

Z BREEZE

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Welcome New Group Z Memberz!!!

Bob Sarbacker Gray 1978 280Z

Ed Kuebler White 2003 350Z

Doug White Bronze 1977 280Z

Kathy Reilly Black 1979 280ZX 2+2

Tom Potase Red 1987 300ZX

Gary Fishell Orange 1977 280Z

Jorge Contreras White 1970 240Z

David Frederick Silver 1983 280ZX

Mike Kraus Green 1970 240Z

Steve Becker Red 1972 240Z

Ray Suste Red 1972 240Z

Omar Ligot Red 1991 300ZX

Carolyn Wilson Red 1973 240Z and "907" 1971 240Z

Let's all make it a point to welcome our new members and help them get "plugged in" to our club!

Group Z General Meeting - Thursday, May 10, 2007

At this month's General Meeting on Thursday, May 10 Sal Perno from Motorsport Auto will be reporting about the results of the 2007 Z-Car West Coast Nationals and the new venue and events; what worked, what could have worked better and what we can expect for next year's event. Sal also will be thanking all those who helped make the Friday night pre-event welcome party a huge success and how the Chili Cook-off and Barbeque was one of the highlights of the weekend!

Importantly, Sal will be letting us in on a big secret about how Group Z members will be involved in testing new products which MSA is in the process of developing and how each of us can benefit from this fantastic opportunity!

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AMAZINGLY Simple Home Remedies

1. If you are choking on an ice cube, don't panic. Simply pour a cup of boiling water down your throat and *presto!* The blockage will be almost instantly removed.
2. Clumsy? Avoid cutting yourself while slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold them while you chop away.
3. Avoid arguments with the Mrs. about lifting the toilet seat by simply using the sink.
4. For high blood pressure sufferers: Simply cut yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure in your veins. Remember to use a timer.
5. A mouse trap, placed on top of your alarm clock, will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the "snooze" button.
6. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives, then you will be too afraid to cough.
7. Have a bad toothache? Smash your thumb with a hammer and you will forget about the toothache.

From Z Prez:

For several years now, our Prez Charlie has taken on the responsibility of caring for his 90+ year old grandfather.

Those of us who are at an age where our parents are 'way up in years understand the time and effort (and stress) this kind of responsibility puts on someone in Charlie's position.

We don't have a column from the Prez this month because Charlie's grandfather suddenly passed away this week and Charlie is taking care of the arrangements.

Please keep Charlie and his family in your thoughts and prayers this month.

Thank you.

-- John Brantuk, Vice Prez



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Meeting

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See you at the meeting!

Group Z General Meeting

Thursday, May 10, 2007

Fuddrucker's Restaurant

7802 Orangethorpe Ave. (at Beach Bl.)

Buena Park, CA 90621

Phone: 714-739-8801

Meeting begins promptly at 7:00 PM

Arrive early for best parking.

Sometimes, we just need to remember what the rules of life really are:

You only need two tools: WD-40 and Duct Tape;

If it doesn't move and it should, use the WD-40.

If it shouldn't move and it does, use the duct tape.

Remember:

Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.

Never pass up an opportunity to go to the bathroom.

If you woke up breathing, congratulations! You get another chance.

And finally, be really nice to your family and friends; you never know when you might need them to empty your bedpan.

----- Thanks to Group Z Member Bob Heckendorf

Vice Prez' Muzings *(I know it's misspelled, but my wife thinks the "z" in "Muzings" is cute)*

Thanks to all of you who came out to the West Coast Nationals Friday Night party at Motorsport and helped make it a grand success! Thanks especially to those of you who showed up ready to work and volunteered your effort and your cheerful attitudes! It's because of people like you that Group Z continues to be a place where people who love the Z-car can get together, have fun and make good things happen!

During the show on Sunday a number of our members helped out at the Group Z booth, and I'd especially like to thank Terry Yamaguchi and (my wife) Gayle Brantuk for spending the entire day at the booth promoting membership in our club. Because of their efforts, we brought in TEN new members and quite a few membership renewals! A lot of gratitude goes to Sal Perno of MSA, who donated the free gifts which we were able to give out to all of our new members.

I'd like to send my personal "thank you" to Mark Rayl of Mike's Z Shop in Whittier for making my 1974 260Z run and drive like a champ, and a BIG, BIG "thank you" to (Group Z Member and Owner of Maaco of Whittier) Lance LeVier, who made my ugly duckling into a beautiful piece of art!

Watch for a feature article about Lance and his excellent work in the next issue of the Z-Breeze!

I'm looking forward to our meeting this month, so that I can personally thank each and every one of you.

---- **John Brantuk, Group Z Vice Prez**



Letterz . . . We Get Letterz . . .

Hi Friends:

I want to bring to your attention an event that is in a class of its own. Not only will you see some extremely rare and significant cars on display, but you will also see one of the most significant gatherings of automotive car designers in the world (who almost all happened to have graduated from Art Center College's School of Automotive Design). Art Center has had a tremendous influence on the automotive world for more than 50 years.

If you want to come to an unforgettable event then mark your calendars for July 15th in Pasadena.

Here are some links to photos that I have taken at some past events:

<http://www.imagestation.com/album/pictures.html?id=4286183383&code=26368959&mode=invite&DCMP=isc-email-AlbumInvite>

<http://www.imagestation.com/album/pictures.html?id=4289619919&code=26368962&mode=invite&DCMP=isc-email-AlbumInvite>



I look forward to seeing all of you there. Have a wonderful week.

Take care

---- Brad

Dear Group Z Members,

Are any of you as tired as I am of the "same old, same old" club events? Seems like whoever is planning things has run out of ideas or maybe is just burned out. Why don't some of us who'd like to see something new and different put our heads together and come up with some fun things for us to do?

I'm sure that it would take a little bit of time and a little bit of planning to pull off a new event or two, but if just 3 or 4 of us do it together it shouldn't take much out of our busy lives to do it. I'll bet we could do whatever we need to do to make it happen by just meeting together for 15 minutes at the beginning (or end) of a couple of general meetings (or we could get together over drinks someplace fun and convenient for us all)!!

Heck, I'll bet it would be fun to show the old geezers what some fresh thinking can accomplish!!

Send me an email at ZCarGirl@gmail.com and let's talk about doing some easy and FUN!

Looking for more fun,

---- Z Car Girl

Tell us your likes or dislikes about your car, the club, the meetings, activities, the Z-Breeze, what you think about the upcoming political elections or candidates, any new laws affecting most of us, gun control, women's rights, or anything that you'd like to get off your chest.

If you'd prefer to remain anonymous, that's alright.

Please email your letters to newsletter@groupZ.com and put "Letterz" in the subject line.

We'll print as many letters as space allows each month. This is your place to sound off, so let's hear from you!

Tech Talk

'06 350Z Clutch "Rattle"

I was just curious to see if this has happened to anyone else on their Z. When I am parking or doing anything involving little gas and not fully letting go of my clutch it makes this rattling/clacki-ty sound, coming from where the transmission is...if I push the clutch in all the way then it stops. Also when semi-cold/cold and I turn my car on, as soon as I release the clutch you can hear a rattle (ticku ticku ticku ticku - what it sound sounds like but you have to say them fast) but once I push the clutch all the way in it stops. IMO it sounds like something may be loose or is this somewhat of a natural Z noise???

---- '06 6spd. Enthusiast

I don't know what to say. I just bought an '07 Z and I have the same noise and I only have 160 miles...heard it last night for first time...maybe its part of the break-in period; don't know but it sounds horrible...and it only does it when in neutral or easing off in first...WEIRD!...ANYONE THAT MAY HAVE AN IDEA WHAT'S UP PLEASE HELP...

---- Ronnie

My '06 has about 8500 miles on it and the rattle noise has been there since day one.

It only rattles when I'm going into first from neutral and first into second, then after third, it's all gravy.

Maybe something needs to be tightened???

---- VT

It's COMPLETELY normal guys. All 350Zs from all years do it. It's just drivetrain noise originating from the heavy duty bearings in the trans.

If it did it when you pushed the clutch IN then that would not be normal and would be a bad throw out bearing.

---- Max

From "Z" Archives . . .

"Z Maintenance Course . . .

Once again, we extend our sincere thanks to Ron Odneal and Ernest Meggins, co-owners of Our Pride auto repair shop in Garden Grove, for conducting the very popular familiarization and 'do-it-yourself' maintenance course.

This was the fourth course put on for Group Z and, as usual, was well attended and received. Ron covered the Z car from one end to the other, enlightening many of us as to the mysterious workings of our 'exotic' machines, including tune-up, brakes, carburetion, valve adjusting, timing, drive-train and etc.

The gals who attended exhibited as much, if not more, enthusiasm than the guys, so watch out for the wrench wielding wenches (say that fast three times!) at the next Tech-In!"

--- Reprinted from the July, 1976 Z-Breeze

Coming Eventz . . . Thanks to Jackie & John Harris . . .

Hello Everyone!

Spring has sprung and it's the time to clean out those boxes and stacks of car parts no longer needed.

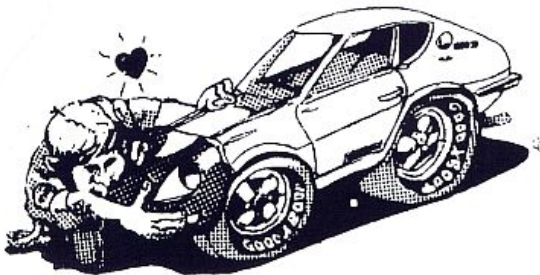
Jay Ataka is having another GaraZ Sale/Swap Meet at his shop in Gardena on May 20th.

Central Valley, once again, has invited us to the 3rd Annual Z Fest at Nissan of Clovis on the 19th of this month.

Z-Car Club of Inland Valley is holding their 5th Annual ZCCIV Datsun/Nissan Auto Show in Temecula on the 27th.

Note: Group Z never restricts attendance at any of its events. All lovers of everything Z and their guests are always welcome and encouraged to attend all of our events regardless of membership status or club affiliation.

Please come and join us in the fun!



May

- 10th** General Meeting at Fuddruckers - 7 pm
- 16th-21st** Muckenthaler Motor Car Festival
- 19th** Central Valley California Fest III 10:30 am - 4 pm
email: Zfest2007@centralvalleyz.org
Nissan of Clovis, 270 W. Herndon Ave.,
- 20th** GaraZ Sale 8 am - 1 pm
Jay Ataka, (310) 308-8986
148 ½ W. Garden Bl., Gardena 90248
- 27th** Inland Valley Car Show at Quality Nissan
41895 Motor Car Parkway, Temecula
Register online at www.zcciv.com/carshow

June

- 14th** General Meeting at Fuddruckers - 7 pm
- TBD** Group Z Pizza & Drive-in Movie Night
Mission Tiki Drive-In
Mission Bl. at Ramona Ave., Montclair

July

- 7-7-07** Shop & Slots at one of the Casinos; Palm Springs, Coachella or San Diego (Club vote)
- 12th** General Meeting at Fuddruckers - 7 pm
- 15th** Pasadena Art Center Car Show

August

- 9th** General Meeting at Fuddruckers - 7 pm
- 17th-19th** 5th Annual Monterey Historics
Laguna Seca Raceway, Monterey, CA
- 18th** Datsun/Nissan Corral at Laguna Seca Raceway
Info: [Ron Fuller at zoncpres@gmail.com](mailto:RonFuller@zoncpres@gmail.com)
- 25th** Hot August Day Show & Shine and "Overhaul-IT!" contest winner selected
Ricky & Ronnies', Torrance, CA

September

- 13th** General Meeting at Fuddruckers - 7 pm
- 29th** [Japanese Classic Car Show](#), Queen Mary

Memberz Swap Meet

(Parts to Sell, Trade, Swap . . .
.. NOT Members - that's *another* club!)

Email to newsletter@groupZ.com with "Swap Meet" in the subject line anything with which you'd like to part, and we'll help you clean out your garage/office/home/etc.

Do You Know Our Partnerz?

Vendors & Stores which offer Group Z Members a discount

Please help us update our list of Vendors and Stores which offer us discounts.

Email to newsletter@groupZ.com with "Discounts" in the subject line and we'll compile and distribute the list.

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