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Z BREEZE

GROUP Z SPORTS CAR CLUB INC.

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From the PreZ

Hello GroupZ members,
Well, one month in and things are already shaping up for this year. The biggest news is our 2012 President, Mike Manginelli is back from surgery and attended the BOD meeting . Great to have you back Mike, looking forward working with you this year!!
Now on to the club…
I intend to use this forum (in part) to summarize the major items the BOD is discussing and give food for thought to you the membership for events and interests that would better our club.
We are a club with an extremely wide base and variety of member interests and, backgrounds; wider than most if not any other car model specific club that comes to mind. This is true with all Z car clubs to a certain degree, but more so for Group Z as we are arguably the oldest Z club in the country and we are a local club, not a national organization.
Due to the relatively low price, availability and reliability of driver quality S30, S130, Z31, Z32s and now 350Zs, we can have within our membership a student driving an older Z that he/she maintains themselves on a budget as their only transportation. At the same time, due to the Z's longevity and evolution as a model over the past 40 plus years, we can have an owner of a brand new, dealer serviced, track ready NISMO 370Z. Both these cars and their respective owners are Group Z members, but their focus and interests are vastly different. At any given GroupZ function, this starving student would likely park next to a factory serviced NISMO 370Z or fully restored 1970 240Z or a modified Z32 twin turbo with 600 plus horsepower.
These two realities are a blessing in that we all share a love for the Z, and we live in an area with an abundance of things to do to enjoy them. At the same time, it presents a challenge for the club to foster and maintain a common interest with a membership that spans so many years, iterations, ages and interests. Do we cater to the DIYer with an L28et in their 240Z or to the restoration crowd, or the car show crowd or the tuner crowd? The answer is none of the above…
We as a club need to cater to YOU the member and we need your help! You all know what I speak of, so I would like to hear your ideas on what general Z car activities you would like to do. I can't guarantee that we can make them happen, but you can be certain that I will listen and help you present it to the club in a way that is achievable and fun for all
We will soon be launching our new website. It will be used as the hub for all things related to the club with everything from a current calendar of events to links to z related information to old newsletter archives. Once active, it should be very easy for all of us to stay current and connect with each other.
Stay Tuned, more to come…

All Z best,
Ian Stewart

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Events

Monthly Get Together at Fuddrucker's on Thursday February 14th 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.

Board Of Directors Meeting at Paul's Place on Saturday February 23rd. at 9 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 page 4 of this newsletter.

Consultants are standing by to take your call, have your credit card ready and the brands of all your *Valentine Sweeties* for our expertly trained staff to complete your transaction. No returns or exchanges on licked merchandise. Unbelievably exorbitant handling and restocking fees apply to all orders. Currency conversion rates apply even with no conversions... **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

Birthday Wishes

Joyeux Anniversaire!

Suk San Wan Keut!

Group Z Sports Car Club Inc.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following club members and others:

Robert Gordon

George Washington

Rosa Parks

Abe Lincoln

Tom A. Edison

Christina Ricci

Matt Groening

Group Z Sports Car Club (since 1970)

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

Time to Renew

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

Or, you can request a copy be sent to you by contacting the club email address:

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.

So Please Renew:

Richard Dingman

Gustavo Rojas

"Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it's too dark to read."
Groucho Marx

JCCS...

Z Facts

Yutaka Katayama (片山豊) In 1970, he introduced the Datsun 240Z which Nissan had originally wanted to be named the Fairlady. However, his radical ideas for operations did not sit well with the executives of Nissan in Japan. Mr. K left America in 1975 and returned to Japan. He was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame on October 13, 1998 for his lifetime contributions, among them the Datsun 510 and 240Z. He was inducted into the Japan Automotive Hall of Fame in 2008.

A 1997 advertisement campaign for the then-introduced Nissan Frontier featured actor Dale Ishimoto portraying Katayama with a Jack Russell Terrier stating "Dogs Love Trucks!" The campaign was further expanded to the entire Nissan line in the United States with the tagline "Enjoy The Ride."

For More: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Yutaka_Katayama

Technical Corner

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And more to come...

New Laws:

AB 2489 creates a $250 infraction to alter or deface a license plate making it unreadable by visual or electronic means. This is meant to help law enforcement utilize cruiser mounted electronic scanning of license plates.

It will now be illegal, according to AB 1854 to sell previously deployed air bags or air bag parts not up to original equipment specifications.

"A day without sunshine is like, you know, night"
Steve Martin

Fun With Flubber

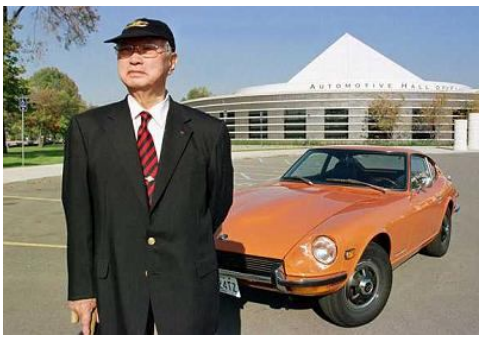
Braking Techniques:
Braking later into corners is one of the best ways to improve times on a track, and it goes without saying that braking is a useful skill to master to improve safety. Several braking techniques are discussed here, and consideration has been made for cars with and without ABS. Please don't be put off by the graphs, they are really the only way of getting the points across!

Question: "How much technique can there be to braking? Surely it's just a matter of stamping on the pedal and coming to a halt?"
Answer: Good braking technique is a compromise between the two following factors:
If you have locked your front wheels, you lose steering control
The point of maximum deceleration is just before the point of wheel lock

If you would like to experiment with various different braking techniques,
please do it on a track or on private land where nobody will be at risk of being run over.

Graphs & More:
http://www.drivingfast.net/

The Corner's of the Page



Mr. K , October 1998

Three engineers were driving down the road and the engine just died and they coasted to the side of the road.

The mechanical engineer said, it's worn rings and valves, we need an overhaul.

The electrical engineer said, it's plug wires or a dead battery.

The Computer science engineer (Microsoft certified), got out of the car, closed all the doors and locked them, then got back in the car and it started right up.

Dr.Lugnut

Q: What do call a car that goes five years without need of repair?

A: A Japanese import.

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The Best Z Car 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

Most of us Z owners find pleasure in the drive as well as the destination.

It is important that we get more input from you our loyal members of arguably the best Z club in the world to tailor some events that are truly great driving and social experiences.

Maybe a visit to Disney's California Adventure so that we can all get lost for a time in Radiator Springs and the areas around there.

How about a taco run to San Diego / Chula Vista to experience the festive sights and flavors up close to the border? *(or maybe visit a TJ jail...)*

A track day somewhere?

Spring is just around the corner and as the days get longer the possibilities of Z related fun increase, who knew ;)

But of course don't forget our regular trip to the drive-in and hopefully a couple of flicks that relate to the car culture in all of us.

'13 may be an unlucky number to some but not to our club folks...

Make us all proud by showing off *your* club pride at Group Z and other car related events.

Later Gater...

Quincy Tuso

Newsletter Editor *Extraordinaire*

Group Z Sports Car Club Inc.

Membership Application

Sports Car Club of Southern California

Southern California Z'ing since 1971

All memberships are for one calendar year. Renewal notices will be sent out prior to your expiration date.

New Member Initiation Fee and Membership: Initiation fee, membership card, name badge and newsletter	$45.00	o New	
Regular Membership: Renewal membership card and newsletter	$30.00		o Renewal
Associate Membership: Must be associated with a new or regular member, name badge & card only	$10.00	o New	o Renewal
Limited Membership: Live 150 miles outside of Santa Ana, CA U.S. mailing address only	$20.00	o New	o Renewal

Referred By			
Name		Home Phone	
Address	City	State / Zip	
E-Mail		Birthday (Optional) (MM / DD)	
Occupation (Optional)		Work Phone (Optional)	
Associate Name		Birthday (Optional) (MM / DD)	
Description of Z or ZX	Year	Model	Color
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☐ Wait, I / We have more listed on a separate sheet!			

Interest: o Racing o Touring o Tech Support o Social Activities o Rallying o Other _____ (Specify Please)

By applying for membership to Group Z Sports Car Club, Inc. you consent to your information being used for contact by the club to you relating to events, activities and information as controlled by the Board of Directors including but not limited to newsletters, postal contacts, emails and phone messages. Your information will not be shared outside the Board of Directors or its agents unless specifically authorizing the club to do so by ticking this box.

May the Board give out your telephone and/or e-mail address to other club members? o Yes o No

IMPORTANT: Applicant(s) please read before signing: **UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT.** I / We, the undersigned, have read and agree to the terms of the **Unconditional Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement** accompanying / on back of this Membership Application and understand the application is not complete until it is fully executed.

Member Signature Date Associate Member Signature Date

Make checks/money orders payable to: **Group Z Sports Car Club Inc.**
Mail payment & application form to: **Group Z, PO Box 10497, Santa Ana CA 92711**

Member Number	Amount Paid:	Date Received:	Membership Card DATE _____
Associate Number **A**	Check No.:	Membership Expires:	Membership Badge DATE _____

Board of Director's Approval: ☐ Yes ☐ No Date: _____

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UNCONDITIONAL RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY AGREEMENT

In consideration for my membership and participation in the Group Z Sports Car Club, Inc. ("Club"), I covenant and agree as follows:

I recognize that the operation of any motor vehicle and all related Club activities are inherently dangerous activities with a risk of loss of the motor vehicle and serious injury or death to myself, my passengers and other Club members. I understand these risks include road surface conditions, debris on roads, varying road conditions, curves, other vehicles, pedestrians, skills of other members and other peoples' conduct.

Being fully aware of the above risks and hazards, I the undersigned, on behalf of myself and my heirs, executors, administrators, assigns and legal representatives, agree to assume all risk of injury and loss, and waive and release any and all claims of damages and injury of any nature as follows:

I hereby release, waive, discharge and covenant not to sue the Club, the Club Board of Directors and Club members ("Released Parties") from all liability to the undersigned for all loss or damage and any claim or demands therefore, on account of injury to the person or property or resulting in death of the undersigned, whether caused by the negligence of Released Parties or otherwise, while the undersigned is participating in Club related activities. I hereby expressly acknowledge that this Agreement extends to all acts of negligence by the Released Parties, including negligent rescue operations.

I understand I am hereby waiving my valuable rights. I have been offered the opportunity to consult with the legal and/or other advisors of my choice before signing this Unconditional Release and Waiver of Liability Agreement ("Agreement") and I enter into it freely and on behalf of myself, and my heirs, successors and assigns. No oral representations, statements or inducements apart from this written Agreement have been made.

This Agreement shall be construed under the laws of the State of California and the exclusive venue for the resolution of all disputes shall be in the appropriate court located closest to Santa Ana, California. The undersigned expressly agrees that this Agreement is intended to be as broad and inclusive as permitted by the laws of the State of California and that if any portion of it is held invalid, it is agreed that the balance shall, notwithstanding, continue in full legal force and effect.

Should the Released Parties need to retain counsel to enforce the provisions hereunder, the prevailing party in any such action shall be entitled, in addition to any other relief, to recover attorneys fees and expert witness fees.

THIS IS A RELEASE and I have read it

Member Signature Date

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Associate Member Signature Date

THIS JUST IN:

(Last minute Updates)

From one of our Group Z Board Members:

"Bike riders owe big time. They pay nothing. Millions ride our streets every day. I see a great revenue stream here.
$1.00 a day to ride a bike anywhere. Plus every bike must display a California license plate. $25.00 a year.
No age limit. Training wheels riders get no slack here. Fair is fair.
Untold millions in fines for the first few years as well, while riders are learning the new laws.
I will be sending my suggestion to tax all riders to Gov. Brown later today. The 'Super Majority' regulators will be thrilled."
http://finance.yahoo.com/news/gas-tax-revenue-down-officials-201237896.html?l=1

Thanks Dick Yarosh, for this unique solution to our states fiscal problems.

WHAT TO KEEP IN YOUR GLOVE COMPARTMENT:

The glove box can be a useful treasure chest in cars, housing everything from important papers and receipts to tire gauges and extra fuses. It's a safe, easy-to-access place for crucial items, and almost every car has one. Even the best of us are sometimes guilty of littering our glove boxes with unnecessary items like CDs or cosmetics.

Don't let yourself go down that path. Rather, be prepared and consider the following things to keep on hand.

License and registration: Keep all important documents like proof of insurance, automotive registration and a copy of your driver's license in a plastic bag or held together by a paper clip.

ICE: Experts at AAA recommend keeping an ICE — in case of emergency — card with important information about you and your passengers. On that card you should list emergency contacts, physicians, any medications used or allergies for you and your passengers. Download an ICE card here.

Put your owner's manual on a diet: We'd all like to keep our car's owner's manual in the glove box, but have you seen the size of these things lately? If your car came with a combo pack of a manual plus other materials like stereo or navigation instructions, optional warranties and more, put the less vital guides elsewhere. Keep just the main manual — with important info on engine care, wiper blade sizes and more — in the glove box.

Tire pressure gauge: Unless you have a new Nissan Altima with its Easy Fill Tire Alert system, a tire pressure gauge is one of the most essential items to have in your glove box. Thankfully, it's also small.

Flashlight: There are dozens of small — sometimes even flat — LED flashlights on the market that take up only a little space but emit a lot of light. A flashlight will come in handy when trying to change a tire in the dark.

Fuses: Stock your glove box with a few backup fuses, which can be picked up at a hardware store for a few dollars. If your car's taillights or power windows stop working, replacing a blown fuse takes just seconds. Fuses are ideal for the glove box because they're tiny.

Wheel-lock key: Wheel locks help to ensure that someone won't walk off with your car's pricey wheels, but you won't be able to change a flat tire without the wheel-lock key. If your car has wheel locks, keep the key in the glove box next to the tire pressure gauge.

First-aid kit: If your car is short on storage space, find a small pouch or container and make a basic first-aid kit for the glove box. It should contain adhesive bandages, tissues or cotton balls, a pain reliever like aspirin and backup prescription medicine. You could put the ICE card in there, too. Some retailers carry first-aid kits for glove boxes such as the Life-Line, which costs less than $10.

Phone charger: If you have a smartphone you know how quickly the battery can run out of power, especially if you're using Bluetooth. Luckily, most chargers are small. A cellphone is one of the most important items you should have with you in a car in case of an emergency; don't let it run out of juice.

Paper map: Put a printed — yes, printed — fold-out map in your glove box. In this day and age where portable GPS units and cellphones with navigation software dominate, having an up-to-date paper map as a backup is just plain smart.

For More:

http://autos.yahoo.com/news/what-to-keep-in-your-glove-box-011717701.html

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Nissan Heritage Collection Screensaver For Mac & PC:

http://nissan-heritage-collection.com/SCREENSAVER/screensaver.html