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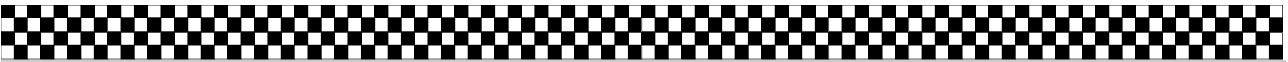
Z Car Club of Colorado



*Gordon's News...*



*In a Flash*



Mimi's Café seemed to be an attractive alternative for the almost 40 members and guests attending the February meeting. Thanks to Mimi's for providing us with good service, separate checks, a glowing fire place and they even honored those using discount coupons. We quickly filled up the room and for those who prefer the golf course setting, we will return to Overland for our March 4<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Thanks to our guests Jimmer and Donna Kerlin for sharing with us some of the roots of how The Z Car Club of Colorado got started. Jimmer also offered members a generous discount on hail repair. Hopefully the Kerlins will remain active as Jimmer is signed up for the Amazon Tour on March 17<sup>th</sup>. They also brought a guest, Taniessa, with her beautiful yellow 350Z. I sure hope they all decide to join our club.

What a surprise to have the return of our past members...Mary and Will Williams. It was so great having them back, especially since Will is recovering from recent heart surgery. And Will has already signed up for the Amazon Tour. I'm glad to see they will be active Z members once again.

~~Talking about the Tour of the Amazon Fulfillment Center, we have a few spots left. But I need to give them the final list 14 days in advance. So if you haven't signed up yet, please let me know no later than March 2<sup>nd</sup>.~~

I'm so glad to see our Event list growing. We should have a lot of FUN heading into the warmer weather. Check with our VP Travis to see if the date is available. Hosting an event can be very easy and it is a major reason members renew.

The other big reason members renew is for the discounts. Nate, our PR Director, has done an awesome job reviving the Business Discount list. The list will be published frequently in The Odometer or you can see the Business Directory any time on our website. Be sure to show your current Membership Card when asking for the discount. You can carry it with you, or as Ron Gardner suggested... keep one in your car.

Remember, the monthly General Meeting is YOUR meeting. So let me or any Board member know if you'd like to see something we're not doing.  
Regardz, Don Gordon—President

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# EVENTS



Rick and Mary Mraz

Update: Mary suffered a fall this month and fractured a femur. While tending to this injury additional cancer cells were found.

The Club sends Rick and Mary our best wishes and to hang in there. You both are in our thoughts and prayers.

## March Board Meeting

**When:** Wed, March 4, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** In person— [Overland Golf Course](#)

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

## April Board Meeting

**When:** Wed, April 1, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

**Where:** In person — [Overland Golf Course](#)

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

## March General Meeting

**When:** Wed, March 4, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** [Overland Golf Course](#),

1801 S Huron Street, Denver, CO 80223  
(Near Santa Fe & Evans)

## April General Meeting

**When:** Wed, April 1, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.

**Where:** [Overland Golf Course](#),

1801 S Huron Street, Denver, CO 80223  
(Near Santa Fe & Evans)

**IMPORTANT:** During the winter months, the golf course closes early due to shorter daylight and general participation. The staff works late the first Wednesday evening of the month just for the club. The club has an agreement with Overland to meet a minimum of \$10 plus gratuity and tax for each guest. Megan is kind enough to take the average for all members attending. While some members spend \$20, others spend \$5. The board requests everyone attending the ZCCC general meetings to please order off the menu to help insure we have a meeting place in the future. It is OK to share a meal.

## Tour the Amazon Fulfillment Center

**When:** Tuesday, March 17, 2020 @ meet at 1pm—lot #4

**CANCELED**





## EVENTS cont.



### Tour the Amazon Fulfillment Center Continued

#### **CANCELED**

**The well-being of our employees and guests are of paramount importance to us. Due to an abundance of caution and following developments relating to preventive measures taken for health in the region regarding the Coronavirus (COVID-19), we will be suspending all fulfillment center tours from March 2nd to March 31st. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but strongly feel this is an appropriate measure to safeguard the health and safety of our guests and employees.**

**We will continue to monitor this ongoing situation and will notify you by email when tours resume.**

**Thank you for your understanding and flexibility during this time. We sincerely appreciate your interest and look forward to welcoming you soon.**

**Sincerely,**

**The Amazon Fulfillment Center Tour Team**

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### Denver Auto Show



**When:** Sat. April 4th, 2020, 10:00 am

**Where:** [Colorado Convention Center](#), 700 14<sup>th</sup> Street,  
Denver CO 80202

**Host:** Bruce & Cheryl McKenney

**Cost:** \$14 Check for online and special discounts that may apply

Come join us and view the 2020 vehicles. The Denver Auto Show, showcases the newest model year import and domestic vehicles. This is a great chance to ask questions of the factory representatives. This year's events include a glimpse of the future Flying Car, the world's most expensive vehicles on Dream Street, historic military transport vehicles on Military Trail, race cars exhibited by Sports Car Club of America, antique vehicles from the Forney Museum of Transportation, meet Max the nine foot robot, and much more. For more information see their web site: <https://denverautoshow.com/>

The onsite parking garage is located off Northbound Speer and Champa. Parking cost ranges from \$12 to \$15.

Once you enter the main lobby of the convention center, we will gather at the glass



## EVENTS cont.



### Denver Auto Show continued

windows in front of where the Blue Bear is looking in at 10:00 am.

Please let Bruce or Cheryl know if you plan on attending.  
Thanks-Bruce and Cheryl

### Gateway Classic Cars Caffeine and Chrome Car Show

**When:** Saturday May 30, 2020, 8:00 am

**Where:** Meet at [Perfect Landing Restaurant](#)

**Host:** Patty Troxell

**Cost:** Car Show: \$Free, Lunch: \$\$\$



It's time to shine up your Z and head to the Gateway Classic Cars Caffeine and Chrome Car Show on Saturday, May 30th. After the car show we will have lunch at The Perfect Landing Restaurant located at Centennial Airport.

We will meet at 8 am in the parking lot of The Perfect Landing Restaurant located at 7625 So. Peoria St. in Englewood and will leave promptly at 8:10 to caravan to Gateway Classic Cars located approximately 2 miles away. They have asked us to be at their showroom no later than 8:30.

Car show admission is free. Coffee and donuts will be provided by Gateway Classic Cars (while supplies last). Show hours are 9 am-12 noon. This is not a judged event. The show will be held rain or shine. If the weather is inclement please drive your alternate vehicle. Coffee and donuts will be in their showroom.

ZCCC is a VIP and Featured Car Club for May. We have reserved parking and will be featured on their website, Facebook page, and their social media sites. This is an excellent opportunity to increase awareness of ZCCC.

Lunch will be at 12:30 at The Perfect Landing Restaurant. Our club has reserved seating with two tables next to each other. Individual checks are fine. The restaurant is located on the second floor of the Jet Center building and an elevator is available. Our meal selection will be from the lunch menu which you can review on their website. If you have special dietary needs please let me know.

Gateway Classic Cars is the world's largest classic and exotic car sales company with 18 locations in the continental United States. Website: [www.GatewayClassicCars.com](http://www.GatewayClassicCars.com). Address: 14150 Grasslands Drive, Ste A., Englewood CO 80112,

The Perfect Landing Restaurant has an extensive and varied menu. They have a spectacular view of the front range mountains.

Website: [www.theperfectlanding.com](http://www.theperfectlanding.com)

Address: 7625 So. Peoria St., Englewood CO 80112



## EVENTS cont.



### Colorado Concours d'Elegance & Exotic Sports Car Show



**When:** Sunday June 14, 2020, 7:00 am, Show from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Where:** [Arapahoe Community College](#)

**Host:** Roy Davis

**Cost:** \$50.00 per vehicle

Registration Deadline: Wednesday May 15th

<https://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/eventReg?oeidk=a07egco5x12832b0835&oseq=&c=&ch=>

Time to start planning for this year's 36<sup>th</sup> C.P. car show to be held on June 14, 2020 at the Arapahoe Community College on So. Santa Fe Blvd . Its never too early to sign up to "FUEL YOUR PASSION FOR CARS"! (registration available online at [www.abilityconnectioncolorado.org](http://www.abilityconnectioncolorado.org))

Mark the date on your calendar, come out and join us for a chance to see some beautiful cars and take part in an event for a great cause.





## EVENTS cont.



### Vehicle Vault and Hickory House

**When:** Date: Sat. July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 8:00 am Vehicle Vault,  
12:00 pm Hickory House

**Where:** [Vehicle Vault](#) - 18301 Lincoln Meadows Parkway,  
Parker, CO 80134  
[Hickory House](#) - 10335 S. Parker Road,  
Parker CO 80134

**Host:** Bruce & Cheryl McKenney

**Cost:** Vehicle Vault museum tour \$6 to \$12 depending on discount, Lunch\$\$\$



Come take part in the Car Club of the Month and show off your beautiful car. The Vehicle Vault is a car museum and a custom garage community. The museum/event center is housed in a unique building showcasing a fabulous collection of rare and exotic automobiles. The Vehicle Vault has invited 'ZCCC' to be July's Car Club of the Month. Front row parking will be reserved to show off our vehicles. We will also plan on taking a tour of their gallery of cars at a discounted rate.

After the tour join us for lunch at the Hickory House located a short distance away. The Hickory House offers a variety of barbecue dishes and has won more than 100 awards for "Best Ribs" and "Best BBQ Sauce".

For more information on each of these venue's, please visit their web site:

Vehicle Vault: <https://www.vehiclevaultco.com/>

Hickory House: <http://www.hickoryhouseribs.com/parker-map.html>

Please let Bruce or Cheryl know if you plan on attending.

Thanks-Bruce and Cheryl



Gary Bracken's  
1977, Green 280Z

Thank you to  
Jimmer Kerlin

for  
March's photos.



# MEMBERSHIP NEWS AND INFO

## Renewals Due...

**Mar:** Debbie & Bob Carlson, Roy Davis, Steve & Lois Eaton, Luis Lagomarsino, William & LaVern Lohringel, Bruce & Cheryl McKenney, JoAnn Sainz-Dean, Craig & Linda Williams

*(your membership is up for renewal)*

Memberships not renewed after 3 months will be dropped from the clubs active status

## Welcome to New Members

Barbara Stoker from Greenwood Village  
1982 280ZX

Chris Chidley from Wheat Ridge  
Looking for a Z32 to buy

### Welcome to Returning Members

Mary and William Williams from Aurora  
No Z car at the moment  
Randy Starr from Denver  
1970 240Z, former editor of odometer  
during 1990's

## Z-Bucks

No Referrals in February

## Moving or Have Moved

Don't forget to update your address, phone numbers and email in the [Edit My Profile](#) under your name in the upper right corner.

### What are they and how do I get them?

Refer someone to join the club, and when they do, you get \$5.00 in Z bucks to use toward membership or club apparel.

## Membership Information

Memberships – 81

Members – 108

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

## ZCCM Magazine

ZCCM Subscribers, if you have not already picked up your issue of the ZCCM please see Jason Spegal to pick up your copy at the next meeting.

If you would like to join to receive this amazing magazine the cost is \$13.50. Payment can be with check or cash. Checks are preferred. Please make out checks to "Z Car Club of Colorado".

Thanks, Jason Segal



Jo Busnardo (3/18)

Roy Davis (3/24)

Gayle Epling (3/11)

Brett Hufford (3/27)

Joe McVicker (3/2)

James Revesz (3/18)

Randy Starr (3/19)

Lois Student (3/16)

Linda Williams (3/3)





## CLUB INFORMATION



### Contact Information

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### 2019-2020 Elected Officers

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ZCCC Representative to the ZCC  
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Welcoming Host: Kathy Minister

Motorsports: Travis Scott

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CP Concours: Roy Davis

Name Badges: Jason Spegal

50/50 Drawing:  
Gail Mund and Travis Scott

Social Media Director: Tiffany Gordon

ZCCM Magazine: Jason Spegal

Constitution Analyst: Patty Troxell

### **Did you Know?**

**Which Datsun pickup model is this?**

**620, 520, 3800, 1200**

**Which Datsun model was not sold  
during the 1970's?**

**510, Cherry Series E10, Type 12, 280Z**





# Last Months Meeting Minutes



**February 5, 2020, Mimi's Cafe'**

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 pm

Welcome to guest Kathy Ministers Mom and members Will and Mary Williams.

**Secretary Report:** Cheryl McKenney

Approval of minutes from the January meeting

**Vice President Report:** Travis Scott

There were no events scheduled for January or February. If anyone has a guest speaker that they would like to bring to the club, that member will receive one point for setting up the speaker and the club will buy the speaker dinner

*Past events:*

None

*Upcoming events:*

March 17th—Amazon Tour—**Canceled end of February**

April 4th—Denver Auto Show

April 5th—April Fool's Rally

May 30th—Gateway Classic Cars Caffeine and Chrome Car show

June 14th—Concourse d'Elegance

June 27th—Bike Ride

July 11th—Vehicle Vault and Lunch

Sept 19th—Mississippi Avenue Baptist Church Car Show

Sept 14-19—2020 ZCON in Nashville, TN

Future Events—dates to be determined

Progressive Dinner

Jaguar Club Slalom

Sponsorship Visit and Lunch

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Lohringel

Nothing to report at this time

**Membership:** Andy Mortenson

We currently have 79 memberships, 106 members and no renewals

**Public Relations:** Nate Derman

The updated vendor list is posted in the Odometer. The vendors will be requesting a valid membership card to receive the discount, so please have your card ready.

If you need a card please see Andy Mortenson or print one off of the website.

Brochures will also be at the LHM dealership to help promote the Club.

**Interclub:** Alex Millward

No information yet about the Jaguar Club autocross/Slalom

**Odometer:** Tammy Sanders

If you have any pictures for the Odometer, please send them to Tammy.

Submissions to the Odometer are due by the 20th of the month.

The How to Links are in the December 2019 Odometer

**President:** Don Gordon

Birthday greetings to the February birthdays. The March meeting will be back at Overland Golf Course. If you have issues with the website login, please contact Scott Swiger directly by text, email or calling. Just a reminder you can renew your membership online and pay with PayPal or credit card and the club will cover the usage fees.



# Last Months Meeting Minutes



February 5th, 2020, Mimi's Cafe' *Continued*

**Guest Speaker:**

Jimmer Kerlin one of the founding members of the Club

**Old Business:**

Meeting cancellations due to weather will be posted to the website and FaceBook.

**New Business:**

None

Winner of the 50/50 give away is Jason Spegal for \$48.

Meeting adjourned at 8:51 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.

Go to [www.zccc.org](http://www.zccc.org) and the Odometer Archives for examples of ads if you need them.

Cost	Members	Non-Members
1/4 Page	\$0	\$35
1/2 Page	\$0	\$60
Full Page (6 photos)	\$50	\$100



# EXTRA



## The Manual Transmission Is Dying, But Here's Why It Absolutely Shouldn't

Arthur St. Antoine, Tim Marrs, Automobile Magazine

Last fall, on a writhing mountain two-lane on a perfect SoCal afternoon, I braked hard for a tight left-hander, blipped the throttle twice with my right foot as I worked the clutch with my left and the shift lever with my right hand, and clicked off two quick downshifts before squeezing back on the gas as [the 2019 Mazda MX-5 RF convertible](#) howled toward the next turn a quarter-mile ahead. And right then it hit me: This heel-and-toe thing, that clutch pedal, the six-speed stick...man, I haven't used a manual transmission in almost a year.



Given the number of cars we drive annually, going almost 12 months without stirring a shifter by hand says a lot about the near-dodo state of the manual gearbox. At [our 2019 All-Stars competition](#), the [Chevrolet Corvette ZR1](#), [Hyundai Veloster N](#), and another Miata RF were the only entrants that showed up bearing row-your-own shifters. A few months before that, I'd driven a new [Ford Mustang GT convertible](#), and it, too, had a manual gearbox. Aside from those, there was nothing with a clutch pedal in my driving logbooks until 2017, when I found a [Porsche 718 Cayman](#) and a [Nissan 370Z](#). Looking into an automobile's cockpit and finding three pedals is as rare as a crowded library.

Three-pedal transmissions may be the film cameras of the auto world, but the manual-versus-automatic debate remains as heated as ever among driving aficionados. For the purists, there is no transmission but a manual. Shifting with anything else—a slushbox, a dual-clutch automatic, a CVT—is "cheating." Never mind that one of the purest of all makers, Ferrari, abandoned manuals entirely nearly a decade ago (mostly because computer-regulated gearboxes eliminate warranty repairs necessitated by, say, accidentally downshifting into second instead of fourth). Never mind that among buyers of the purebred [Porsche 911](#) sports car, barely one in five opt for a manual. Never mind that of the manual cars I mentioned in the second paragraph, each one but the Miata has a "rev match" feature that "cheats" by doing the all-important throttle blip (the "heel" in "heel and toe," even though you actually use more of the side of your right foot) during downshifts. Never mind that even our own resident pro hot shoe, Andy Pilgrim, has told me, "When I'm lapping a track with a great dual-clutch gearbox like the Porsche PDK, I don't even bother with the shift paddles behind the wheel. The computer executes the upshifts and downshifts perfectly, all by itself." Never mind all of that, because I can still hear the purists all the way from here: "Cheater!"



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But here's the thing: I get it. My first car, a well-used '63 Volkswagen Bug, was a manual, and for more than 40 years now I've been driving manuals, dutifully practicing my heel-and-toe work, quickly catching first gear on steep inclines before my car rolls backward, shifting synchro-free crash 'boxes up and down in single-seat race cars, and adoring the man-machine collaboration that only a stick shift can provide. Learning manual gearchangery truly is like riding a bicycle. Even after nearly a year of my left foot just sitting there against the dead pedal while driving, I slipped into that Miata RF and took off with zero rust. And I savored every minute of that glorious afternoon zipping through the mountains "the old way."

Let's all admit that it's not performance that makes manuals so endearing. Consider this: In Corsa (race) mode, the seven-speed dual-clutch F1 transmission in the [Ferrari 488 Pista](#) can execute a gear change in 30 milliseconds. The average human eye blink is about 100 milliseconds. Go ahead—give your eye a blink. Think you're gonna pull off a manual draw three times quicker than that, Wyatt Earp? And although you might be able to whip-saw a fast upshift (and risk the health of your transmission doing it), downshifts are much more difficult to pull off speedily—especially when you're trying to maximize braking performance while simultaneously blipping the throttle with the same foot. Nope, the dual-clutch 'boxes will out-shift you every time. Or just look to Formula 1, which, in its bid to field the quickest, most technologically advanced race cars on earth, mandates the use of highly automated, sequential-shift gearboxes, which can shift even faster than dual-clutch designs. (The last F1 machine to race with a manual 'box was the 1995 Forti FG01. The team scored zero points that season and folded altogether in 1996.)

As I see it, the reason we crazed driving enthusiasts still love manuals is a blend of warm and fuzzy nostalgia, the satisfaction that comes from mastering a time-honored skill, and a stubborn resistance to "those damn *Space Odyssey* computers doing everything for me, dammit!"

Manual shifters are like that. You're not simply pulling a paddle and letting the transmission do all the hard work. The gearbox never does a thing until you command it to do so; you're 100 percent in charge. You're more attuned to the tachometer, you're thinking way ahead, and well before every turn you're readying both feet to perform that remarkable dance of braking, blipping, and clutching all at the same time. Answer me this: Is there a more soul-nourishing driving act than kicking the throttle just the right amount as you slip the gearstick down and feel the lower gear engage at the perfect rpm, not the slightest shudder from the powertrain, the exhaust note a beauteous zing?

Perhaps that explains why, despite the move away from manuals, purists can still [find about 40 models available with a stick](#). After all, computers might be quicker, but "Sorry, HAL. That perfect manual downshift? That was all me."

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## Did you Know? Answers

Which Datsun pickup model is this? **1200**

Which Datsun model was NOT sold during the 1970's? **Type 12**



# EXTRA



***If you haven't seen it; CAR And Driver published the below article January 21, 2020***  
<https://www.msn.com/en-us/Autos/autos-sports/2021-nissan-z-what-we-know-so-far/ar-BBZbxFX?ocid=UE09DHP>

## 2021 Nissan Z: What We Know So Far

Joey Capparella

- The next-generation [Nissan Z](#) sports car is finally on the horizon, and here's what we know about it.
- It will be the long-awaited replacement for the ancient 370Z, which has been on sale since 2009 with few updates.
- We expect the new Z to debut sometime this year as a 2021 model.

The wait for a new Nissan Z sports car is almost over. As we approach the arrival of a replacement for the long-in-the-tooth 370Z—finally!—the rumor mill is running at full capacity, giving us some exciting tidbits about the new two-seater's powertrains, platform, and design. Here is what we expect from the new Z.

### Twin-Turbo V-6 Power

The most powerful engine currently in [Nissan](#) and [Infiniti](#)'s lineup is the twin-turbocharged 3.0-liter V-6 that makes up to 400 horsepower in the Infiniti Q50 and Q60. This is the logical choice for the new Z, then, and sources within Nissan dealerships told [Autoblog](#) that this powerful mill will indeed be under the hood. A seven-speed automatic is the only transmission choice for this engine in the Infinities, but we're hoping and praying that a stick shift will be offered as well; remember, Nissan did hint that this was possible by bolting up a six-speed manual to this engine for its modified 370Z concept for the SEMA tuner show this past year.

This engine's displacement calls into question what the new Z will be called. 300Z would be rational (or 300ZX, for nostalgia's sake), but we'd guess that Nissan will instead choose a number corresponding to the car's output rather than its displacement, like 400Z, to clarify its superiority over its predecessors.





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## Rear-Wheel Drive, as God Intended

A front-engine, rear-wheel-drive layout is the only real way to set up a proper sports car, and the Z will continue on with a newer version of Nissan's FM platform and share many components with the [Infiniti Q60 coupe](#). That's from an earlier report from [Autocar](#), which also said that the new car is code-named Z35.

All-wheel drive is within the realm of possibility, given that it's offered as an option on the Q60. But we don't think Nissan will go this route, as none of the Z's intended competitors—the [Toyota Supra](#), [Ford Mustang](#), and [Chevy Camaro](#)—offer the option of four driven wheels.

## Retro Styling

Although the Nissan Z test mule we spied testing at the Nürburgring last year wore the old car's bodywork, we're pretty certain that the new model will have completely new styling. Autoblog's sources suggested that the original Datsun 240Z would serve as a styling inspiration for the new Z. We hope that means it will present simple, clean lines rather than the angular, tortured look seen on some Nissan concept and production cars lately. Roundish headlights and 300ZX-style taillights will reportedly serve as the key retro touches, as seen on our illustration above.

We doubt that the old-school theme will extend inside, however—and that's a good thing, because the 370Z's cabin is in need of a modern makeover. The cabin should retain its cozy, two-seat atmosphere, but we feel confident that it'll benefit from the latest Nissan infotainment system and a fresh dashboard design.

## Hopefully Still Affordable

The current 370Z starts at just \$31,015 and remains a decent performance bargain today despite its age. While there's no doubt in our mind that the new model will see a significant price uptick, we're guessing (and hoping) that the new Z will start somewhere in the \$40,000 range, which would undercut the Toyota Supra by a few thousand dollars.

All signs point to the new Nissan Z's arrival being imminent. Our suspicion is that it will make its first appearance sometime later in 2020, going on sale in the U.S. as a 2021 model either at the end of this year or early next year. We can't wait to see it for real.



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## UPCOMING EVENTS QUICK REFERENCE

March General Meeting	Wednesday, Mar 4, 2020	7:00 pm	<a href="#">Overland Golf Course</a>
Tour Amazon Fulfillment Center	Tuesday, March 17, 2020	<b>Canceled</b>	
Denver Auto Show	Saturday, April 4, 2020	10:00 am	<a href="#">Colorado Convention Center</a>
April Fool's Rally	Sunday April 5, 2020	10:00 am	<a href="https://coloradovanassoc.com/aprilfoolsrally.htm">https://coloradovanassoc.com/aprilfoolsrally.htm</a>
Gateway Classic Cars-Denver Caffeine & Chrome Car Show	Saturday, May 30, 2020	8:00 am—Noon + Lunch	<a href="#">Perfect Landing Restaurant</a>
Colorado Concourse d'Elegance & Exotic Sports Car Show	Sunday, Jun 14, 2020	9 am to 3 pm	<a href="#">Arapahoe Community College</a>
ZCCC Bike Ride	Saturday, June 27th, 2020		Details to come
Vehicle Vault and Hickory House	Saturday, July 11, 2020	8:00 am	<a href="#">Vehicle Vault</a>
33rd Annual ZCON "The 50th Anniversary of the Z Celebration"	Sept, 14-19, 2020	Nashville, TN	<a href="http://zcon.org/conventions/2020/event-schedule/">http://zcon.org/conventions/2020/event-schedule/</a>
8th Annual MABC Car Show	Saturday, Sept, 19th, 2020		Details to come