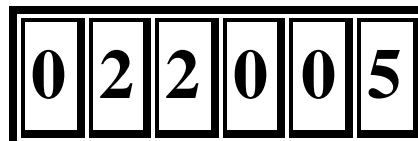




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## Wild-West 1500 Rally By John Bilodeau

I recently received e-mail from an individual name Lance Meidl [rallymaster@wildwest1500.com] who is trying to organize a rally to Las Vegas. In the e-mail he listed a website at [www.wildwest1500.com](http://www.wildwest1500.com) It is a legitimate web site with information concerning the rally starting in Houston, Texas and ending in Las Vegas, Nevada. The rally will be 2 days beginning September 19-20, 2005. The web site is real with a full explanation of the event. I have not contacted Lance Meidl or the people running the event but the web site does have a "contact us" tab allowing an interested party to contact them about the event. From the information on the web site, the rally is open to all types of cars (not just a Z-Club event) and begins in Houston and ends in Las Vegas with a stop in Roswell, New Mexico the night of September 19. I do not know if the organizers would allow interested participants in the Colorado and New Mexico areas to meet up with the group in Roswell, but it would be best to contact the sponsors and ask about this. For those that like a rally event like this, it might be something to look into. Again, for those interested check out their web site to find out more about the event. Just to remind our members, the Z-Club of Colorado **is not** a sponsor of this event but I thought it might be of interest to some of our members. Check it out!



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### **Tynan Town's member specials By Jay Kettering**

- 6 Cylinder Platinum tune-up \$154.99
- Free on the road package BG MOA & MI 3000 additives with 4 month 4000 mile Roadside assistance (flat tire, out of gas, lock key in car, towing up to \$75, jump-start.
- Cooling system flush for \$84.00 plus tax \*
- Radiator drain & fill for \$46.00 plus tax \*
- Free engine timing belt with timing belt replacement service\*\*
- AC system performance check up to 1 pound of Freon, \$99.99 plus tax
- Alignment any car, \$59.99

\* These are discounted prices & 20% discount does not apply.

\*\* Some restrictions apply

**ZCCC Members must show current membership card.**

**See Jay Kettering, your Z-VIP Service Representative, for details**

**See Mike Alderton, call Service Manager**

**See David Van Oman, your Z VIP Sales Representative**

**"Order you're Z today!"**

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**780 South Havana**

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### **John Bilodeau's Prez's Letter**

2005 is off to a great start with several events planned over the next couple of months. First, a big thanks to Ron Gardner for coordinating our Martin Luther King Ski trip to Loveland. Ron has made this an annual event for several years and it always is a fun ski event. Also, do not forget about the Leadville Ski Trip February 19 and 20 hosted by Patty and Larry Troxell.

I do not know how many of you went out to Second Creek for their free week of driving between Christmas and New Years. I went out on Friday December 31 just to check it out. I was amazed how many different types of vehicles were participating. There were over 100 vehicles of all sorts including go-carts, motorcycles, and just about any other type of car or truck imaginable. Yes, I repeat there were a couple of brand new Ford F150's maneuvering around the track. Too bad this is the last year for Second Creek but it was fun to see all the different cars especially Viper's, Vett's, Z's, Mustang's, Porche's etc. I think a new track is a definite possibility

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Check out the short article I wrote in this issue of the Odometer about a car rally to Las Vegas. For those of you that like long-distance rally events, this may be of interest. I do not know anything about the organizers but the web site explains the rally and it could be a fun event in September. (don't the organizers know how hot Las Vegas can be at that time of year?)

I also want to commend our hearty Club members that made our January General Meeting at Brooklyn's despite the cold temperatures and the snowy and icy road conditions. Based on a voice vote, not a single Z was driven to the January meeting, I wonder why? Jay Kettering of Tynan's had to postpone his talk due to the weather, but we will reschedule his discussion on Z-Car maintenance tips and other maintenance questions to a later date. Jay was really looking forward to addressing the Club and answering member questions but Old Man Winter decided to intervene. We will look forward to rescheduling Jay at a later date in March or April.

Based on favorable comments made by numerous Club Members, we have already rescheduled Green Gables Country Club for our 2005 Annual Banquet on October 8. I have just recently contacted Green Gables and they are pleased that the Z-Club will be utilizing their banquet facilities again this year. We wanted to schedule the Club early because of potential conflicts if we held back reserving their Club until later in the year. So mark down on your calendar our Annual Banquet on October 8.

Also, don't forget to refer to the Odometer for details about other upcoming events scheduled for the next several months. Remember to contact Patty Troxell about scheduling any upcoming events. Finally, just a reminder to Board Members, the February Board meeting will be at **6 pm at Brooklyn's just prior to our 7 pm General Meeting on Wednesday, February 2, 2005.**

## Meeting Minutes February 2 by Ira Sanders

No Board meeting was held due to the weather as we didn't have a quorum of the Board.

New members:

Arthur Chen – '94 TT and Mark Sloan – '93 TT.

Jay Kettering, the scheduled speaker, did not make it to the meeting due to the weather. We will try to reschedule Jay for March.

Treasurer (absent due to the weather) – In Larry's absence, it was reported we have some money left.

Secretary – The minutes from December were adopted.

Membership (also absent due to the weather) – We have about 190 members.

Public Relations – Nothing new.

Odometer - Articles for the January issue are due by the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Roy Davis – Boutique – Talk to Roy about club nametags.

Christmas Party was a very good turnout. The Club thanks the Goddard's for their hospitality.

Toys for Tots – 72 toys donated, twice as many as last year's total of 33 – Thanks to Ron Gardner for organizing this effort.

We discussed a need for a different venue for future Christmas Parties due to the large turn out. **DOES ANY ONE HAVE A CLUB HOUSE WE CAN GET?**

Gary will check with Lakewood for the Old Stone House.

2<sup>nd</sup> Creek Raceway use has been extended to 11/01/05. This will definitely be the last year for 2<sup>nd</sup> Creek.

[www.wildwest1500.com](http://www.wildwest1500.com) is the website for a rallye from Houston to Las Vegas.

ZCCA – There is a link on the ZCCA website for cryogenic brake rotors. They are heavy but last a long time.

Our president called Green Gables CC for next years banquet. We are welcome there and the date has been set for 10/08/05.

A motion was made and adopted for Green Gables CC for the next Banquet.

Steve Eaton is storing the club trailer au gratis for the club. Thank you Steve.

The club voted to donate \$100 to the American Red Cross for Tsunami Relief.

50/50 - \$71.00

## Membership by Donna Brooks

### Going-Going-Gone

**December** - Norm Covey, Curtis Graham, Todd Evilsizer, Steve and Carla Price, Alan Wachs

**January** - Nolan and Jewell Hargrave, Paul Manzaneres, Tim O'Connor, Eligio and Kisha Rodriguez Jr., Dick Spear and Marilyn Slayton

**February**- Will Swanson, Jack Serr, Bob Thall, Gary and Pam Bracken, Valerie and David Marshall, Donald McCoy, Mary Hunter, Robert Kuzmak, Camella Landrum, Don Matson Jr., Hans Schulze, Michael Weichel, Dick Krauss, Linda Mosier, Larry Hutfles, Jim Petersen, Edwin Goodwin, Richard Amell

**New Members for January** - Chris Knox, Mark Sloan

**Returning Members** - For more information on new members contact the membership person.

**Referrals Z Bucks** - Tim O'Connor.

**February's Birthdays** - Mike Constable, Sam Cordovano, Todd Evilsizer, Wayne Garcia, Larry Hone, Linda Mosier, Wil Swanson, Naveen Vismanath, Tracy Dowson, Lois Eaton, Cheryl Givens

## Members' Points by VP Patty Troxell

The following members have 5 points or more for the time period of October 2, 2004 through January 15, 2005. Bilodeau, John 7; Bilodeau, RoseAnn 6; Brandum, Mary 5; Daniels, Dave 5; Gardner, Ron 11; Goddard, Mike 7; Givens, Bobby 6; Givens, Cher 6; Leuthauser, Henry 5; McHugh, Ed 6; O'Connor, Tim 5; Paprocki, Stan 6; Sanders, Ira 6; Sanders, Tammy 9; Sainz-Dean, JoAnn 5; Slayton, Marilyn 5; Spear, Dick 5; Taylor, Phil 5; Troxell, Patty 10; Troxell, Larry 7; Williams, Craig 5; and Williams, Linda 5.

For members wondering what the points represent, a member who attends an event or general meeting receives 1 point. If a member chairs an event, you receive 4 points and if you co-chair an event, you receive 2 points. At the Annual Banquet, members who have 15 points or more will receive an Active Member Award. The member who has the most points will receive the Most Active Member Award. I will publish the points quarterly.

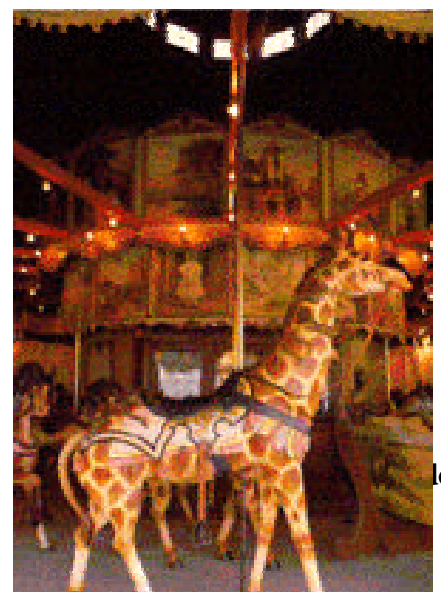
If you have any questions, please see me at the general meetings or email me at [rtcats@juno.com](mailto:rtcats@juno.com). Patty Troxell, Vice-President.

## Spring Drive to Old Town Burlington & Kit Carson Carousel By Craig Williams



Let's start off the driving season with a drive to Burlington, CO to visit their Oldtown display and the antique Kit Carson County Carousel. We'll leave from the Park-n-Ride at Parker Rd. and I-225, **Saturday, April 02, 2005 at 8:30 am**

We'll drive to Burlington Oldtown and





visit the 20 historic buildings and 40 vintage wagons on display. From there a short horse and wagon ride will take us to visit the antique Kit Carson County Carousel. This carousel was built in 1905 for Elitch Gardens and still has the original paint on the scenery and animals. Rides on the carousel will be available during the tour.

After lunch, we can visit some more and do some shopping before our return to Denver.

## Guest Speaker February's Meeting By Patty Troxell

Our February general meeting speaker will be Mr. Rob Penna, interior auto restorer. Rob is a Colorado native with 17 years experience in interior auto restoration. His work has been shown in various automotive magazines including Street Rodder, Peterson 4 Wheeler and many others. He has worked on 240, 260, and 280 Z's and will give tips on care, repair and restoration.

Due to inclement weather on the day of our January general meeting, Jay Kettering from Tynan's will speak at our April 6th meeting.

## Celestial Seasonings Tour of Tea by Patty Troxell

It's tea time. On **Saturday, March 19**, we will take the Celestial Seasonings Tour of Tea. We will meet at 9am at the Starbucks on the southwest corner of 73rd and Federal Blvd. Starbucks is right next to the Compass Bank. After a cup of coffee, **we will leave promptly at 9:30** and take Highway 36 (Boulder Turnpike) west to the Foothills Parkway (road 157) exit. We will proceed on the Foothills Parkway to Colorado 119 (the Longmont Diagonal). Heading northeast on 119 we will turn right at the Jay Road intersection. Continuing on Jay Road, we will turn left at Spine Road, which takes us to the Celestial Seasonings factory. The tour will start at 10:30 and last approximately 1 hour. Following the tour, we will visit their gift shop, which includes a large selection of tea, many of which are not found in the grocery store, snack food, pottery and books. After the tour we will drive a short distance to visit the Leanin' Tree Museum of Western Art. Admission is free. There is a broad selection of fine art of Western America including cowboy, Indian, wildlife, and mountain landscapes. Lunch will be after these two tours. We will head back to Denver after lunch. If you have any questions please see Larry or Patty Troxell at the general meetings.

## A Very Satisfied Z Member Customer by Bob Lederer

I would like to compliment Jay Kettering, Service Advisor. I recently called to inquire about replacing



the ignition lock cylinder on my 1983 Nissan 280ZX. Jay gave me the estimate for the cost of parts, labor and re-keying the car. He then asked me to repeat the problems to him. After carefully listening, he asked if I was using the original key. When I said "yes," he suggested using the spare key. It resolved the problems and saved me a \$400 repair. I am driving my 5th and 6th Nissan cars right now and Jay has always been a helpful, accommodating advisor.

My experience at Tynan's Volkswagen, next door is just the  
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opposite. I have had nightmare experiences there with terrible scheduling and communications.

## General Information

**Meeting:** 7:00 PM, 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at **Brooklyn's Saloon and Steakhouse** located at 2644 W. Colfax Avenue in Denver

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**FAX:** Not available at this time

**Dues** (All for 12 months) Single Membership \$35, Family \$45, Corporate \$50

### 2004-2005 Elected Officers (Board)

**President:** John Bilodeau, 303-697-0837 or 303-452-6111 ext. 6318, jbilodeau@tristategt.org

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**Welcoming Host:** Vacant

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## TOYS for TOTS WRAP UP by Ron Gardner

Thanks to all of the ZCCC Members that supported this years effort. A total of 72 toys were delivered to the Marines on Monday, December 13th. That more than doubled last years contribution.

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## Martin Luther King Holiday Snow Sports Day by Ron Gardner

The 6th Annual ZCCC Martin Luther King Holiday Snow Sports Day at Loveland Ski Area was enjoyed by all. A total of 11 people (7 ZCCC members and 4 guests) made this years event a success. Of the 11, 8 were skiers and 3 were riders. The snow conditions were excellent, the sun waited until late in the day to make a brief appearance and it was a bit on the cold side for most of the day. Still, an overall wonderful snow sports experience.

Thanks to all that attended this year. For those of you that didn't, give it some thought for next year.

**Z Trader Cars & Parts** To view Zs for sale in color, go to [www.zccc.org](http://www.zccc.org), and click Odometer (Note. You must have Adobe reader).



**1986 300ZX**, great shape (Editor's note: "looks reddish"), always garaged, 5 speed, 20000 miles on tires, interior in excellent shape, I purchased from one owner, I need to sell because my wife is pregnant, have all papers, fuel injection system new, only three hundred miles

on car since new fuel injection. **Asking \$5000.00. Call Steve at 303-987-2401.**(Ad last posted month **February** by member)

**1972 Datsun 240Z**, a/c, low miles 80% restored, **\$3500.00. Call at Gary & Susan Steinberger 719-661-7656,** (Ad last posted **February** by nonmember)

**Rays Forged wheels mounted w/Toyo T-1S and Tire Pressure Monitors (TPS)-** These are the 18" alloys that came with 350Z track model. 8.0" wide fronts and 8.5" rears. Mint condition. Mounted with Toyo's flagship performance radial, the T1-S (245-40-18s front, 255/40-18 rear). Comes complete with four TPS monitors, mounted and ready to activate. Retail price on this package is \$7,826! Asking Internet pricing at **\$1,800 for local sale. Call Muramoto at (303) 752-9777**(Ad last posted **February** by member)

## Advertising Information

### For members

Free ads.

Send a clear photo that must be submitted at the same time the Ad/picture is submitted. Ads/picture should be submitted by email to the Editor at [cabrue@earthlink.net](mailto:cabrue@earthlink.net), mailed (see address below). **Call me with questions at 719-393-1852.** Ads will be in upper and lower case lettering. Ads posting is for 3 months. Resubmit as necessary.

**Go to [www.zccc.org](http://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. Ad only/no picture: \$5 for 3 months. Send the Ad/picture and a check (payable to ZCCC) and mail to Chris Abrue, 7990 Woody Creek Dr., Colorado Springs, CO 80911. Ad must be received by the 19th f the month. Email or mail the Ad/picture and Chris will hold the Ad pending receipt of the check.



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## Ski Trip to Leadville by Patty Troxell

If it's February it must be time for our annual trip to Leadville for a day of fantastic skiing at Ski Cooper. On **Saturday, February 19, we will meet at 8:30 am in the main lodge at Ski Cooper** for a bite of breakfast before heading out on the slopes around 9am. After a full day of skiing, we will have dinner at The Prospector restaurant. The food at the Prospector is terrific. For those wishing to stay overnight in Leadville, the Columbine Inn and Suites are a no smoking, no pet's motel that offers a free continental breakfast with spacious rooms and plenty of parking. Their toll free phone number is 800 954-1110. A single queen bed rate is \$75 per room per night plus tax and two queen beds is \$95 per room per night plus tax. They offer a AAA discount of \$5 per night. Other discounts may apply so please ask when you make your reservation. There is a 72 hour notification required to cancel your reservation. If you don't ski there is plenty of shopping in Leadville.

Please see Larry or Patty Troxell at the January and February general meetings if you have any questions or call Larry Troxell (see General Information)



## Up Coming Events

- \* February 2, Wednesday, 7 pm, **Meeting** at Brooklyn's at Invesco Field
- \* February 19, Saturday, 8:30 am, **Leadville Ski Trip**
- \* March 5, Saturday, 6:00 pm, **Italian Cook off** at Tynan's Annex at 6:
- \* March 19, Saturday, 9:30 am, **Celestial Seasonings tour**
- \* April 2, Saturday, 8:30 am, **Old Town Burlington & Kit Carson Carousel**
- \* May 14, Saturday, **Mystery Day trip**
- \* June 17-19, Friday thru Sunday, **Got Z Forum**
- \* June 25, Saturday, **Picnic** at Lair 'o the Bear Park
- \* July 16, Saturday, **Cripple Creek day trip**
- \* July 30, Saturday, **Fairplay Burro Days day trip**
- \* October 8, Saturday, **Annual Banquet (change of date)**