



The Odometer



The Official Newsletter of the Z Car Club of Colorado,
Colorado's meeting Place for
All Datsun and Nissan Enthusiasts



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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Ah the sweet sweet smell of coolant. I'm sorry I missed seeing all of you at our last meeting my car overheated in traffic right by Mile High Stadium. After 2 failed attempts to get my car on a flatbed, I limped my way home shutting the engine down 3 times right before it hitting the high temperature mark and letting it cool back down. Fortunately this was the night of the first sleet/snowfall so at least it cooled down more quickly.

I limped my way up to the dealership on Thursday to see what they could find and ended up leaving it there overnight for a pressure test. Late the next day they determined the problem was a radiator fan that wasn't working. I asked if they tested the water pump and thermostat as well and they said yes. How much to replace the fan assembly? \$900 including the hour diagnostic they had done! So, I went out searching to see how much buying the part would be with our Z Club discount. I first tried Z Car Source and it was almost \$600 even with our discount. Then I found a 2006 350z being sold for parts in Commerce City. On my way over there I was about to pass an O'Reilly store and thought I should check it out to just to make sure. Their price was \$175 and that was before our commercial rate discount, new, had a warranty and it was more powerful than the OEM ones that are bound to fail. Done. 2 screws, move the hoses, unclip the two wiring clips for the fan and out came the old and in with the new.

Still overheating. I call Nissan again to confirm that they tested the thermostat because the lower radiator hose was still cool to the touch. They said yes they had tested it and wouldn't be able to get the car in for 4 days to retest to see what was going on.

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER (continued)

At this point it's down to warped head (super expensive), water pump (mildly expensive), or the thermostat (relatively cheap and easy to replace).

I bought a block tester to see if it was a head problem as a Nissan mechanic in the VQ club said our engines can easily become shot if overheated since it's very easy to warp the aluminum. Yeah! The test was negative and the kit was a rental from Autozone and you get your deposit back. So while I was there returning the kit I figured I'd purchase a thermostat and just replace it for \$20.

So I removed 3 bolts and 2 hoses that are filled with coolant and the thermostat is crusty with green scale when I take it off. How do you test if your thermostat is stuck closed? Throw in it a big boiling pot of water on the stove with a new one. Sure enough the new one opened up right before the water boiled and the old one stayed closed. I wish I would have known this when I had the radiator fan assembly out so I had more room to work. Hoses reconnected, 3 bolts in, top it off with fluid, start it up and everything seems to work great. I go to back it out of the garage and notice the thermostat gasket is laying in front of the car. So, pull the thermostat off, drain, put on the gasket, thermostat, hoses, torque the bolts and I break the heads off 2 of them. Ugh! Now it's: take the thermostat back off and with a needle nose pliers back out the broken bolts. The local dealer doesn't have the parts so I have to run down to Mike Ward and get there 10 minutes before they close on Saturday. Ok, gasket, thermostat, hoses, bolts in, fill it up with fluid. No heat. Our engines are prone to getting bubbles trapped in the system so I spend much of the next day bleeding/burping the system with the car on an incline to force the bubbles to the top. I now have heat and the car is running normal again.

Well, I probably saved ~\$1,000 or so in the process of doing this myself. What was more valuable from the hours of YouTube instructional videos, forums, and other research I did is the knowledge of the entire cooling/heating system. At some point mechanical parts will fail like the thermostat and fans so I am super prepared for Stacey's car when this happens again and have the confidence to do it right the next time.



TO THE BATMOBILE!

Tom (aka Batman) Ziegelbauer

EVENTS

How to Host an Event

To host an event, email the Vice President with the following information: When, Where, and a full event description. Once approved, the Vice President will post the details on the ZCCC website and EventBrite. The event information will be copied into the Odometer two months prior to the event and the month in which the event occurs. Events will not be accepted without the above requested information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December General Meeting

When: Wednesday, December 2, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.

Where: Overland Golf Course, 1801 S Huron Street, Denver, CO 80223 (Near Santa Fe & Evans)

[Note: Everyone attending is requested to order off the Menu]

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Toy Drive for CASA

When: General Meeting, Wednesday, December 2, 2015 @ 7:00 p.m.
Where: Overland Golf Course, 1801 S Huron Street, Denver, CO 80223 (Near Santa Fe & Evans)
Host: Jacki Barton

The club's 2015 Holiday drive will benefit a family within Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) system. CASA is a national organization helping to be a voice for abused and/or neglected children.

If you haven't gotten toys yet (new and unwrapped) there's still time! Go [HERE](#) for the list!

Annual Holiday Party

When: Saturday, December 12, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
Where: The Derman's, 1545 S Richfield Way, Aurora, CO
Hosts: Nate & Cheryle Derman (720-937-2437, cherylesblackorchid@comcast.net)

Please join us for the annual ZCCC holiday party. This year we are switching it up and making it an ugly sweater. So light yourself up with ornaments and get creative!! It will be a pot-luck. The club will provide bottled water and soft drinks. Please plan on bringing any one of the following: appetizer/salad, main dish, side dish or dessert. Please sign up at the November or December meeting or RSVP to us by December 6, 2015 by email. If you have a favorite "adult beverage" you would like to bring, you may bring that as well. We are also hoping to have a fire pit again so plan on sticking around for awhile. Directions: From I-225--exit on Iliff and head east to Buckley road. Turn left on Buckley North to Mexico. Turn right on Mexico (East) to Pitkin. (second left). Make a left on Pitkin (north) to the end of the block and make a right on Richfield to 1545.

Hope you can join us. Cheryle Derman

January General Meeting

When: Wednesday, January 6, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
Where: Overland Golf Course, 1801 S Huron Street, Denver, CO 80223 (Near Santa Fe & Evans)

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February General Meeting

When: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 @ 7:00 p.m.
Where: Overland Golf Course, 1801 S Huron Street, Denver, CO 80223 (Near Santa Fe & Evans)

[Note: Everyone attending is requested to order off the Menu]

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BLAST FROM THE PAST



Car show held in Durango during joint meet with Albuquerque Z Car Club in 1992.

Some familiar faces shown in the picture are as follows:

- Ron Gardner in pink shirt by the black 300ZX in left row

- Bob & Debbie Carlson by the blue 280Z at top of right row

- Larry Hutfles in black cap by the brown 240Z in right row

- Gary & Pam Bracken by the white 240Z (below Larry's car)

- Andy Mortenson in black shirt by the yellow 240Z (below Brackens' car)

Courtesy of Andy Mortenson

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & INFO

How to be a Member

Dues: Single Membership \$35, Family \$45, Corporate \$50. To receive the Odometer via postal mail add \$10 annually.

Welcome to New Members and Guests

Rob Walt, Aurora (former 280Z owner)

Referrals & Z Bucks:

None.

Going, Going, Gone

October: John Smith

November: Brian & Alice Baumbach, Christopher Tillery, Loye Troxler

December: Eldon Luers

Total Memberships: 115 **Total Individuals:** 155

December Birthdays

JoAnn Sainz-Dean (12/1), Robert Marlowe (12/4), Diana Inberg (12/6), Michelle Morley (12/8), Bobby Givens (12/8), Michael Dugan (12/12), Michelle Plarina (12/13), Calvin Craig (12/19), Matthew Temkin (12/22), David Hulslander (12/23), Scott Guthrie (12/29), Stephen Robertson (12/31)

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CLUB INFORMATION

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VENDOR UPDATES

New Vendors and Discount List Updates

Denver Diesel: 5% on repairs and the price to use their dyno for your Z is \$80.

Please visit <http://www.zccc.org/business-directory-2/> for list of vendors working with ZCCC members to provide the best services. Don't forget to tell your contact you are a ZCCC Member, and have your membership number ready before ordering Please tell them "thanks for being a ZCCC supporter". Contact Nate Derman with feedback and future vendor suggestions natederman1@comcast.net.

CLASSIFIEDS

Placing a Z-Related Ad:

Ads should be submitted **by email** to the Editor. Ads will be in upper and lower case lettering. Ads are posted for 3 months. Resubmit as necessary. If you have a clear photo, please send it with your request to the Editor.

Payment should be made by check payable to "ZCCC" and sent by mail to the attention of the Editor at the address listed under "Club Information." The Editor will hold your ad pending received payment clearing the bank.

Cost	Members	Non-Members
¼ Page	\$0	\$35
½ Page	\$0	\$60
Full Page (6 photos)	\$50	\$100

Go to www.zccc.org and the Odometer Archives for examples of ads if you need them.

Business Card Ads:

There is no cost to members and \$60.00 per year for non-members. The ad will be listed in the Odometer for One year unless removed at the owners request. At the end of the year it is the owners responsibility to renew their business card ad. All business card ad's can/may be found on the last pages of the Odometer depending on space. These pages may or may not be printed for mailed copies.

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NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES

ZCCC Meeting Agenda

7:00 p.m.

Welcoming of New Members and /or Guests - Stacey Sanders - Guest speaker from CASA

Any changes to the minutes in the posted in the Odometer from July? None

Can I have a motion to approve last month's minutes? 1st, 2nd, Vote in favor, opposed. Approved

President: Board Meeting Outcomes - to be discussed next meeting due to Tom's Car Problems

VP: Don

Recap

31st Annual Banquet - Tami did a fantastic job. Dinner was terrific. For next year the board is always open to restaurant and gift suggestions.

Upcoming Events

Air Force vs. Army football at Falcon Stadium

Nov 7, 2015 10:00 AM - Rick Mraz

Meet at Lowes South End parking lot at 9:30 leaving at 10:00. 30 Z members attending. Brisket and Pulled Pork served, bring drinks and side dish. Two entrances to the Air Force Academy - we will use the South Entrance (exit 150) and drive to lot 2A for our Tailgate Spot. Bring your stadium seats if you have them.

Children's Hospital Toy Run

Nov 22, 2015 12:00 PM - Diana Inberg

Z Club and the VQ Club Will meet at the upper level parking lot at Children's Hospital for a car show and toy collection for the children. (Unwrapped new toys) Lunch at BJ's There will be a raffle for \$1000 Visa Gift card.

Annual Holiday Party

Dec 12, 2015 6:00 PM - Nate and Cheryle Derman

Ugly Sweater Theme. Bring side dish/appetizer or hot favorite beverage. If weather is good we will have a fire pit going.

Treasurer Report: Debbie - Year end September 30 - tentative \$20,000 gross income and \$17,000 expenses. Track lost \$250 this year.

Membership Report: Andy - 124 membership; 169 members 6 renewals received

Public Relations Report: Nate - update Denver Diesel 15 % discount. Dyno your "Z" for \$80 fee

Interclub Report: Diana - VQ club Toy Drive at Children's Hospital

Odometer Editor Report: Stacey - No Report

Secretary Report: Kathy - No Report

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NOVEMBER MEETING MINUTES (continued)

Old Business:

Bob and Debbie received Jackets

New Business:

Happy Birthday to all November Birthday's

Recognized Nate Derman for 40 years of Service at United Airlines - Congratulations

Welcome to Jacki Barton for volunteering to host the meetings

Speaker: Court Appointed Special Advocates is a national organization helping to be a voice for abused and/or neglected children. Detailed information is coming at the Nov. 4th meeting when our guest speaker, Stacey Sanders, will talk more about CASA and the family they have chosen for the club to sponsor.

851 kids in the 18th Judicial District.

Family has two kids; 6 year old boy and a 9 year old girl and Mom

List of gifts is posted on the website

Break - Make sure you have purchased tickets for the 50/50 & Register for upcoming events and pay your bill at the bar.

50/50 Drawing

Bob Carlson won the 50/50 of \$43

Adjourn - Motion to adjourn, 1st, 2nd, Vote in favor, opposed - adjourned at 8:30 pm

OUR CONDOLENCES

Last year Mike and Janet Goddard's daughter, Jessica, was seriously injured in a car accident caused by a drunk driver. During the last year and a half, Jessica struggled to regain some of her life back but passed away November 16th due to her injuries being so severe. Jessica was 27 years old and leaves behind two young sons 10 and 7.

Funeral services were held on November 20th at Aspen Mortuary.

Anyone departing at such a young age is so unfair. We send our deepest condolences to the Goddards and Jessica's other friends and family.



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