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A Letter 'Not' From Z Editor

AN OVERVIEW:
BOB ROSENTHAL
Contributed by Sherry Kennedy
President, Z-Club of Arizona

You know, I thought you Colorado Z'ers would enjoy an article about Bob Rosenthal that was written by someone other than him. After all, autobiographies can get pretty old!

After spending time with Bob at two conventions I've figured out why he likes me. First, I'm almost old enough to be his mother (which makes me safe) and, second, I have a warped sense of humor (which makes me a target for his antics). But I've discovered why I like him ... he's brain damaged! But, you all probably knew that before I met him.

Any male who would drag me from store to store pondering, at great length I might add, over gifts for his mother and assorted "friends" (he has some?) while there's drinking and dancing going on in the streets of downtown Dallas has to be a brick shy of a full load.

Any male who professes profound love for his vehicle the way Bob does and notices strange noises coming from under the hood, yet proceeds to jam through the autocross course like the Roadrunner has to have had a frontal lobotomy.

And who else but "brain donor Bob" would write articles about people trying to grow cement by watering the highways? I'll bet he has a planter box full of nickels he's trying to grow into quarters!

But, even adding all of this together, the
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☆☆☆ UPCOMING EVENTS ☆☆☆

August 16	**ZROC**
August 18	**Friday Nite Rallye**
August 20	**Malibu GP VI**
September 2 - 4	**Steamboat Springs/ Vintage Races**
September 13	**ZROC**
September 17	**Malibu GP VII**
September 23	**ZCCC Annual Hayride**

See inside for more information on these and other events.

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Message From Z President

Last month we reached mid-year for 1989, and a few things came to my attention. As a club, we tend to maintain about the same number of members, obviously loosing some (to our regret) and gaining some new enthusiasts. This, of course, is normal for any club or association and expected.

Although we try to mix the type of events we conduct in the hopes of tempting everyone at some time during the year, it appears that the same people are showing up at these events. I commend those of you who attend most of the events, and truly wish that some of you who have not attended an event would give one or two a try.

Admittedly, some of us have a very competitive spirit, but I think you'll find us willing to share our knowledge about the Z car, autocrossing, rallyeing, and showing our cars. After all, the general purpose of the club is to promote activities of common interest to owners and enthusiasts of Datsun/Nissan Z cars, to promote safe and skillful driving, and to promote CAMRADERIE among Z car owners (and hopeful owners).

The Z car movement is on-going and getting stronger, as witnessed by the last two years' national conventions. I hope to see all of you at an event this year.

Try it - you'll like it.

'SPLINTERS' FROM THE BOARD

An article written by a different board member each month. It does not necessarily contain the views expressed by the board as a whole. This month's article is submitted by Treasurer, Debbie Carlson.

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One Saturday a few years ago I had to go in to work, so I parked my beloved Z in a prominent and solitary part of the parking lot. Several hours later I returned to find that someone had tucked a flyer for the Z Car Club of Colorado under my wiper. I was flattered! I mean, my car was still a classy looking number for being 8 years old, but I felt it was an honor to have been noticed and tapped.

The flyer stirred my imagination, but I did nothing, and as often happens to slightly-scrunched pieces of paper that float around the interior of one's car, it got thrown away. Call it luck, call it fate, call it persistence, but someone "flyered" me again - in another parking lot - in another place and time.

This time I kept closer tabs on that little piece of paper. As a matter of fact, just before it got thrown away, I took the plunge and called the Z-line - Sure, just send me some information. Quite frankly, I'm one of those members who signed up just to get the discounts.

And as a member, I began receiving the Odometer, which I read with interest each month. Boy, it sure did sound like those Z-club folks did a lot of things and had a good time, but as a single woman, how was I going to fit in to such a crowd? And where was I going to get the nerve to go to a meeting by myself, since my boyfriend (the car's former owner) had no interest in accompanying me?

Well the rest is history, because in June of 1987, I attended my first meeting of the Z Club of Colorado (stag) and fell in love with "you all." To say the least, I'm passionately involved with the Club, and I have a strong attachment to the concept of the flyer as a way to reach out and touch someone.

Out of this love was born the flyer now currently available for Club members' distribution. It tries to impart the flavor of who we are and what we do. And, we of the Flyer Committee (Bob Rosenthal and myself) want to know where we hit and where we miss. What does The Flyer mean to you? Do you have any ideas? Do we need more than one version? Your comments are more than welcome. After all, it's your club.

Gaze Into Z Future

Here is a list of some events coming up a little further "down Z road". It is provided because there are some things which you may wish to begin preparations for now. Some of the dates are tentative, so remember to contact the person or persons listed next to the event for further details.

August

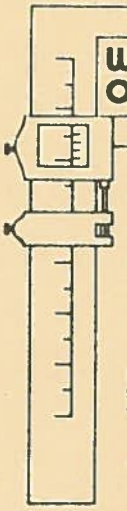
16 ZROC (Sue Keim and/or John Dicino)
20 Malibu GP #6 (Bruce and Jorja Sparr)
20 Bandimere Speedway Street Machine Slowdown - Combo autocross, show and bracket racing. More details later.

September

1-4 Steamboat Springs Vintage Weekend (Don Tamm)
13 ZROC (Sue Keim and/or John Dicino)
17 Malibu GP #7 (Bruce and Jorja Sparr)
23 Autumn Hay Ride (Nancy Caler)

October

1 ZCCC-Hosted "Doc Morgan Rallye" (Ken Edwards)
15 Malibu GP #8 (Bruce and Jorja Sparr)
18 ZROC (To be announced)



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Welcome New Members

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AugustBirthdays

Debbie Carlson	8/1
John Butler	8/8
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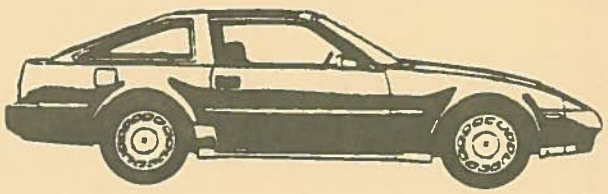


Z Competition Corner

Bruce Sparr

June 25 - SCCA Solo ii #5 at Lowry AFB

Bob Rosenthal , Mark Kirsch, and Yrs Trly carried the ZCCC banner into battle on a warm Sunday. Bob took 4th place in D-Stock, Mark got 5th in E-Modified (he says Street Prepared next year for sure) and Yrs Trly took home trophy #1 of this year for a win in A-Street Prepared. With 3 events left, the ZCCC drivers are chipping away at the points leaders. We are at least letting our presence be known, in addition to having a helluva lotta fun!

July 1 - Pikes Peak Sports Car Club at Pueblo

The ZCCC was well represented with four cars and five drivers for a double-cross event. The morning consisted of a normal Solo ii configuration and the afternoon opened up the tricky north end of PMI. Neophytes Debbie Carlson and Art Blank turned in creditable performances in the morning autocross, but opted not to go for the high speed afternoon runs. It turned out to be a smart choice. Mike Manzanares and John Apodaca wheeled out their white '72 for only the third time this year, while Yrs Trly and Ole Red soldiered on once again, suffering from vapor lock problems. (anyone who has a solution, please call me. I'm getting desperate!) John had an excellent morning run and held a .2 second lead over Yrs Trly for second place. Mike held down 5th place.

The afternoon air temperature hit 103 degrees with a track temp. of 143! As we all know, Z cars are not big fans of heat, and problems immediately came to the fore. My first run consisted of an incredibly quick 200 yard run down the main straight. Then the engine let forth with a sound somewhat akin to the plug popping out of Linda, the inflatable doll. Sputtering to turn 3 it suddenly came to life until turn 6A and then let go again. It was not uncommon to see cars creeping around in the Sahara-like heat. It's really sad when you get blown away by a Gila Monster.

Final results found John in 3rd, Mike in 4th, and Yrs Trly 6th (out of 8 cars, Larry). It was a good event, and I would like to see a good turnout for their next invitational in the fall. It will be cooler folks. We can show them how a Z can really run!

July 15 - SCCA Driver's School, Denver Coliseum

Brian Sompayrac, Richard Solosky, Mike Manzanares, and Yrs Trly represented the Z Club at the second Solo Drivers School of the year. It was a low-key, fun, and informative day. We were all led through four key situations: Slalom, Offset Gates, Keyhole, and Increase-Decrease Turns. There was ample time to put both car and driver through their respective paces. Critiques were given and re-runs were plentiful. The school is a great way to learn and perfect techniques for both novice and experienced drivers.

July 16 - SCCA Solo #6, Denver Coliseum

Mike Manzanares, using the practice from July 15, drove to a well deserved and long overdue win in ASP. Yrs Trly, nursing a slightly injured engine (blown head gasket at drivers school) short-shifted the course and nosed out John Apodaca for second place.

The year-to-date has Yrs Trly in first place in ASP by a scant 1 point. Mike Manzanares is currently third and Rich Sweetman is in seventh place. Two more championship events are scheduled for this year. My apologies to Mark Kirsch and Bob Rosenthal for not having their standings. We have not received up-to-date standings from the SCCA.

July 23 - Malibu V

We were greeted by bright, sunny skies and the most ideal track conditions of the season. Some of the fastest times and definitely the closest racing of the year occurred today. It was also the best turnout for the laies, with six of the Z Clubs finest behind the wheel.

Jennifer Strong took home 9 points for an unopposed win in Ladies Expert. Next month will be a different story when Jennifer Taylor and Sue Keim, after excellent drives today, will join Jennifer S. and Retha Gammill in the Expert Class. Jennifer Taylor posted Ladies fastest time of the day in edging Sue Keim for Ladies Intermediate by just over half a second. Debbie Carlson drove to a win in Ladies Novice over Cathy Taylor and first-timer Pam Bracken.

In Men's Novice, a great drive by Art Blank gave him a win over first-timer Bob Carlson. Bob edged John Dicino by .21 for second place.

Men's Intermediate was won by Gino Dicino by .41 seconds over Pete Juenemann. Pete got second by .1 second over Brian Sompayrac. A spread of .51 seconds for the top three finishers! Great stuff!

And if you think that was close, folks, we now bring you the Men's Expert class. Only .49 seconds separated the top three! Larry Hutfles posted a 51.08 for the fastest time of the year in the new high-powered club car. His three lap average bested Gary Bracken's 52.06 and Yrs Trly with a 52.09.

For his outstanding drive I give Larry the Driver of the Day honors. It was a tough decision with honorable mention going to Art Blank for his first win, Bob Carlson and Pam Bracken, first-timers who really chopped massive amounts of time off during qualifying, and Jennifer Taylor, who got her second win in two outings, posting best ladies time and moving to expert (Yes, folks, she's our daughter).

There are now only four more Malibu outings, and if the closeness of the racing today continues, the Championship is really up for grabs. If racing is not your bag, come out and cheer on your favorite hero. Yrs Trly is attempting to make this years' trophies better than last year, with special participation awards and a few surprises. Please take note that the Malibu VI meeting has been moved up to August 13th. There was a scheduling conflict with the Malibu people. Also, the time has been moved up (unavoidably) to start at 7:00 a.m. and ending at 10:00 a.m.

Footnote: The Nissan GTP with Geoff Brabham and Chip Robinson at the controls has now won 8 of the 10 IMSA meetings this year.

Whew! It's been a busy month. We are now heading into a Dog Days of Summer break with only Malibu on the 13th and an SCCA drivers school on the 25th, followed by Championship Solo #7 on the 26th in Colorado Springs (actual location TBA).

Men

*Pete Juenemann	29	Rich Locey	9
Bruce Gammill	26	Mike Manzanares	9
*Larry Hutfles	26	Rob Minich	9
Gino Dicino	24	Thom Parker	9
*Brian Sompayrac	24	John Dicino	8
*Bruce Sparr	22	Bob Carlson	6
Gary Bracken	21	Bob Rosenthal	4
Art Blank	15	Rudy Stines	4
Mark Kirsch	15	Bill Sompayrac	3
Art Klein	14		

Women

Jennifer Strong	36	Barb Erickson	6
Retha Gammill	21	Sue Keim	6
Debbie Carlson	18	Pam Bracken	4
Jennifer Taylor	18	Chris Dicino	4
Cathy Taylor	12		

Points (9,6,4,3,2,1) are awarded to 1st place through 6th place finishers (respectively) in each class.

*Participation Award Eligibility Requirement Met

Steamboat Springs Vintage Car Races

Richard (Rico) Solosky

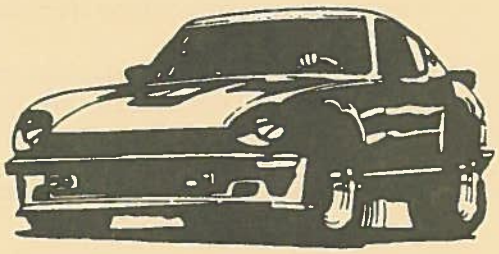
Each year the Vintage Car Club of Colorado puts on a gala automotive weekend in Steamboat Springs over the labor day weekend. This year is no exception. Among the many activities scheduled are a Vintage auto race, Vintage Motorcycle Race, and an Auto Show.

Rave reviews have been given by many Z-Clubbers who have thoroughly enjoyed this weekend and plan to participate again this year. Just ask Larry Hutfles if you don't believe me. We had to drag him out of the Steamboat Yacht Club three nights in a row last year! On second thought, don't bother. I don't think he will remember.

This year we would like to promote our club spirit by showing off our Z's in the Concours. We have reserved an area just for our Z cars adjacent to the Vintage Autos. If you're interested, please call Richard Solosky or Eva Noworytta at 674-2043 to reserve space for the Concours.

In addition, if time and space permits, we are attempting to put together a block of rooms for the Z Car Club participants and observers. Let us know if this too is something you're interested in. Don't dawdle ... we're running out of time!

As the Dale Lama says, "Be there or be square." Or is it "Live long and prosper." I always get this stuff mixed up. Hope to see you there!



Model Z-Car Contest

The model car contest originally scheduled for the night of October 11th at the General Meeting has been changed to Wednesday, November 8th. John Dicino will assist with this event and help with your models will be available at his home during ZROC, held on the third Wednesday of each month. A model car building workshop will be held soon.

For more information contact John Dicino at 985-1870.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jorja Taylor, V.P. Events

July 29th was our annual "Sponsor Appreciation Day" so by the time you read this article it will be old news. Let's hope ZCCC showed its appreciation to GOODMAN NISSAN by having a great turnout! For those of you who could attend, I'd like to show my appreciaiton by saying thanks for your club spirit and support! And thanks to my co-workers on this event, Nancy Caler and Larry Hutfles — couldn't have pulled it off without your help! More on the event next month.

Unfortunately our event scheduled for the drive-in on July 22nd was cancelled. Sorry Nancy, thanks for trying.

Malibu was a lot of fun but for you late sleepers bad news. Malibu just changed its hours and beginning next month (Aug 13th) our private track time will be 7 a.m. - 10 a.m. so please make note and hope to see you there! Please read "Competition Corner" for more info.

Now for August . . . Heritage Square Concourse has been postponed due to lack of participants. Even so, we've been invited to show our cars at Heritage Square (date TBA) participating with a dozen other car clubs. We'll have to call you on this one!

August 16 - Our new ZROC chairman, John DiCino has some fun in store for you. If you came to Sponsor Day you experienced ZROC. Call John at 985-1870.

August 18 - ZCCC will be host to the Friday Nite Rallye. Mike Manzanares and Phil Taylor are co-hosts to this event. If you've never rallyed this is a great event to give it a try! This is not a speed event but tests your patience and mind. For more info give either Mike at 423-7984 or Phil at 973-1134 a call.

August 20 - Malibu GP VI. Note time change: 7 (yes 7 a.m.) till 10 a.m.! $10.00 entry fee buys you 8 lap tickets. $2.00 additional fee for non-ZCCC participants.

September often brings warm golden days and crisp breezy nights. It also brings some olde favorite events.

September 2 - 4	Steamboat Springs / Vintage Races
September 13	ZROC
September 17	Malibu GP VII
September 23	ZCCC Annual Hayride. A great way to celebrate the first day of autumn, this year's hayride will again be hosted by Nancy Caler. More to come on this event! Meanwhile, mark you calendar.

October has a lot of openings so if you have an event you'd like to do this would be a good month.

October 1	The coveted "Doc Morgan Rallye" with ZCCC as the awarded host club.

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funniest experience in Bob's life thus far wasn't his fault (but you might have thought it was). One night in Dallas we had an Aspen reunion dinner party. After gorging ourselves we decided to meet the rest of the gang and head downtown. I was following Bob, and wondered why he was the only person without his headlights on. Suddenly he pulled over, and I followed suit thinking his new distributor might be on the fritz. But when I reached the front of his prized 300ZX, I realized that the poor thing was as nuts as her owner. There she was just winking away ... one headlight up, one down. Back and forth, back and forth. I was truly relieved that the Millspaughs and the Taylors stopped and also witnessed this event. I knew that no one would believe the two of us.

I was very pleased to find out Bob had the where-with-all to locate the disconnected wire, but knew there was no hope for this guy when Bill and Mary Regan came back to see if we were okay and he disconnected it again to show off his flirtatious car!

I'm looking forward to more foolishness in Flagstaff next year. But until then, good luck Colorado ... he's all yours!

General Meeting

This month's General Meeting will once again be held at Govnr's Park Restaurant at 672 Logan Street. All ZCCC members are welcome, and are invited to bring guests, as well. Parking is located in front of the restaurant, or around the back. See you there!

3rd Annual Mountain View Vintage Races

August 11 - 13, 1989

Featuring the East-West Formula Junior Invitational

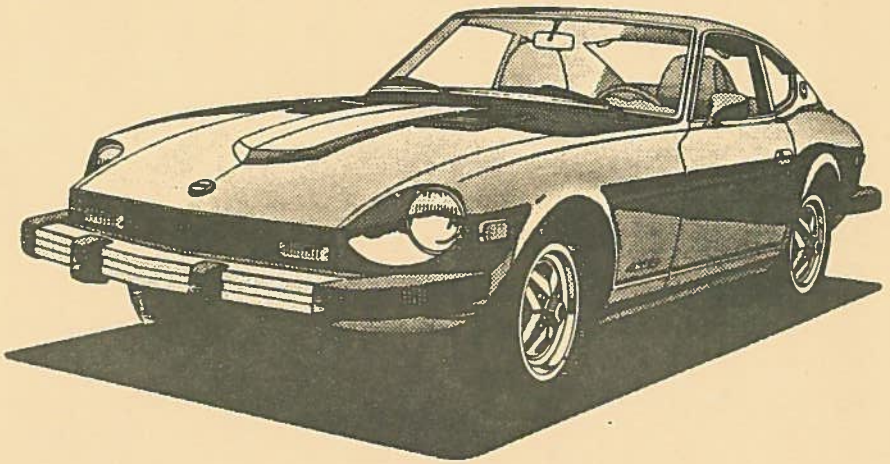
Vintage racers from across North America are invited to enjoy their sport with a all its fun, camaraderie and low-key competition at Mountain View Motor Sport Park, Colorado's premier road racing facility.

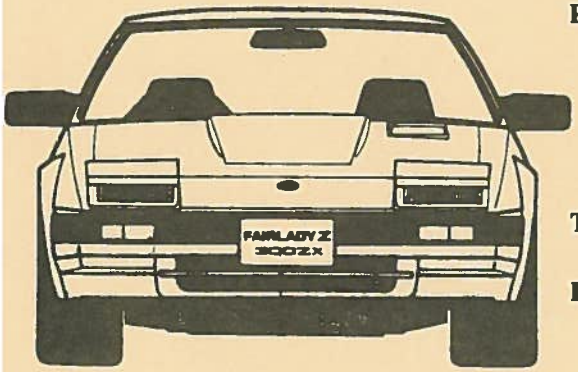
The 3rd Annual Mountain View Vintage Races are open to all race cars, sports cars and sporting sedans manufactured through 1972. The three day event starts with informal testing and tuning on Friday, then practice and qualifying on Saturday and races on Sunday. As before, the event gives everybody lots of track time.

Two new features will enhance this year's event. First, a separate race will be dedicated to the 30th anniversary for the Formula Junior series, as we host the East-West Formula Junior Invitational, an event in the 1989 3D Motorsports Formula Junior Championship. FJ racers have the opportunity to race on neutral territory in a repeat of last year's successful East-West race at California's venerable Riverside track.

Also new this year is a Consistency Enduro, scheduled for Sunday morning. Sports racer and production car drivers beforehand will predict the number of laps they will travel in the one hour session, including a mandatory 10 minute stop with a driver change. The Enduro promises to be great fun, rewarding consistent lap times. Winner (s) will be announced at the awards ceremony Sunday afternoon.

Mountain View is located 30 miles north of Denver near hotels, restaurants and tourist attractions. Compressed air, race gas and repair services are on site. Car storage is available for racers to participate in the region's other events.





ZROC

ZROC is now in it's new home at John Dicino's house. Last month's event was a new beginning for ZROC with a new track configuration and matched racing events.

For members who are new to ZROC, it is miniature slot track (Z-car) racing at it's finest in Denver. Ben Millspaugh started this event in 1988 in his garage. The track has moved at least three times to new homes since then, and with each new location the event takes on a new personality. It is held at 7 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of each month. We plan to modify the track configuration each month, just like they do on the racing circuit. Also, one problem with power surge will be eliminated by using separate power packs for each lane. Competition will be in at least 3 classes: Modified, matched, and stock, with different levels in the matched and stock classes.

The track was on display on Sponsor Appreciation Day. Members noticed new building additions, complete with people and landscapes. A couple of grandstands will be added later, with the final board being 4 ft. by 12 ft. The new home is fully carpeted, so your car won't be damaged if it flies off the track. Costs and the availability of cars and membership will be announced at the August General Meeting. For further information contact John Dicino at 985-1870. See you at the track!

Treasurer's Report
For Period Ending 6-30-89

	6/89	YTD
Beginning balance	2133	2250
Receipts:		
Dues	150	1180
Concessions		52
Parties		735
Rallyes	4	68
Other	42	121
Total Receipts	196	2156
Disbursements:		
Rallyes	(10)	373
Parties		1513
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