

The Z Experience

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A Message from the Triad Z Club President

It has been a wild ride for the last couple months. First was our Car Show in May, which was our best ever, followed by the National Convention. Last was a wonderful picnic hosted by the Triangle Z Club. Due to all of this, we are behind in getting this newsletter out. Please forgive our tardiness, we promise to get back on schedule in the coming months.

An article on the 7th Annual NC Z Car Show follows, so check it out. As for the National Convention, we will have a full article in the next issue, but I will mention now that we are considering submitting a proposal to host the National Convention in 2005. This will require a lot of work over the next four years, but it will also be a great honor and feather in the cap of NC Z car owners.

Stacy and Susan King organized a wonderful picnic in Raleigh recently with a pig pick'n and lots of door prizes. We all had a great time socializing and judging the cars. The turnout looked to be about 30 cars and all models were well represented. The Kings came up with some fun judging categories including "Car You Would Like to Drive Home" and "Most Sexy". Kudos and thanks for all of the hard work.

Enjoy the issue and I hope to see you at Emerald City's Swap Meet and Cape Fear's Z Blast!

Blake Frazier
President, Triad Z Club

Rave Reviews for the 7th Annual Z Car Show

Many of you know the enjoyment of participating in a Z car show, but few have experienced the fun of coordinating one. The Triad Z Club of North Carolina and High Point Nissan sponsored our show on May 5th. We wanted to share our experiences with you.

We started the weekend festivities Friday night on the deck of Darryl's, a local steakhouse. The show followed the next morning at High Point Nissan. After the judging there was a 20-minute caravan to Hester Park and a picnic site overlooking a lake. There we had a BBQ lunch, awards presentation and raffle draws.

We had a great car show at High Point Nissan from 9:30AM to 1PM. Over 40 cars were entered this year and a number of others carried spectators. All in all there were over 50 Z cars. The Charlotte club was well represented with 9 cars. We had others come from Wilmington, Virginia, Raleigh, Asheville, and Greenville areas.

Each participant got a welcome pack with catalogs from MotorSport Auto and Victoria British, a special commemorative Triad Z club patch and raffle tickets for the give-a-ways.

The judging and Car Show were complete by 12:45. With a clear blue sky it was time to get out of the sun and have some lunch.

When we got to the park the food was already prepared and ready to serve. ...2

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Everyone had a great day!



A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO TOM CRISE'S FAMILY. THEY REALLY PUT IN THE EXTRA EFFORT TO MAKE THE BBQ A BIG SUCCESS.



Nate Nevas brought his first generation 300ZX from Wilmington. He said, "You guys had the best organized regional show I have ever attended. It was like butter." We appreciate Nate's kind words and congratulate him on his 1st place trophy. Ron Harrison attended from Charlotte in his pearl white 1991 300ZX. This car is a former Best of Show winner and is very popular with the crowd. He and the members of the Carolina Z Club walked away with six trophies.

John Dailey was again the crowd favorite in his Fairlady 280ZX. He is an author for a British Z car magazine. John drives his car to every show he attends, yet it is immaculate. John's comment that our show was one of the best he had ever attended meant that much more because of his attendance record at so many shows

Sunday, we visited Virginia International Raceway, where we saw pre-war Bugattis and vintage sedans in separate races. We also took part in touring laps on track during lunch.

Blake had the most fun of any show that he had helped with. It went incredibly smoothly. The smiles made him forget all the hours spent planning the event. David Newell was equally pleased with the responses to the trophies. Dave had a special trophy designed with the club logo and place medallion.

Three members organized the show: Tom Crise, Blake Frazier and Dave Newell. As the 'designated photographer' of the show, Tom was in position to see, photograph, and enjoy each car that participated in the show. Could a Z enthusiast ever ask for a better job? The cars were gleaming, the owners beaming, the spectators taking in every angle to inspect the Z's, and Tom was doing his best to capture all of it on film. The owners were very happy when the Triad Z Club gave each owner a framed 8x10 photo of their car.



Many other people helped including Bonnie Crise and family, Donna Newell, Trevor Bladon, Ed O'Neill and Ken Bolick.

To view many of the Z's and other activities of the weekend, please visit our website. We plan to have our car show on May 4th of next year. We will keep things similar to this year with some added attractions and tuning. For more information, call Blake at 336-854-0391 or check out the website at www.Triad-Z.com. We hope to get your picture next year!

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Tech Corner

The Truth about Our Tools:

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate expensive parts not far from the object we are trying to hit. (Also referred to affectionately as "The Chevy Tool".)

MECHANIC'S KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on boxes containing seat covers and motorcycle jackets.

ELECTRIC HAND DRILL: Normally used for spinning steel Pop rivets in their holes until you die of old age, but it also works great for drilling mounting holes in fenders just above the brake line that goes to the rear wheels.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the original sin principle. It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

WISE-GRIPS: Used to round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your garage. Also handy for igniting the grease inside a brake drum you're trying to get the bearing race out of.

WHITWORTH SOCKETS: Once used for working on older British cars and motorcycles, they are now used mainly for impersonating that 9/16" or 1/2" socket you've been searching for the last 15 minutes.

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your coffee across the room, splattering it against that freshly painted part you were drying.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans rust off old bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench with the speed of light. Also removes fingerprint whorls and hard-earned guitar calluses in about the time it takes you to say, "Ouc...."

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering a car after you have installed your new headers, smashing the tool box tray between the front tire and the ground.

PHONE: Tool for calling your local parts dealer to see if he has any neat new tools.

SNAP-ON GASKET SCRAPER: Theoretically useful as a sandwich tool for spreading mayonnaise; used mainly for getting dog-doo off your shoe.

E-Z OUT BOLT AND STUD EXTRACTOR: A tool that snaps off in bolt holes and is ten times harder than any known drill bit.

TIMING LIGHT: A stroboscopic instrument for illuminating grease buildup.

TWO-TON HYDRAULIC ENGINE HOIST: A handy tool for testing the tensile strength of ground straps and brake lines you have forgotten to disconnect.

CRAFTSMAN 1/2 x 16-INCH SCREWDRIVER: A large prying tool that inexplicably has an accurately machined screwdriver tip on the end without the handle.

BATTERY ELECTROLYTE TESTER: A handy tool for

transferring sulfuric acid from a car battery to the inside of your toolbox after determining that your battery is dead as a doornail, just as you thought.

AVIATION METAL SNIPS: See hacksaw.

TROUBLE LIGHT: The mechanic's own tanning booth. Sometimes called a drop light, it is a good source of vitamin D, "the sunshine vitamin," which is not otherwise found under cars at night. Health benefits aside, it's main purpose is to consume 40-watt light bulbs at about the same rate that 105-mm howitzer shells might be used during, say, the first few hours of the Battle of the Bulge. More often dark than light, its name is somewhat misleading.

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the lids of old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splash oil on your shirt; can also be used, as the name implies, to round off Phillips screw heads.

AIR COMPRESSOR: A machine that takes energy produced in a coal-burning power plant 200 miles away and transforms it into compressed air that travels by hose to a Chicago Pneumatic impact wrench that grips rusty bolts last tightened 40 years ago by someone in Michigan, and rounds them off.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to cut hoses 1/2 inch too short.



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Oil Filter Comparison

Here is an interesting link that was found on the Bluebirds List. It is a comparison of engine oil filters and it raises some interesting points. Worth a read.

<http://members.nbci.com/minimopar/oilfilterstudy.html>

Reading Room

There is a terrific article in the August 2001 issue of Turbo magazine on Tod Kaneko's very orange turbocharged 1972 240Z and 1973 510. What a collection!! Definitely a worthwhile read. You can also find the article at www.turbomagazine.com for now. Check it out while it's on the web site. These are amazing vehicles – I had the pleasure of seeing the Z up close at the MotorSport Show April '97. Awesome workmanship.

In recent months Sport Compact Car (SCC) has chronicled Dave Coleman's heroic efforts to create a real-life rally car from a beater PL510. You can see the results of his efforts at: http://www.sportcompactcarweb.com/archives/features/feature02_0701.shtml

Another recent article in SCC (July 2001) showed the recently restored Bob Bondurant Driving School 240Z. It is at: http://www.sportcompactcarweb.com/archives/features/feature03_0701.shtml This article also talks about Carroll Shelby's driving school (run by a guy named Pete Brock), how Mr. K. first got Bondurant one 1600 and one 2000 Roadster (and a 510) and later, the well-known Boss 302 Orange 240Zs. Lots of great photos and some interesting history.

Racing News

Monterey 2.5 T/A

You may or may not know that Nissan was invited to attend this year's Monterey Historic Races where 1966-1972 Trans-Am cars are being featured. This may be the first time a Japanese marque has been invited. The races are to be held August 17-19. What is really great about this is that the #46 and #68 BRE 510s are being raced. AND, finally, the #46 car has been restored after languishing for years in a Nissan warehouse and then running a stock L16 as a show car. Horrors! John Morton himself had a hand in the restoration of #46, which is appropriate as he was instrumental in the construction of the car in 1971. He is also slated to pilot his 1971-72 championship ride in the 10-lap feature!

When I saw John at a 510 Again Show at Nissan HQ in April '97 he went over and looked at #46 with real affection. He admitted he had not realized the significance of the BRE cars at the time, but he came to appreciate them later.

UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST

15th Annual Z-EXPO – White Rose Z Club of York, PA. August 10-11, 2001. For the registration form: www.thecsg.net/whiterose/ "As you will see, we put on a great Z Show, including the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening at the host hotel. Hope to see you there". Eugene Musselman, President.

Auto Show in Asheboro Saturday August 25 8AM-4PM. Entry fee is \$12.50 for a car, which MUST be at least 25-years old. At Bicentennial Park in the downtown area, near an Antique Mall and shopping. The

show is free and open to the public. Reportedly 180 cars entered last year. Contact Jerry Rook, President Zooland Club, 5081 Burton Road, Thomasville, NC 27360. (336) 476-5872.

SEPTEMBER

Datsun-Nissan Swap Meet. Rain or Shine. Saturday Sept. 29th, 10AM-4PM. Sponsored by Emerald City Z. Buy, sell, swap parts and cars. Raffles, giveaways. Sellers pay \$3 per space, lookers and buyers free admission. 193 Forlines Rd. North, just off Route 11 (Memorial Drive) in Winterville, NC. Look for J & E Harley Davidson. Two lights west of Sam's Club and Pitt Community College.

OCTOBER

Cape Fear Z Club presents the 5th Annual Z Blast! October 20, 2001. See page 9 for entry form and more info. For more details phone (910) 793-8586.

NOVEMBER

Z Club Track Days. Nov. 3-4, 2001 at Kershaw. Discount for dues paying Z Club members. More info on this Premium event to come in the next newsletter from John Downing!

MAY 2002

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! The 8th Annual NC Z Show will be held May 4, 2002. More news to come in the months ahead.

Sponsors

A big thank you to all our sponsors for helping us to host the best show ever. Please support our sponsors. Make sure you call, and mention the club when you do.

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(336) 884-4123

The Z Shop
(336) 274-7872

Brinsfield Imports
(336) 292-6499

J.C. Nizzan (Ceith)
Specializing in used Z parts

(336) 475-8277

MotorSport Auto
(800) 633-6331

Victoria British
(800) 255-0088

**Walker Jordan's
Independence Nissan**



From Ron Harrison:

The Carolina Z Club is fast approaching its 1st year of "re-existence". We have made great strides since we reformed the Z Club in the Charlotte area.

May and June have been a great couple months for some of our members and their Z's:

John Kangaras with his 1994 Twin Turbo has shown the Club what Nissan has been saying for years about the Twin Turbo. John's Z has 550 HP and will run 0-60 in less than 4 seconds; of course that little bottle in the back does help a bit. John also won Best of Show at the Triad Z Show this year.

Ron Harrison has taken chrome to a new level. Ron has the 1991 Twin Turbo with pearl white paint and the blue racing stripes (the Z with the Viper paint job - he hates to hear that). Very seldom do you see a Z Car with a lot of chrome, Ron has changed that; he has tried to chrome everything that he can. Ron also won 1st Place in the Z32's at the Triad Z Show for the second year in a row.

Jim Bralley won 1st place at Auto Fair (Lowe's Motor Speedway). Also winning awards at Auto Fair where Ed Lawless, Daniel Green, and taking Top honors in the Best in Show Class was Mike Twitty and his 1992 Twin Turbo.

Carolina Z Club has a primary sponsor; Walker Jordan's Independence Nissan of Charlotte. We hope to have a long relationship with them for years to come.

Our Club Web Master is Dave Small. He has done a great job as you know if you have been on our site. We think that he is quite a computer buff. He also is working on a classic that we can't wait to see. We have a fantastic Web site at www.carolinazclub.com. Check it out.

Classified Ads

Cars for Sale:

1990 Aztec Red 300ZX NA. Immaculate condition. 5spd, Charcoal leather, CD changer, polished wheels, factory twin turbo, wing/fully loaded. I have every record on the car and I am the second owner. The first owner was a Nissan Mechanic and the car was garaged until 1999. The car has been babied and is in near perfect condition. It is completely stock except for a K&N air filter and optima Red Top Battery. It has 110k miles on it and every service has been done on schedule including oil changes every 3k miles. The car won second place in the Triad Z Car Show last year. I am wanting to get \$10k out of the car. Steve Hunter, (919) 861-5406.

1986 300ZX NA, 149K miles. Charcoal Blue. 5-sp, power everything, slight damage to rear from parking lot mishap (easily fixed; needs rt. tail light, reflector between tail lights, small amount of bodywork on license plate frame). Blaupunkt CD Player/ Stereo and amp, Cerwin Vega Speakers in rear (NIB Cerwin Vegas for front not installed). Mobil 1 Synthetic every 5k, Nissan filter, less than 10k on transmission rebuild (Red-Line synthetic fluid). Diff replaced with rebuilt one from another '86 (Red-Line gear oil). 3 sets of wheels (Stock set, '86 Turbo set and 2nd set from '86 Turbo suitable for race tires, finish not perfect). Tokico springs, KYB Shocks/Struts. K&N Filtercharger, Dynamax Super Turbo Muffler. Extra driver's

door/window/power window motor. Asking \$1900. Sterling Woodruff (swoodruf@us.ibm.com) Raleigh, NC

1986 300ZX. Purchased in 1992. I don't drive it anymore and I don't have time to fix it to its potential. Charcoal Gray 2-seater, T-Tops, black Interior, 186,000 miles, 5-speed. Needs some minor interior and exterior (paint job) work. Needs rear brakes and a new windshield. Current Inspection Sticker. New rack & pinion, rebuilt transmission, new tires. Engine is in excellent condition. It's a Great Car!! Best Offer. kwillis1970@yahoo.com

1978 280Z. Less than 30k miles on complete overhaul. The car's body is worthless. All glass is good Drivetrain is good - would be an excellent parts car! It was running extremely well when parked. If anyone in the Carolina Lowcountry is interested they can contact Ricky Howard at RH7529@aol.com

1978 Datsun 280Z. 5-speed, factory AC hasn't worked in 7+ yrs. A bit of rust damage on body panels and frame rail under battery. Engine smokes a bit on start-up (blue = oil). Front differential mount is gone. I have owned the car for a year, put 4k miles on it, and never had a problem. There are a few pictures at: <http://members.surfbest.net/gessner/automotive/280z/280z.html> Some ideas for trade: laptop-pentium or better, parts truck-'73-'79 Ford, preferably '73-'74 F100 Ranger, riding lawn mower. Matt Gessner. mattandbekah@hotmail.com

1977 280Z White with Black and Brown Leather Interior, 4 speed,

96,000 miles, good condition, books. \$3500 obo. Linda (336) 292-8999.

1975 Datsun 280Z. Only 68K miles, new fuel injectors, and a second set of bold Motorsports mags (with new tires). Getting married, will sacrifice! Price reduced from \$5000 to \$3500. Tom Lawrence (t.s.lawrence@att.net)

1974 260Z automatic. The car is in pretty good shape. The interior is clean. There is a little rust but no major work besides the battery boxes area. It has been repaired. Was going to work on restoring but no time, too many projects. This would be a good car for someone to work on restoring. Call Dave at (336) 643-7481.

Low production Fair Lady 432 (240Z). Red with black interior, right-hand drive, 5 speed, honey comb aluminum wheels, twin carb's, rear spoiler. This car is in good running condition. Pictures and/or video available. This model, in excellent condition, is worth around \$20,000 based on what Nissan people tell me. Make me an offer. Alain Leclerc. Phone (802) 456-7417. CamaroRkewl2@aol.com

Cars Wanted:

1982-83 280ZX 5spd. Body and interior not important, decent running condition. Possible mid project abandonment car will have considerations. Not worried about mileage or dents...Thanks. Mike and Jeannie Foreman. foreman5@netzero.com or

foreman5@carolina.rr.com (704) 893-0473.

1970-73 Datsun 510 wanted. 2- or 4-door. Solid frame and unmodified body. Drivetrain and interior condition not critical. Trevor (336) 454-6763, DrT240z@aol.com

Parts for Sale:

I have a set of EMI Racing camber/caster plates for sale (new in the box). Figured I'd give you guys first crack at 'em. A photo of these can be seen at www.hybridz.org ("Wheels, Brakes, Suspension" section, click on thread started by "Nion" on "Bumpsteer/strut spacers with sectioned struts/coilovers"; there's a photo of these about 2/3's through that thread). List is \$300 for the front set - will sell for what I have in them (\$160) plus shipping if applicable. Questions? Call John in Durham at 560-4570 x245.

Lots of used parts for 280 Z's. Engines, transmission, heater cores, ac systems, some interior parts. Call Dave at (336) 207-1766

Parts Wanted:

82-83 ZX rear calipers, with emergency brake hardware. Left front fender and headlight bucket for a '73 240Z. Right front fender and headlight bucket for a '78 280Z. Post me with prices, condition, etc. Thanks. John Downing. jdowning@ci.durham.nc.us

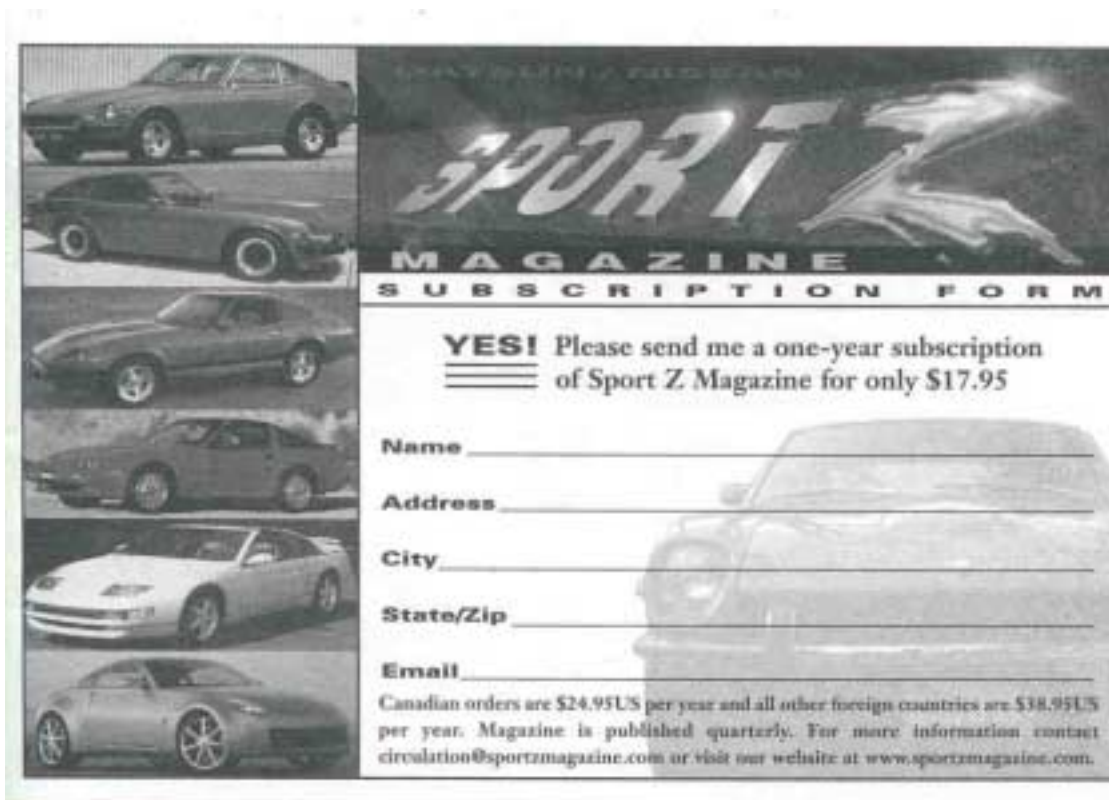
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The image shows a subscription form for Sport Z Magazine. On the left side, there is a vertical column of six small images of different sports cars. The main part of the form has a dark background with the word "SPORT" in large, stylized, metallic letters, followed by "MAGAZINE" in smaller, white, block letters. Below this, it says "SUBSCRIPTION FORM". The form includes a call to action: "YES! Please send me a one-year subscription of Sport Z Magazine for only \$17.95". There are five lines for personal information: Name, Address, City, State/Zip, and Email. At the bottom, there is a note about international shipping rates and contact information: "Canadian orders are \$24.95US per year and all other foreign countries are \$38.95US per year. Magazine is published quarterly. For more information contact circulation@sportzmagazine.com or visit our website at www.sportzmagazine.com."

Send your subscription card to:

Sport Z Magazine
PO Box 370
Bernalillo, NM 87004

<http://www.SportZMagazine.com>

We would love to have material from the other clubs in the Carolinas.

Please submit your articles, ads and ideas for the newsletter to Trevor (DrT240Z@aol.com) at the Triad Z club.



*2002 ¡Viva San Antonio!
15th Annual ZCCA Convention
June 17 – 21, 2002*



Host Hotel is the Airport Hilton – Cost is \$89.95 per night per double occupancy with additional \$10 per night for up to four per room plus tax.

Monday – 17 June - Registration Opens at 1 pm
Approximate Cost \$40.00 per person
Opening Reception from 6 to 8 pm
Chili Tasting from 8:30 pm till ??

Tuesday – 18 June - ZCCA Meeting # 1 from 8:30 to 10:30 am
San Antonio and Hill Country Road Tours 11 to 6 pm
Approximate Cost \$10 per car
* Texas Dance Hall from 7 to 11 pm
Approximate Cost \$5 per person

Wednesday – 19 June - 15th Annual ZCCA National Car Show – Farm
Country Club – Bandera Texas – 10 am to 5 pm
Approximate Cost \$30 - \$40 per car and \$6 per spectator for lunch
* Night on the River Walk
Approximate Cost TBA

Thursday – 20 June - ZCCA Meeting # 2 from 8:30 to 11 am
River Rafting on the Guadalupe 12 to 6 pm
Approximate Cost TBA

Friday – 21 June - Auto Cross/Drag Competition from 9 am to 4 pm
Approximate Cost \$25 - \$35 per driver
Closing Banquet starts at 7 pm

Saturday – 22 June - Texas Send-off in Hospitality Suite from 6 to 10 am

* These events will be determined by survey responses – dates subject to change

This schedule is tentative and subject to change depending upon number of registrations per event. Shopping and exploring the River Walk and the Missions Trails will be available at all times with guides if the number of requests warrant them.



Proudly presents the 5th annual Z blast!
October 20, 2001

Your Info:

Name: _____
Street/P.O.Box: _____
City/State/Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Best time to call: _____
Fax/E-mail: _____
Guest Names: _____

Your Car Info:

(Circle one) 240Z - 260Z - 280Z - 300Z

Year: _____ Color: _____

Modifications: _____

Activities Are:

- Reception at Blue Water Cafe - Wrightsville Beach - Friday, 7 pm until ?
- Car Show (seven trophy classes!), Caravan/ferry trip, and lunch - Saturday

Registration Fee:

- Owner and one car \$28
- Early registration bonus! Deduct \$5.00 if received by October 7th
- Guests \$3.00

Total Enclosed:\$ _____

Please make checks payable to our treasurer:
Susan Porter
476 Grouse Court
Wilmington, N.C. 28403

Please call for more details: 910-793-8586

2001 Triad Z Show Winners:

Best of Show – John Kangaras (1994 Twin Turbo)

1st Place Z32 – Ron Harrison (1991 Twin Turbo)

1st Place Z31 – Nate Nevas

1st Place 280ZX – John Dailey (Fairlady)

1st Place 280Z – Bill Lambert

1st Place 240Z – Billy Camden