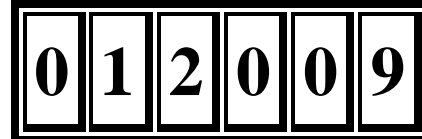




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**Happy
New Year!**

10Th Annual MLK Snow Sports Day

January 19, 2009

Ron Gardner

Attention snow sports enthusiasts: the 10th Annual event is scheduled for Monday, January 19, 2009, at the Loveland Ski and Snowboard Area. We will meet in the cafeteria on the 2nd floor of the lodge around 9a.m., and plan to be on the hill around 9:30. Loveland serves good food, so those interested in eating breakfast before starting their day should plan on arriving early. Besides, you can get a good parking spot as an added bonus. The weather at Loveland can run the full spectrum of winter conditions, so come prepared accordingly.

This year the adult window ticket price is \$56.00. There are deals available for those willing to search them out. Many local retailers (King Soopers, Sports Authority, etc.) offer discounted early purchase tickets, for example. Also, I will have with me two coupons -- each worth two \$40.00 each adult lift tickets - that I will be giving away the morning of the event on a first come first served basis.

This event is open to all interested in enjoying a day of skiing, riding or just spending it in a mountain setting reading a book and/or watching people. And, if you have never experienced the thrill of skiing or riding, Loveland has an excellent school that teaches both.

Mark your calendar now, Monday, January 19th, and plan on joining us at Loveland for a fun day.

Z Car Club of Colorado

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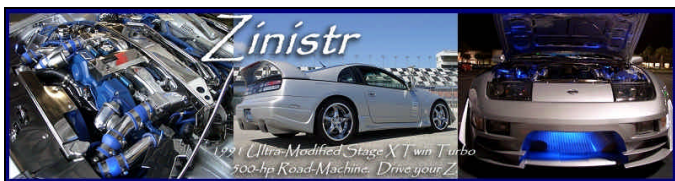


President's Corner

*"Well, way up north where the air gets cold
There's a tale about Christmas that you've all been told
And a real famous cat all dressed up in red
And he spends the whole year workin' out on his sled...
Just a little bobsled we call it old Saint Nick
But she'll walk a toboggan with a four speed stick
She's candy-apple red with a ski for a wheel
And when Santa hits the gas, man, just watch her peel"*

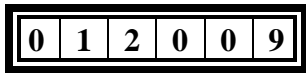
The Beach Boys – Little Saint Nick

I hope everyone had a safe and fun Christmas and Chanukah, and a Happy New Year, but now that it is 2009, it's time to assess where we are as a club. The reason I say this, for those of you who don't know, our former sponsor, Tynan's Nissan, is just that -- our former sponsor. Due to the present economic atmosphere, they are no longer able to contribute to our Club. I'm told that big bucks had to be cut from their budget, and we are a casualty of their economic shortfalls. They aren't the only ones in this position. Officers of the club have approached 2 other Nissan dealers to see if they were interested in stepping up to sponsor us. They are not. It's too bad. I personally think that sponsorship of ZCCC was, and would continue to be, of great value to any Nissan dealer. I personally shifted my service work on our 3 Nissans to Tynan's when they became our sponsor. Had I bought a new Nissan while they were our sponsor, I certainly would have bought it from them. I know of a member who just bought a new Xterra from Tynan's. I believe that I alone may have spent more in their service department than the sponsorship cost them. This of course includes having my 1990 300ZXTT suspension rebuilt from the ground up to the chassis last year. There was a lot of labor involved in replacing every bushing I could, as well as a new brake system. I purchased new shocks and spring's through Tynan's and of course the labor to install those was also involved.



500 hp 300ZXTT

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All our oil changes and scheduled maintenance was also done at Tynan's. I say this not as sour grapes for having lost their monetary support, but as an example of the value the club returned to Tynan's. We all know that Tynan's was very generous to us. They provided not only the monthly stipend, but put on the BBQ's at the Shine and Show's, donated door prizes for drawings, let us use their conference facility and gave us a 20% discount on parts and labor. I personally appreciate everything that Tynan's did for us. I point out my expenditures only as some measure of value that they received in return. The Club truly appreciates what they have done for us over the years, and we thank them for their support. I hope that we are both able to ride out these tough economic times and that we can renew what I believe is a mutually beneficial relationship in the future.

As we move into 2009, we have taken on the regional Mid-west Z Fest for September 2009. All the members involved in this huge undertaking are determined to make this at least a break even proposition though there is a good probability that our club can make a little money from this, though that is not the reason to hold the event. We are doing this because we believe that we can put on a quality event that Z Car enthusiasts can

really enjoy in the sometimes breathtaking, but always enjoyable, setting of the Rocky Mountains. Walt has started an informational page on our ZCCC website at: www.ZCCC.org/mzfa.htm. Check it out, and while I am on the subject of our website, some members have suggested that our website is outdated and needs to be snazzier and updated. Walt Caron, our webmaster, is willing and capable of doing this, but he needs input from our members on what constitutes "snazzier". SO, if you are artistically inclined, PLEASE help on this project. If you don't, that will leave me providing the input on the changes, and heaven knows, I am NOT artistic nor have any appreciable talent in this arena. Lastly, if any of you have deep pockets and are searching for that perfect present for yourself or a loved one, I know where 3 or 4 Nissan Supercar GT-R's could be available next year. Contact me and I can pass on the information to you.

Wishing all of you a Happy and Healthy New Year --

Ira Sanders

President, Z Car Club of Colorado

A letter to the Editor . . .

While I enjoy some of the musings and ramblings of Z Car Club President Ira Sanders' *Presidents Letter* in the monthly Odometer, his derogatory comments aimed at Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin in the December issue do not belong in a car club newsletter . . .



I belong to the Z Car Club to share my fondness of the Z car with other like-minded people. I would hope Sanders will be offering a published apology for the Palin comments.

Larry Brooks

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Ski Day at Loveland Basin

February 27 (Friday)

Patty Troxell

Let's tune up and wax our skis or snowboards for a day of fantastic skiing at Loveland Basin on Friday, February 27. Whether Mother Nature will provide us with sunny skies and fresh powder or not, a good time is on the horizon. We will meet in the cafeteria at 9am and head out for a great day of skiing at 9:30. Lunch will be at approximately 11:45 at the Loveland Basin cafeteria. Discount lift tickets can be purchased in Denver and the metro area at Safeway, King Soopers and Albertsons grocery stores. Adult walk-up day lift tickets can be purchased at the Loveland ticket window for \$56. Senior (age 60 and plus) lift tickets can be purchased at the Loveland ticket window for \$42. Whether it's sunny or snowing, let's get out there. If you have any questions, please see me at the January and February meetings or email me at rtcats@juno.com

Holiday Party 2008

Nate (and Cheryle) Derman

Once again, we had a nice turn out for our annual holiday party. The weather was much nicer this year and the turnout was great. The first guests showed up early, and the last guests left late. We had 29 members and guests, two marines, and two grandchildren, (not ours). The food was wonderful, wine was consumed, and lots of toys were collected for "Toys for tots". The snow held off until the wee hours of the morning so no one had to deal with driving in it! Thanks again to everyone that came out this year and we will look forward to hosting the party again in 2009.

370Z cockpit and all the gauges

Toys for Tots

Nate Derman

The marines were here . . . The marines were here!!!!

Again, we had the honor of having two marines (in full dress uniform) from Buckley join us for our annual holiday party. This is the second year in a row they represented the marines "toys for tots" annual toy drive with us. They came, they ate, they drank (water and coca cola) and hauled off two car loads full of toys donated by our wonderful Z members. This year we did even better than last year! Hopefully next year, they will have to rent a small U-haul!!

For all they do to protect us everyday throughout the years, it's great to have them join us during the holidays for this very worthy cause! Thanks again.....and Sempre Fi....hoooya!

Mid-west Z Fest 2009

Tammy Sanders, Project Manager

The Core team has continued to work towards a successful September Event. Daniel had a brainstorming session with members of his team, and has answered some outstanding questions. Cheryle has spoken with a number of hotels and has received price quotes. Sue has drafted registration forms. The MZF '09 Kick off meeting is scheduled for January 17, 2:00 p.m., pot luck style, at Tyler Richter's. All project volunteers are encouraged to attend, email details coming. There will be a sign up sheet at the January 7, 2009, club meeting.



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"Happy Holidays to all, and what a great night!"

(From Frank Castleman, with credit to an unknown hotrodder who wrote the original version.....)

T'was the night before Christmas and out in the garage,
No trace of a Chevy, Ford, or a Dodge.
The presents were wrapped and the lights were all lit,
So I figured I'd work on the Z car a bit.

I popped the release and lifted the hood,
When a deep voice behind me said "That looks pretty good."

Well, as you can imagine, I turned mighty quick,
And there, by the workbench, stood old Saint Nick!

I stood there a bit, not too sure what to say,
Then he said. "I don't suppose you'd trade for my sleigh?"

"No way, Santa" I said with a grin,
"But if you've got the time we can go for a spin!"

His little round mouth, all tied like a bow'
Turned into a smile and he said "Sure! Let's go!!"
So as not to disturb all the neighbors' retreat,
We quietly pushed the car to the street.

Then, taking our places to coast down the hill,
I turned on the key and let the clutch spill.
The sound that erupted took him by surprise,
But he liked it a lot, by the look in his eyes.

With tires a'screaming and exhaust aglow,
We headed on out to where the Hot Rodders go.
And Santa's grin widened, approaching his ears,
With every shift as I banged through the gears.

Then he yelled "I CAN'T RECALL WHEN I'VE FELT SO ALIVE!"

So I backed off the gas and asked Santa to drive.
Ol' Santa was stunned when I gave him the keys,
When he walked past the headlights he shook at the knees!

The old Z exploded with a sweet exhaust sound,
Then Santa popped the clutch and the tires scarred the ground!

Power shifting into second, and again into third!
I just hung on, watching, at a loss for words,

Then I heard him exclaim as we blasted from sight,
"Merry Christmas to all, and what a great night!"



370Z Blue



370Z leather seats and cockpit



370Z yellow

Member News

Andy Mortenson

Going, going . . .

November

N/A

December

John & Rose Ann Bilodeau, John Haag, Tom Simon

January

Matt & David Agrodnia, Arthur Chen. John Nigro, Tim O'Connor

New Members for November

N/A

Referrals Z Bucks

N/A

January Birthdays



Bob Carlson, Robert Freedman, Robert Ingram, Kathleen Minister, Clarke Omdahl, Dana Pratt,

Malcolm Shannon Jr., Tom Simon, Carlos Tamayo, Don Tamm, Steve Vigil, Monica Zakry

Odometer Advertising Information

For members: Free Z-related ads. Send a clear photo with your ad if you have one. Ads/picture should be submitted by email to gbracken2487@comcast.net, or mailed to Gary Bracken, Editor, 2487 S. Dover Way, Lakewood, CO 80227. Call me with questions at 303-969-9964. Ads will be in upper and lower case lettering. Ads posted for 3 months. Resubmit as necessary. **Go to www.zccc.org, and click Odometer for examples of ads.**

For non members: Picture and Ad Full Page: \$100, Half Page \$60, Quarter Page \$35 per ad for 3 months. Car/parts ad: \$5 for 3 months. Send the ad/picture and a check (payable to ZCCC) by surface mail or email to addresses above. Ad must be received by the 23rd of the month. The Editor will hold your ad (if sent by email) pending received.

Minutes, December 3, 2008

Tyler Richter

Vice President Cheryle Derman called the meeting to order in the absence of our fearless leader. All members present were welcomed. There were no guests or new members to welcome, just the "Old seasoned ones".

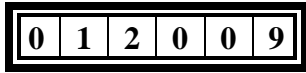
Officers report:

Cheryle Derman made announcements in regards to upcoming events:

- December 13th the annual holiday party, and Toys for Tots Drive being hosted by Nate Derman at the Derman home.
- January 19th MLK Ski Day at Loveland
- January 17th is also the Midwest Z Fest kickoff party being hosted by Tyler Richter at his home.
- February 27th a ski day at Loveland.
- March 14th the ZCCC will participate in the Denver St. Patrick's Day Parade -- Kathy Minister will chair the event.
- May 23rd will be our club's first chance to take a crack at the High Plains Raceway -- start saving for new rubber now.
- September 10th-13th the Midwest Z Fest being hosted by the ZCCC here in Denver.

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Membership Andy Mortenson announced three renewals and no new members. The question was asked as to the total membership of our club; Mr. Mortenson stated the Z Car Club of Colorado is 170 members strong.

Secretary Tyler Richter made two corrections to the November minutes, they were seconded and accepted.

Inter-Club Liaison Daniel Balin made inroads with the Colorado branch of the Miata Club in regards to their interest in partnering with ZCCC in our upcoming track events at High Plains Raceway. Acquiring a partner is necessary in order to help defer the increase in cost of the brand new track.

There were no other officer reports.

New Business:

Daniel Balin gave a report regarding the Midwest Z Fest Committee. The committee has put in place all of the team leaders, and has also approved a project charter.

A motion was made for ZCCC to deposit \$2000.00 in an account for the Midwest Z Fest, in order to reserve hotel rooms, a banquet hall, and any other expenses that will arise, so we can host an exceptional regional event. The motion was passed twenty-two in favor with four opposed.



300ZX Turbo Nissan 50th Anniversary 1984

The guest speaker was **Ralph**, of Ralph's Specialty Shop. He showed his portfolios to the club and spoke about his full service body shop.

Craig Williams won the 50\50 in the sum of \$40.50.

The next meeting will be held on January 7th 2009 at New York Deli News at 7:00PM.



72 240Z original condition



300ZX Nissan with wheels

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1st quarter Points

Daniel Bailin	3
John Bilodeau	4
Rose Ann Bilodeau	3
Gary Bracken	4
Pam Bracken	3
Larry Brooks	2
Donna Brooks	1
Bob Carlson	3
Debbie Carlson	4
Walt Caron	1
Dave Daniels	3
Roy Davis	3
Nate Derman	11
Cheryle Derman	8
Steve Eaton	3
Lois Eaton	3
Ron Gardner	5
Cher Givens	1
Bobby Givens	1
Mike Goddard	3
Michael Guzinski	2
Mike Guzinski	2
Nolan Hargrave	1
Darrel Hoffman	2
Stephanie Jones	1
Tony Kahaleku	1
Sue Keim	2
Dan Kohl	2
Steve Kottmeier	2
Mary Brondum Leuthauser	3
Henry Leuthauser	1
William Lohringel	2
Laverne Lohringel	2
David Mallory	3
Dallas McCafferty	3
Mary Jo McCafferty	2
Austin McGinnis	1
Ed McHugh	2
Fred Minister	5
Kathy Minister	5
Manny Montoya	1
Andy Mortenson	4
Rick Mraz	2
Gail Mund	2
Kevin Newberry	1
Valerie Newberry	1
Tim O'Connor	2
John Over	1
Mary Sue Reinsma	2
Tyler Richter	3

Stephen Robertson	4
Charlotte Robertson	5
Dave Sandbach	1
Tammy Sanders	3
Ira Sanders	3
Steve Shriver	1
Laurie Steenrod	2
Carlos Tamayo	1
Don Tamm	2
Phil Taylor	1
Patty Troxell	4
Steve Vigil	2
Richard Wade	1
Craig Williams	4
Linda Williams	7



350Z exterior



**1979 280ZX 10th Anniversary coupe
exterior**

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VENDORS LIST (as of 1/1/09)

Don't forget to tell your contact you are a ZCCC member and have your membership number ready before ordering -- in case it is requested. Please tell them thanks for being a ZCCC supporter. Businesses and discounts are updated periodically.

COMPANY	ADDRESS	SERVICES	CONTACT	PHONE	DISCT
Boulder Nissan	2285 28th Street, Boulder, CO 80301	Z Parts Only	Eric Stockton Present Card	303-443-8110 303-443-8110	20%
		Service			10%
Bud's Muffler	1010 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, CO 80204	Parts	Mike, ken, Jeff	303-629-0934	15%
Courtesy Nissan	1777 N. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080	Parts	Mat	800-527-1909	20%
Dent Clinic	658 Simms Street, Golden, CO 80401	Dent Repair	Rick or Tony	303-234-1948	10%
Discount Tire	355 E. 120th Ave, Northglenn, CO 80233	Tire Purchases all cars and trucks	Paul Hilsinger	303-255-3595	Up to 20%
Elite Auto Glass	All Front Range Locations - 16 Stores, call for Nearest location	Windshield No labor charge	George	303-817-1777	75%
		Tempered Glass No labor charge			68%
Empire Lakewood Nissan	10345 West Colfax, Lakewood, CO 80215	Auto Parts	John Von Tilius	303-232-8111	15%
		Labor	Bob S.		10%
Go Nissan	5067 S Wadsworth Blvd., Littleton, 80123	Parts & Labor	Corky Morrow	3039047766	20%
Import Parts Warehouse	501 Kalamath, Denver, CO 80204	Auto Parts	Carol Ivey Ext. 650	303-825-2000	Varies by product
John's Sunroof	4346 South Broadway, Denver, CO	Clear Bra	Daryl Martinez	303-761-1931	10%
Larry Miller Nissan	5001 S. Broadway, Englewood, CO 80113	Parts and Labor	Bob Miller	720-274-5230	10%
Motorsport Auto	1139 West Collins Avenue, Orange, CA 92867	Auto Parts	Anyone Answering	800-633-6331	10%
Nissan of Scottsdale	7000 E. McDowell, Scottsdale, AZ 85257	Parts	Joe Ramierz	480-994-0301	20%
Ralph's Specialty Shop	6000 W. 55 th Place, Arvada, CO 80002	Auto Body & Paint Work	Ralph	303-424-1706	15% Labor only
Sears	All stores in Colorado and several other western states	Car accessories, including tires, batteries & services performed	Dan Turner, 10785 W. Colfax Ave, Lakewood	303-235-6250	Commercial discount price
Tynan's Nissan	780 South Havana, Aurora, CO 80012	Nissan Parts	Byron/Gary	303-341-7330	20%
		Labor	Calvin	303-341-3471	20%
Tynan's Nissan	5811 South College Avenue, Ft. Collins, CO 80525	Nissan Parts	Scott	970-226-3757	20%
		Service		303-571-1455	20%
Valley Nissan	1005 Florida Avenue, Longmont, CO 80501	Parts	Roy	303-443-5009	15%
		Service	Mike	303-443-5009	15%

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300ZX Twin Turbo out of a shot (drag racing)

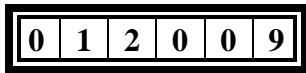


300ZX Turbo 1984



240Zs resting for run at Second Creek June 2005

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Zs and Parts

For Sale: 1979 280ZX Coupe. This 280ZX has 33,781 miles on it. That's correct – only 33,781 miles. 5 speed transmission, power mirrors and windows, interior is in perfect condition – no cracks in vinyl anywhere, garage kept, and original miles. Otto Palmer, 970-282-1400. (1/09)



300ZXTT and 240Z

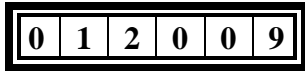
300ZXTT with racing wheels and seat



350Z Sport Coupe with Brembo brakes

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****** Upcoming ZCCC Events ******

January 7, 2009 - (Wednesday) Monthly Meeting, **7:00pm** at **New York Deli News** located at 7105 E. Hampden Avenue (**Everyone attending must order off the menu – soup & salad, sandwich or entrée**)
Speaker: Dawn Tollakson, Senior Crime Analyst
January 19, 2009 – (Monday) Martin Luther King Ski Day (page 1)
February 27, 2009 – (Friday) Loveland ski trip (page 4)
March 14, 2009 – (Saturday) St. Patrick's Day Parade
March 21, 2009 – (Saturday) Chili Cook Off
May 23, 2009 – (Saturday) Highplains Raceway Track Event
September 12, 2009 – (Saturday) Highplains Raceway Track Event
September 10-13, 2009, Midwest Z Fest (page 4)

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