

October 2005

To all,

Please cascade to your club members:

Listed below is the Quarterly Update for the ZCCA. This will include:

**Meeting minutes from the Syracuse Convention**  
**A new discount program for ZCCA member clubs**  
**Action items**  
**Any additional data**

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First of all I would like to thank the NY Clubs for hosting the last convention - A big thank you to everyone involved. I recently visited Dallas and reviewed the plans for the next convention. Lisa, Lois and their teams have a fantastic convention planned. This will definitely be one not to miss. Their web site should be very soon so please keep you eye on the ZCCA web site for more convention news and data.

ZCCA Business Meeting Minutes:

**18<sup>th</sup> Annual Z Car Club Convention**  
**Syracuse, New York – August 2005**  
**Annual Business Meeting Minutes**

*The first of two ZCCA Annual Business Meetings was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2005.*

**Paul Gasparola**, ZCCA Executive Director, Z Car Club of New England, call the meeting to order at 8:35 AM, with a request for attendees to introduce themselves and the club/s they were representing.

The following **clubs** had representatives: Z Car Association of Arkansas, Empire Z, Group Z, Z Car Club Inland Valley, Z Club of San Diego, Z Car Club of Colorado, Central Florida Z Club, Space Coast Z Club, Suncoast Z Car Club, Windy City Z Club, Maryland Z Club, Z Car Club of New England, Z Association of Central New York, Z Car Club of Rochester, Z of Albany New York, Z Association of Cleveland Ohio, Z Car & Roadster, Z Car Club of Ohio, Ontario Z Car Owners Association, Thousand Island Zed Car Club, White Rose Z & ZX Club, Cowtown Z Club, Z Club of Texas, Tidewater Z Car Club, Z Car Association of Richmond, and, Z Car Club of Northern Virginia.

A call for Reports was made:

**Bonnie Swirsky**, ZCCA Treasurer, provided a printed copy of the ZCCA Financial Status to each attendee. Also noted:

- The following clubs contributed to the Voluntary Convention Fund:
- Triangle Z Club - \$100

- 1 Z Club of New England - \$10
  - 2 Heart of America Z Club - \$50
  - 3 Desert Z Club - \$50
  - 4 Indy Z Club - \$20
  - 5 Upstate Z Club (SC) - \$10
  - 6 Z Association of New York - \$50
  - 7 Z Association of Cleveland Ohio - \$10
- Insurance Report: ZCCA is still with K&K Insurance. Bonnie noted that this is the best of the underwriters that are still covering motorsports.
    - **Ty Ozgen**, Windy City Z Club, questioned the use of waivers that many clubs use on registrations forms. Discussion included: waivers were only as good as they were written and the best insurance was to have insurance.

**Dean Case**, Nissan Communications Manager, Technology and Special Topics, covered the following topics:

- He has had a change of Duties and is now includes working with Z Car Clubs and will work with them through the ZCCA.
  - 1 Nissan has brought a new red 2006 Nismo Z to the convention.
  - 2 A new Z television commercial will be shown at the awards banquet on Friday evening. The commercial has not yet been released and we are getting a preview. It will be shown on TV for the first time in October.
  - 3 Discussed the limitations concerning the use of the Nissan logo. Clubs must make a request to use the Nissan logo to Dean through the ZCCA. ZCCA is organization recognized by Nissan. Nissan will NOT grant permission to use the logo.
  - 4 A new merchandise catalog is about to be released.
  - 5 Nissan would like to “highlight” local dealers or individuals at a dealership who have gone above and beyond in support of your Z club. Please provide the name, dealership, your club, and a description of what they have done to support your club. Send your letters to Paul Gasparola to forward to Dean.
  - 6 Nissan had a video crew in Syracuse to video various convention functions on Wednesday and Thursday.
  - 7 Question: Should local clubs go to the District Manager to request for support for their shows?
    - Answer: it is best to work with the local dealer or look for a regional dealership for support.
      - 1 Additional discussion on how to get more support from dealerships, could include a link to the dealer from the club website.

**Bonnie Swirsky**, reported on the Club Mentoring program. ZCCA needs MORE PEOPLE who are willing to become a club mentor. Four new Z clubs have joined ZCCA in the past year. **Jim Corbett**, Z Club of Columbus Ohio, volunteered to scan the “How to form a Z Club” manual which will be posted on the ZCCA website, [www.zcca.org](http://www.zcca.org).

**Paul Hollander**, ZCCA Secretary and Car Show Chair, reported that two Dell laptop computers and two HP printers were purchased to be used by the convention host club.

This will eliminate the past problems on incompatibility in the convention registration and car show programs. Paul will maintain computers and will preload and setup the programs for the next convention.

**Clayton Taylor**, ZCCA Web Master, reviewed the changes made to the ZCCA website, the use of the forum and said that the site has much more to offer and can be made better.

**Dan Bank**, ZCCA Historian, reported that he had three Z articles on the ZCCA website, had another ready to be added, and was looking at articles on other historical personalities. Dan also brought a 1933 Datsun fire truck to the convention. It is believed that this is the oldest Datsun fire truck to be in private ownership.

**Katy Taylor**, ZCCA Roadside Assistance Program Chair, requested that each club have a RA representative listed on the ZCCA website. This would be the “go to” person in each area for visiting Z owners to contact should a need of service or other aid be required.

**Mike Goddard**, ZCCA Assistant Executive Director and Discount Program Chair, reported that there were 12 Discount Program participants listed on the ZCCA website with an additional two to be added.

**“Mad” Mike Taylor**, ZCCA Japan / USA liaison, reported that Exchange Program is in place based upon alternating years with odd years going to Japan and during even years the Japanese delegation coming to the USA. Mike said that a group of 16 have signed up for the 2005 tour to Japan. The tour will be five days and will tour Nissan factories and other locations. Estimated cost is approximately \$5,000.

#### **Presentations:**

- The Z clubs of Florida presented a bid for the 2007 convention site. Several locations are under consideration and depend of availability of the sites. Locations under review are Tampa for the car show with Sebring for the track events; the entire event at Sebring; or, the entire event in and around the Daytona International Raceway in Daytona.
- Z Club of Texas presented an status update for the 2006 convention to be held in Dallas during the first week of June, 2006

#### **New Business**

- **Fred Jordan**, Z Car Club of Inland Valley, reported the Nissan Museum in Los Angeles is “the pitZ” and needs a lot of help. **John Parker** is working to get early advertising information from Nismo to be put on a disk. **Dean Case** said that from Nissan’s perspective, there is little Return-on-Investment to expend on a museum
- **Eric DiParro**, Z of Albany New York, suggested that ZCCA commit to improve computer assets to prevent a disaster. ACTION: The ZCCA officers will review the usage and problems from the current convention prior to making any recommendations to the ZCCA membership.

- **Fred Jordan** suggested that the car show create a 240Z “Concourse” class. **Paul Hollander** made a request for the criteria that would be for the guidelines.
- **Todd Wagner**, Z Car Association of Richmond, moved to change the ZCCA By-law with the repeal Article V, A. 5., concerning a Z Club could only be a member of ZCCA if they were not model specific and be open to all models of Z. Motion was seconded. Discussion followed
- **Ken Jones**, Central Florida Z Club, moved to repeal Article V, B, concerning not allowing clubs to become a member of ZCCA if there is already a ZCCA member club in that region. Motion was seconded and discussion followed.
- **Mike Bell**, Z Club of Northern Virginia, noted that it was the club that was a ZCCA member and not the individual. We often say that we are members of the ZCCA where it is actually our club that is the ZCCA member.

#### **Action Items**

- **Paul Hollander** is to print out the subject By-law Amendments and to post it in the Registration Room for review prior to the Second Business Meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40.

The second of two ZCCA Annual Business Meetings was held on Friday, August 19, 2005.

Meeting was called to order at 8:10.

Paul Hollander took roll of attendees: 20 representing their own club and 2 holding proxy votes.

**Business**

•     Vote to repeal Article V, A,5, “Be open to all Z cars regardless of model or modification level.

    •     In favor - 22

  1   Not in Favor - 0

• Vote to repeal Article V, B, “There cannot be competing ZCCA member clubs in the same area, if there is an existing ZCCA member club in the same area, no additional club will be allowed. The existing club will be allowed to define its area.”

    •     In favor - 22

  1   Not in Favor - 0

•     Vote on the site of the 2007 convention to be in Florida.

    • In favor - 21

  1   Not in Favor - 0

•     Vote on the ZCCA Executive Board for 2006. Since there were no positions being challenged, it was moved to retain the existing officers. It was seconded and approved over an additional motion by “Mad” Mike Taylor to impeach the current officers. When he was reminded that he would have to fulfill each of the position, he withdrew his motion.

    • In favor - 22

  1   Not in Favor - 0

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 AM.

Submitted,

Paul E Hollander  
ZCCA Secretary

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**ZCCA Member club discounts at the ZCCA Conventions:**

The goal of this program is to provide greater benefits to ZCCA member clubs and their members. As part of this, Member clubs members in good standing will be able to sign up for discounts at each convention:

ZCCA member clubs, members in good standing will get discounts at ZCCA conventions.

How will this work:

- Member clubs for the next convention will be based on the paid membership as of the start of the business meeting in Syracuse. Only those clubs members will be entitled to the discounts. If they were not paid by the convention in Syracuse they are not entitled to the discount in Dallas.
- The only exception is a brand new club started and paid 60 days prior to the next convention start date.
- Clubs who were not paid by the convention (05) will have to pay the new year and past years dues to be able to participate.
- The host club will receive a list of member clubs in good standing that will be afforded the discounts.
- Initially we will use the honor system on each member clubs list of paid members. Ideally I would like a copy of just the paid members names as of the Syracuse Convention.
- Dallas is set to have the regular convention prices and the discounted prices for members.
- The discounts will be noted on the registration form for the convention.

All paid clubs by the start of the business meetings in Dallas will be eligible for the discounts in Florida.

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- Dan Banks - I believe that you were going to send a new document to Clayton for the web?
- Paul Gasparola - Working with Nissan on a survey that Dean Case noted at the ZCCA business meetings.
- Paul Gasparola - Finalization of the Associate Member program for Executive committee approval and Member club voting.

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**Additional notes:**

- Clubs have asked about getting materials for local shows. I have been working this with NISMO and have a bunch of NISMO catalogs coming to me. These will be distributed to Member Clubs as they have events. We will have a limited number ( not sure how many is showing up yet ) and I will send them out accordingly. Please contact me if you need some for a major event.

- We at the ZCCA are starting to see and encourage more regional events - It is very important to post your events on the ZCCA web site and insure one event in an area does not conflict with another event in the same area for "our" International Convention.

I will have more data coming out very soon.

Regards

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