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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 Group.

7:00 p.m. **BOD Meeting:** @Katella Grill
Thu. Jun 12

8:00 p.m. **General Meeting:** @Katella Grill
Thu. Jun 12

10.00am Big Bear Cruise by *EmpireZ* club.
Sun. Jun 8 <http://www.empirez.com/>

TBD **Run of the Month:** Check the calendars every so often for updates.

9:00 a.m. **Nissanjam** @ Connell Nissan: Pre-reg & free admission. <http://nissanjam.com/> (Submitted by Jason)

Tue. Aug 5– **ZCON** @ San Diego. <http://www.zccazconvention.com/conventions/2014/>
Sat. Aug 9



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.

Newsletter articles: *Please* feel free to send potential articles to the editor for submission into the newsletter (text & pics). A published article will include a thumbnail pic of the author (please supply source pic).

Front Cover: Concept Zcar by Swedish designer Lars Martenson

Back Cover: Member of the Month

Minutes of the BOD Meeting

May 8, 2014

BOD members present: Ian Stewart, Richard Yarosh, Tom Clark, Curt Wheeler, with Jackie & John Harris & Steve Donegan absent. Other members present were Charlie Deever & Mark Oskorus.

Announcements

Old & New Business

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

Dick: 2 new members (voted on & approved) and 5 renewals.

3 email addresses in the membership Excel database had typos and were repaired.

Ian: Owed \$575 for tshirts & hats (will submit invoice).

Discussion of Crystal Lake Cruise.

Curt: Discussion to contact Courtesy Nissan about Nismo lanyards for members.

Discussion about syncing membership dues to Jan 1 and to start prorating of dues by quarters (need to keep track of members who paid full dues after Apr1).

Discussion about getting detailed inventory of club stuff at Tonys.

Discussion of dropping the requirement for the BOD to vote on acceptance of new members.

Tom: Finances: from 1/1/13 to 12/31/13: \$1612.90/income & \$1620.77/expenses, from 1/1/14 to 5/7/14: \$603.00/income & \$293.62/expenses --> \$2370.77/balance.

Respectfully Submitted: Ian Stewart & Curt Wheeler

Odds & Ends

Notes from GroupZ

The club newsletter is back up and running.

Run of the Month

TBD

Member of the Month:

Ian Stewart

Checkout the following article by Ian.

News & Announcements

Alpha Romeo Club & Extreme Speed Track Events at Auto Club Speedway

Article by Ian Stewart



Alfa Romeo Owners club and Extreme Speed Track Events teamed up to put on a great event at Auto Club Speedway (Fontana) during the weekend of May 17/18. The event was held on the infield course, which is similar in size and challenge to Streets of Willow but without the elevation change. As with most track events, the entries are split up into run groups based on experience from first time, drive it to the track HPDE to full prepped racecars trailered to the event running in the race group. The day is split up into group sessions with each group having roughly 20 minutes on track with 4 sessions throughout the day. Extreme Speed handled the open track and HPDE groups while the Alfa Romeo Club hosted the race group. Several Group Z members made it to the event on Sunday as spectators or running in open track groups and I ran my 240 Z in the race group.

In the open track groups, you challenge yourself against the clock to better your skills while the race group is full wheel to wheel racing with a rolling start. Since all types of cars run in each group, the diversity allows you to find a few cars that you are competitive with. In the race group, the cars are classed based on weight, power, tire tread wear, and suspension prep. My 240Z has a modified L28 with about 200hp & modified suspension & weighs 2200 pounds, so I am classed in O group with cars like 5.0 mustangs, modified Alfa GTVs, and second gen RX7s. The race group is running for points that are tallied up for trophies at the end of the year.

I had a great day, that was cut a little short in the final race. I have some repairs to make (it is a 40 year old car, that has a lot of "character") but I promise that I will be back out at the track again soon.

There are many track events available to enter on any given weekend in Southern California.

I run primarily with the Alfa club as they are very professional, have been doing this for over 40 years, and are a great bunch of people to hang with. Cost for a truck weekend for most of these organizations is roughly \$100-\$150 dollars a day depending on the track and what the club is offering.

If you're at an Alfa Romeo club event as a spectator and would love a chance to get your car on the track, you can do a controlled lead/follow session during the lunch break. The Alfa Club technical director said they would be happy to do this for GroupZ at an upcoming event for \$20 over the cost of entry to the track (~\$10)

Photos by John McGordy



Crystal lake Cruise

Article by Scott Burkhardt

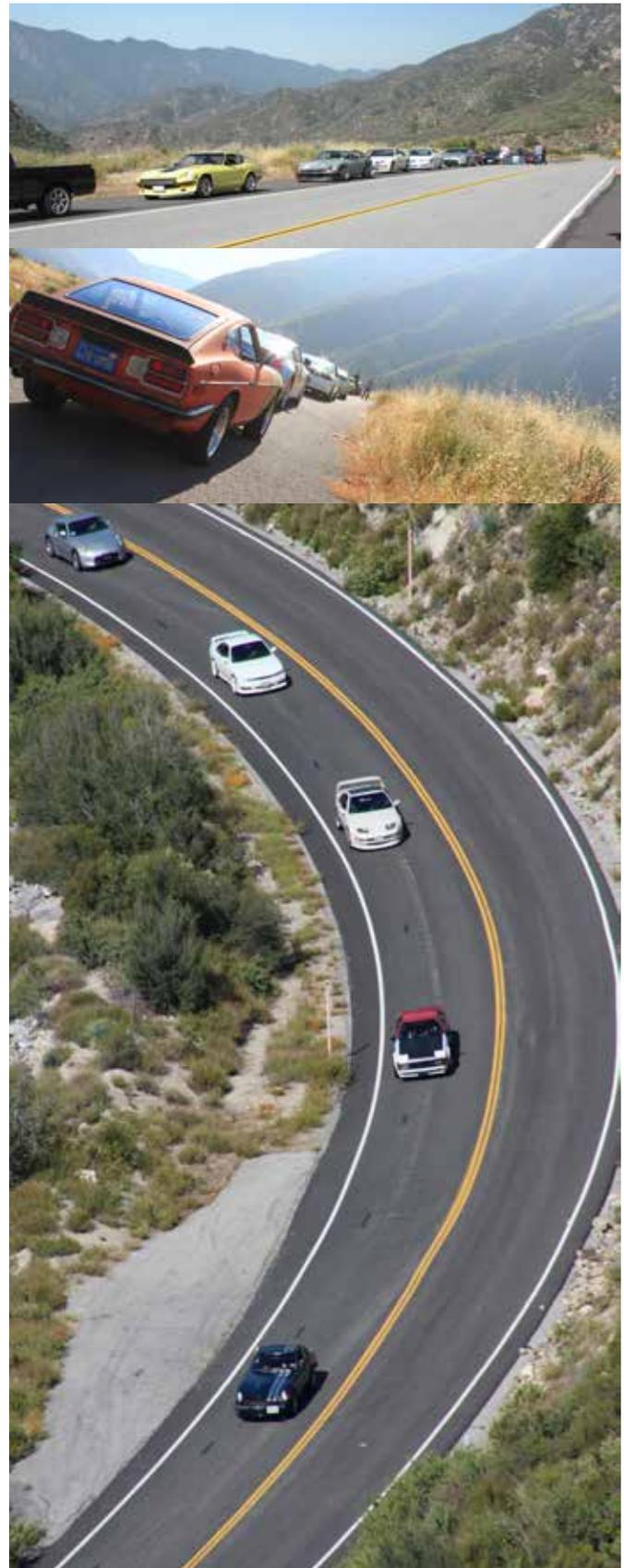


The Crystal Lake Cruise, <May's "Run of the Month" on Sun, May25>, was a blast. We did the same drive last year and had a such a good time we had to go back. This year, over 20 cars made the journey including nearly every model of Z ever made. In addition to Z's, some vintage Supra friends joined us and it was a fun morning.

Group Z members Bobby Burton and his dad, Michael, brought their beautiful yellow 240z with new suspension for a little testing. I was told it was a dramatic improvement! Curt Wheeler and John McGorty represented Group Z with their awesome Z31s. Ian Stewart brought one of Group Z's youngest members, his son Landon, in his 260z.

Ian gathered the drivers and divided us into 3 groups, making it easier to keep the cars together. Off we went with me leading the first group in my blue 240z, "Joyce". Highway 39 is a beautiful scenic route with a smooth pavement that twists and snakes giving maximum smiles per mile. At the top of Highway 39 we were treated with a fantastic view overlooking the entire valley. A tasty breakfast then rewarded hungry drivers as we gathered at the Crystal Lake Cafe where they had a bunch of great breakfast burritos already prepared for the group. We had a great group of people, good food, fantastic road, and lot's of Z cars! I can't wait to do Highway 39 again next year.

<Check out this great YouTube video of part of the cruise as seen from a drone: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4--c6Zb0KM0>. Most photos by Scott with a couple lifted off of Facebook.>





Member of the Month

Ian Stewart running with the Alpha Romeo club at Fontana 5/14



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