



Quarterly Newsletter

DZCCLI



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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 Datsun Z Car Club of Long Island,

On behalf of the Datsun Z Car Club of Long Island, I am proud and excited to welcome you to our very first club newsletter.

This marks an important milestone for our club. Our shared passion for the legendary Datsun Z—its history, performance, design, and enduring spirit—has brought us together, and this newsletter will serve as a new way to strengthen that connection.

Through these pages, we'll share club news, upcoming events, member spotlights, technical tips, restoration stories, and plenty of other Z-car inspiration.



Whether you're a longtime Z enthusiast, a dedicated restorer, or a new owner just beginning your journey, this club is about camaraderie, respect for the marque, and enjoying the road together. Long Island has a strong automotive community, and we're proud to represent the Z legacy right here at home.

Thank you for being part of this exciting beginning. Your participation, enthusiasm, and support are what will make this club—and this newsletter—something truly special. I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and continuing to grow the Datsun Z Car Club of Long Island together.

Welcome aboard, and here's to many great drives ahead.

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 Vice President of the Datsun Z Car Club of Long Island, I'm proud to help launch our first newsletter, with a focus on what brought many of us here in the first place - the Z.

From early S30's to more modern Z builds, this platform is about celebrating the cars, the craftsmanship and the culture that make the Z community special.

We will be highlighting member Z's, sharing tech tips, covering events, and telling the stories behind the builds and the people keeping the legacy of the Z alive on Long Island.

Thanks for being part of the journey - we are just getting started!

Filippo Cavallo



Balancing the Books (& Carburetors)

Welcome to our inaugural issue of the DZCCLI Quarterly Newsletter! As the Secretary & Treasurer I am truly excited to kick things off with Issue #1. I've had a great time collaborating with the other board members to pull this Issue together. 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 quick intro for those who I've not met, **my name is Freddie** and I've been an avid Z enthusiast since the day I saw **my first Z at the age of 12**. It was at a used car lot across the street from the gym I used to workout at with my Dad. Now, nearly 18 years on, my excitement for Z's (and Nissan in general) has never slowed down. **My first car**, purchased at the age of 15, is the same green **1973 240z** you'll see me attending our events in now - albeit with extensive restoration and upgrades compared to when I originally purchased it. I've also owned many other Nissans over the years, but my other pride and joy is my **1990 Nissan Skyline GTR** that will be making its debut at a few events this year as we wrap up a Veilside widebody install and repaint thanks to our very own Joe & Nick Calderale over at C&C Collision.

For our first issue (and aligned with the title of my recurring section) I felt it would be fitting to speak to one of the biggest challenges I regularly hear from others in the club - maintenance. While Z's are generally very reliable, there are still challenges that come from keeping the older ones on the road. That said, I'd like to call attention to the **wealth of knowledge that we have within our member-base** on everything from tuning carburetors and setting points to tuning modern ECUs, how to dial in your suspension setup for track vs street driving, etc. **If you have a question about your Z, odds are someone in our group can answer it for you** - and in many cases we can help teach you so you're able to DIY the solution!

As we go into the new year, **we are already planning some group technical education events**, similar to the Weber/Mikuni carburetor tuning course I held in the past, where we will come together as a group, share our knowledge and help make sure everyone is able to keep these beautiful machines alive. I'm truly excited for everything we have in store for this year. Lastly, please continue to spread the word to your fellow Z owners - the more people we get involved, the more great events and activities we are able to plan! "Z" you all soon!

Freddie Duran

Member Spotlight - Keith James

A lifelong car enthusiast, Keith has been drawn to British and Japanese cars since the age of 10. **Some of his earliest automotive memories include his father's yellow 1970 MGB, which sat tucked away in the driveway, and his uncle's lime-green 1972 Datsun 240Z**—early influences that clearly left a lasting impression.

Over the past 30 years, he has owned, restored, and sold roughly 50 vehicles spanning a wide range of makes and eras. Today, his garage includes five cars, two of which are active projects.

His current lineup includes a **2006 Jeep TJ Unlimited** with the 4.0L inline-six and 6-speed manual, owned since new, and a **1960 Austin-Healey "Bugeye" Sprite** purchased from its original owner and later gifted to his father—fittingly, as it was his father's first car in high school.

Also in the stable is a **1970 Chevrolet K20 pickup**, acquired in 2020 from a retired fire chief upstate.

Among his two ongoing projects is a **1965 USRRC 427 Shelby Cobra replica**. Purchased as an unfinished build after the original owner was forced to sell due to health issues, the car underwent roughly a year of reassembly and customization and is currently undergoing a repaint.

His pride and joy, however, is a 1972 Datsun 240Z—his true "unicorn."

Purchased in 2022 from the original owner's widow, the car had been sitting in a Connecticut barn for nearly 20 years.

Along with the car came a trove of stories about its time racing at Lime Rock, as well as remarkable documentation including the original window sticker and warranty card from Bob Sharp's dealership in Wilton, CT.

Finished in the rare two-year-only 113 color code with a butterscotch interior, it represents the second least-produced color combination for the S30 chassis, tied only with 903 Universal Blue. The restoration is being approached with a strong emphasis on originality, complemented by only small, tasteful improvements.

At the moment, he's awaiting completion of the Cobra before sending the 240Z out for bodywork and a full respray.

Looking ahead to 2026, he's most excited about the continued growth of the club—and finally finishing the 240Z in time to celebrate his 40th birthday.





By the NumberZ: Club Stats

- **523** Facebook Group Members
- **33** Current Dues-Paying Members (let's spread the word!)
- **10** New Members added in 2025
- **1** New Member so far for 2026
- **17** Events held in 2025
- **5** Events *already* scheduled for 2026



What's on the Lift?

- **April 26: Car Show Long Island**
 - Tobay Beach
- **May 3rd: Spring Dust Off**
 - 1300 Lido Blvd, Point Lookout, NY
- **May 14-16: East Coast Z Nationals**
 - Carlisle, PA
- **June 28: Gold Coast Cruisers**
 - Glen Cove's Morgan Park
- **Sep. 21-26: ZCON**
 - Phoenix, AZ



Event Info/Registration

- **Spring Dust Off**
- **East Coast Z Nationals**
- **Gold Coast Cruisers**
- **ZCON 2026**
- **For all others, check/RSVP on our Facebook Page!**

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 DZCCLI family! Check the link for more information

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

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 cleans 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

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



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We are proud to have C&C as our official club sponsor, and sponsor of Issue #1 of the DZCCLI Newsletter.

Joe Calderale (and his beautiful 240z) have been club members since 2024, but more importantly he and his son Nick have been close personal friends of many club members, as far back as 2017. Joe and Nick are the "go-to" for many of us when it comes to bodywork. For anything from small scratch and dent repair to full-scale, engine-out/frame-off restorations - they can handle it all.

They have recently completed extensive work across multiple club members' vehicles, not limited to just the collector cars but daily drivers as well. We do not hesitate to recommend C&C as a preferred vendor for all your bodywork and restoration needs.

From the moment I met them the owner and team were professional, honest, and genuinely cared about getting my car restored back to Original. They explained everything clearly, worked diligently and kept me updated on progress.

The quality of the work was outstanding—my car looked better than I expected and the paint match to the original color was flawless. The awards started rolling in! I will always recommend Joe and Nick Calderale to my friends and even strangers.
- Rich Sadis



Joe and Nick have done some absolutely incredible work across so many of my vehicles over the years. Basic paintwork on my Mercury Sable, a full repaint of my Z, and most recently a full widebody install and color-change respray on my GTR, they have done it all with a level of quality and expertise I have yet to find anywhere else.

If you're thinking of getting work done on your car, your first stop should be Joe and Nick as they will treat you right and I can personally guarantee you'll be amazed with the results.
- Freddie Dunau



Member Rides

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



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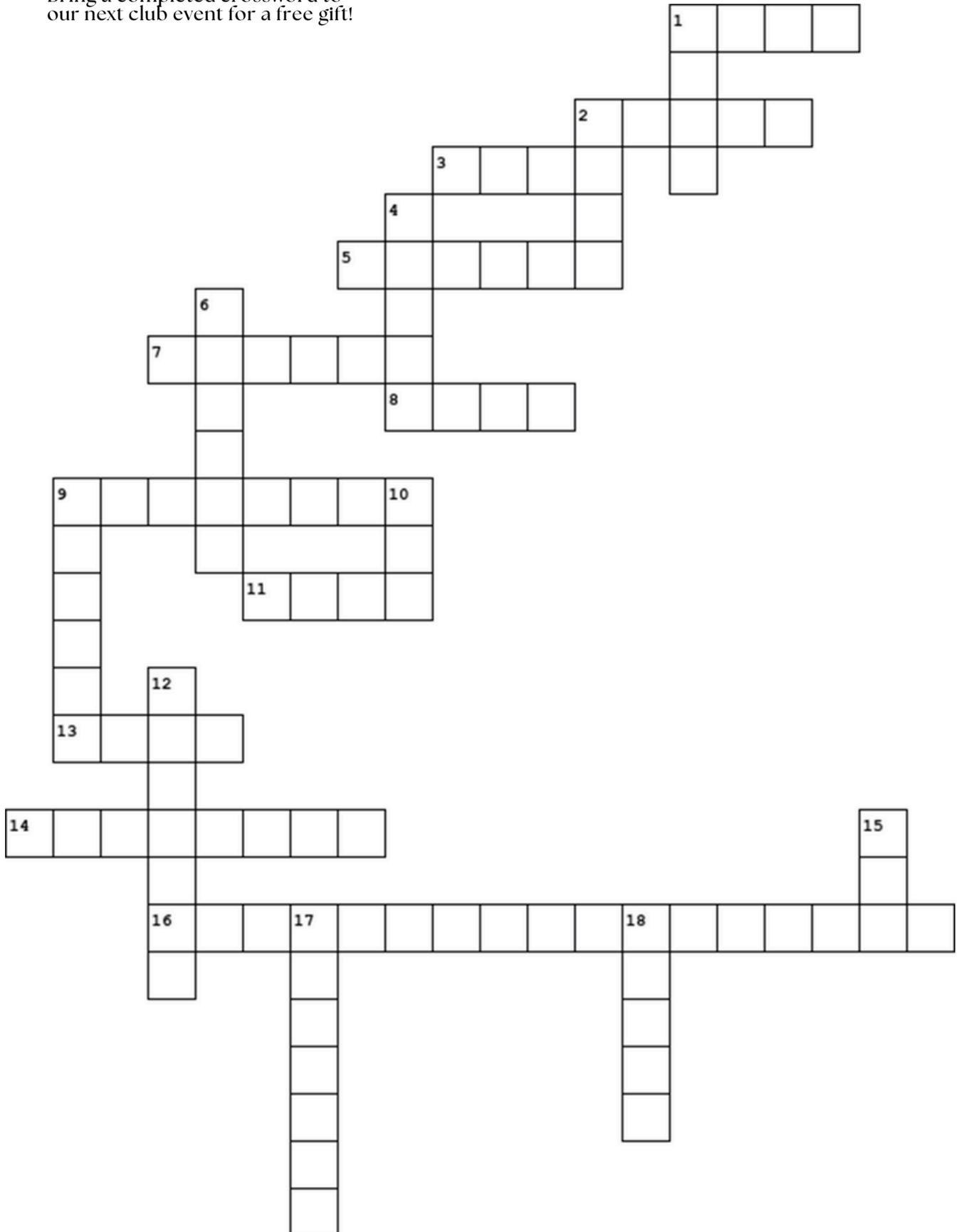


DANIEL JOSEPH

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	Final version of the original S30 chassis sold in the US
2	Sold as both a turbo in the 80's and twin turbo in the 90's
3	Engine from the 350Z
5	What was the Z from the anime "Wangan Midnight" known as, because of its dangerous and unpredictable nature?
7	Cars & _____
8	Common rear differential upgrade from the factory R180 in the 240z
9	Our Founder and President is also incredibly passionate about this other manufacturer
11	Model code for the first generation of Z sold in the US
13	Popular Z car racing class, often seen in vintage motorsport
14	Nissan's name for the Z in the Japanese Market
16	The 240z is famous for having won this world famous endurance rally that starts and finishes in coastal Kenya

Down	
1	The original Z that started it all
2	Z Car launched in 2003
4	Italian version of the popular triple carburetor upgrade for early Zs
6	A wildly popular suspension upgrade for Z's, this company is known for their "Illumina" struts
9	Japanese version of the popular triple carburetor upgrade for early Zs
10	Model code for the first generation of Z sold in Japan
12	The inline 6 engine family found in early Z's
15	Not a Z, but another (faster) Nissan owned by the Treasurer
17	A famous track in Japan known for being the home of time attack
18	Nissan's factory performance division



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

The DZCCLI 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 DZCCLI/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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