

# Z BIRROZZO

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**W E L C O M E T O 2 0 1 3**

Hello to the Group Z community, my name is Ian Stewart, your club president for 2013. I am looking forward to this coming year but before we leave 2012 behind, I want to thank the board of directors and the current club members for keeping this great club alive during a difficult time. We are making several changes to the structure and interface of the club going forward that should make it more fun for the current members and more accessible to new and returning members as well.

Our charter for this year is to update the interface tools we use to manage and distribute information that should allow the club to be less formal and focus on enjoying our cars and tapping into the group knowledge and access to all things Z. This will be accomplished through social media formats rather than meetings and newsletters as the primary information sources. We are currently developing a presence for the Club on Facebook as well as maintaining the GroupZ.com website and yahoo groups. Our primary interface will remain the webpage for formal structured events, newsletter distribution and info, but for general questions, random get togethers and such, we encourage you to post on facebook and or yahoo groups. Links for all

these will be available on our website soon.

Whether you are a current or a past member, I would like to offer you a chance to enjoy YOUR ride for 2013 with us and join in the upcoming events we are planning. The official calendar will be maintained on the web page so check there for specific dates. Here are some of the events we are considering for 2013 (i.e. not all are finalized yet)

Informal events open to all Datsun/ Nissan enthusiasts

- GroupZ at Cars&Coffee Saturday mornings
- General Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at Fuddrucker
- Morning drives on Weekends (mountains, beach canyons, etc..)
- Pomona Swap Meets
- Long Beach Swap Meets
- Chino Air Show
- Los Alamitos
- NASA,VARA,SCCA, Alfa Romeo Club race events (as spectators)

Formal events for current GroupZ members

- Board of directors meetings
  - Tech-in day at Motorsport Auto:
- Bring your Z down and get advise on all things Z mechanical
- Group trips to:

- o Motorsport Nationals show in Orange
- o Coronado festival of speed in San Diego
- o Monterey Historics
- o JCCS at the Queen Mary
- o Disneyland
- Autocrossing, Performance Driving schools and Open Track events
- Weekend Trip to Hurst Castle Show and Shine events
- End of year Holiday Party

Please feel free to respond with other events that the Z community should be a part of...

Here's to 2013! I look forward to sharing it with you....



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**Monthly Get Together at Fuddrucker's on Thursday January 10th. at 7 PM.** Fuddrucker's is located at the corner of Beach Blvd. and Orangethorpe Ave. in Buena Park.

All Z owners and fans of the Z/ZX are welcome to attend.

**E V E N T S**

**Board Of Directors Meeting at Paul's Place on Saturday January 26th. at 8 AM.** Paul's is located at the corner of Knott Ave. and Orangethorpe Blvd.

Please come and share any and all ideas you have with the BoD.

For more info and any updates contact Group Z through any of the listings on the back page of this newsletter.

Operators are standing by to take your call, have your credit card ready and the names of all your transgressions for our expertly trained staff to complete your transaction. No returns or exchanges on used merchandise. Exorbitant handling and restocking fees apply to all orders. Currency conversion rates apply, NO EXCEPTIONS.

**BIRTHDAY WISHES**

*"Put another candle on my birthday cake, my birthday cake, my birthday cake... Put another candle on my birthday cake I'm another year older today"...*



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to the following club members and others:

- Dave Richardson
- Marilyn Manson
- John Harris
- Nick Cage
- Tom Clark
- Rob Zombie
- Larry Hassler
- Dean Nelson
- Gustavo Rojas

There may be others of you that are celebrating this joyous occasion but Group Z does not have that information from you. If you wish to be recognized on your special day let one of our club directors know so that you can be added to the list.



**TIME TO RENEW**

*"If all around you are losing their heads, don't lose yours. Cake anyone?"*

Marie  
Antionette

For some of you It's that time...Renew your membership. Without your support Group Z cannot continue offering the fine events and stuff that makes it Group Z (I sound like PBS). You can download a membership application at the club website:  
<http://www.groupz.com/pages/membership.html>

You can request a copy be

sent to you by contacting the club email address:

[Groupz\\_sccinc@yahoo.com](mailto:Groupz_sccinc@yahoo.com)

Or, just ask one of our friendly board members for a copy, fill it out, pay the fees and you are *golden* for another year.

Don't forget to add an associate to your membership so that they can take advantage of all that Group Z membership has to offer. It's

only a few bucks but it can make a lasting gift..

So Please Renew:

- Bob Heckendorf
- Sergio Mihalich
- Steve Ong
- Curt Wheeler

**Z FACTS**

Nissans successful 350Z sports car was replaced in late 2008 with the 370Z, which enjoyed its world debut at the '08 Los Angeles Auto Show. Since then, this rear-wheel-drive coupe has evolved with the market and is available in several trims and in drop-top Roadster

form. The 370Z received a mild refresh for the latest model year that includes a number of aesthetic tweaks to the exterior and interior. Outside, the 370Z's fascia gains vertical LED daytime running lamps, while a red reflector has been added to the rear end in place of a

black covering. The standard 370Z coupe gains new 18-inch alloy wheels, while Sport Package-equipped Zs ride on revised 19-inchers with new red brake calipers.

<http://www.leftlanenews.com/new-car-buying/nissan/370z/>



TECHNICAL CORNER



**Headlight Laws**

Use your headlights as follows  
To increase the safety of your driving:

- When it is cloudy, raining, snowing, or foggy. If weather conditions require you to use your windshield wipers, you **must** turn on your headlights.
- On frosty mornings when other drivers' windows may be icy or "fogged."
- When you have trouble seeing

other cars, chances are that other drivers are having trouble seeing you, too.

- On narrow country or mountain roads, using your headlights helps other drivers see you and may help you avoid a head-on crash.

When necessary to get another driver's attention.

*And now for the show...*

FUN WITH FLUBBER

**HANDS FREE TEXTING**

Hands free texting will soon be legal in California. Under legislation signed into law by Gov. Jerry Brown, California motorists can dictate, send or listen to text based messages while they're behind the wheel if they're using voice-activated, hands free devices. The bill alters state law to treat texting much as it does

wireless telephone calls.

Now, motorists can engage in such activities provided that they are not holding cellular phones or other electronic devices.

But, just because its legal, doesn't necessarily means it's safe or a good idea. "Operating a car, a 3,000-pound vehicle, traveling 60 mph down the road is already a dangerous thing,"

Office of Traffic Safety Spokesperson Chris Cochran said.

"So for safety sake do away with all the distractions."

The law goes into effect Jan. 1, 2013.

*"As I have aged  
the thing I miss  
the most are Z  
friends that  
have passed..  
and not left their  
Z's to me..."  
Donald  
Trumpett*

THE CORNER'S OF THE PAGE

Hopefully the future of this corner will be for feedback from our readers and possibly a few interesting stories related to their Z or cars in general.

But while we wait for those cards and letters to roll in...

**Funny But True?**

Q: What are the two questions you hear most from the passenger in an early 240Z?

- A: 1. Is it noisy in here?  
2. Do you smell gas?

*Sir Drives-A-lot*

**Senior Driver...**

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him,

"Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going

the wrong way on the 91. Please be careful!"

"Hell," said Herman, "It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!"



*Triples...*

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**The Best Z Club In SoCal, Period.**

## About Group Z:

Founded in 1970 and incorporated in 1971 Group Z Sports Car Club Inc. is a non-profit corporation established to serve the interests of the Nissan / Datsun Z community.

Our goal is to promote the Z and all aspects of the lifestyle attributed to this historically significant automobile through meetings, events and publications.

All Nissan / Datsun owners and enthusiasts are welcome to join.

(pending board approval)

## W E L C O M E T O M Y W O R L D

So you *wanna* be a Z owner...  
Or are you already?

Welcome to the addiction that is Z.  
If you have an early car do you have just one?

Lots of spare parts?  
Old magazines with Z articles...  
If a newer car, is it totally stock or has it been personalized either in looks, performance or both?

This Z may never have the status of some *euro-trash* exotics but the die hard following of it's members always boggles the mind.

The variety of different models over the years, some great, others great donors to greatness is the amazing side of this addiction.

Ask anyone over a certain age and they can instantly tell you about a Z, having owned one in the past, have friends who own them or lusted for ownership...

How do you control your *addictive* behaviors?  
Join Group Z.  
Attend meetings and events.  
Hang with others on the same journey as you travel through the wonderful world of Z.

This year should be an exciting one,  
And you can help make it that...

*Later Gater...*  
Quincy Tuso  
Newsletter Editor *Extraordinaire*

**This Just In:**  
*Group Z member Mike Volpe is looking for a primo, working, original equipment tachometer for his 1973 240Z (8/73 build date) If you can help, please contact the club.*  
*Thanks, QT*

