



Quarterly Newsletter



ZCCLI

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PRESIDENT - RICHARD SADIS

A word from the driver's seat with our Founder and President

Dear Members and Friends of the Z Car Club of Long Island,

On behalf of the Datsun Z Car Club of Long Island, I welcome you to the second issue of our club newsletter. This follows on the heels of our first issue, being slightly delayed due to a mishap our secretary/treasurer Freddie had while on a trip to Mongolia.

That said, we are very excited to welcome Freddie back home to the United States following his trip to Mongolia where he was seriously injured in a motocross accident while traversing the Gobi Desert.



We are incredibly grateful and fortunate to have him back and our thoughts remain with him as he continues his recovery. We hope his healing process is swift, smooth, and as pain-free as possible. On behalf of all members, we welcome Freddie back with open arms.

Since our last issue, we have had some fantastic events, and our members have helped make sure the Z car is properly represented!

As with our first issue, throughout these pages we'll share club news, upcoming events, member spotlights, technical tips, restoration stories, and plenty of other Z-car inspiration for our members.

Richard Sadis

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Club information

This club was established in 2023 by Richard Sadis, and is organized as a non-profit...

The goals of this club are to:

- Provide members with access to knowledge about their Z cars
- Provide a forum for members and other interested parties
- Exchange Z car information
- Organize events and activities for members that enhance their enjoyment of Z car ownership
- Serve as a community for like-minded enthusiasts to come together and celebrate the Z!

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A word from our Co-Driver

As some of you may have noticed, since the last newsletter we've seen some **changes to our ZCCLI Officers structure**. Given my involvement running the website, as well as actively approaching and building relationships with new sponsors, I have asked Filippo if I could take over the role of Vice President for the club. I felt having the title of Vice President would allow me to be taken more seriously during my sponsor outreach efforts. **Fil graciously accepted my request and we have formally transitioned the role.**

While I have only been a member of the club for two years, **my search for a 240z spans over 10 years**. I was able to get my hands on a beautiful 1973 240z from NJ. So beautiful, the gentleman that sold it to me has contacted me to buy the car back from me! I took a hard pass on that offer.

Immediately after the purchase of the car, I hit the web looking for local Datsun owners when I came across the DZCCLI Facebook group. **Rich Sadis was very welcoming and answered all of my questions.** One of the things I discussed with Rich was that the club did not have a webpage. Rich said he would like one, but it was a task that had not been addressed. Long story short, **I ended up making a webpage for the club.**

After the Bay Shore car show last year, a few of us went out to lunch and discussed how we can recruit more active members. It came up that "Datsun Z Car Club of Long Island" really spoke specifically to the Datsun Z crowd and not the Z community as a whole. **A decision was made to change the name to "Z Car Club Of Long Island" which would be all inclusive to the Z cars.** Since then, the new domain for the website was purchased (zccli.com) and **the name of the club formally changed.**

It was at this point I was able to get our first sponsor to redesign the logo for zccli.com. **Andaluz The Artist**, who is a very well known and respected mural artist, **redesigned the logo for us.** Look him up on instagram or even Google him to see how blessed we were to have him design the logo. I then created an Instagram account for ZCCLI and we got **800 followers the first two weeks** it was live, and Rich changed the Facebook group name.

So here we are current day. The club is growing slowly, but growing. I maintain the website on a weekly basis and update with photos from all the events we attend as a club. **If you have not been to the site yet, please check it out! (zccli.com)** Currently it will redirect you to dzzcli.com but we are slowly phasing out that domain. If you Google "z car club long island" we are the first result.

I am really proud of all the changes and the associated work the team has put in. **I also want to thank everyone involved in getting this newsletter together**, Freddie Dunau in particular.

I look forward to our current members getting more involved in the club, while we also continue to welcome new members. **Let's be part of something great!**



Kevin Karpowicz



Balancing the Books (& Carburetors)

Welcome to the second issue of our DZCCLI Quarterly Newsletter! As you've already heard from Rich, I've had a particularly interesting last few months following a trip to Mongolia where I decided it was a good idea to ride a Husqvarna 450 motocross bike across the Gobi Desert. Needless to say, this resulted in some pretty substantial injuries and a lengthy recovery period - still in progress but getting better every day!

I would like to thank our members for their outreach and support that I've received during this time. It makes me proud to be part of a group of such outstanding individuals. As with our previous issue, make sure to keep a lookout, as **we will be polling members of the club** for things like event photos, member spotlights, and maybe even some "opinion" articles from members who want to share their thoughts with the group for upcoming Issues.

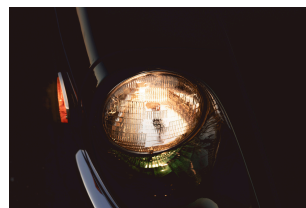
As a reminder, I encourage all of our members to reference the section on sponsors who support the club and help provide our members with great services - such as C&C Collision who is currently wrapping up some outstanding work on my R32 GTR which has included installing a fully molded Veilside widebody kit and a complete color-change/glass-out repaint. I can't wait to see the end result and will be bringing it out to one of our upcoming events!

Our sponsors are all car enthusiasts themselves (some of them are even Z owners!) and they would love to help you on your journey with your own Z. Also don't forget, for those who are dues-paying members of the club, we receive discounts from major vendors and parts suppliers through the ZCCA. If you don't already have the discount codes on hand, please reach out to Rich Sadis and he can provide them to you. We get some great perks like discounts on insurance through Hagerty as well as discounts on things like tires, suspension, and other z car parts through numerous vendors. **The \$20 membership fee will VERY quickly pay for itself if you take advantage of these perks!**

In recent months, we've seen a steady **uptick in new membership** for the club - for those of you who are new here, welcome! We are thrilled to have you join us. Some great news (at least for me) is that I was informed a few of our new members were recruited as a result of the newsletter. Perhaps Rich was just telling me that to provide some incentive to finally get our second issue out... but either way I'm going to run with it and call that an accomplishment. Along these lines, I ask that all of our members **spread the word and share the newsletter** with anyone/everyone you feel may be interested or benefit from it. As always, the more members we have the more we can do.

I am really looking forward to the rest of this driving season. We have some great events already on the calendar, and more in the works. I would especially encourage our members to show up strong for the Motorsport show that is being held at Competition Subaru in Smithtown. We want to make sure we represent the club well for what is sure to be an outstanding show. Thanks to all of our amazing members and I can't wait to see you at the next event!

Freddie Dunan



Member Spotlight - Jeff Newman

My interest in Nissan sports cars began back in the 1980s. I was attending a family gathering when my cousin arrived in a brand-new Nissan 280ZX. He tossed me the keys and let me take it for a drive. From that moment on, I was hooked. The styling, performance, and excitement of driving a **Z-car left a lasting impression on me.**

A few years later, Nissan introduced the Z31, and I immediately fell in love with its sleek new design. **In 1988, I was finally able to purchase my own Z—a used 1985 model.** Owning that car was a dream come true, and I enjoyed driving it for three wonderful years before eventually trading it in. **Even after parting with my Z31, the desire to own another Z never faded.**

For years, I searched for a classic Z, but finding one in good condition proved to be a challenge. Then, in 2018, while browsing eBay one day, I came across exactly what I had been hoping to find—a one-owner car with just 60,000 original miles. **I made an offer, and before long, the car was mine.**

Owning this Z has been about much more than just having a classic sports car. It has **opened the door to lasting friendships and unforgettable experiences** with fellow enthusiasts, both within our club and throughout the Z-car community.

The accompanying photos show the car as it was when I first purchased it and how it looks today, reflecting the care and passion that have gone into preserving and improving it.

As I look toward the future, I hope our club continues to grow, attract new members, and prosper for many years to come. **The friendships, shared knowledge, and love of these remarkable cars are what make this organization so special.**

I look forward to many more miles, memories, and adventures with my Z and with all of you.



Through the Hatch Glass - Quarter in Review

2026 has been a great year so far for our club. We have seen continued growth in our group of dues-paying members - allowing us to plan some really exciting events (check out "What's on the Lift" below). We have also seen our Facebook group grow to 538 members with some great engagement on the page. We have people sharing build updates, classified ads (for those looking to get into their first Z... or another Z!) and it has become a great source of info for our club members regarding our event schedule and other updates.

As a reminder, we had club representation at 15+ events in 2025, with perhaps the most notable being the **38th annual International Z Car Convention** - held in Nashville where **our very own Richard Sadis took home FIRST PLACE in the Nissan Modified 240Z class**. We are aiming to top this for 2026 by making sure our members stay informed and active with all of the planned events this year. We've already had formal club representation at 9 events this year, so we are well on track to top 2025!

I'd also like to call attention to the fact that many of our club members have taken advantage of our club sponsors and discount codes. Numerous members have had their cars repainted, repaired, or upgraded through our network of sponsors and we will continue to do our best to expand what is on offer for our members!





By the NumberZ: Club Stats

- **538** Facebook Group Members
- **43** Current Dues-Paying Members (let's spread the word!)
- **10** New Members added in 2025
- **7** New Member so far for 2026
- **15** Events held in 2025
- **9** Events *already* held in 2026, with much more to come!



What's on the Lift?

- **Oyster Bay Cruise Nights**
 - 5-9pm every Tuesday night through 9/19
- **Aug. 9: Motorsport Car Show***
 - Competition Subaru Smithtown
 - PLEASE PRE-REGISTER
- **October: Borghese Vineyards**
 - TBD - Members will be updated!
- **Sep. 21-26: ZCON**
 - Phoenix, AZ



Event Info/Registration

- **ZCON 2026**
- **Motorsport Car Show:** *please text Rich for registration information*
- **Oyster Bay:** No registration required, just show up!
- **For all others, check/RSVP on our Facebook Page**

*extremely important we have strong club representation

The Toolbox: Member Resource Guide

Over the years, we have developed a fantastic network of sponsors, supporters and friends in various areas of the industry that we can trust to work on or provide services for our Z Cars. We want to extend these contacts to you all to take advantage of these relationships!

ZCCA: Being a ZCCA Member organization, we are able to extend discounts and offerings from their partner vendors as well to all of the DZCCL family! Check the link for more information

C&C Collision and Glass: Paint, Bodywork, Full Restorations

Z-Mecca Restoration: Concours-quality restoration of SU Carburetors, mechanical fuel pumps, and other components (240Z focused services)

Eastern Motorworks: Mechanical/General Repair and Restoration

Thomas Machine: Engine and Mechanical Rebuilds

Accord Transmission and Differential: Mechanical Services, Transmission Specialists

Resurrected Classics: 240, 260, and 280 Z Restoration Parts

ZStory: Custom Z Exhaust Components

Kyusha House: Taka Sato - Mikuni and Weber Carburetor Specialist offering full rebuilds and restoration/tuning support, as well as full engine builds

Frankie Shinez Detailing: Professional detailing services from basic cleaning to full paint correction and ceramic coatings

Public Battery: For all of your electrical needs - there isn't a problem we've gone to Larry with yet that he wasn't able to solve

Central Sight and Sound: Car stereo and security system installer

Willie's Service: JDM & Import Specialist, complete repairs

Route Runners: Automotive Transport - Ask for Rob Jerone (516) 776-9238

Yezzi Insurance Co: Collector Car Insurance agent for American, Grundy, and Hagerty



Z-Mecca Restoration - Sponsor Highlight



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We are proud to have Z Mecca Restoration as an official club sponsor, and sponsor of Issue #2 of the ZCCLI Newsletter.

Jim Frederick is a close friend of the club, and an absolute legend in the Z world. Jim's personal collection, known as "Z Mecca," is widely considered one of the best Datsun Z collections in the world. Jim owns the first production 240z sold to the public (Vin #13), and many other very early production cars. He even has numerous 240z's that were restored by Nissan as part of their promotion efforts for the 350z (sold new at dealerships with a warranty in the early 2000's!).

Owning such an extensive collection of Z's has given Jim the ability to build a knowledge base of these cars that few others have. Jim knows the ins and outs of every component on these cars and how they evolved over the years. This knowledge is demonstrated in Jim's incredible restoration work, which is truly concours level.

Jim's primary focus is on SU carburetor restoration, mechanical fuel pump rebuilds, and hardware zinc plating, but don't hesitate to reach out to him if you have other needs as he has an extensive selection of OEM components for these cars and if he doesn't have something he can tell you who does.



Jim is an absolute treasure trove of information, parts, and support for the Z community. I've known Jim for a few years now and he recently rebuilt my failing mechanical fuel pump for my 240Z. Jim provided a quick turnaround, and my fuel pump returned not only functioning perfectly but looking as good (or possibly even better) than new. I couldn't be happier with the result, and would recommend Jim to anyone looking for this type of work.

- Rich Sadis



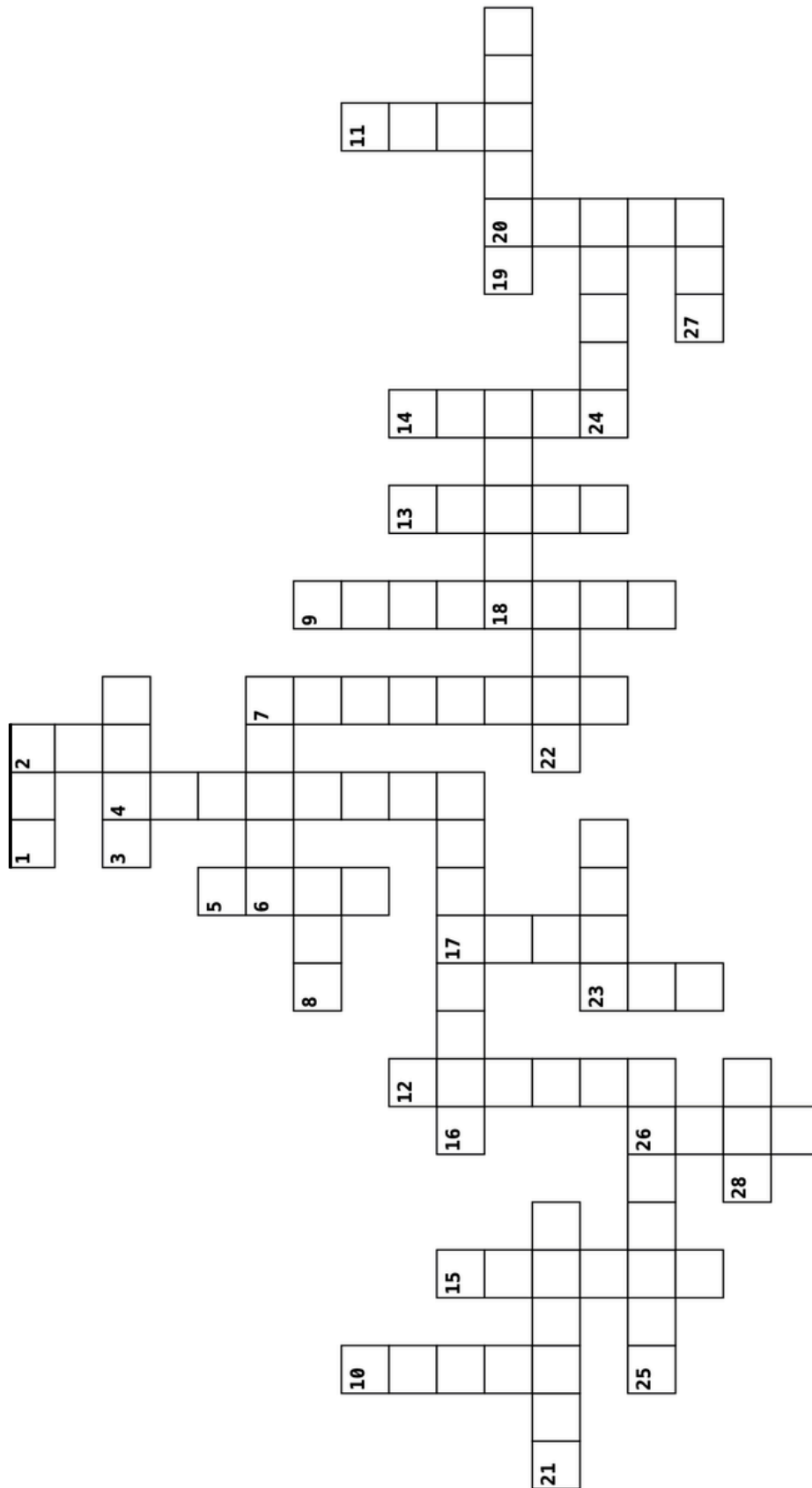
Member Rides

Submit your photos to Freddie Dunau if you want to appear in our next issue!



The “Official” Datsun/Nissan Z Crossword

See next page for clues. Bring a completed crossword to our next club event for a free gift!



Across	
1	Sixth generation Z chassis code
3	Rare crossflow racing cylinder head for L-Series engines
6	Last name of the designer behind the famous BRE racing livery
8	Fourth generation Z chassis code
16	Skyline nickname that predates the Z's golden era
18	Nissan performance brand seen on modern Z models
19	Naturally aspirated dual overhead cam V6 from the Z32
21	First name of the father of the Z car
22	American road racing series where Z cars built a legacy
23	City that houses the Nissan Heritage Collection in Japan
24	Special white edition of the 1988 300ZX Turbo
25	Skyline nickname related to a famous commercial featuring "Ken and Mary"
27	Famous red white and blue Datsun racing team
28	Fifth generation Z chassis code

Down	
2	A special version of the Fairlady Z that came with FOUR valves, THREE carburetors, and TWO cams
4	City where Nissan was Founded
5	Legendary GTR engine sometimes swapped into Z cars
7	Mr K's <i>full</i> last name
9	Popular period-correct body kit brand for Z Cars
10	Turbocharged inline 6 from the 280ZX turbo
11	Chassis code for the ultra rare Z432
12	Famous British tuner of early Z cars
13	Left hand drive 240z chassis prefix
14	Removable roof panels available on some Z cars
15	Popular Japanese sidedraft carburetor brand
17	Racing organization where early Z cars found major success
20	Long aerodynamic nose used on the 240ZG
23	Third generation Z chassis code
26	Current generation Z chassis code



Thanks for reading this quarter's issue of the ZCCLI Newsletter! Tune in next time for more exciting club updates.

The ZCCLI celebrates all Datsun & Nissan Z cars (240, 260, 280, 300, 350, 370 and New Z) welcoming all enthusiasts.

Our diverse club offers members networking opportunities, car shows, scenic cruises, photo shoots, and events including an annual Z car show on Long Island. The ZCCLI/ZCCA members also receive discounts from partner companies.

***Join, drive, and experience your inner Z!
Annual Dues are only \$20!! Existing Members
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