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As you may recall from last month's Prez Says column I came to the bottom of the article and I said "I am sure I am forgetting something that needed to be mentioned." Well, turns out, I was right...

At the February meeting, in an effort to boost membership, we have come up with an incentive program for you, our current - and future - members, to get new members into the club. With any incentive program, there are certain qualifications that need to be met in order for the incentive to be given. No need to worry, though, these qualifications are easy.

First thing you have to do is get someone to join the club as a paid member. Second, you need to make sure that on the membership application that they fill out, you have your name so that I know who to give due credit. You can either write your name on one of the applications that are available at most meetings or use the membership application that is in every issue of *The NewZletter* that has your mailing label on the back of it. Not terribly difficult.

Now you may be asking, "Ok, what's the incentive?" Glad you asked. Here 'tis: For every new member you "sponsor", you get \$1.00 off your

next year's membership. If, through the course of the membership year - January 1 through December 31 - you are able to sponsor ten new memberships, your membership fee will be waived for the next year.

That's it. We tried to keep it from being overly complicated. So, let's see some new members!

As you can see on Page 16 of *The NewZletter*, there is a picture of a poster that Michelle Forsman made advertising the "Fiesta de Albuquerque" this summer that should be delivered to Nissan dealers after the 16th or 23rd of April. It's time to visit our local Nissan dealers and make sure that the contact information for the Local Datsun/Nissan Enthusiast Club is filled in. You can include any of the following information on there:

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Email: zccw@sos.net

While you are there, it would be a good time to make sure that they are stocked with our brochures or business cards.

That's it for now. Z-ya at the meeting!



ZCCW Membership Application

Annual dues: Individual = \$25; Family = \$30; Associate = \$15*

First year membership dues prorated if joined after first 1/2 of the year for new members. i.e.:

Individual:	[January - June \$25.00]	[July - December \$15.00]
Family:	[January - June \$30.00]	[July - December \$20.00]
Associate:	[January - June \$15.00]	[July - December \$10.00]

*Associate membership is for those whom it would not be feasible to be able to attend any meetings or events.

Associate members in the United States will receive the printed version of *The NewZletter*

To join, fill out application and send with payment to:

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New Member?
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Membership Type
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual
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<input type="checkbox"/> Associate

Name(s): _____ Birthdate(s): _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____ E-Mail: _____

Phone: _____

Z-Car 1: Color: _____ Year: _____ Model: _____

Z-Car 2: Color: _____ Year: _____ Model: _____

Z-Car 3: Color: _____ Year: _____ Model: _____

What area(s) of the club are you interested in?

Technical/Mechanical: _____ Showing my Z(s): _____ Rallying: _____

Cruises: _____ Autocross: _____ Other: _____

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Do You Have Z Parts or Z's For Sale?
Are You Looking For That Certain Part or Z?

Advertise them here in *The NewZletter!*

Call Michael at: 360.856.5185 or email: mwhite@sos.net

(4) Enkei (eight-spoke Panasport/Minilite style) wheels w/ mounted 215/60-14 Goodyear Eagle GT+4 tires with only 10K miles. Four-bolt pattern for 240Z through 280ZX. All in excellent condition. Retail at \$1400. \$600 obo. Leigh L'Heureux <leigh.lheureux@pss.boeing.com> 425-294-7445.

Parts for sale. 240Z: chrome plated steering gear housing, side rods and compression rods. \$25.00; 4-sp transmission (includes shift lever, clutch cylinder etc) \$25.00; pressure plates (2) \$5.00 ea.; clutch/brake pedal assembly. \$10.00; half shaft (1). \$5.00. 260Z: elect fuel pump assy. \$5.00; Jim Phelps, Arlington, WA, 360-435-6845 <JimTrish@worldnet.att.net> .

For Sale, set of 7.5 by 16" Centerline aluminum wheels with Yokohama 225/50-16's. Wheels need cleaning but no dings or curb rash. \$600. Consider part trade for band saw or wire welder. Located Seattle area. Don't want to ship them. Can deliver as far south as Portland, OR. Jim 360-221-3170, <jameslux@whidbey.com>.

Wanted: I am looking for a 3-piece rear spoiler for my 280z, locally only please. Contact Shawn at <vman@seanet.com>.

'90 300ZXTT. 75K miles, 5speed, t-tops, Black leather interior, Black exterior. New clutch, tranny. Lots of power options. Awesome condition. \$15,500 obo. Call Mark at 360.428.8053

Parting out 71 240Z. Dismantled, no body parts except rear hatch. Brad 425-745-5482

I have a 1977 Datsun 280Z, new deep red paint, stick shift, original motor, this car has not been driven since new paint in 1990! Needs to be buffed out. Fabric cover included. Multiple sclerosis has stopped any hope of completion. Needs most everything but paint. Have owned it since 1981. Will sell cheap. Good start on a project Z. My loss can be someone's gain. Located in North Seattle/Shoreline. (206) 363-2884



I am selling my 1983 280ZX. I have spent many dollars and hours fixing it up (and loved every minute of it). I am keeping my 240z (the next project) and I am buying a 1990 300ZX Twin Turbo. Here is a list of the upgrades done to the 280ZX since March 1997:

Replaced Rear deck seal (it was rotted and leaking), Replaced various lights, taillight lens, Complete lube job/oil change/radiator flush, New spare tire and cartridge/rear wiper fixed, BRAND NEW STRUTS AND SHOCKS (and 4-whl align), Body work (rust prevention, scratch removal, dings fixed), ** BRAND NEW PAINT JOB (very nice too!), Warrantied for 2 years!, New clutch, master and slave cylinders, New top-of-the-line Sears Die hard battery, Recovered various interior panels with new vinyl, Brand new carpet installed, Repaired Air Conditioning (IT blows very cold), Replaced alternator, starter, and fuel injectors, New spark plug wires, Various screws, plastic pieces, and emblems to perfect the interior of the car.

This car is PRIMO now, and runs smooth and like a dream. There's a lot more, I just can't think of them while I'm writing this. Not to mention all the TLC I've put into the car. :). E-mail me at <kelly@lightningweb.com> if you want to make me an offer for it. You can also call me, Greg, at 213-0964.

280ZX Dash Removal Procedure

Al Powell

In response to the recent question about RF speaker work, I thought I'd post this. The RF speaker in a ZX just might be accessible thru the glove box hole, but I'm not sure it will work....

KEEPER - DASH REMOVAL PROCEDURE: 79-83 ZX

I have removed the dash numerous times in 82 and 83 ZX models. Thought I'd post this...can't find my original post in my archives.

NOTE: The steering wheel should be removed. It makes the process much simpler.

"Par time" to remove dash and steering wheel is @2 hours first time, @75 minutes thereafter. Re-installing is about 1 hour longer.

Special tools:

Steering wheel puller

#2 (large tip) Philips screwdriver (optional)

Large metric socket to fit shaft nut on steering wheel.

Steps:

1) Remove kick panels in both footwells. Store panels and screws. Remove trim around radio and A/C center vents, storing all screws and trim pieces.

2) Protect the center console with a shop rag to avoid scratching it during the next step.

3) Remove radio console, complete. This starts with small plastic triangular panels on the lower sides of radio console (1 screw each) then four bolts each side, two top, two bottom, on each side of console. Turn the bolts one turn with a ratchet, then use a #2 screwdriver to remove them. It's faster. Unclip all electrical & antenna connections.

4) Lift out radio console; store out of the way.

5) Look under A/C control box and you will find two screws thru the dash into the console. Remove these with a stubby Philips and store them.

6) Remove glove box door and inner box. Store the screws. (Memory tells me this is necessary but I don't recall why. Don't do it if you don't need to...)

7) Remove steering wheel with following procedure: (Disconnect battery first unless you mind blowing the horn a few times....) There are two screws holding on trim on the back (dash) side of your steering wheel. Remove them with a stubby Philips. Remove soft cap from center of steering wheel (it goes back on with pressing and fiddling) and remove center assembly. You will see one wire coming out of the shaft and screwed to the wheel. That's the horn. Disconnect and don't short to ground or you get noise!

MEMORY IS A BIT VAGUE HERE - but I recall you don't have to take all the trim on the center of the wheel off. Check it out. Your goal is to loosen the large nut on the shaft, MARK THE WHEEL AND STEERING SHAFT (if not already marked) SO YOU CAN PUT IT BACK IN THE SAME POSITION!; loosen the nut but leave it on the end of the shaft and mount your steering wheel puller on the nut, using the two threaded holes in the wheel for the puller's support bolts. Tighten puller until wheel pops loose; then remove puller, remove large nut and wheel; store parts in safe place and don't scuff up the wheel.

8) Remove upper and lower plastic steering wheel trim from steering column behind the wheel. Various screws are involved, all of which are standard Philips head.

9) Remove the connections from the turn signal assy. and loosen the large screw which clamps it on to the shaft. Pull outwards GENTLY until you

can drop it down and out of your way. Now you have all the obstacles cleared. NOTE: when re-installing the turn signal assy. it's easy to push it TOO far on the shaft. Check the location closely, looking at the hole in the shaft housing where the clamp tip locates, and be patient - you will get it located correctly.

10) Reach under dash and disconnect speedometer cable at the connection in the center of the cable - usually the housing connection is hand-tight.

11) Remove all electrical connections to dash. These are ALL located on the passenger side above the footwell - they're color coded and multi-pin connectors. If in doubt - you'll find out which are the necessary ones when the dash comes loose.

12) Remove four flat plastic plugs on top of the dash, exposing the top screws. Leave these screws till last.

13) Remove four large screws across the bottom of the dash. These are readily visible - two are located immediately next to the radio console, two further outboard.

14) Remove the four screws across the top of the dash. IT'S READY TO COME OUT! Double-check electricals and speedometer cable.

Sandblasting Tips

Mike Gholson

Just a few tips in case you're going to sandblast your ENTIRE car:

1) Buy a compressed chamber sandblaster. You can find these in the automotive catalogs pretty frequently. Just *DON'T* get the gravity feed blasters. They are a pain. A big pain.

2) Buy a good gun and at least 3-4 spare ceramic nozzles.

3) #16, #20, and #30 Quartz is a very good material. Buy lots of sand. It's also better to buy new bags at \$5/each instead of re-using the stuff off the floor. The stuff from the floor has lots of little

15) This can be done by one person, but is sometimes easier with two...wiggle dash and lift slightly, pulling toward you. It will come loose when you lift it out of the support notches on the brackets which the lower four bolts screwed into.

16) Remove dash, trying not to scratch up the trim on each side of the windshield. Some lifting and wiggling is required.

17) Look over such neat stuff as heater controls, cables, etc. Replace or adjust now to avoid doing this later.

To re-install dash is the reverse of removal - BUT be careful to locate the speedometer cable correctly! There's a body brace under the dash which it can go above or below. I recall that below is correct. As soon as the dash is in place, CHECK THE SPEEDO CABLE FIRST. If you located it incorrectly, you'd better pull the dash back out far enough to get it right BEFORE you get everything else connected!

NOTE: make sure to locate steering wheel correctly to keep it centered.

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things that like to clog your gun. Spending every 30 seconds cleaning the gun is *NOT* fun.

4) Put up barriers! Sand *WILL* get all over your garage, but, you can minimize the clean-up by hanging drop cloths from the ceiling. Put them all around the vehicle and leave yourself 2' or so to work. This is a big help. Before I did this... I had sand all over my tools, parts, and stereo. It's not fun to clean up.

5) Get a shop vac. This is one of the best ways to clean up the sand. It's easy, but, that container gets real HEAVY!

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Later Z

From Autoweek March 23-29, 1998 Vol. 48, No. 12

A new Nissan sports car, designed to fill the void left by the demise of the 300ZX, will arrive a year or two later than originally planned. Last summer (AW, Sept. 1, 1997), we told you that Nissan Design in La Jolla, Calif. had drawn a sports car that would use a 200-hp version of the Altima's 2.4-liter four (potentially, another 240Z), for sale shortly after 2000. Nissan Design penned both a roadster and a coupe, and even built one test mule. The car was intended to recapture the spirit of the original 240Z of the early 1970's.

That Z would have been three to four years from production. But Nissan has decided to wait for an all-new, state-of-the-art platform, rather than using the existing platform under the La Jolla design.

No New Z Car For A While

Marc Sayer sent the following to the Z-Car List

I am working on this story for ZCM right now but I thought I'd put a quick word out on the lists about this, now that I have permission to talk about it publicly.

The car that has been purported in the press recently to be a possible replacement for the Z, which was code named the Mid Sport, has been canceled. Though there were some factions inside Nissan that wanted to see the Mid Sport produced as a quick replacement for the Z, my sources tell me the car was never really considered as a Z replacement. The car was based on a 240SX chassis and was seen primarily as a replacement for the 240SX. Designed by NDI (Nissan Design International of La Jolla California, the car was developed with several basic bodies including a Roadster, and a radical wedge body. This is the 4-cylinder car that *Autoweek* incorrectly identified as being a 4 cylinder, rear wheel drive Z replacement

"The good news is, the corporation is taking it seriously," Nissan Design's Jerry Hirshberg said of work on a new sports car.

The underbody used on the completed design is scheduled for replacement, so the La Jolla studio will "challenge ourselves to take a fresh look at it," Hirshberg said. That one- or two-year delay should push introduction of a new sports car to about 2002 or 2003.

Designs spied for the Nissan sports car include a classically rounded roadster and a wedge-shaped coupe with a low-profile bullet nose and a canopy-style greenhouse. The interior has grab handles built into the seat bolsters and on the dash.

Hirshberg would not say which car platform will serve as the basis for a new sports car, but said that a source who told us that the earlier, scrapped design was built on the Altima platform was wrong.

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based on the Altima chassis. Anyway, with the 240SX now canceled, there is no way they can produce this car so it too has been canceled.

However that is not the end of the Z! There is a Z replacement in the works in Japan. It will also be based on an existing chassis, however that chassis is also undergoing a major revamp and Nissan is committed to this chassis for a long enough period of time that we are assured that this Z replacement will not go the way of the Mid Sport. In fact this chassis' nameplate has as rich a heritage with Nissan as the Z nameplate does. I will have more to say about this in the next issue and I will also post info on the ZCM website as it becomes available. But I wanted to let everyone know the good and bad news right away.

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ZCCA Notes

Michael "Mad Mike" Taylor, Executive Director, ZCCA

[What follows are tidbits from the newsletter sent out by the Z-Car Club Association -MSW]

NISSAN'S DEMONSTRATED SUPPORT: Tom D. has set up a special checking account for the \$25,000.00 we received for Nissan's sponsorship of the 1998 Convention in Albuquerque. Per the procedures set in place with Nissan [and to the relief of this and future host Clubs], the costs of the Opening Reception, Awards Banquet, Mr. K's expenses, plus other key Convention activities, will be paid directly by ZCCA from this account to the hotel, etc. This process will enable an accurate and speedy accounting to Nissan for these funds at the end of each Convention.

So far, ZCCA has applied for credit with the ABQ Sheraton [a deposit will probably be sent in April] and in January, \$5,000 was advanced to the NMZCC to help with promotional expenses. By agreement, the NMZCC will return this advance to ZCCA's special Nissan Sponsorship account by July 15th to ensure a complete account balance prior to the actual start of this year's Convention.

Additionally, following the procedures currently in place, ZCCA has forwarded a request for Nissan's similar sponsorship of the 1999 Convention in Tulsa. As of this writing, that request is still a line item in the current budget review process. We should have a final decision prior to this year's Convention.

On behalf of all Club Members and Z owners, a sincere and strong THANK YOU to all the folks at Nissan who have helped in this process, especially Larry Caudill, John Gill, Frank Honsowetz and Vicki Sosa for their demonstrated support of our movement. A ZCCA Good Luck salute to longtime supporter Jerry Florence as he assumes his new duties as President - Nissan Foundation.

CONGRATULATIONS MR. K: As many of you have no doubt heard, Mr. K has been elected to the Automotive Hall of Fame and will be inducted later this year on October 13. We are happy to also report ZCCA provided input to help in the efforts to get him elected. Anyone wishing to attend these ceremonies can either contact the Hall of Fame directly or, if you are attending this year's Convention, be able to obtain more details then. Once again - CONGRATULATIONS MR. K!!

FUTURE CONVENTIONS: The Oklahoma Convention Committee crew is in full swing for the 1999 Convention in Tulsa. From what I hear, the Haslet Track is something else!!! Don't forget to attend this year's Convention to get a fuller account of the latest details for '99.

The 2000 Convention 'tentative proposal' is for several Western Clubs [Group Z, ZONC, AZ, Nevada and San Diego] to pitch in together and hold a 'Let's Welcome The New Century' in Las Vegas. That approach was confirmed again in York by those Club's representatives and will be 'voted' upon at this year's Convention to make it 'official'.

ZCCA CAR IDENTIFICATION TAGS: Kim Taylor [Smoky Mountain] has this program in place. In the attachments [See page 15 -MSW], you will find a note from Kim explaining how to obtain your ID tag. I've already received mine - it's exceptionally professional and very well done. Please place Kim's note in your next Club Newsletter so every member in good standing can have their Z registered!! Thanks Kim!!!

There has apparently been some definitional misunderstanding and confusion about ZCCA Dues and insurance fees. The local Club insurance fees are based on ACTIVE MEMBERS whereas, to date, ZCCA dues were based on TOTAL PAID MEMBERS. The confusion is on how to count total paid members - the term currently in ZCCA's Constitution and By-Laws.

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*** Monday, July 20th**
2:00pm - Midnight Registration Open
7:00pm - 9:00pm Welcoming Reception
9:00pm - 11:00pm Texas Chili Party

*** Tuesday, July 21st**
8:00am - Midnight Registration Open
9:00am - 1:00pm Z the City Fun Ball
2:00pm - 6:00pm Swap Meet
4:00pm - 6:00pm Internet Clubs Social

*** Wednesday, July 22nd**
8:00am - Midnight Registration Open
9:00am - 4:00pm Solo II Anniversary
7:00pm - 10:00pm Taste of New Mexico

*** Thursday, July 23rd**
8:00am - Midnight Registration Open
OPEN DAY

*** Friday, July 24th**
8:00am - Midnight Registration Open
8:00am - 10:00am Nienhouse Motorsports Tour
11:00am - 5:00pm Z Olympic Games & Photo
7:00pm - 11:00pm Keg & Clean Party

*** Saturday, July 25th**
9:00am - 3:00pm Car Show and Seminars
7:00pm - 11:00pm Formal Awards Banquet

*** Sunday, July 26th**
7:00am - 9:00am Farewell Breakfast Buffet

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For More Information, Contact:

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On the Web: www.swcp.com/~nmzcc

This Convention open to all Classic Datsun/Nissan enthusiasts

**Or Contact Your Local Datsun/Nissan
Enthusiast Club(s):**



Hosted by the New Mexico Z Car Club
P.O. Box 3341, Albuquerque, NM 87190-3341

Carolyn Dudley [ZONC] is chairing the Constitution and By-Laws Review Committee. She will have several revisions ready for this year's meetings in ABQ. To facilitate and clear up any misunderstanding about the basis for ZCCA dues, the following revision is being proposed: "ZCCA Member Club dues will be based on \$2.00 annually per each paid membership in the local Club". Since Clubs have various types of memberships, including Family Memberships, it is difficult to ascertain and, as recently suggested, somewhat unfair to have the ZCCA dues set at \$2.00 per paid local Club Member.

For a Club to be able to vote on ZCCA matters at our annual Meetings, they must be current in their dues. The above change is being formally proposed here to facilitate this process prior to this year's meetings in ABQ. To implement this change to ZCCA's Constitution and By-Laws, any Member Club, current in their dues, who objects to this change, please notify Tom D. in writing before June 1st. [As this is a "club" vote, and you object to the change, bring it up for discussion at one of the ZCCW general meetings. -MSW] If you agree with this change, there is no need to notify Tom. If this proposal passes, the above will become the basis for paying Club dues starting with the meetings in ABQ. The results of this vote will be forwarded to everyone in mid-June along with the Proposed Meeting Agenda for this year.

UPDATE - LOCAL CLUBS: We have traditionally added potential Clubs to our mailing lists at each Convention. If these Clubs do not materialize during the ensuing year, they are dropped from our roster. The attached updated roster reflects this continuing policy. [I have this roster if anyone needs any information off of it. -MSW] A new feature has been added to this year's listing: e-mail addresses. I'm sure we've missed a few so please, let Betty know of any changes, additions, etc. so we can issue an updated list by Convention time to be handed out.

NISSAN MOTORSPORTS DISCOUNTS TO ZCCA MEMBERS: Charlie D. and John C. are pursuing the particulars of implementing a system to facilitate this possibility. Ron Johnson will be able to provide the amount of discount, etc. once a system is operational. More to come.....

SUMMARY THOUGHTS: As our Z Car Club Movement grows and matures, so does ZCCA. Both are evolving entities with the common non goal of establishing legitimacy as a true marque!! Thanks to each and every person who has helped and continues to support this exciting adventure!!

There are many stories bandied about in various publications concerning the 'new Z Car'. Until we hear officially from Nissan itself, we can only hope for another Z. In the meantime, we have the advantage of owning Z's and can enjoy both them and the fellowship they foster through our local Clubs and annually, at our Conventions. Many of us have forged great friendships that transcend Conventions and, yes, even our Z's. Let's keep this momentum building!!

As noted in this and previous Updates, Nissan's is tangibly supporting our Club movement. By everyone supporting Nissan, we cement our mutually beneficial future. The possibility of a new Z simply translates into all of us needing to do our individual and collective parts to help ensure the current momentum keeps growing for our movement and the future of our Z's [look at the success of the Vintage Program!!].

We have many valuable human resources at our disposal in every Club to ensure our movement not only survives, but thrives!! Please feel free to contact myself or any ZCCA Officer or any committee Chair with your ideas, comments, etc.

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Identification Dash Plaques

Kim Taylor, Assistant Director, ZCCA

Identification Dash Plaques for all members of Member Clubs in good standing with ZCCA are now available!! Please follow the directions below to receive your Plaque in the shortest possible time. Total cost = one stamp!!

These Plaques will be distributed on an 'as received' basis. No special identification numbers can be sold or reserved. To be fair on the first go round, please submit one form per household to start with so everyone can be accommodated prior to reorder. Everyone will be advised when we reorder more Plaques to allow for multiple orders for a single household.

Data for your Z Car should be submitted on a 3" x 5" card. Also include a self addressed, stamped envelope for your Plaque to facilitate prompt return. Information from this card will be entered into a database as time permits so please print clearly!! Please fill out your card as follows [this matches the database format]:

- 1) Year [1970, 1980, etc.]
- 2) Model [240Z, 280ZX, etc.]
- 3) V.I.N. # [from your dash]
- 4) Color [e.g. green, pearl white, black, etc.]
- 5) Style [coupe, 2 plus 2, convertible]
- 6) Transmission [auto or manual]
- 7) Z Car Club Affiliation
- 8) Name [first, middle initial, last]
- 9) Address [Street, State and ZIP]
- 10) Phone # [area code first - please advise if area code changes in the future]

You can expect your Identification Dash Plaque within one - two weeks depending upon how backed up I get. Kim

Mail all index cards to:
Kim Taylor
AutoMedic, Inc.
811 Clinch Ave
Clinton, TN 37716



Z-Club T-Shirts



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The Z-Car Club of Washington is pleased to announce the availability of Club T-Shirts! They come in ash-colored 100% pre-shrunk cotton in medium, large, extra-large, and double-extra-large sizes.

To order, send money order or check payable to the Z-Car Club of Washington for \$18.00 per shirt (\$15 for shirt plus \$3 for S&H) to:

ZCCW T-Shirts
2212 Alison Avenue
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Z Club Emblem Posters

Prez Michael White is taking orders for full color posters which feature the logos of every known Z club in the world (as of July 1997) with the four generations of Z-cars (240, 10th Anniversary 280, 50th Anniversary 300, 25th Anniversary SMZ) from computer enhanced photos. The final color proof was seen at the Z Car National Convention in York. Each 24"x36" poster is \$10.00. The initial post to the IZCC, made by the Chicago Z Club, said that a limited number of posters was available, so act fast.

AVS Wheel Package Deal for the 90+ Z's

Dear fellow Z Enthusiast,

As you may or may not know (the reason for this letter), we (J&M Motorsports, Alex Lee and myself) have been working with a well known distributor on the purchasing of the AVS Wheels w/ tires at a tremendous discount. Well after weeks of negotiating, we have put together a deal that will be hard pressed to ever be duplicated.

The package includes: Yokohama AVS wheels, as well as Yokohama AVS Intermediates as seen on the SMZ. The front consists of 17"x9" wheels w/ 255/40 ZR 17 The rear consists of 18"x9.5" wheels w/ 265/35 ZR 18.

This package normally is sold at \$3,100+shipping, however as a special buy-in, we are looking to get them for around \$2,450+shipping (less if we get over 10). This is well below dealer cost, and as you may know the tires alone wholesale for over \$1,000.

Also available with the wheel package will be the opportunity to purchase either Brembo Brakes or the Skyline Group N/GT-R Brakes at similar savings (below any advertised price I have seen to date).

We already have five commitments and are taking orders now, all money will, be handled by this well known distributor, who will be disclosed upon contact with me. (distributor requested it not be disclosed publicly).

Your urgent reply is requested.

Thank you for your time and assistance,

Kenneth Seiter Jr.

(501) 452-1884. Please send all E-mail to KSeiter@aol.com with the subject heading AVS Wheel Package.

Charity Car Show

The classes are Mini Truck, Sport Compact, Classic, Lowrider, 4x4/SUV, Hot Rod and Lowrider Bike. The fee is \$10.00 for Pre-Register or \$15.00 at the gate. The date is Sunday, April 26th at Jackson High School, there is directions on the registration form. The main sponsors are Izzy's Pizza, Circuit City, Big Wheel Auto Parts, the Auto trader, the Outback and Quality Sewing and Vacuum. All proceeds are going to the Everett Boy's and Girl's Club. Register times are from 7am to 9am day of the event. There is a live band and several games. There will be food. Trophies are 1st place for best of class and Best of Show. It ends at about 3:30 or 4pm. Judging is at 1pm or 2pm. If you need me to send you a registration form by mail, just let me know. Any questions, dont hesitate to ask. Rick Bombara Jr. email <SitNPrty98@aol.com>.

Z-Car Specific News Group

As an alternative source to get Z-related information online, a new newsgroup has recently been created, although your news servers may not yet pick it up. The news group address is: <alt.autos.nissan.Z-car>.

Pacific Northwest Historics

Dear Car Club Members:

The Society of Vintage Racing Enthusiasts (SOVREN) and the SOVREN Guild of Children's Hospital would like to invite you to join us for the 10th Annual Pacific Northwest Historics, July 4 and 5, at Seattle International Raceway. We are excited to be featuring historic Trans-Ams from the sixties and early seventies this year, in addition to other historic grids featuring Ferraris, Porsches, Corvettes, Alfa Romeos and many more. We are proud that the Pacific Northwest Historics is now the largest vintage road race in the Northwest and a wonderful benefit for Children's Hospital.

As a car club member, you are invited to participate in the Car Corral. The Corral is an opportunity for your club to gather and display cars, enjoy the diversity of over 40 clubs, and watch great vintage racing together. In addition, you will have the opportunity to participate in a parade lap on the track during the lunch hour.

The Car Corral is one of the ways funds are generated for the uncompensated care program at Children's Hospital through the Pacific Northwest Historics. One hundred percent of the proceeds from entry fees for the Car Corral directly benefit patients in need at Children's. Last year, the Pacific Northwest Historics contributed \$275,000 to the Hospital and our goal is \$300,000 this year.

If your club is interested in participating in the Corral, you will need to pre-register the members who wish to attend. The pre-registration fee is \$5.00 per vehicle and because of space limitation, each club is limited to a maximum of 20 cars. Please complete the enclosed registration form and mail it with your pre-registration fees to Paul Peterson by June 1. Last year, tickets were sent to those who pre-registered. This year, instead of tickets, we are requesting that your Club prepare a list of those attending and mail it to Paul Peterson at the below address by June 30, 1998.

On July 4 and 5, Car Corral registration will begin at 8 a.m. and will close at 11 a.m. so that all cars are in position for the lunch time parade lap. Arrive early to catch all of the racing action! Admission is \$10.00 for each car and driver, in addition to the pre-registration fee. Passengers will pay full admission price of \$15.00 per person. Drivers and passengers returning on Sunday will each pay \$5.00 admission.

We hope you will help us celebrate our 10th anniversary as we "Race for Children's." Your support in past years has helped us contribute more than \$1 million in gifts to Children's Hospital. The many children who have benefited thank you.

We look forward to seeing you at the Races!

Sincerely,
Paul J. Peterson
SOVREN Guild

[If anyone is interested in participating in this event, please let me, Michael, know soon and I will gather the list/fees/etc. and fill out the paperwork to be sent in.]

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1st International Z-Car Show

Mike Goddard

This is an idea sheet only. Imagine if you will, a Z car show in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. The thought struck me that there have been no Z Car Shows in Mexico. So were going to do the unthinkable. Welcome to the first and probably only Z car show in Mexico. The scheduled date is Sunday at 2:00 pm, December 27th 1998. Show area to be announced. We will select a club/hotel in Puerto Vallarta. I'm currently working with Apple Tours to see if we can get a group rate discount. We chose this date due to kids being out from school and weather conditions.

I was in Mexico, in January this year and the weather was great, and all I could think about was why someone has not thought of this before. The rules are simple, 2-8"x 10" glossy photos (driver side & passenger side) and 4-5"x7" interior and 4-5"x7" engine compartment photos. The display is your responsibility. You must also bring one of the following items from the car being shown. The gear shift knob or a sunvisor or glove box door (interior), and a radiator cap or oil cap from the engine

compartment. We will also have a ribbon for the most unusual interior item you can get through customs. Ribbons will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. A \$10.00 entry fee will cover expenses.

This is a chance for Z people to get together during the winter months. The whole idea is just to have fun at a very reasonable rate. My recent trip was about \$400.00 per person, all inclusive. (3 nights 4 days). Obviously rates in your area will differ. There are no financial perks in this for no one. Apple Tours is the one of the largest in the business, so we will try to work with them.

It will obviously take some time to put this together, so this is why we are setting up plans now. You can stay as long as you want just plan on being in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico on Dec. 27th.

You can make arrangements through your travel agent. The idea is to go and have fun without scheduling everything around a Z event. The only scheduled events will be the car show and presentation of awards that night, and a brief introduction. The rest is free time, see old friends, meet new ones, go to town or the beach. We are setting this up early so there will be some minor changes along the way. Let me know what you think. Email <mgoddard@mci2000.com> or Z Car Club of Colo., P0 Box 260078, Lakewood, Co 80226-0078 Mike Goddard.

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resumes to speed and your car's cooling system operates more efficiently.

If your engine light comes on while idling in traffic, you can also open the windows and turn the heater and fan on high to provide extra engine cooling. Either of these methods will lessen the risk of engine overheating in hot weather.

Q. What About Checking the Transmission Fluid?

A. Check vehicles with automatic transmissions approximately every other month. If you find that you're adding fluid regularly, it indicates a leak somewhere. Bring it in and have it checked. It's probably something minor like a loose gasket.

Transmission fluid is extremely important because it lubricates and cools the many gears, drive shaft and bearings within the transmission. Without it, your transmission would quickly be ruined.

Transmission fluid doesn't require replacement as often as engine oil, but it is equally important to the operation of your vehicle. Normal operation of an automatic transmission creates particles that must be removed. Check your Owner Guide for replacement interval, which is usually every 36 months or 30,000 miles for automatic transmissions. There are a number of automatic transmission fluid types. Be sure to use only that type recommended in your Owner Guide, Dextron for all Z cars. We suggest that you have your automatic or manual transmission flushed every 24,000 miles or 2 years.

Q. What Other Fluids Should Be Checked?

A. There are four more which need to be checked regularly . . . power steering fluid, brake fluid, engine coolant, and windshield wiper fluid.



Each of them has an important safety implication. If their levels become low, you could experience serious difficulty steering, stopping, moving, or even seeing where you're going-especially in the winter driving conditions.

You can check and fill windshield wiper fluid yourself. Check the Owner Guide for the location of the windshield wiper reservoir.

If you check engine coolant in the radiator, always be sure the engine is cold. Do not remove the radiator cap on a hot engine. Your coolant system may have a coolant recovery reservoir, which usually is located between the radiator and fender. Read the levels on the reservoir to determine if you should add coolant. If there is no coolant in the reservoir, remove the cooled radiator cap located on the top of the radiator and check the coolant level. Add coolant until the radiator is full; then add additional coolant up to the full mark on the coolant recovery reservoir.

Check your car's power steering fluid and brake fluid by removing the power steering cap or brake master cylinder cover. Check the Owner Guide for their locations in the engine compartment and fill if needed.

Be sure to have all your car's fluids and their systems checked periodically at our dealership. Your Owner Guide suggests regularly scheduled maintenance intervals. Or ask your Service Advisor. These checks can help you avoid costly and unnecessary repairs.

See Part 2 next month.

Fiesta de Albuquerque

11th Annual Z-Car Convention
July 20-25, 1998

Plan Now to Join Us for a Fun-Filled
Week in the Great Southwest!



Datsun/Nissan Z and ZX
And All Classic Datsun Enthusiasts
Are Welcome!



For Registration Information Contact:
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Michelle & John Forsman, Coordinators
Fiesta Line: 505/323-2898
e-mail: nmzcc@swcp.com



Online Information & Registration at:
<http://www.swcp.com/~nmzcc/>

replaced. Finally, if your brake pedal feels soft or spongy or if you must press upon the brake pedal too firmly or too far down to the floor, your brakes may need adjustment or serving replacement. If you sense that any of these conditions exists, contact your service center.

Q. How Often Should I Have My Brakes Checked for Service or Repair?

A. Observing the maintenance schedule in your Owner Guide for normal and severe driving operations is a good rule of thumb. Of course, should any of the early warning signs already mentioned occur while driving, you should contact your service center immediately.

Q. What About My Emergency Brake?

A. Though used less frequently, your emergency brake also performs an important function. It should be applied whenever the vehicle is left unattended on an incline only. At other times the car should be left in gear. Your vehicle is equipped with a hand-actuated parking brake at your center console, and you should be able to feel when it requires adjustment. If you think your hand brake may need servicing here's a simple test you can try. First apply the emergency brake firmly. Then start your car. If you can move forward in "D" (drive) or "1st" (first gear) relatively easily, you need immediate service.

Q. How Do I Know How Much Service, If Any, My Brakes Will Need?

A. The amount of service your brakes need depends upon the extent of wear, past service maintenance, and specific problem with your brakes at the time you request service. Your brake system may need pads, shoes, calipers, rotors or any number of other parts. As a rule, the sooner you notice a problem and the sooner you get it in to be diagnosed, the less it should cost you.

Engine

The Right Operating Temperture Equals a Longer Engine Life.

Your engine needs a cooling system to prevent it from overheating. Overheating can ruin an engine. Most engine heat is removed by coolant through the radiator. But some of the heat is used for heating the passenger compartment.

Your air conditioning system, on the other hand, removes heat from the passenger compartment when it cools and dehumidifies the air. Both system, share some of the same components. Consequently, each has an effect on the operation of the other. That's why it's important to keep both systems in good working condition.

Q. What Should I Do If My Temperature Warning Light Comes On?

A. Pull safely off the road, turn on your flasher, and turn off the ignition. The engine may be overheating. The problem could be one of four things: coolant leak, low coolant level, failed water pump, or loose fan belt.

WARNING: WAIT UNTIL THE ENGINE COOLS BEFORE ATTEMPTING EMERGENCY REPAIRS.

Check under the hood for signs of leaking.

Look for a leak in the radiator, radiator hoses, or heater hoses. Tape the leak, if possible.

When the radiator is cool to the touch, check the coolant level in the recovery reservoir and then in the radiator, if necessary. Add water or coolant if it's needed and available. Do not drive if there is inadequate coolant: this risks major damage to the engine.

A leaky water pump causes coolant loss which could result in overheating. In order to avoid any potential overheating, tighten or replace a loose or slipping fan belt.

And here are a couple of tips to reduce the possibility of overheating in the summer. Turn off air conditioning system temporarily if you're stuck in stop-and-go traffic and open the car windows. You'll be uncomfortable for a while until traffic

Consumer News That You Can Use Part 1

From the Aug./Sept. 1986 edition of the Z-Club Bulletin. by Joe Triolo

Over the years, we've come across some tips, which we feel can be of use to you. Most of these ideas can be used with any car and should help you enjoy your vehicle a little more. A few of these tips may seem very basic to some of you, but the whole of you should find a few helpful hints in here.

Brakes

Properly functioning brakes are essential for the safe operation of your vehicle. That's why it's so important to be able to detect early warning signs before major problems arise. Also, by strictly adhering to regularly-scheduled maintenance checkups, you'll be assured of a better operational car that lasts longer - no matter what the driving conditions or weather may be!

Q. How Do My Brakes Work?

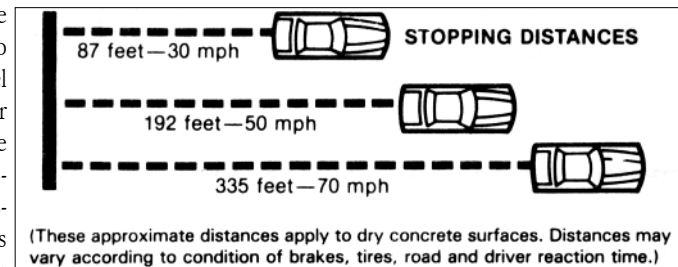
A. When you apply your brakes, hydraulic fluid pressure is applied to the wheel cylinder or calipers by the master cylinder. This pressure forces brake shoes against the rear wheel brake drums and the disc brake pads against front wheel brake rotors. The resulting friction causes the brake system to slow or stop the vehicle. Most vehicles have disc brakes only on the front wheels. Some vehicles are equipped with disc brakes on all four wheels. Most cars have dual master cylinders that apply pressure to the front and rear wheels independently, so that either front or rear brakes fail, you can still stop the car.

On vehicles with power brakes, a vacuum or hydraulic booster helps apply the pressure to the

master cylinder. This allows better braking with less brake pedal effort. Most vehicles also use a hydraulic pressure control valve to control the balance of hydraulic pressure to the front and rear brakes. This valve usually also incorporates a hydraulic switch to activate the brake warning lamp in case of a hydraulic brake system malfunction, such as fluid loss.

Q. What Measure Should I Take To Brake Safely?

A. Many variables such as weather, current wear on your brakes, and even your own reaction time affect your vehicle's stopping distance. The chart below indicates approximate stopping distances for vehicles traveling on dry concrete pavement at varying speeds. As a rule of thumb, give yourself a minimum of one car length for every ten miles per hour. If you are driving 40 mph on dry pavement, travel no closer than four car lengths from the vehicle in front of you. Be sure to exceed these distances should driving conditions be less



than perfect! Also, if you sense or experience any brake problems at all, be sure to see your service center at

once.

Q. What Are Some Early Warning Brake Wear Signals I Can Look For?

A. By using your basic senses, you can detect nearly every initial brake wear problem-before it becomes a major safety problem. First, you may see your brake warning light come on when you apply your brakes. You may be low on brake fluid. Or you may have a leak in your brake lines or hoses. Either way, have it checked out. Second, you may hear unusual sounds, such as squealing, grinding or clicking. Your brake shoes or pads may need to be

ZCCW Automotive Activities Calendar

April						
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April 3-5

Portland Swap Meet, Portland, OR 503/684-3319.

April 10-12

Great NW Rod & Custom Show, Lynden, WA 360/428-5973 (eve.).

April 25

ZCCW General Meeting - 3:30 - Pyramid Brewery - Seattle

April 25

Auto Swap Meet, Mount Vernon, WA 360/424-6278.

April 26

JJ's Tulip Cruise, Skagit County, WA 360/856-0347.

May						
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May 1-3

Apple Blossom Car Show, Wenatchee, WA 509/884-7053.

May 9

ZCCW Fun Run - From Southcenter parking lot to Gameworks

May 16-17

25th Seattle Swap Meet, Monroe, WA 800/645-4997.

May 17

Anacortes Open Class Waterfront Festival, Anacortes, WA 360/299-9303.

May 25

Rodrigues Herfy's Spring Opener, Everett 425/337-2246.

May 30

ZCCW General Meeting - 3:30 - Flying Pig Pub & Brewhouse - Everett.

June						
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June 13

ZCCW Spring Checkup - Motorworks Ltd., Bellevue

June 27

ZCCW General Meeting - 3:30 - Flaming Geyser State Park - Picnic

— What's Coming Up... —

July 18(?)

ZCCW General Meeting - 3:30 - Red Hook Brewery - Woodinville.

July 20-25

Fiesta de Albuquerque - 11th Annual Z-Car Convention, New Mexico

September 26

ZCCW General Meeting - 3:30 - Lake Washington Grillhouse - North end of Lake Washington

October 31(?)

ZCCW General Meeting - 3:30 - Location TBD

November 28(?)

ZCCW General Meeting - 3:30 - Flying Pig Pub & Brewhouse - Everett

The ZCCW draws its calendar information from many sources. If you would like to be one of those sources and have automotive events that you would like to have included, email Michael at misubite@sos.net.