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# President's Corner

## September 2018

Ira Sanders



*"What a day for a daydream  
What a day for a daydreamin' boy  
And I'm lost in a daydream  
Dreamin' 'bout my bundle of joy  
And even if time ain't really on my side  
It's one of those days for takin' a walk outside  
I'm blowin' the day to take a walk in the sun  
And fall on my face on somebody's new mowed lawn"* The Lovin' Spoonful (1966)

When I became president of the club last October, again, I set a lot of goals for myself and the Club. At the time I thought some were just daydreams but as it happens, I've managed to reach and accomplish more of the goals than I thought were possible. Some of the goals were obtained by getting the right person to do the job and for some the goal itself was getting the right person in the position; or are those one and the same?

The major goals I set at the time were 1. To get a new webmaster and website 2. A new Treasurer on the Board to replace Debbie who had served the Club for many years 3. Substantially increase our membership 4. Get younger Z enthusiasts actively involved in the Club and 5. In general, move ZCCC forward so that the Club remains active and vibrant for years to come.

I'm sure you all know that Scott Swiger answered the call to be our webmaster. After much discussion, and with a lot of input from Scott, we decided that reworking the existing website was the best way to go and it is still a work in progress. I personally would like to get back to a much more usable Business Directory, but not everything can happen at once. There are a lot of challenges posed by using the existing site but also a lot of expenses can also be saved and that is what the Board is endeavoring to do.

Next, longtime member and CPA, Bill Lohringel, volunteered to be our new Treasurer. Bill is a great addition to the Board with his many years of experience as a CPA and he has already tightened up the financial structure and health of the Club.

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I did recently find a new supplier of name badges for the Club. The ones we had recently been getting were, to put it mildly, worthless. These new ones are high quality and environmentally sensitive. I've seen one and the quality is quite good and it costs just about the same as the old worthless ones. We will have it at the meeting in September.

It's not too early to think about officers for the 2019-2020 FY time-frame as I can't serve again and this is Don's 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row as VP. Tiffany is looking after Facebook and most of our other Board Members are still looking after their patch. We've lost Diana Inberg as our long-standing Interclub Liaison, but we will have some fresh/new blood injected into the Board as Travis Scott, one of several new ZCCC members, has agreed to run for the seat previously held by Diana.

We're still looking for a Motorsports chair-person to fill the post of Motorsports Coordinator for our track days. While it appears to me that High Plains Raceway is out of reach for our Club due to its exorbitant costs, the State Patrol track and the Douglas County Sheriff's track are well within reach. There may even be enough interest in "Autocrossing" to put together a track day for that, but we need someone to organize with crossed "t's" and dotted "l's". Hopefully we can bring someone in soon so another year doesn't go by without the position being filled.

While not all of my goals have come to fruition, I have seen movement. I hope you will join me, as we continue to move ZCCC forward, making it vibrant and active for years to come.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the Crafty Fox, 3901 Fox St., Denver, on Wednesday, September 5, 2018.

Ira

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## Officers Slate 2018/2019

The following slate of officers will be voted on at the September general meeting.

President:	Ira Sanders (second term)
Vice President:	Don Gordon (second term)
Secretary:	Cheryl McKenney (second term)
Treasurer:	Bill Lohringel (6 months)
Membership:	Andy Mortenson (13th term)
Public Relations:	Mike Goddard (second term)
Inter-Club Liaison:	Travis Scott (first term)
Odometer Editor:	Tammy Sanders (second term)

Officers will be installed at the October Banquet.



# EVENTS



## Sep Board Meeting

**When:** Tuesday, Sep 4, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** Via Conference Call.

If you are not a board member and would like to attend the board meeting, please contact Ira Sanders

## Oct Board Meeting

**When:** Tuesday, Oct 2, 2018 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** Via Conference Call

If you are not a board member and would like to attend the board meeting, please contact Ira Sanders

## Sep General Meeting

**When:** Wed, Sep 5, 2018 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** **Crafty Fox Tap House**

[3901 Fox St, Denver 80216](#)

**303-455-9666**

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

## No Oct General Meeting

**When:**

**Where:**

## The September Monthly Meeting on Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup> will be at The Crafty Fox NOT Overland Golf Course

Due to an event booked at the Overland Golf Course, your board was tasked with finding a location for our September monthly meeting. For the September meeting on **September 5, 2018, we will be going to The Crafty Fox Taphouse and Pizzeria. The Crafty Fox is located at 3901 Fox St., Denver, CO 80216**. It is right off of I-25 in a central location for most members. The Crafty Fox serves more than 60 different types of beer, has many delicious salads, sandwiches, and specialty pizzas. Almost everything on the menu can be prepared gluten free. The meeting starts at our normal time of **7pm**. We will have the whole upstairs of the restaurant, along with a balcony, bathroom, elevator, separate checks, etc. Here is the link to the website if you'd like to explore their menu prior to the meeting: <https://craftyfox.beer> . Hope you can come out and enjoy some great food and drinks with your fellow Z members.

Z you there.





## EVENTS Cont.



### Annual Oktoberfest at the Spirit of Flight Center

**When:** Saturday, September 8, 2018 @ 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., set-up 8 a.m.

**Where:** [Spirit of Flight Center, Erie Airport](#)

**Host:** Patty Troxell <[rtcats@juno.com](mailto:rtcats@juno.com)> (303)514-4301

**Entry Fee:** Car show registration \$10.00pv



Beer, Brats, Live Band, Pancake Breakfast, and Trophies. It's time for the Spirit of Flight Center's Oktoberfest Car Show/Fly-In to be held on Saturday, September 8th at the Flight Center's Museum on the West side of the Erie Airport, 2650 So. Main Street, Unit A, Erie, CO. Their web address is [www.spiritofflight.com](http://www.spiritofflight.com). Car show registration and set-up starts at 8am with advertised show hours of 9a-2p. The car show registration fee is \$10 per vehicle which includes the Pancake Breakfast and admission fee. If you do not want to show your car but want to attend the car show the admission fee is \$5 per person however does not include the Pancake Breakfast, which is approximately \$5.

Beer and Brats is an additional cost not included in the fees listed above.

The Spirit of Flight Center Museum is a collection of general and military aviation artifacts, several of which are one of a kind pieces.

If you have any questions, please contact me.  
Patty Troxell, [rtcats@juno.com](mailto:rtcats@juno.com), or (303)514-4301.

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### MABC Annual Car Show

**When:** Saturday, September 22, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m

**Where:** [13231 E Mississippi](#), Aurora, CO

**Host:** Andy Mortenson (303)359-0216

**Entry Fee:** Free



Mississippi Avenue Baptist Church will be having their 6th annual car show on Saturday, September 22nd.

There will be a free pancake breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 AM with the car show starting at 10:00 AM and lasting until 1:00 PM. Awards will be given for the best vehicles in the following categories: American, Muscle and Foreign cars; Truck and Motorcycle. The church is located at [13231 E. Mississippi Avenue](#) in Aurora. So stop by for breakfast and check out the car show.

Please contact Andy Mortenson at (303) 359-0216 if you have any questions.



# EVENTS Cont.



## 34th Annual ZCCC Banquet—more details to come

**When:** Saturday, October 6, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Pinehurst Country Club, [6255 West Quincy Ave Denver](#), CO 80235

**Host:** Tammy Sanders <[Odometer@zccc.org](mailto:Odometer@zccc.org)>

**Cost:** \$30 per person

**Deadline:** Sign up by October 1

Start the New Year right by picking up your first point by joining your outgoing ZCCC board at the Annual Banquet at Pinehurst Country Club. This is the Club's annual end/beginning of the year meeting. The event begins with socializing at 2pm with a late lunch from 2:30-3:30. We will follow up with board reports, announcements, outgoing board and install your new 2018/2019 board.

### Our Buffet Menu

Strawberry Salad  
Cilantro Lime Rice  
Jerk Chicken with Fried Plantains  
Roasted Pork with Mango Salsa  
Grilled Vegetables  
Pineapple Upside-down Cake

- Cost per person is \$30.00
- **To Register:** Please make checks payable to ZCCC. Mail checks and registration to Z Car Club of Colorado, C/O Annual Banquet, P.O. Box 260078, Lakewood, CO 80226-0078
- Registration and Payment in full must be received by Tammy Sanders **NO LATER** than September 29th

Attendee(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Diabetic/Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Email &/or Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Costs: \$30.00 per person \_\_\_\_\_

**Dress Code:** The Pinehurst Country Club is a premier full service country club in the Denver Metro area. Please dress appropriately. No Jeans/Denim, workout attire, cargo pants, shorts, Tee-shirts. Men's shirts should be collared or mock necked.

**Driving Directions:** [Pinehurst Country Club](#)

For additional questions please email Tammy Sanders.



# EVENTS Cont.



## Wine Tasting and BBQ—Wrap Up

Thanks to all of you that attended our annual wine tasting and BBQ on Sat Aug.11th.

Cheryle, Bella and I always enjoy opening our house up for our ZCCC family and eating good food, sharing good wine, and good conversations with all of you. We did have some non-Z guests attend. My daughter Lisa, (son-in-law) Scott, and grandson Aiden also joined in the festivities. A special thanks to Scott for chasing me away from the cooking duties so I could spend more time with all of you! We appreciated the nice turn out for the evening and the side dishes and desserts that you guys brought. A special thanks to those of you that left some wine. Cheryle said she would find a good home for all of it.....We will do it again next year!  
Nate, Cheryle, and Bella





## EVENTS Cont.



### 2018 ZCCC Fun Run @ CSP Wrap Up





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## Drive to Eastern Colorado Wrap Up

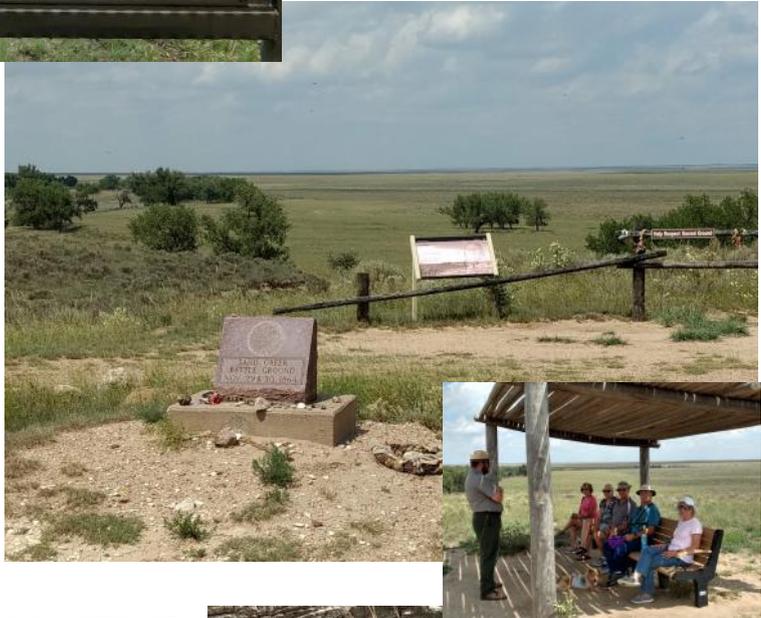


Thanks to all who joined me on a 512 mile (per Ron's Xterra) run out to the plains of Eastern Central CO. We started Saturday with eight people, four vehicles and one dog. By early afternoon, Patty T. made her way back to Denver. Gail M. headed east for Kansas after visiting Sand Creek Massacre NHS. We missed one of our historical sites, due to an error in the directions. It was a fun and educational trip. Good drive, Good friends always equals a Good Time. Tammy

Carol Weckbaugh found the first and many other geocaches



Ranger talk at Sand Creek Massacre NHS



Ira and Carol spotted this geocache

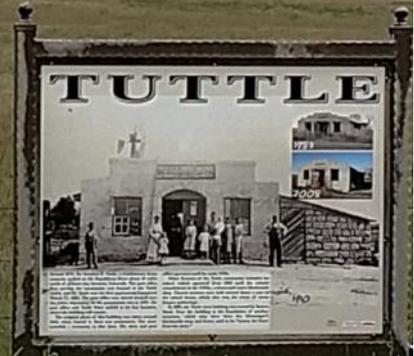
Ron Gardner, Carol Weckbaugh, Patty Troxell and Ira Sanders



# EVENTS Cont.



Ira Sanders, Ed McHugh, Judy Genoff, Ron Gardner, Carol Weckbaugh, Tammy Sanders & Merlin





# MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND INFO

## Going-Going-Gone

### July:

Jacki Barton

### Aug:

Shawn Beardsley, Nate & Cheryle Derman, Alan Sar, Manny Strauch, Mandy Williams & Mark Visconti

### Sep:

Richard Branch, Pat Clements, Mike Goddard, Don & Judy Gordon, James Kean, Michelle & Addison Ku, John Marr, John & Susan Mavis, Ed Mc Hugh & Judy Genoff, Rick Mraz, J. Iredell Smith, Scott Swiger, Phil Taylor & Susan Goldsmith, Karl Ziegler

## ZCCM Magazine

Magazines have come in. Please see Ira Sanders if you have not received your copy

## Welcome to New Members and Guests

Liz Egetoe, Johnstown, 2006 350Z & 1971 240Z

Jason Spegal, Aurora, 1971 240Z

John Rooker, Aurora, 1973 240Z

Jeff Ruth, Ft. Collins, (looking to buy a 240Z)

## Membership Information

Memberships – 81

Members – 107

Membership Cards are available for print on the web site. If you would like a laminated card, email Andy Mortenson

## Referrals & Z Bucks

N/A



David Daniels (9/10)

Liz Egetoe (9/8)

Larry Huffles (9/21)

Alex Millward (9/28)

Scott Raymond (9/29)

Ira Sanders (9/11)

Tammy Sanders (9/20)

Alan Sar (9/9)

Scott Swiger (9/6)



### Guest Speakers

The board would like to bring back to the General meetings a guest speaker.

If you know of someone or have ideas, Please contact and coordinate with VP

### MOTORSPORT COORDINATOR

Looking for someone to coordinate Club Fun Run events. The Club does not have anyone performing these duties currently!

**Duties:** Will be responsible for securing track dates and will attend all Colorado Motorsport Council meetings and will report to the general membership as necessary.



# CLUB INFORMATION



## Contact Information

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## 2017-2018 Elected Officers

**President:** Ira Sanders  
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**Vice-President:** Don Gordon  
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**Treasurer:** Bill Lohringel  
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**Inter-Club Liaison:** Diana Inberg

**Odometer Editor:** Tammy Sanders  
[Odometer@zccc.org](mailto:Odometer@zccc.org)

## Appointed Positions

ZCCC Representative to the ZCC Association: Diana Inberg

Welcoming Host: Kathy Minister

Motorsports: **VACANT**

Webmaster: Scott Swiger

Historian: Bruce McKenney

CP Concours: Fred Minister

Name Badges: Fred Minister

50/50 Drawing:  
Don Gordon & Ira Sanders

Facebook: Tiffany Gordon

ZCCM Magazine Subscription: Sanders

Club Sponsor:



## **Guide to the ZCCC WEBSITE/FACEBOOK**

To get to the website go to [www.zccc.org](http://www.zccc.org)

**What can I see from the main page?** You can see the calendar with upcoming events, button shortcuts, and the most recent odometer, as well as the login page

**How do I login to the Member's only part of the website?**

1. Scroll to the very bottom of the webpage
2. On the bottom left hand side of the page you'll see a place to enter your username and password. Enter your username and Password (if unsure send an email to Tom or try clicking "Forgot Password")

**What can I do under the member tab at the top of the webpage?**

1. I can renew my membership (there is a small processing fee)
2. I can check out my Active Member Points
3. I can look at the club directory
4. And more...

**How do I check out the Odometer?**

1. Click directly on the tab labeled "Odometer" located at the top of the webpage
2. Then look for the Odometer you want to read
3. On that Odometer click "continue reading"
4. Then click on the year\_month (example: 2017\_03)

## **Guide to the ZCCC Facebook Page**

**How do I check out the page without signing in or having an account?**

1. Go to <https://www.facebook.com/ZCarClubOfColorado/>
2. From there you can see recent updates and postings

**How do I like and follow the club's Facebook Page?**

1. Go to [www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)
2. Login OR create an account
3. In the top left hand corner look for something that says "Search Facebook"
4. In that box type "Z Car Club of Colorado" Then click on our page.
5. Once there you'll see a large picture that is Z related...right below that picture there is a button to press that says "Like"
6. Click the "Like" button
7. You will now occasionally be told/notified when I update, add, or change something
8. You can also post/write/upload things on the Facebook page
9. Do steps 1-3 every time you want to look at our Facebook page

Tutorial Done By: Tiffany Gordon (ZCCC Facebook Admin)

Contact me with any questions: [musictif@yahoo.com](mailto:musictif@yahoo.com) or 720-227-3841

## **How to order Apparel & Accessories with/without our Z Car Club Logo**

**If someone wants to order something, please contact Don Gordon for now.**

Here are the 2 websites used by the club: [www.sanmar.com](http://www.sanmar.com), [www.alphabroder.com](http://www.alphabroder.com)

## **How to be a Member**

Dues: Single Membership \$35, Family \$45, Corporate \$50.

To receive the Odometer via postal mail add \$10 annually.





# LAST MONTHS MEETING MINUTES



The meeting was called to order at 7:15 pm.  
Welcome to new member Marc Connolly.

**Secretary Report:** Cheryl McKenney

Minutes from July 2018 motioned, seconded and approved.

**Vice President Report:** Don Gordon

This year the active member gift will be a vest in either red or blue. Please sign up for your choice. If you do not have enough points to receive the award by the banquet the club will charge the member for the cost of the vest. There are still seven events before the banquet to earn points.

Past events include:

- ◇ July: 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> – Western slope drive
- ◇ 28<sup>th</sup> – Sky Sox game in Colorado Springs

Upcoming Events include:

- ◇ August: 4<sup>th</sup> – Track Day at the State Patrol
- ◇ 11<sup>th</sup> – Wine tasting and barbeque
- ◇ 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – Eastern Colorado Drive to Sand Creek Massacre NHS
- ◇ September: 5<sup>th</sup> General membership meeting at the Crafty Fox (I-25 and I-70)
- ◇ 8<sup>th</sup> – Oktoberfest Spirit of Flight Museum
- ◇ 22<sup>nd</sup> Mississippi Avenue Baptist Church Car Show
- ◇ October 6<sup>th</sup> – Annual Banquet at Pinehurst Country Club

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Lohringel

Nothing to report, not present

**Membership:** Andy Mortenson

There are 108 members and 87 memberships

**Public Relations:** Mike Goddard

Looking for help to verify the vendor discount list

**Interclub:** Diana Inberg

The Midwest ZFest will be held in Kansas City again this year. The ZCCA has offered to help with the ZFest if the club were interested in hosting it in Denver next year. Some members have voiced interest bringing ZCON back to Colorado in 2021. They are currently putting a proposal together for review

**Odometer:** Tammy Sanders

Submissions to the Odometer are due by 20<sup>th</sup> of the month

**President:** Ira Sanders

Condolences to Jackie Barton on the passing of Bill. The September meeting has been moved to the Crafty Fox. New member Travis Scott has volunteered to take over as the Interclub Liaison. No nominations from the floor for Board positions. The club has a new source for the badges; the cost will be \$12.75. Please see Fred Minister if you need to order a badge. The club is still looking for volunteers to work the track event.

**Guest Speaker:**

No speaker for August

**Old Business:**

Tiffany Gordon will be adding a new Facebook page with a private group for members only

Winner of the 50/50 drawing was Larry Hutfles

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm



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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
1/4 Page		\$0	\$35
1/2 Page		\$0	\$60
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**Automobile**

## Market Watch: 1990-1996 Nissan 300ZX Z32

Rory Jurnecka

7/12/2018

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/classic-cars/market-watch-1990-1996-nissan-300zx-z32/ar-AAzXeR9>



So you graduated from high school in the 1990s, your career is going well, and you've realized that you've even got a little money saved—maybe it's time to reward yourself? You drove a Civic back then, but what you really wanted was a serious Japanese sports car. Today, prices are soaring for clean fourth-generation Toyota Supras and third-generation Mazda RX-7s from the same era, though in your Craigslist searches, you notice the Z32-series Nissan 300ZX is, well, pretty affordable. You dug those too, and they're more in your budget. Ah, but which version to choose?

When the all-new 300ZX launched in 1989 as a '90 model, an audible sigh of relief went out among the Z-car community. For more than a decade, enthusiasts watched helplessly as the once smart, economical, and sharp 240Z slowly went off its training regimen, gaining weight, losing focus, and drifting dangerously into boulevard cruiser status. The new model, code-named Z32 internally, was a revelation in contrast. Said to be the first car designed completely by computer-aided design (CAD)—on a Cray-2 supercomputer, no less—the new 300ZX was state-of-the-art.

Power came from one of two engines: a 3.0-liter naturally aspirated DOHC V-6 with variable valve timing (222 hp, 198 lb-ft) or the same with a pair of Garrett turbochargers boosting power to 300



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## Automobile

# Market Watch: 1990-1996 Nissan 300ZX Z32

Rory Jurnecka

### Continued:

hp and 283 lb-ft. The latter was good for a 0-60 time of 5.5 seconds—enough to bring the fight to its Japanese competitors, as well as Chevy's Corvette and Porsche's 944. All cars were equipped with either a five-speed manual transmission or a four-speed automatic.

Twin Turbo versions featured unique bodywork with inlets in the front bumper and a rear spoiler. They also featured tweaked brakes, suspension, and Nissan's advanced Super HICAS rear-wheel steering, which was initially developed for the Japanese-market Skyline.

The result was immediate praise from the automotive media, AUTOMOBILE included. The Nissan 300ZX was an Automobile All-Star five years running from 1990 to 1994. In 2004, we named it one of the 100 Greatest Cars of All Time. Pretty impressive, no? But which version is right for you, and how much should you pay for one in today's market? For answers to those questions, we consulted Sebastian Chacoff at [Specialty Z](#) of Chatsworth, California, a shop that focuses on Nissan Z cars.

### Base Coupe

Average value: \$7,400\*

A base-model coupe may leave you feeling like you're missing out on the Twin Turbo experience. But this model's value is significantly lower, and many more samples were built, making them easier to find for sale and more affordable when you do. They're also less complex to work on, leading to lower service costs. Just beware condition, as Chacoff warns: "I find that the naturally aspirated Z32s are [generally] in worse shape than the Twin Turbo Z32s." And don't expect collectability to match the Twin Turbo.

### 2+2

Average value: \$6,900\*

For those needing a little more practicality from their sports car, Nissan offered a 2+2 version that added two "occasional" rear seats, la the Porsche 944. This was facilitated by stretching the wheelbase by roughly 5 inches. All bodywork aft of the front fenders is unique to this model. The 2+2 was only available in the U.S. as a T-top with a naturally aspirated engine, though in Japan most Twin Turbo models were sold with 2+2 bodywork. "Here in the States, the 2+2 was less desirable in my opinion than in the rest of the world," Chacoff says, adding that the extra practicality can make it a good choice for some buyers.

### Twin Turbo

Average value: \$11,000\*

Only available in the U.S. as a T-top, the Twin Turbo was the model to buy if ultimate performance was your thing. "Here in the States, the Twin Turbo Coupe will be the most desirable as a collectible," Chacoff says. "It provided impressive power, handling, and looks when it was first released in 1990. A good, solid Twin Turbo Coupe's value has steadily gone up in the past few years." So much so that Chacoff feels a good car should actually fetch between \$15,000 and \$30,000, "heavily dependent on mileage."

### Convertible

Average value: \$6,400\*

Introduced in 1992, the 300ZX Convertible was a stylish factory conversion commissioned through ASC (which also produced the competing Porsche 944 S2 Cabriolet) in response to



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aftermarket convertible conversions made by California-based Straman. Chassis rigidity was increased with thicker rockers, door bracing, and a beefier transmission tunnel. Only the naturally aspirated engine was available. "Convertibles are not as desirable in the mainstream for the Z32," Chacoff says. "One reason to explain it is that they never came from the factory as a Twin Turbo."

### Stillen SMZ and Motorsports International SR-71

Average value: Highly variable

Two very limited edition 300ZX cars were produced with some help from aftermarket tuners. The Stillen SMZ was developed by Nissan racer Steve Millen's shop for the '95 and '96 model years and was boosted to 365 hp and 332 lb-ft. Along with bigger brakes, stiffer suspension, and some bodywork, the SMZ added \$14,000 to the Twin Turbo's roughly \$45,000 MSRP. Just 104 cars were built, all sold through Nissan dealerships. We found one that recently went for nearly \$40,000.

Meanwhile, the Motorsports International SR-71 300ZX was a partnership between Texas-based Motorsports International and HKS in Japan. It featured larger Garrett turbochargers, special electronics tuning by HKS, and a Kaminari body kit designed by Peter Brock (of Shelby Daytona Coupe and BRE racing fame). Performance was strong, but an SR-71 conversion cost around \$65,000 in-period, or about double the cost of a base 300ZX coupe. Not surprisingly, its sticker kept volume low—just eight cars were built. If you find one you can't live without, it's probably best to pull the trigger.



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September General Meeting	Wednesday, Sept 5, 2018	7:00 pm	<a href="#">Crafty Fox Tap House</a>
Oktoberfest Car Show	Saturday, Sep 8, 2018	9 am to 2 pm	<a href="#">Spirit of Flight Center, Eric Airport</a>
MABC Annual Car Show	Saturday, Sep 22, 2018	10 am to 1 pm	<a href="#">Mississippi Ave Baptist Church</a>
ZCCC Annual Banquet	Saturday, Oct 6, 2018	2 pm	<a href="#">Pinehurst Country Club</a>