name "Group Z" was the brainchild of charter member, Bob Baxter, who derived it from the names given to WWII fighter airplane squadrons. The original Group Z emblem and logo were created by charter member and still a current member, **Joe Sohn**. Recently, it was decided that we needed a horizontal version of the emblem and Joe stepped forth once again to do the honors.

During 1971, a few newsletters were sent to the members, but in December of 1971, Number 1, Volume 1 of the "Z Breeze" , the new name for the newsletter, was published and distributed. While the technology used to produce it is much improved now, the name remains the same.

The first club activity was a trip to the Riverside Raceway (no longer there...had to make room for the houses). When we were invited to participate in the first round of the Sports Car Club of America's Great Continental Championship Series for Formula A cars. We got to do a 240Z parade lap prior to the race, enjoyed reserved seats in the "esses" grandstands and received box lunches and all the beer or Pepsi you could drink. The cost to us...$8.00 a head! Oh, for the good ol' days!

The Group went on to stage many rallies, slaloms (autocross), tours, tech-ins, etc. over these past 35 years. As most clubs do, we have experienced our share of highs and lows with the gas crunches, economy swings, lack of a new Z for seven years, etc. But we've survived and are still going strong with, currently, over 100 members.

Group Z has a philosophy that may seem strange to some in that we have stepped forth several times to assist a new Z club get started. While some may think it a bit unusual to help your "competition", we look at it as helping to further expand the legend of the Z along with providing more Z owners in other areas a place to share their interest and enthusiasm. This philosophy has paid off ten fold with ongoing communication with other Z clubs across the nation and around the world. We support their events as they do our's. Several times a year, events are held with five to six clubs coming together to compare "notes' and just have fun.

If you are a new member or just contemplating joining the club, we hope that this will give you some insight as to what Group Z Sports Car Club is all about. We always welcome new ideas from our members and encourage active participation in governing the club, staging events, bringing new products and speakers to the club, etc. Are you ready to have more fun with your Z car? Then, all you have to do is...

JOIN THE GROUP!

News & Announcements

ZBash Plus!--A 3 day Extravaganza

Organized by GroupZ & Fairlady Generations & MSA

Article by Curt Wheeler

K1 Speed in Anaheim
Fri nite, Apr 25 @5pm

A great group of Z folks from several clubs as far away as Arizona descended upon K1 Speed gocarting for a frenetic 3 sessions (practice, qualifying, & race). Everyone had a fantastic and safe time. No one can prove that I spun that little girl out at the end of the back straight on the final lap in order to avoid placing last. Scott B. had a valuable tip when going gocarting--take a bottle of Tums.

Cars & Coffee in Irvine
Sat morning, Apr 26 @~6am

A very impressive get-together with ~100+ Zcars, with all generations well represented. I think there may have been a few Lambos, Fewwawis, Corvairs, Chevelles, Mustangs, hotrodded Pintos, etc.,etc.,etc. over "on the other side of the tracks".

Caravan thru Santiago Canyon to MSA
Sat morning, Apr 26 @ ~8:30am

We departed C&C for a spectacular drive with about 30 cars managing to stay together to the end. There wasn't much time for "rubber-necking" as Scott B. was leading the pack and pulling an estimated ~4 gs in the turns.

Motorsport Auto
Sat Morning, Apr 26 @ 9am

A very impressive turnout of Zs of all shapes & sizes. A typical "over-the-top" shin-dig as we are accustomed to expect from Greg and his great crew at MSA. I'm guessing that there were ~200 Zs with free food, and great discounts from MSA. A portable dyno was set up for anybody wanting to "put the pedal to the metal" in a well controlled and benign (to the driver) environment! GroupZ, Empire Z, and San Diego Z clubs set up booths to recruit new members.

BBQ @ Blakes in Anaheim
Sat nite, Apr 26 @~5pm
(sub-article by Scott B.)

Blake's took great care of us with reserved parking, free drinks and great food. We had about 20 people attend many from out of state including the Datsun Southwest group from Arizona. One attendee was Frank from the Netherlands <editor: Frank helped GroupZ with the last BOD vote>. It was fun to relax and enjoy a great dinner with new and old Z friends.

Run thru Ortega Canyon Hwy, organized by the Fairlady Generations Club
Sun morning, Apr 27 @ 9am
(sub-article by Steve D.)

Sunday was a fun time with Henry Aruca's gang of Z nuts - right up until Henry lost his clutch and being shotgun/tail gunner/wingman, I pulled in to see why he fell out of the pack - apparently that part is a known weakness in the 370! (right up there with high oil temperatures BTW).

(sub-article by Scott B.)

The Fairlady Generations Drive had a good turn out with 23 cars. It was a great drive, 92 miles in total, cruising thru the old Orange Circle, Santiago Canyon, down to Top of the World in Laguna Beach and then out to Lake Elsinore via Ortega Highway

for lunch at Douglass Burger. After lunch, Group Z member John Williams gave us a tour of his machine shop and shared some his racing history including a wild ride with John Morton.

Following Zbash Pics (courtesy of Master Photographer, Scott B.)

K1 Speed
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Santiago Canyon Drive to MSA
MSA
Blake's BBQ
Ortega Canyon cruise
Visit to John Williams shop (during Sun. OC cruise)

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Member of the Month

Steve Donegan with pals @ Silver State Classic Challenge, 9/13

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