



January Meeting Location

Barry Breen has found a new location for our next meeting on January 18. We'll meet at:

Rose Hill Alehouse & Cafe
 12857 NE 85th
 Kirkland

Rose Hill is just east of I-405 Exit 18 (Hwy 908 - Redmond, Kirkland - NE 85th St). From northbound I-405, take the next exit past NE 70th. Southbounders, take the next exit past NE 124th (Totem Lake).

Exit 18 goes East or West. Head East toward Redmond and go through three or four lights and look on the right for the Alehouse sign. It's next door to a Maytag repair shop and across the street from a Goodyear auto shop.

The Rose Hill Alehouse has twenty eight taps and no Budweiser or Millers or Rainier (in fact you will be ridiculed for asking). They are expecting us around 3:30 on the 18th since we had talked about starting meetings earlier.

Next Scheduled Meeting

Saturday, January 18
 3:30 pm at Rose Hill Alehouse & Cafe

On the Agenda:

Membership Renewal
 & Membership Cards

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Slots!!!

Club Action Alert!! The intra-club competition begun in 1996 during this darkest part of the year comes full circle January 17 with the Second Annual ZCCW Slot Car Races at

Super Slot Raceways
 5108 Evergreen Way, Suite 1-A
 Everett.

Those of you who came and raced last year know how much fun we all had. We have 1 hour reserved between 7:00 and 8:00 pm, which is plenty of time for reputations to be flaunted, enshrined, and squandered. Cost, including car rental, should be about 5 bucks apiece, and we'll all get to run several heat races and a final or two. This is one where kids are on equal footing with parents, so if you have any, bring 'em along, and maybe even a neighbor.

BE THERRRRE!!

A Message from the President:

Happy New Year everyone!

With the changing of the calendar to the new year, it brings some changes to our website!

Over the holidays, the effective size of the website has doubled. Don't get your hopes up, there is not a wealth of new information available. Unfortunately, I am still looking for that treasure trove of Z information that can be incorporated into the site.

In case you are wondering why the site is suddenly doubled and you haven't checked it out lately it is as a result of making the site more navigable.

After having a love/hate relationship with the idea of framed websites I decided to go with that option. Since some people are using browsers that don't support frames, both a framed and non-framed version is available. If you are using a non-frame capable browser, don't fret about having to remember a new URL. The main URL will automatically take you to the right version.

There are actual, noteworthy additions to talk about. Namely, the addition of a pictures section. As of yet, there are not a lot of pictures; just some from the Port Townsend Meeting of the MindZ last August.

So, if you have a picture of your Z that you are particularly proud of and would like to show it off to the world, bring it to one of the meetings and get it to me.

Further, with the recent surge of businesses that are offering us discounts, they are now designated on the website.

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ZCCW Swap Meet

Due to the efforts of Paul Richer, the ZCCW will have a place at the 1997 Winter Swap Meet at the National Guard Armory in Snohomish, WA on Sunday, Feb. 23, Noon - 4:00 PM. If you have parts you want to 'part' with, here's an ideal opportunity. The Swap Meet is free to buyers, and the cost to sellers is \$10 per space. The facility is indoors and is heated. If the parts you are selling are oily, greasy, or otherwise dirty, please bring a tarp to set them on. Prudence suggests that parts will sell more readily, and at a better price, if they are clean. The Armory is located at the corner of Ferguson Park Road and Avenue D in Snohomish. It's the building with the Big Gun out front. For more information, or to buy a space, call Paul at 206-334-7356.

[See flyer at end of Newzletter - msw]

Tell a fellow Z enthusiast about us!



Z Fanatic Population Increase

This is usually the spot where I get to wax poetical, or drum up some tall tale to hopefully intrigue and titillate ZCCW members, but this month I'm a little shy on material. Seems I got personally involved in inflating the ranks of Z-car fanatics. Nathaniel William was born December 31 just after the snowstorm, and in the midst of a windstorm. So, my sleep pattern and creative output (along with my short term memory) is a bit fuzzy. He joins a brother who has been driving Detroit iron for more than ten years (don't do the math), and who I have yet to convince that a 7 to 1 power to weight ratio is better than 12 to 1.

As I said, I don't have much to report.....oh.....oh....I feel something coming on.

Ummm. No, I guess it's not. Must be time to give Nathan a wash and lube.

Staying in Touch

Just a very few years ago, e-mail was a communications medium available to relatively few of us. Now a significant number of us ZCCW'ers have e-mail, and it's time we passed on the member e-mail addresses that have drifted ashore from that vast cyber-sea so you all can more easily talk to each other. (Would such flotsam then be "cybersam"????) This address list will only appear in this newZletter, by the way; we won't put it in the web version of the newZletter. Now you can start a new mailer address folder entitled "Z Contacts." But before you do any of that, check out the next article sent by Michael White. Here's the list:

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ZCCW E-Mailing List

Do you sometimes find it frustrating to send out an e-mail message to the entire membership? Ya know, selecting (or copying) a bunch of names and e-mail addresses into the header of your message. Can be a bit of a pain at times. Well you can relax. We now have our own mailing list! Due to our official non-profit status, this service has been donated to us! Thank you Skagit Online Services!

To subscribe to the list, send an e-mail message to:

zccw-request@sos.net
with "subscribe" in the subject line (sans quotes, of course).

An automated reply will be sent back to you confirming your subscription.

Rear Quarter Panel Emblems

Last month we had a few pieces about the venting qualities of the Z emblems on the early Z's that are located just aft of the rear quarter windows and about how some of them had been installed backward. At the time I thought: This is cool info, but exactly how do I get those little emblems off without wrecking them. No sooner than the newZletter had gone to press than a few other people on the 240 list had the same question. Here are their answers:

From: Robert <animator@access-comm.net>

"....I just popped mine out using a flat gasket scraper (I'm also not putting them or any other ornaments back on after I paint mine). You can always practice on a junker at the wrecking yard first though just to get 'the feel' for it first. They come off pretty easily though. Just go slow and easy and everything'll be fine."

From: Doug Antelman <antelman@sd.cts.com>

"I used a thin putty knife to pry them off. They are a press fit, no special tools needed."

Nissan Reconditioned 240Z's

Barry Breen has been keeping abreast of the ongoing story that Nissan will recondition some early 240Z's. Here's his report:

The December 2 edition of AutoWeek, inside front cover, has a two page picture captioned "No power mirrors. No cup holders. No lumbar supports. (First come, first served)". The picture is a yellow 240Z (72 or 73) with G nose, wire wheels, looking brand new. Lower caption: "Worshipped by driving fanatics for its purity of form and record-mauling performance, the Z has been the most celebrated sports car in America. Now you'll find a range of distinctive Z's, reconditioned and meticulously inspected, at select Z Store dealers. Okay, about those cup holders: Isn't that what your passengers are for? Enjoy the ride. NISSAN"

Ad on third page following:

Z STORE

Now we've made it easier to acquire the vehicle that redefined the sports car for

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 Send your favorite photo of your Z-Car, with information noted above to be received by 1-31-97, along with the requested \$10 donation payable to the "NMZCC Convention Fund" to:

Dwayne Doolgas
 P.O. Box 9406
 Albuquerque, NM 87119

Restored vs. Refurbished

Now lest you get all giddy about a passle of "new" old 240's, ponder for a moment the following words from Z-car aficionado Carl Beck:

"I am forced to say - and please pass this along to any friends or Dealers - I'll be more than glad to argue the point with anyone.

Restored vs. Refurbished: If you are willing to buy or have your car "Refurbished"...then making switches of engines/transmissions etc. is fine - but the car will not be resalable for anything close to the \$20K to \$25K the Dealers are talking about....I doubt that many would/could be sold for that kind of money.

IF YOU ARE THINKING - "RESTORED" I could not recommend that anyone BUY a "refurbished" 240Z and pay \$20K to \$25K for a "non-matching numbers car"...don't care who does the work! That's not a restoration worth investing in. You can buy all kinds of really nice street cars or modified cars for far far less than that today!!!

It would be a very very bad waste of time and money - it will never be worth that on a resale or collectable basis. NISSAN should not do this!! Too bad if they have to spend some time and money looking for the right cars! There are plenty of them out there. (not for \$3K however -and so what)

For that kind of money, it should be "correct"...not hodge together out of copped up parts cars... All Matching Numbers is where its at - when it comes to investments or resale. If you like losing money - have at it.

NISSAN would be doing a great disservice to their Customers if they indeed took this path...Clearly - if the customer wants a modified car - and they know what the downstream effects are on the value of that car - Then I have no problems with the Dealers doing whatever the customers want - I do have a problem with the Dealers "giving up on finding and restoring the good examples that are still out there, or presenting them to the public as restored Classics or Vintage Cars..."

Clutch Collar Redux

I know we've covered this before, but just so we don't all forget, Kyle Hagemann (kyle@sonic.net) wrote the following to the 240 list:

"Add to the list of differences between the L24 and L28 the fact that the pressure plate for the L28 flywheel is shorter than the L24. I put in a ZX five speed a while back, and recently added an L28. When I put the five speed in, I retained the four speed TO bearing, because it's the correct one for the L24/Four Speed clutch pack. When I put the L28 and L28 Clutch in, I neglected to change to the longer TO bearing. Oopsie! I tried to adjust the difference, but the geometry of the clutch fork was such that it slipped or was impossible to get into gear. I changed the bearing (I saved the L28 TO

bearing, but God only knows why!) and everything is Kosher. So, remember, boys and girls:

"L24 Flywheel/clutch = short T/O bearing
L28 Flywheel/clutch = long T/O bearing

"I wish I'd know this earlier! It woulda saved R&R'ing the tranny. Oh well, live and learn!"

Very succinctly put, and easy to remember. But Kyle's post also points out a few of the problems in talking about mixing and matching clutches and trannys, and that has to do with the names of the parts. In any L series clutch changeout you have three "parts" to consider: the clutch (pressure plate together with friction disc); the throwout bearing; and the throwout bearing collar. It's arguable exactly what parts are "thicker" or "thinner." For example, I seem to remem-

ber that Marc Sayer said something about the "clutch pack" of one or the other being thicker, and that the throwout bearings are actually the same thickness. The important thing to remember is what Kyle points out: 240=short, and 280=long. You can usually avoid the whole problem by simply buying a clutch "kit" (pressure plate, disc, T/O bearing, and collar) for the transmission rather than focusing on the engine. Or, if you're into mnemonics: a 240 is short on cubic inches, and a 280 is long on cubic inches.

By the way, if you're replacing the clutch, did you know that Nissan Competition has a needle bearing replacement for the stock sleeve-type clutch pinion bearing? Doesn't cost much either. Available through your Datsun Dealer (oops, Nissan, Nissan).

ZCCW Mailing List

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To send an e-mail message to the group, the address is:

zccw@sos.net

I would hope that everyone take advantage of this and subscribe to the list. Whenever possible, if messages need to be sent to the membership about changes in meetings or events, we will be using this list.

Also, in an effort to help visitors to the website who have questions about their Z(X)'s, they will be using this email address. Don't worry, I haven't put this link in yet and there are not a massive quantity of questions that come from the website. With our collective and varied experiences we have with our Z(X)'s the answers we are able to provide will be exceedingly better than what I alone am able to provide. Besides, we can all learn something from eachother.

The Z Trivia Corner

Q: What is the error in the Z-Tribute screen saver (the animated GIF from the Nissan Z-Tribute website, the downloadable screen saver and the CD-ROM version of the screen saver

(This little piece of trivia is from John Walton
(L10JAW1@WPO.CSO.NIU.EDU)
) via Prez Michael White

Answer: Next Page

Repair Manuals

If you're looking for a Datsun or Nissan repair manual, Craig Marcho (cmarcho@gnn.com) commented on the following paragraph:

You should be able to get an original brand new (not photocopy) Nissan manual for about \$63 direct from the supplier, Dymet Distribution Services, 1-800-247-5321. Postage included, 7-10 days delivery. Just received one for my 85 300ZX.

"I called the local Nissan dealers here, and they told me to call them (Dymet). I think it's the same people, because they also told me that shipping was included, and the price for an '86 manual was also \$63."

Dealer Discounts

Since we've been talking about parts, Prez Michael White reports:

"As of today, we have another Nissan dealership that is offering us a 10% discount on parts! It's Gordon Nissan at 655 Auto Boulevard, P.O. Box 569, Burlington, WA 98233 Phone: 360-757-2277, or 360-675-7166 (Oak Harbor phone), Fax: 360-757-2278

Not to be outdone VP Barry Breen reported:

"Bellevue Nissan parts department has offered a 15% discount to our club members. You'll need your ZCCW membership card to get that discount. Our contact there is "Darrel." They also have a web site and will be providing a link our site. Check it out at:
[/http://www2.bellevue-nissan.com/nissan-home](http://www2.bellevue-nissan.com/nissan-home)

President Message

Continued -

All of the business names that have an asterisk are offering us discounts. In time, we will be adding the offered discount amounts but before we are able to do that, we all will need to have our membership cards.

Speaking of membership cards... With the beginning of the new year, it is time for membership renewals. If you haven't already sent in your annual dues, please use the application at the end of the Newsletter so you don't miss out on the benefits of membership.

If you already have paid your dues for 1997, please fill out the application form anyway so that we may make sure that our records are current with addresses, phone numbers, email addresses, what Z's you have, and what areas of the club you are particularly interested in.

Once we get the new applications and I get the updated membership roster, I will be sending you your membership cards.

With these membership cards you will be able to show these businesses (before they ring up the sale) that offer us discounts that you are current club members!

-MSW

ZCCW Christmas Potluck

The ZCCW held its annual Christmas party/potluck on Saturday, December 14. Hosted by the Richer's, we had a great time. Attending were Mark Hostetler (and girlfriend), Glenn & Maryanne Torgerson, John Blackburn (and girlfriend), Jim Lux and Annette Andrews-Lux, Prez Michael White, VP Barry Breen and wife, and Treasurer Janene & Mark Mullen.

We watched the chase scene from Bullitt for giggles (really starting to look dated now), a whole raft of car wrecks on one of Paul's "crash and burn" tapes, and Barry Breen's tape of the Z Car Commemoration at Peterson's Auto Museum in Los Angeles. The food, as advertised, was plentiful and delicious.



The Z Trivia Corner

Answer: The image of the 260Z is transposed. At first it looks like it might be a right-hand-drive model. But, if you look at the 260Z badge behind the front tire, it reads Z062.



1997 Winter Swap Meet

The ZCCW announces its 1997 Winter Swap Meet at the
National Guard Armory in Snohomish, WA
on Sunday, Feb 23, Noon - 4:00 PM

Free to Buyers

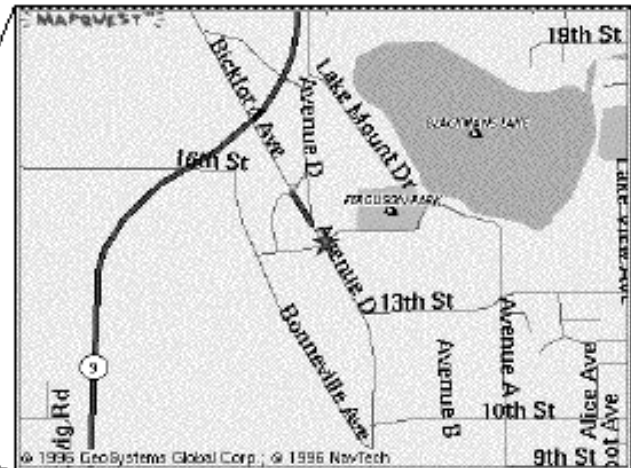
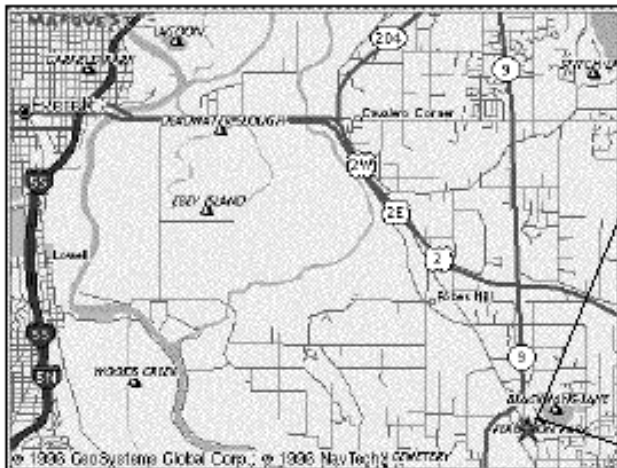
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For more information or to buy a space, contact Paul at 206 334 7356





Give this application to another Z enthusiast!

ZCCW Application for Membership

Annual dues: Single = \$25; Family = \$30

Prorated by quarter for NEW members ie:

Single: [Jan - March \$25]	[April - June \$18.75]	[July - Sept \$12.50]	[Oct - Dec \$ 6.25]
Family: [Jan - March \$30]	[April - June \$22.50]	[July - Sept \$15.00]	[Oct - Dec \$ 7.50]

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

Z-Car Club of Washington
 11707 SE 60th Place
 Bellevue, WA 98006

New Member?
 Update?

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

Address: _____ City: _____

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Phone: _____

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

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

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

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