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The Official Newsletter of the Z Car Club of Colorado Established 1983



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Spring Fling Ski Day by Patty Troxell

On April 5th (Saturday) at Loveland Basin Ski area. Drive your Z if you dare. Let's wax 'em up one more time and head on up to Loveland Basin for a full day of skiing. We can meet at 8:30 am at the cafeteria and be ready to hit the slopes at 9 am. Weather permitting we will make a trip to the top of the Divide for a spectacular view of the

Rocky Mountains. Lift tickets can be purchased at several Denver locations. Please call 303 571-5580 for lift ticket information. For further information please see Larry or Patty Troxell at the April general meeting or call Larry at 303 438-6375.

When: April 5, Saturday, 8:30am

Where to meet: at cafeteria at Loveland Basin



Tynan's Nissan is the Official Sponsor of The Z Car Club of Colorado

From the President's Pen....

Nissan has made a DVD, "THE RUN," showing a 350Z going through the streets of Prague. This DVD isn't a travelogue to be shown on the TRAVEL channel. The driving beats the chase scenes in "Bullitt." In addition to the six-minute drive, at speeds up to 123 mph, you can view the ride from the driver's seat, from behind the car, in front of the car, and views of the driver's feet and his right hand shifting gears. The sound track has, in addition to engine sounds, road noise, and tires squealing, some great music. The color of the car is Le Mans Sunset, a bright bronze. That color goes very well with the buildings and scenery of Prague. All in all, I give "THE RUN" two shift levers up. We'll have some more for sale at the April meeting.

Speaking about 350Z's at speed I'd like to thank David Muramoto for giving us his impressions on driving his 350 at Second Creek. It was interesting to hear driving impressions from a racecar driver. Thanks for coming and answering our questions.

The ski trip to Ski Cooper was great! With new powder, ZCCA friends, hardly anyone else skiing, and \$25.00 lift tickets that could complain. We're going to have another trip at Ski Loveland on the 5th of April. See this issue for further details.

We'll have a tour of the Shelby car museum, in Boulder, on the second Saturday in May. The May Odometer will have all the details.

Happy Trails,

Dick

Membership

by Bobby Givens Going-Going-Gone

Martin Phillips, Steve Watson

February

Laura Angers & Kathryn Rhyne, Jim Hahn, Jack Mc Donald

March

Georg Becker, Mike and Cindy Carlson, Robert & Deborah Carlson, Kevin Cummings, Steve and Travis Eaton, Nathan Hunter, Tim Hurley, Paul Laybourin, Bernice Neben, JoAnn & Tosha Sainz-Dean, Sean & Joellen Sarmast, John Stegman, Sterling Stumf

April

Greg and Rene Bohn, **Barry Carithers**, Pete and Anita Carner, **Rick Cassell**, Chal Gellatly, **Michael Green**, Michael Hernandez, **Paul Johnston**, Gordon Kruger, **Brian McIntyre**, Les Moll, **Elliot Sandberg**, Donald Woeltje

New Members for March

David Muramoto from Aurora, 2003 350Z, **Tregg Young from Golden, 2003 350Z,** Rodrick Hemingway from Golden, 1977 280Z, **Jim Sorensen from Loveland, 1973 280Z**

Returning Members for March

Russ Thompson from Fort Collins, 1972 240Z For more information on new members, contact the membership person.

Referrals Z Bucks Thank you

JoAnn Sainz-Dean for Tregg Young, Bob Bush for David Muramoto, Bob Bush for Jim Sorensen

General Information

Meeting 7:00 PM, 1st Wednesday of every month at Marie Callender's, 145 Union Blvd, Lakewood, CO

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

Corporate \$50

2002-2003 Elected Officers (Board)

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Goddard

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ZCCA Rep: Vacant

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Articles & Z Trader

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Deadline for publication is the 20th of each month. The Editor reserves the right to refuse publication of any articles due to content inimical to the best interest of the Z Car Club of Colorado, unavailability of space, or lateness.

Tynan Nissan's ZCCC Member **Spring** Specials by Jay Kettering

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

See Mike Alderton, call Service

Manager

See John Bahl, your Z VIP Sales

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- 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.

Secretary's Minutes

March 5, 2003 by Cher Givens

New Members present: none

Guests: Henry has a 1975 280Z, which he has had for 10 years; Tregg Young has a new 350Z blue which was hit after only 28 days of ownership. OUCH!

Officer's Reports

Vice President – **Bob Bush**

Has called the State Patrol about using their track on Table Mountain for either July 12th or 19th, but has not had a return call. This event would be between the Second Creek events.

Recommends the new 350Z CD that is out.

Anyone wishing to host an event needs to

call him to get event on the

calendar.

Secretary – Cher Givens No report

Membership – **Bobby Givens**

Two members dropped; added 12 new members; 183

active members

Treasurer – Larry Brooks

Club's money account's are in good standing.

Odometer – Chris Abrue

If any articles are sent to Chris and you do not receive verification from him, please call him and confirm that your article did not arrive. Inner-Club Liaison – **JoAnn Sainz-Dean** Reminded all present that raffle tickets are sold during the meeting to participate in drawing for door prizes and for the 50/50 at the end of the meeting.

Would like input from members on events to invite other car clubs to participate with our club.

Public Relations – **Rob Ellison**

There are going to be new changes in the Discount List in the Odometer next month. Please use those that are listed and you must

show your Z Club membership card to receive the discounts.

Webmaster – Walt Caron

Check the Club's web site for new information that has been added.

Information on the Rocky Mountain Regional Event will also be on the site.

Upcoming Events

Harry Matthews Museum Tour on Saturday March 8th from 10 to 11:30 am. Then those present can go to Gunther Toody's restaurant for lunch afterwards.

June 8th will be the Cerebral Palsy Car Show at Arapahoe Community College. A \$20 entry fee will be charged.

April 5th will be a ski trip to Loveland Ski Area. If interested please contact **Patty Troxell.**

New Business

Mike Goddard invited anyone interested in racing slot cars to contact him. He can set-up a 20-foot slot car track in his basement that races 1/32nd scale slot cars. Slot cars can be purchased at hobby stores if anyone is interested. No date set as of yet.

Mike Goddard also informed us he has a new grandson born in Germany and that his son-in-law will be leaving for duty in Kuwait.

Old Business

Patty Troxell reported that the ski trip to Leadville was a success. The weather was bad, but the skiing was great. Lots of powder!

Mike Goddard reported on the progress of the Rocky Mountain Regional Event. There will be a meeting at Mike's at 7pm on Wednesday March 19th. The group is getting together flyers, packets and looking into an ad in the Sport Z magazine. The Clive Cussler Collection car museum may not be on the schedule due to the collection being photographed for a book and the recent death of Mr. Cussler's wife.



Ken Millspaugh is asking anyone with pictures of the club events and any Z's to send them to him or bring them to meetings to be included in the presentation he is going to present at the RMRE. The presentation is going to be presented in a digital CD format.

Mike Goddard also has CD's of the new 350Z being filmed in the streets of Prague. All 10 were sold at the meeting. Call if interested in a CD. **John Bilodeau** was thanked for the article he wrote for the March Odometer on the ownership of the new 350Z.

Door Prizes: 50/50 won by **Rick Cassell** Guest Speaker: David Murimito is a performance driver for Nissan. He drives the new 350Z on the racetrack and owns his own red 350Z(244 horsepower). He had criteria for choosing his new car: it needed horsepower, mid engine configuration, rear drive, and 5-speed transmission. He ordered his new 350Z 2 years ahead of their arrival at car dealerships. David originally raced for Honda as a SECA driver and changed teams after noting that Nissan supported their drivers in more areas then other teams. David's assessment of the 350Z in both the race and street versions: it is a well built car, a blend of the old and new, dynamically a good car, motor is great, it's practical, and economical at 39 miles per gal. Some of the downsides of the Z are that it under-steers, but the car will tell you as you reach its limits; tires are gone at 4,000 miles, camber is a problem, there is a grease streak on the window that appears after being rolled down and then up. David feels that the 350Z is a good addition to the Z car-line and that it is truly a good daily driving car. A fun car to drive!

Meeting Adjourned

Slot Car Event by Mike Goddard

At the last general meeting, we discussed setting up a Slot Car Event. The date is **April 17th at 7:00 PM.; the address is 10007 W Evans Ave.** The closest intersection is W Jewell Ave & Old Kipling Street. Old Kipling Street is the 1st traffic light east of Kipling Blvd on Jewell Ave.; go south

on Old Kipling to Evans and turn west, it is the 2nd house on north side of street.

The cost of this event will depend on you. You can buy a slot car from \$20.00 to \$35.00. I might suggest some local hobby shops: Colpar Hobbies, USA hobbies, or Caboose Hobbies. There will be a few loaner slot cars available but I suggest that you buy your own slot car because we will do this event again.

My friend Mark has set up a very impressive four lane, 8' X 20' road course with timers; the fastest time so far is 5.5 seconds. We will offer awards for the top three fastest times of the evening. So bring your slot cars and your skill and let's see how you do. Who knows you might be another Peter Brock or Steve Millen, 1/32 scale.

Odometer's Cut-Off by Editor

This is reminder that the **cut-off** is 19th of the month. Please do not wait until the 19th to arrive via email to me on the 20th. It may be too late. I normally take *The Odometer* to print on the morning of the 20th. Also, *The Odometer* may be 8 pages. The goal is 12 pages each month; however, this is greatly dependent on the member furnished articles.

Harry and Gregg Mathews "Thanks!" by Dick Spear

Thanks to Harry and Greg Mathews for allowing ZCCC to tour their collection of cars and motorcycles. They have limited the times to view their collection to four times a year there was quite a few more people this year than in the past. Lunch at Gunther Toody's after the tour was great and thanks to a discount certificate from Bobby and Cher Givens, we got our meals, 13 of them, at half price. Again, thanks to Harry, Greg, Bobby, and Cher.

Spring Track Event By

Gary Bracken

The spring track event sponsored by ZCCC will be held June 7th at Second Creek Raceway near Denver International Airport. 2nd Creek is a sinuous and compelling 1.7-mile road course with 9 turns. There will be four different run groups: Novice

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(including first-timers), Experienced, Advanced and Expert. Driving experience and level of car preparation will determine your run group.

All cars must pass a safety technical inspection, and each driver and passenger must wear approved clothing and a Snell-approved helmet (1985 or newer). If you are unfamiliar with technical inspection or clothing requirements, you may contact Roy Davis (303-979-0711 home or 303-445-3055 at work; RDDAVIS@do.usbr.gov), Chief of the Technical Inspection Crew, with questions regarding the fitness of your Z for the track event.

Tech inspection for this event will be held in late May at a time and location to be announced in the May issue of the Odometer.

Alternatively, you may make a special appointment with Roy Davis to have your car inspected. Contact information for Roy is shown above.

Please contact Gary Bracken, Chief Steward, at gbracken@dimensional.com (or 303-969-9964) if you have questions on any other aspect of the June 7th track event. As always, the event will be limited to the first 50 entries. To assure your partic ipation, please complete and mail the registration form (with your check) provided in this issue at your earliest convenience. Alternatively, you can download the registration form from the ZCCC website at www.zccc.org. Don't miss out on this exhilarating opportunity!



April Birthdays

Lee Anne Auerhan, Robyn Brands, David Caron, Kenneth Finch, Janet Goddard, Michael Green, Ross Harkrider, J.R. Hileman, Bill Kleve, Larry Klick, Kathy Leppert, Don Matson

Jr., John McKune, Glenn Neal, Bernice Neben, Sean Sarmast, Roberta Shaklee, John Stegman, Larry Troxell



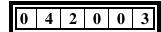
SKIP COOPER TRIP, RECAP

by Patty Troxell
Z untracked
powder, more snow,

how good can it get. Nine hearty Z souls hit the slopes at Skip Cooper February 22d for a fantastic day of skiing. We also discovered a great restaurant, The Prospector, just outside of Leadville. We had so much fun there will be another ski trip in April to Loveland Basin. For further information on the upcoming Loveland Basin ski trip, see the Spring Fling article in this Odometer.

The Discount List by the Editor

Robert Ellison has worked very hard to update the Discount List. He is continuing to verify it. If you have a problem or a question, please contact him. I know for example that the Checker Auto Parts here at Fountain will accept a ZCCC discount.



The Discount List

The following is a list of businesses that offer discounts on goods and/or services to ZCCC members. Don't forget to tell your contact your 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. List last updated: **March 2003.** Businesses and discounts are updated periodically. If you find a discrepancy, please notify Public Relations: **Robert Ellison**, 303.229.8990, and no email. The Discount List is being updated so there may be discrepancies.

COMPANY	ing updated so there may be discrepancies. ADDRESS	SERVICES	CONTACT	PHONE	DISCOUNT
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Academy Nissan	175 N. Academy Blvd, Colorado Springs, CO 81909		Bob G.	719.550.3050	10% max \$100
		Parts			10%
Boulder Nissan	2285 28th Street, Boulder, CO 80301	Z Parts Only	Robert	303.443.8110	20%
		Service	Present Card	303.443.8110	10%
Bud's Muffler	1010 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, CO 80204	Parts	Wayne/Jim	303.629.0934	15%
Checker Auto Parts	All stores		John		10%
Colorado Car Care New	1520 Teller, Lakewood, CO 80226	Paintless Dent Repair	Paul Piper		10%
Courtesy Nissan	1777 N. Central Expressway, Richardson, TX 75080	Parts	Vince	800.527.1909	25%
Dent Clinic	658 Simms Street, Golden, CO 80401	Dent Repair	Rick	303.234.1948	10%
Elite Auto Glass	All Front Range Locations - 16 Stores, call for Nearest location	Windshield	George	303.817.1777	67%
		Tempered Glass			
Empire Lakewood Nissan	10345 West Colfax, Lakewood, CO 80215	Auto Parts	John Von Tilius	303.232.3009	15%
		Labor	Bob S.		10%
Eur-Asian Foreign Parts	2330 South Raritan, Englewood, CO 80112	Used Auto Parts	Mike	303.922.8396	10%
Fortunate WheelZ	11190 West Alameda across from the Federal Center	Parts \$65 labor charge	Bob	303.798.9823	20%
Import Parts Warehouse	501 Kalamath, Denver, CO 80204	Auto Parts	Jerry	303.825.2000	Varies by product
Infiniti & Nissan of Scottsdale	Scottsdale, AZ	Auto Parts	TJ	800.955.9181	25%
Jim Cook Racing	5450 Katella Avenue, \$107, Los Alamitos, CA 80720	Auto Parts	Sandy Cook	800.527.1440	10%
John Elway Nissan	2400 W. 104h Avenue, Federal Heights, CO 80234	Auto Parts	Richard/Randy	303.469.0140	10%
		Service	Present Card	303.469.1721	10%
Mark's Auto Works	472 Laredo, Unit L, Aurora, CO 80011	Z Labor	Mark	303.361.6275	20%
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	Donald	480.994.0301	20%
Peak Nissan	5001 South Broadway, Englewood, CO 80110 or 5077 S. Wadsworth, Littleton, CO 80123	Parts	Andrew Nicole	303.762.9922 303.904.7700	20%
Pro-Tint Window Tinting	1396 Wadsworth, Lakewood, CO 80215	Full Window Tint	Galen/Kim	303.233.7315	\$20
Tynan's Nissan	780 South Havana, Aurora, CO 80012	Nissan Parts	Byron/Gary	303.341.7330	20%
		Labor	Daryl	303.341.7330	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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1984 300ZX Turbo, original mileage 35k, car always garaged in southwest desert, turbo charger, leather digital package, bronze tinted glass, adjustable suspension, power driver seat & windows /locks, thermostatically controlled AC/heat, customer sheepskin seat covers (installed day of purchase), custom car cover. New battery, wipers, Yokohama tires. Power antenna needs lubrication or replacement. Car is located at Las Vegas. \$6500, contact original owner **Tom Martin**, **702.5649194/702.249.1010**, **tmartin3@email.usps.gov** (Ad last posted month **4/03**)

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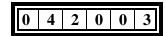
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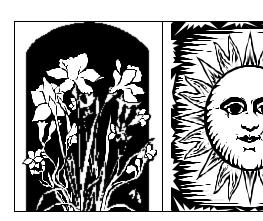
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Spring & Summer Events

"Mark your calendar and join us!"

- * April 2nd, Wed, 7 PM, General Meeting
- * April 5th, Sat, 8:30AM, Ski Trip at Loveland Basin
- * April 25-27, Z Car West Coast Nationals
- * June 8th, Sun, Cerebral Palsy Car Show at Arapahoe Community College
- * July 27th, Sun, Fairplay Burrow Race & Craft Bazaar
- * October 6-13, ZCCC Convention