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**Happy
St. Patrick's
Day!**

**March 4th, Monthly Meeting,
will be held at Tynan's Nissan,
780 S. Havana, Aurora, CO**

Tynan's Nissan has generously offered to host our March meeting at their Havana Street location in their showroom. They will be serving fried chicken and beverages. Hopefully, there will be at least two 370Z's to show off. This will be an excellent opportunity to look at the 2009 Nissan automobiles, and smell and feel the new 370Z.



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President's Corner

The President's Corner
March 2009

*Dead Man's Curve, it's no place to play
Dead Man's Curve, you must keep away
Dead Man's Curve, I can hear 'em say:
"Won't come back from Dead Man's Curve"*

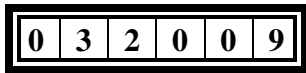
*The street was deserted late Friday night
We were buggin' each other while we sat out the
light
We both popped the clutch when the light turned
green
You shoulda heard the whine from my screamin'
machine
I flew past LaBrea, Schwab's, and Crescent Heights
And all the Jag could see were my six taillights
He passed me at Doheny then I started to swerve*

*But I pulled her out and there we were
At Dead Man's Curve ---- Jan and Dean*

I'm getting comments passed on to me that the Board is "force feeding" the membership and that the Board is being "heavy handed". I have heard directly from exactly 1 person about his concerns regarding the proposal that the Odometer will be distributed only by email. His concerns are being taken into consideration when we debate the issue of how to decrease our expenses associated with the Odometer. Nothing has been set in stone at this point as to how we will deal with the expenses but I will point out that the ZCCC Constitution and By-

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laws are specific as to what issues must be taken to the club for a vote. You elected the Board to make decisions in the best interest of the club. That is what we are doing. If you don't think we are, I'll point out that you are more than welcome to come to a Board meeting and tell us about it. We will listen. AND, if you are dissatisfied with how the club is being run, there is an election in a few months that will decide who leads the club from October 2009 to September 2010. I suggest you run for office. As for the comments that have been passed on, I'd like to hear directly from you as to how the Board is "force feeding" the membership and how we are being "heavy handed". "Dead Man's Curve" may be straight in front of us but we are doing our best to keep the club on the road.

This morning I was contacted by Brian Schillinger, formerly of Racing and Restoration in Hygiene, Colorado. Brian tells me that he is going to liquidate their inventory of racing parts and other parts for Z cars, as well as the 14 or 15 Z cars that they have. One of the Z's is one of the original 240's, number 182, built in 1969. He has new racing parts that will be available. He estimates that the parts inventory is worth \$50,000 by itself. He will prepare an inventory and is planning to come to our meeting on April 1. We are setting up an event for April 5, 2009, a Sunday, to go to Brian's place just off I-25 east of Longmont so the club can have an early shot at what he has. This may be an opportunity that won't come our way again. Put it on your calendar.

Remember, the March 4 meeting is at TYNAN'S in Aurora at 780 S. Havana St. Tynan's is providing chicken and drinks for the meeting. See you there.

Ira Sanders
President, Z Car Club of Colorado

Tynan Town Member Specials

Calvin Scott

- 6 Cylinder Platinum tune-up \$154.99
- 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

**HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday – Friday,
7:00am to 6:00pm**

ZCCC Members must show current membership card.

See Calvin Scott, your Z-VIP Service Representative, for details

See Mike Alderton, call Service Manager

See Casey Tynan, your Z VIP Sales Representative

"Order your Z today!"

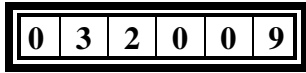
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Tynan Town

780 South Havana

Aurora,

CO



Going, going, gone! Part 1

Attention all Odometer readers! In accordance with discussions that took place at our February General Meeting, this is the first of three official notices that as of June 1st, your newsletter will be available via email and website download only.

This move has been necessitated by the loss of our long-time sponsor, Tynan's Nissan. In doing the math, we find that we are spending over \$3,600 per year on printing and postage for the distribution of the paper Odometer we've all come to love and depend on. In the past, Tynan's subsidized that effort to the tune of \$2,400 per year. The Board has decided that rather than tinker with our dues structure to accommodate the significant extra cost, we would move forward with the 21st century and implement electronic delivery.

For the next two months you will receive a paper newsletter like the one you are now holding. It is six double-sided sheets, black-and-white, stapled, folded, stamped and mailed. Contrast that with the full-color version you can view and archive or print out if you wish (I know I will, because I've got over 20 years of them).

We've had a small amount of grumbling about the change and don't wish to alienate any segments of our club, but change comes about in all aspects of our lives whether we "like" it or not. Please assist us in this new endeavor to make things as painless as possible. Send an email to Gary Bracken at gbracken2487@comcast.net or save our Club website www.zccc.org as a Favorite and download a copy of the newsletter as soon as it's printed.

On behalf of the Board,
Debbie Carlson, ZCCC Treasurer

LATE ARRIVAL OF THE MARCH NEWSLETTER

We apologize for the late arrival of the March newsletter. Shortly before the letter was completed, our computer crashed and we had to start over (following a scheduled week-long vacation). Then, a trip to the hospital slowed it down even further.

Thanks for your understanding.

IRISH OR NOT

Kathy & Fred Minister

St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 14, 2009 at 10:00am

We have eight cars and two volunteers to carry the banner. The parade starts at 27th and Blake, winding around to Coors Field Parking Lots. We can still get you registered, just let us know.

We will gather for lunch at the Blue Bonnet restaurant at 457 S. Broadway. We are estimating the parade will allow us to be there around 12:30 for those of you who just want to have lunch and a drink.

We are still waiting to hear details about where to check in. I will call each of you that have registered with the details.

Thanks – 303-750-4845.



Chili Cook-off, March 21st

Nate Derman

Our annual Chili Cook-off is just around the corner. The date is Saturday, March 21, 2009. The Cook-off will begin at 5:00pm at Tynan's Nissan on the

second floor of the building just north of the car lot. Again we will have a chili contest winner and a (HOMEMADE) dessert winner. Please be creative with your recipes but remember lots of people will be tasting/judging the entries, so if it is really HOT, please let us know when you bring it in. Prizes will be awarded for best chili and best dessert. Cheryle will have a sign-up sheet at the March meeting. Please be sure to sign up for your chili, your dessert, or if you are bringing a side dish. If you can't make it to the next meeting, you can call me at 303-695-1999 and let me know what you would like to sign up to bring. Look forward to seeing you there!!!

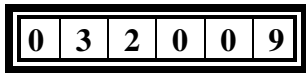
A Great Opportunity for Z's & Z Parts: Trip for April 5, 2009

On April 5, 2009, Brian Schillinger is starting to liquidate his vast inventory of Z parts accumulated when he was in business as Racing and Restoration in Hygiene, Colorado. Brian has a \$50,000 inventory of parts for Z cars including new racing parts. He has parts for older Z's and some parts for Z – 31 and Z – 32's. He also has 14 – 15 Z Cars (project cars) including one of the first 240's with an ID number of 182. The car was built in 1969 and is one of the originals. All of this is for sale. Brian is giving the ZCCC first shot at this inventory. Brian will be providing an inventory of the parts and cars for sale. He is planning on attending our monthly meeting on April 1.

We will meet at 10:00 am at the Colorado Division of Wildlife offices at 6060 Broadway for the drive to Longmont. To get to 6060 Broadway, take I-25

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to 58th and exit turning west to where 58th ends. Turn right (north), cross the RR tracks and turn right into the big parking lot.

Brian will host a BBQ for the club.

So, put April 5 on your calendar and a bunch of us will get together and check it out.

Questions? Call Ira Sanders, 303-278-7172.

3rd Annual Poker Run

Nate Derman

The Poker Run is on the calendar for **May 16th, 2009**. Although the stops have not been set yet, please mark your calendar for this fun event. We will start out at Tynan's Nissan at 9:00am, will visit some of our vendors, and return to Tynan's Nissan for the final draw and a pot luck lunch. It is a fundraiser for the club, and will include another 1st place, 2nd place and last place cash payout. More details will be forthcoming in the Odometer.

Z-Car Club FUN RUN EVENT

May 23, 2009
a.k.a. Track Day

It's that time of the year when we should be thinking of the first of two events at the new High Plains Raceway (HPR) to be hosted by the Z-Car Club. All trials and tribulations concerning these events have been overcome and we are now ready to get the show on the road, or is it the track? HPR is a challenging 2.5 mile road course with 15 turns and great elevation change. It's a driving experience you won't soon forget. This year we will be joined by the Miata Club (Peak to Peak Miata Club) for the events at HPR.

This is the first season for HPR and will be an unforgettable one. If you don't know about HPR see website "<http://www.highplainsraceway.com>"

for information. Pictures and video can not express the excitement, concentration, adrenaline; you name it when you get out there. There is no better way to experience a car that is meant to be driven than here with 15 turns. You will learn a lot about how your car handles. New or old, participants will learn new and different things about their cars. Don't miss this event as you will be kicking yourself for not signing up. Talking about kicking yourself, there are 50 spots slated for this event and 20 of them are already gone (Miata Club). So my suggestion, sign up soon if you don't want to be a spectator.

Before you scream at the price of this event, let me say that we have been fortunate to be on a track at the price we have been paying. Today, I am told, is a whole new era and the bailout and stimulus package has not reached the Z Car Club yet. We are fortunate to be a part of the MCCA which gets a discount on track rental rates which is not as much as I would like, but every little bit helps. Look around and see what other clubs charge for a day and you will find out this is as cheap as it gets.

Tech sessions for this event: you will have two chances to get your car teched prior to track day. Both these inspection dates will be at the Bracken's house (2487 S. Dover Way, Lakewood, CO 80227, 303-969-9964) as follows:

Saturday, May 16th - 10am to 2pm,
Wednesday, May 20th - 4pm to 7pm

It is very helpful, for you and us if you have your car teched prior to track day, so please try to make one of the early inspection times. As mentioned on the registration form, tech inspection at the track is limited to "as time permits." All drivers will be required to sign up to work a corner while another group is on the track, a must if you are driving.

If you have any questions, please call Roy Davis (303-445-3055 or 303-726-1644) or Mike Goddard (303-988-7859).

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CP Concours d'Elegance

Larry Brooks

The 26th Annual Exotic Sports Car Show & Concours d'Elegance is Sunday, **June 14, 2009**, and will be held on the front lawn of Arapahoe Community College.

For two and half decades, we have participated, volunteered and attended this event to help Cerebral Palsy of Colorado provide scholarships for early education, speech and language, and occupational therapies to low income families with disabled children. Last year this event raised \$95,000 for CP of Colorado.

Please plan to participate in this gala event by showing your Z car or attending. There will be over 350 sports, classic, collector cars and this year a special collection of classic motorcycles will be shown. We had 23 Z cars last year on display at this event which is attended by over 6,000 spectators. Remember, your Z does not need to be a show car nor must it be judged to participate. Plan now to come out and enjoy a wonderful day of camaraderie with other car enthusiasts.

Advance registration fee before May 18th is set at \$30 per car and late registration after May 18th will be \$50. Entrance contribution for spectators is \$10 with children under 12 admitted free. A \$1 off admission coupon will be available. Registration forms will be mailed to past participants around March 1st, and registration will also be available online.

For additional information please contact Larry Brooks (landbrooks@msn.com) or 303-773-1904 and watch the Odometer for monthly updates about this event.

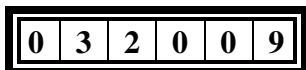
*Please note individual and corporate donations qualify for the Colorado Child Care Tax Credit. This tax credit allows for a 50% credit toward your State of Colorado income tax liability up to \$100,000 annually. Please call CP at 303-691-9339 for more information. Also, we advise consulting your tax advisor.

Mid-west Z Fest 2009 Progress Report

Tammy Sanders, Project Manager

The accommodations team has completed work on the contracts for the Hotel and Banquet. The Merchandising team has completed the design work for the logo. The Non-track team held their first meeting in February. Promotions team has selected Nissan Sport Magazine to advertise 2009 MZF in the next 2 quarterly issues. Nothing new to report on the track, work continues on registration, schedule and finance. I am looking for a Facilitator: This person will not be directly part of the project. Please email me at prfalcon@msn.com, if interested, or contact me at 303-278-7172.





**FUN RUN EVENT AT HIGH PLAINS RACEWAY, AKA TRACK DAY
REGISTRATION FORM, May 23, 2009 - 7:15 A.M. until 5:15 P.M.**

Driver #1 _____ Driver #2 _____

Street address: _____ (city, state, zip)

Phone: Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____

E-mail address: _____

Z Car Club of Colo. Membership # _____ Expires _____ Non-Member _____

Car: Make _____ Model _____ Year _____ Color _____

Performance mods. _____

Driver 1 experience: _____ novice (D); _____ intermediate (C); _____ advanced (B); _____ expert (A)

Driver 2 experience: _____ novice (D); _____ intermediate (C); _____ advanced (B); _____ expert (A)

Driver 1 (Member) _____ \$125.00 Driver 1 (Miata Member) _____ \$135.00 Driver 1 (Non-Member) _____ \$150.00

Driver 2 (Member) _____ \$ 50.00 Driver 2 (Miata Member) _____ \$ 60.00 Driver 2 (Non-Member) _____ \$ 75.00

Please check appropriate lines and enter amount enclosed: \$ _____

Your check should be made out to Z Car Club of Colorado (ZCCC).

Registration will be limited to the first 50 cars, so please register early.

For advance tech inspection, please contact Roy Davis (see below). For all cars not tech'd earlier, inspection will be held at the track as time permits. Cars with inadequate tires, brakes, steering, or with fluid leaks or loose parts will not be allowed on the course. Open or excessively loud exhausts will also be disallowed. DRIVERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CHECK THEIR CARS *and make any needed repairs* BEFORE coming to the track.

**Mail registration with check to: Z Car Club of Colorado, C/O Roy Davis
4764 South Garland Street
Littleton, Colorado 80123**

DRIVER'S CERTIFICATION: I am entering this event to have fun and to drive safely on the State Patrol course. I agree: to abide by all ZCCC written and verbal instructions at this event, including but not limited to the strict rules regarding passing on the track, to wear a Snell rated helmet (year '00 or newer) on the track along with long pants, long sleeved tops, and shoes of natural or non-combustible materials, and to do MY FAIR SHARE of corner work. I also understand that passengers without proper restraints, clothing, helmet, shoes and a valid driver's license will not be allowed on the course.

Signature (Driver 1): _____ Date: _____

Signature (Driver 2): _____ Date: _____

For information, contact: Roy Davis (303-445-3055, co300zxtt@hotmail.com, 303-726-1644); or Mike Goddard (303-988-7859, zquicky@msn.com).

Member News

Andy Mortenson

Going, going . . .

January

Matt & David Agrodnia, Tim O'Connor

February

Howard J. Gordon, Tony Kahalekulu, Don Matson, Donald McCoy, John & Adam Odell, Tyler & Kenneth Richter, Jerry Ries, Mark Sloan, Don Tamm & Susan Keim

March

Gennette Brink, Bob & Debbie Carlson, Roy Davis, Steve & Lois Eaton, William & LaVerne Lohringel, William McClatchey, Bob Ottewill, JoAnn Sainz-Dean, Chris Stewart, Gus Huntington, Steve Vigil

New Members for February

Diana Inberg, LaSalle CO, 2008 350Z; Dennis Pierce, Lakewood, 1982 280ZX

Referrals Z Bucks

N/A



March Birthdays

David Agrodnia, Rose Ann Bilodeau, Roy Davis, Dean Dowson, Michael Guzinski, Sr., Brett Hufford, Tony Kahalekulu, Susan Keim, Dan Kohl, William Lowe, John Over, Lois Student, W. J. Warkentin, Steve Watson, Linda Williams, Tim Woodard

Minutes, February 4, 2009

Tyler Richter

President Ira Sanders called the meeting to order, welcomed members and guests, Marylyn and Chris Stewart.

Officers report:

Cheryle Derman made announcements in regards to upcoming events:

- **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.
- **March 21st** Tynan's Nissan will host our club for the annual chili cook-off.
- **May 16th** ZCCC will run the **3rd annual poker run.**
- **May 23rd** will be our club's first chance to take a crack at the High Plains Raceway.
- **June 13th** our club will again participate in the Concours d' Elegance at the Arapahoe Community College.
- **September 10th-13th** the **Midwest Z Fest** being hosted by the ZCCC here in Denver.

Andy Mortenson announced six renewals and two new members.

Daniel Bailin has the insurance and pricing information he needs, and will move the matter to the Colorado Miata club. We look forward to a long and a mutually agreeable relationship with our brothers in speed.

Patty Troxel informed the club that George will be the only contact we have at Elite Auto Glass and should be contacted before you get any work done. George's contact info is on the vendors list. There were no other officer reports.

New Business:

The MZF committee has approved a final design for the event, and has also signed a contract for accommodations for MZF participants. The

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committee has also contacted 45 other Z clubs across the country, as well as assembling a general cost report.

Kathy Minister still needs cars to participate in the St. Patrick's Day Parade. Please bring \$10.00 to register your car, for what will be a memorable event for you and your Z.

Nate Derman wanted everyone to know that there will be prizes for the best chili and the best HOME MADE desserts at the Chile Cook Off this year. ZCCC will provide \$960.00 to HPR as matching funds per our arrangement from club member contributions from May-December 2008.

The Club welcomed **Ed McHugh** back to the monthly meeting, as he has been ill. Nice to see you, Ed.

Tom from BG Products made his annual stop to answer preventative maintenance questions, and to satisfy our thirst for discounted oil additives and performance boosting creams and gels. Thanks Tom, and thanks to BG products, always informative and always a treat for the club.

The March 4th meeting will be hosted (buying dinner) by Tynan's Nissan at the dealerships Arapahoe Rd. location.

Daniel Bailin will set up a "Google Group" for all ZCCC members that have submitted e-mail addresses, as well as members that still plan to. This will allow the club to effectively and efficiently disseminate any information to the entire club, between Odometers.

Laverne Lohringel won the 50\50 in the sum of \$54.00 dollars.

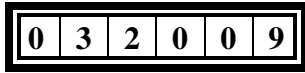
The next meeting will be held on March 4th 2009 at Tynan's Nissan at 7:00PM.

CLUB DISCOUNT NOTE

Patty Troxell

There was a question regarding our contact person for Elite Auto Glass. George is still our contact person. In order to get our Club discount, you must call him at 303-817-1777 as listed in our Vendor list. He makes all the arrangements for the various locations.





Z Trader Cars/Parts

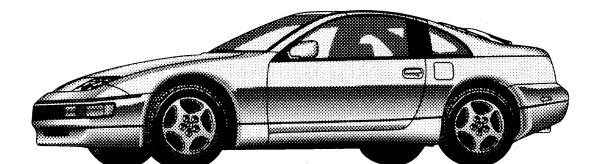
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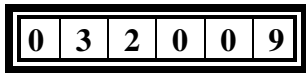
For members: Free Z-related ads. Send a clear photo with your ad if you have one. Ads/picture should be submitted by email to gbracken2487@comcast.net, or mailed to Gary Bracken, Editor, 2487 S. Dover Way, Lakewood, CO 80227. Call me with questions at 303-969-9964. Ads will be in upper and lower case 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.



FOR SALE: '96 300ZX, one owner, 73,000 miles, Stillen stainless headers and stainless tuned exhaust, Stillen aluminum fly wheel increasing horse power significantly, 5 speed manual, loaded, all power options, red paint with black leather interior, 2 sets of wheels (16" and 18"), not a T top, upgraded heavy duty suspension, and brakes, #54 of last 300. *Runs and looks great.* Asking \$8950. Call Dave at 303-523-2134. (5/09)





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

March 4, 2009, (Wednesday) Monthly Meeting, **7:00pm at Tynan's Nissan, 780 S. Havana, Aurora, CO** (SPEAKER: Paul Hilsinger, Discount Tire)
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September 12, 2009 - (Saturday) High Plains Raceway Track Event
September 10-13, 2009 - Midwest Z Fest (page 7)