

To all,

Please cascade to your club members:

One of the core values for myself and the rest of the Executive Committee is to insure that all of the member clubs are up to date as to the activities of the ZCCA. Every three months I will be sending out a complete update. This will include updates, new business and closure on any open items. Our goal is to continue to grow the ZCCA and build on the last 10+ years

Needless to say, this has been a busy 3 months. We as an Executive Committee has been working hard to pick up where we left off and start moving forward. There has been a lot of activity and am sure this will continue. I also welcome any thoughts and comments on any item you and your club would like to see added to the next update in approximately 3 month. I also see the increased and proper use of the Rep Forum to resolve some issues prior to the ZCCA business meetings at each convention. Other than standard business issues, I would like to concentrate on "go forward" discussions and brainstorming activities to further the ZCCA at conventions.

Besides updates and news, we have a few recommendations that require membership voting.

Please read and pass on this update. Items that will require a clubs vote or approval is critical to this process. Not responding is considered a positive vote for any proposed changes.

I look for to seeing everyone soon.

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News

ZCCA Web site (Clayton Taylor - Chair)

The new ZCCA website is currently in development. This new web site will have general ZCCA date from the old site, plus;

Historian library

Member Club (Rep Forum) (this is an interactive web based discussion board)

Executive Committee Forum (this is an interactive web based discussion board)

Car Show and Motorsport FAQ's

Convention updates

Photo archives

Current member ZCCA members (for use by the Discount Program)

Member club events and news

Plus much much more.

We are currently testing the forum sections and the design of the new main pages are in development. The final transferring of the domain names to the new site is also in the works. Obviously this new site will be very costly. But BOSE as part of their continued support of the ZCCA will be the full sponsor of the ZCCA website. It is to be noted that this is not in the form of advertising. Our goal is not to sell advertising since we are a non profit organization. We will provide a "Thank You" to BOSE on the main screen and a link. This is a two year commitment from BOSE and will be renewed at the end of the first year to insure continuity. Once we work out little details the site will be launched in phases. The web site team is moving us into a first class web site. We expect the new web site to be fully functional in 2-3 months.

ZCCA Member Discount Program (Mike Goddard - Chair)

The discount program has been an ongoing discussion for a number of years. We are ready to launch a number of programs. Most of which are ready to go as soon as we finalize the member verification process. We will be needing a list of all paid members from clubs in good standing. We do not need personal data, just their name, club, and the date their membership is valid though. ***Please get this data to Mike Goddard right away.*** The hope is to coordinate this with the new web site, so companies participating in the program can have one location to insure a members status. The use of membership cards for all clubs is also recommended. The key is to insure the companies participating have an up to date, real time program and insurance that this is exclusive to paid members of clubs in good standing.

Here is a list of current companies who are willing **to participate and/or already offering** ZCCA members discounts.

Courtesy Nissan - done
Tynan's Nissan - done
Toyo Tires - done, pending member verification
AAA Auto Club - done
(under AAA) NAPA - 7%
(under AAA) Grease Monkey - 10%
Motorsport Auto - done
Crystal Guard - done
Jim Wolf Technology - done
Stillen - In process
GZA - Exclusive Z32 Accessories - In process
Z1 Motorsports -In process
British Victoria - confirmed
Z1 Motorsports, Georgia. 10% off used parts & 20% off list OEM
Ionic Dynamics - confirmed

We have others coming as well. Other companies are still in discussions like the Bondurant School of Racing amount them. **This year the program will be launched.** Again please get your data to Mike Goddard so we can start this program off.

International Z Car Convention - 2005 - Syracuse, NY - August 1-5th

The convention is really shaping up and will be a superior event. Here is the current schedule. As with all scheduled, there may be minor changes. The Convention website will be up shortly and added to the old ZCCA website as well as the new one immediately upon it's launch. Here is the schedule to date.

Provided by Gary Fenton

Sunday- Registration opens

Monday- Free Day, Will list different activities to do such as 1000 Island/Bolt Castle tour, outlet shopping and drive to Cooperstown or Classic Car Museum. Opening banquet and Texas Chili party.

Tuesday- Poker Run to the Poker Capital of New York. Access to a detailing center @ Drivers Village (after 5pm) We will block off some appointments on Monday and Tuesday, for those who want to have their cars done by the detail shop. We will offer overnight storage inside for up to 100 cars.

Wednesday- CAR SHOW (w/catered BBQ lunch) followed by Dinner TBA, should be some dancing involved:-) If you have any spare time you can race @ the new NASCAR Silicon Motor Speedway inside Drivers Village.

Thur.- THUNDER ROAD (Watkins Glen) Hot laps, drive the ORIGINAL (Real Road) Course and Lunch time touring laps. Track day to include lunch and a special t-shirt. we are working on maybe a wine tour on the way home.

Friday- AX in the AM followed by a lunch cruize and ending with the closing banquet.

I am waiting to hear from my web people about the site. Should have the hotel link up on the site by weeks end. I am trying to finalize the rest of the registration stuff also. Might not be till next w

ZCCA Vote Totals

There has been a request for the vote totals from the ZCCA Business Meetings in Long Beach. Although it has not been the practice to do so in written form, the ZCCA Executive Committee has unanimously made the decision to publish these to end a controversy started over the vote process by a few. The votes since the final tally in Long Beach have been sealed by the ZCCA Secretary. These have been reopened and the results are as follows. We will not in any way shape or form indicate what clubs voted for whom or for any of the items. This is known only to the ZCCA Secretary. Only the totals will be released. This is the closure of any and all issues on this subject.

For Executive Director:

Total votes: 24

Votes for Paul Gasparola: 16 (**Elected**)

Votes for David Morreale: 8

For 2006 Convention site:

Total votes: 24

Votes for Dallas, TX: 19 (**Selected**)

Votes for Houston, TX: 5

For passage to rescind the Amendment to the Bylaws

Total votes: 24

Votes needed to pass: 13

Yes: 11

No: 13

Motion **FAILED**

ZCCA Historian Notes

[Provided by Dan Banks](#)

Dan Bank - our Historian, has been hard at work on a number of projects. I have attached below a copy of just some of the work Dan is or has been working on. Great work Dan !

"A) Fred Jordan has been helping me gain biographies and information on Datsun USA Corporate Executives. Thinking along the lines of "Datsun Greats Not Otherwise Mr. K!" for a Compendium. I would tell the stories of Nissan USA's VP Robert O. Link, Masataka Usami, John Parker.

B) From my growing collection of Japanese (predominantly Nissan and their Datsun marquee, but some Honda and Toyota pieces too) Corporate and Dealer Memorabilia... The collection is international. Many of the most colorful items like those Ukiyoe art style coasters and hand fans we had on display in the cases

are from their Australian market. I would like to put it all together into an article that details how the Japanese used their own cultural artistic heritage to advertise their automobiles in the West. Would be looking to Sport Z, Classic Motorsports, and the Australian magazine The Japanese Restorer for publication.

C) I have discovered there is huge interest at eclectic Classic Car shows for an utterly stock (albeit over restored in my case) original 240Z. I am heading for an invitation to a Concourse event. There has been some chat on zdigest about showing 240Zs along with Jaguar XKEs, Austin Healy's, MGBs, Porsche 911s, and all the other period Sports Cars of the 1970s at the level of finest professional restoration and at Concourse events. This seems an emerging development for the 240Z, a car often considered by sports car purists (ie: British, German, Italian devotees) as a mass produced bit of inexpensively sold Japanese copy cat-ism. People bought them and let them rust away, or so modified them that their pure form was shot to heck. I can tell you, Paul, that when I take my 240Z to AACA-type meets all the old farts crowd around and go oh and ah like with the other marques. Who did that radiator? (Mine is 100% gloss black with clear coat done along with other painted parts on my car by a specialty paint shop that has Pebble Beach wins). What have you done to it? And they don't mean modifications. They mean what restoration. Is the paint original? I speak with pride of the show chromed bumpers and hubcaps, the powder coated undercarriage... you know this well enough from your Z-32. It is a special thrill and ego gratification. A Z to Envy has its roots in the way owning the car makes us feel. If I can manage to find sufficient modesty, then an article on the thrill of concourse restoration and shows is a possibility. Just gotta find that modesty... It easily escapes, doesn't it?!!

In furtherance of this, I have been working with Carl Beck and about a half dozen other dedicated enthusiasts who own first generation cars. We are trying to establish a judging guide that catalogs exactly what we saw on the 240Z when the cars arrived from Japan. This is right on the very edge of doable, and probably because the Datsun 240Z is simple enough we can pull it off. It is gaining cache as a true classic as more and more of the run out, rusted out, modified and destroyed examples disappear, while prices for authentic originals climb. Additionally is the fact that some of us are buying nicest originals and restoring them wholly for such shows."

Other News we may not have seen

One other tidbit I found out - At the recent AutoFest event at Road Atlanta, the winner of the most cars from one club went to the Georgia Z Club

Process for club votes below

All proposals brought forth to the ZCCA will be sent out by the *ZCCA Secretary as an official ballot* per the by-laws of the ZCCA. *Only member clubs in good standing will be allowed to vote.*

As per the ZCCA By-laws, *ZCCA member clubs would have 60 days to vote*, from the date the document was sent, via email to the ZCCA Secretary. *The ZCCA Secretary would have 30 days to tabulate and present the results* to the ZCCA member clubs via the Forum.

ZCCA Proposals

Standardized Computers and software tools for Conventions (Paul Hollander - Chair)

Input needed by 10/5/04 (we want this approved to move forward on this to allow the 05 Convention the ability to utilize the new technology.

At the 2000 ZCCA Convention it was proposed that a standardized computer program be developed to handle the registration tracking for future ZCCA conventions. A program has been developed and used at each of the ZCCA conventions since 2002 in San Antonio, not counting the 2001 Kingston, Ontario convention where a similar program was developed. At each convention several hardware and software compatibility problems arose. Many man-hours were expended in setting up a multiple user network and

printing forms. The original program was written in Microsoft Access 97. The host club at each convention was responsible for supplying the computers and software. This led to upgrading problems with the later versions of Microsoft Access. Not all of the background code was able to be upgraded.

The registration program contains a module to output information into the Car Show tabulation program. This program was also created in Access 97 and has had compatibility problems as stated above.

The goal would be to provide

- A common platform for all conventions (hardware and software)
- A correctly connected and setup network
- A common set of tools that function properly
- Eliminate s/w errors at conventions
- A consistent platform for further s/w development
- Ensure each convention has the correct and necessary tools to run an effective convention

To lead to a more efficient system and to aid the convention host club it is proposed that the ZCCA purchase two computer systems.

The system criteria is as follows:

<u>Qty</u>	<u>Item</u>
(2)	Laptop computers with 15" LCD screen, 256k ram, 40GB HD, DVD-CD-RW drive, WindowsXP(Pro)-OS, Microsoft Office 2003 Professional
(1)	Laser Printer - portable for high volume b/w printing
(1)	Color inkjet printer for registration name tags, etc.
(2)	Laptop mouse and keyboard kits
(1)	Flash Drive 256MB (to transfer confidential car show data)
(1)	Mini Hub with cables to connect the computers into a network to share data.
(1)	Hardware shipping crate
(2)	Surge protectors

NOTE: The host club would be responsible for supplying the paper, printer inks, extension cords, etc. The host club will be ultimately responsible for the equipment while in there possession.

Our proposal is to create a committee to research the cost of the above listed items. The committee would be required to provide a quote from three different vendors within 30 days of their formation. I am recommending that Paul Hollander lead this effort and have no less than two representatives from member clubs. Obviously Bonnie, our Treasurer needs to be in the mix to verify the financials. The results would be forwarded to the ZCCA Executive Director who would present the results to the ZCCA Forum. As per the ZCCA By-laws, ZCCA member clubs would have 60 days to vote, via email to the ZCCA Secretary. The ZCCA Secretary would have 30 day to tabulate and present the results to the ZCCA member clubs via the Forum. If approved, the ZCCA Treasurer would make the purchase. The 05 convention will be the first to use the new systems and technology.

Proposals brought forth to the ZCCA to adoption:

Action Item: Paul Hollander - please sent the official ballots to the member clubs in good standing.

Revised and documented voting process

This proposal has been brought forth to the ZCCA to standardize the way in which the process of voting is to be done. This may be adopted but may not necessarily be a part of the bylaws. This could be apart of the ZCCA Operating Procedures.

Voting for a person will be continue to be by secret ballot. The ballots would be prepared prior to the second Business Meeting and distributed just prior to the vote. The voting representative MUST include the name of the club that they are representing. This will ensure that there will be one vote from one club. The ballots will be collected and counted by the Teller, a team consisting of the ZCCA Treasurer and the Chair of the Nominating Committee. If either person is running for office, other than unopposed, the ZCCA Executive Director will select an alternative person with the concurrence of the ZCCA Officers. A form will be provided to the Teller to record the count of votes. Upon completion of the count, the Teller will read the results: "For the position of (name of the position), (name of the person) is the winner" and will hand the record form to the ZCCA Executive Director. The ZCCA Executive Director will re-read the results and will also state the vote count that each person received.

On all other non-personal issues the vote will be by show of hands in this order:

All attending members clubs in FAVOR, indicate so by raising your hand, and count the raised hands.
All attending members clubs NOT IN FAVOR, indicate so by raising your hand, and count the raised hands.

All attending members clubs holding a proxy vote in FAVOR, indicate so by raising your hand, and count the raised hands.

All attending members clubs holding a proxy vote NOT IN FAVOR, indicate so by raising your hand, and count the raised hands.

A total of votes will be then recorded. The ZCCA Secretary will have forms for counting the above items. As an additional "show of hands" voting method, we could provide two different colored squares of paper to the clubs. One for each attending club in 'good standing' and the other for those club which hold a proxy vote by a non-attending club in 'good standing'. The ZCCA Treasurer would validate the club standings at the start of the first business meeting and ZCCA Secretary would provide the voting 'hands'. Since the voting occurs at the second business meeting and the 'hands' would be given at the first meeting, it will required the club representatives to be responsible not to lose there 'hand'. No replacements would be given out at the second meeting, this would prevent someone from giving a club which is not in 'good standing' a voice which could sway a vote.

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