

The Z Experience

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Our Web Site

www.trianglezclub.com

Track Event Information

<http://members.cox.net/trackevents/>

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<http://autos.groups.yahoo.com/group/trianglezclub/>

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Special Events ?

We can always use more volunteers!

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A Word from the Prez

Well, it's been another busy month for the TZC. We did have a great meeting and the Baseball game was a blast. Jerry not only took some great pictures and was the t-shirt winner, but has bonus pictures as well (it's just a Joke for those who were there). Jerry will be saying more about the game elsewhere in this issue. We are looking forward to another great meeting on August 5th. Remember we try to get together around 7:30 at Chico's in Cary.

Stacy is covering upcoming track events, so I just wanted to give a heads up about other stuff. We have a show happening sometime (probably the second weekend) in November at RPM Nissan. There will be several classes and trophy types, plus some just for fun stuff. We will announce everything very soon.

October 2nd we will be getting together at VIR to watch the Speedvision and GA cup guys race, and cheer the 350Zs. Both the Drivers and sponsors may join us for a while to socialize. Who knows, we may even have some really cool stuff to give away.

Later in the fall we will probably do a club sponsored Hockey Game in the NHL is still around. Last year's event was a blast and some people got to see hockey for the first time. Hopefully the NHL will still be around and the Canes have a better year. Once we lock in a date, it will be announced on both the site and the mailing list.

Speaking of the site, as many of you noticed, we have exceeded our bandwidth once again. We are looking at other vendors to increase this and maybe offer even more stuff online. While we move this site, there may be some redesigns and other changes. If you have any ideas of stuff to add, now would be a good time to suggest it.

On the subject of suggestions, we are always looking for new stuff for the club. If you have an event idea, or maybe a change to an existing event, feel free to send a note about it. Some ideas we have toyed with are monthly tech/work days, more social events, and now we are organizing an annual show.

I hope to see many of you at the next meeting, and have a great month.

- Marty Howard TZC President

Web Site Bandwidth Problem

Sorry for the web site problems, we are experiencing such heavy traffic that we are exceeding our monthly bandwidth

allowance. We are in the process of moving to a new host site to alleviate the problem. Have no fear; TZC will not be silenced for long!!!!

TZC WebGuru

Upcoming Events:

Greetings from the track events team at the Triangle Z Club!

This year has been a wonderful year for us - and it's not even over yet! With the resounding success of our 2nd attempt at a VIR Full course driver's ed and time trial in February, it set us up nicely for our annual South Course event Easter weekend, then a hugely successful event at Roebing Road Raceway in June. With the help of various clubs' members and various Z forum websites our Z attendance has never been better. The 350Z is turning out to be a supremely capable track car - certainly picking up where previous Z generations left off in affordable, performance oriented sports cars, and their owners are taking full advantage of its performance.

Our next two track events are coming up quickly, so if you interested in getting your car on track, listen up!

The first is September 11-12 on VIR's new Patriot Course. It's a 1.1 mile burner of a circuit that will be run 'inside' the full course. Because most of our instructors have never driven on this track, we are requiring a minimum experience level for this event. You must have completed at least two full HPDE events with a recognized club. Those of you with SCCA approved roll bars, your entry includes a spot in the Solo I style time trial at the end of the day. Pricing is \$150 per day if you want an instructor, \$100 per day if you want to drive solo (pending solo experience verification).

Second is our annual event at Carolina Motorsports Park in Kershaw, SC October 23-24. Standard HPDE format for this one, all experience levels encouraged to sign up. Entry forms for each event have been included and they can be accessed at www.timetrials.net. Something new for this year, we now have online registration for the CMP event. Participants can go to www.MyAutoEvents.com and search for Triangle Z Club, or click on the track events link to find our event. It is a free site and really neat for auto enthusiasts.

The registration forms are at the end of the newsletter.

As always - if you have any questions about our track events, please email me at trackevents@cox.net. For pictures from our previous events, be sure to visit

www.triangleZclub.com and go to our Gallery section (hopefully we'll have our bandwidth issue resolved shortly).

-Stacy King
Track Events Coordinator
Triangle Z Club

Triangle Z Club's First Auto Show!

Stay Tuned for more information

Recent Events:

Second Annual Z Night @ the Mudcats July 17th

We picked another winner! The weather was perfect, it was actually slightly cool Saturday night and no rain. Unfortunately, we did not bring the Mudcats good luck this year, they lost 7 to 3. Jerry Colburn was the lucky winner of a Mudcats T-shirt. We all enjoyed the game and the scenery in the stands!

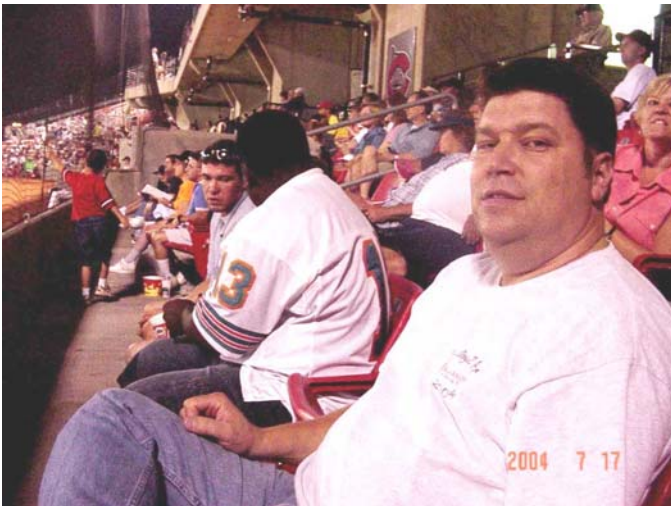
- Jerry Colburn
Event Coordinator



Jerry Colburn, Alex Labdon & Fred Ange



Marty Howard & Family



Fred Ange & Cheeno Shepherd

Benefits:

The Triangle Z Club will provide a “FREE” subscription to Sport Z Magazine as a part of your paid membership. I will be sending the list of names to Sport Z in the next week, so be sure to renew your membership now!

Free/discounted tickets to various events during the year.
Discounts to all our track events.
Annual Bar-Z-Que @ Harris Lake
Christmas Party

Discounts:

Happy Japs
Rex Deffenbaugh
233 E. Johnson St. Cary NC.
919-467-2884 10% off labor

M&M AutoWerks
Kevin Ley
10207E Chapel Hill Road Morrisville, NC

RPM Nissan
Rodney Wilson
3930 Chapel Hill Blvd.
Durham, NC 27707
919-489-3800 20% off parts

Motorsport Auto
1139 W. Collins Ave.
Orange, Ca. 92667
714-639-2620 10% off parts

Courtesy Nissan
1777 N. Central Expy.
Richardson, Tx. 75080
800-527-1909 25% off parts

Services:

If you have a business you would like to recommend, please forward the information and the details to jlc280Z@nc.rr.com, so I can include it in our Services section.

Fuel Injector Cleaning

If you need your fuel injectors serviced, please check out Cruzin Performance owned by Rich Jensen. <http://www.cruzinperformance.com/>

Rich will clean and test the injectors and provide a complete report (on the web) on each injector before and after cleaning! The price is extremely reasonable, \$16 each (\$12 without new hoses)!

My injectors came back looking like brand new, with new hose, new screen and pintle cap (plastic tip protector). Please be aware that mine were 25 years old and one was too clogged up to be cleaned. Fortunately, I had a spare on hand. So I got six refurbished for \$100, not too bad! Make sure you replace both the small and large “O” rings when pulling the fuel injectors.

Jerry Colburn 78 280Z (see it on the last page!)



Members:

Please join me in welcoming our renewing members for July:

Tony Oakley & Louay Husein

New members for 2004:

Tom Crise

Blake Frazier ('85 300ZX)

Ryan Krادلak ('96 300ZX)

Brian Nunnally Sr. ('76 280Z)

Kevin Ley

Cheeno Shepherd ('80 280ZX 2+2)

Olgierd Weiss III ('04 350Z Silver Track Model)

Jeff Schoch ('92 300ZX TT)

We now have 40 paid members, and 38 expired memberships.

Memberships expiring in July 2004:

Glen Belnap

Wyn Easton

Charles Holder

Alex Labdon

Charles Pickett

Steve Vanderlinden

Members expired in 2004:

Dave Goodwin 2/28/04

Eric Hardcastle 2/28/04

Ronald Jones 5/30/04

Shannon Jones 2/28/04

John Lucero 3/31/04

Charlie McClasky 3/31/04

Ken Owens 2/28/04

Thurmond Sanders 3/30/04

Members Cars & Other Stuff

This is for our members to showcase their cars! Please forward pictures for future editions of The Z Experience.

July 2004 - Jerry Colburn's 78 280Z

For those of you who don't believe I actually have a Z, here it is!



Rebuilt engine on the stand, waiting for the engine compartment to be ready!



Tar Heel Sports Car Club/Triangle Z Club

Inaugural Patriot Run – Advanced Lapping and Time Trial Days

Patriot Course, Virginia Int'l Raceway September 11th – 12th

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ City / State / Zip: _____

Car Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____

Car Number: 1st Choice _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ Permanent Changeable

Car Classing... SCCA Solo I: _____ SCCA Solo II: _____ Club Racing: _____ NASA: _____

Safety Equip**: SCCA Approved Roll bar Fire Extinguisher 5/6 pt harness SA95+ helmet

** You must have the proper safety equipment to compete in the Time Trial – you do not need the above items if you are not participating in the Time Trial. All cars must have a current THSCC/TZC tech sticker or completed tech form

Experience **HPDE:** Run group at last event _____ # of events _____ Soloed? (Y/N) _____

What club(s)? _____

What track(s)? _____

Autocross: Approx. # of events _____ What club(s)? _____

Time Trial: Approx. # of events _____ What club(s)? _____

Racing: Current license # _____ What organization? _____

Registration/Pricing: For non-instructors, this event is priced per day - choose one or both days!

Time trial entry is included for those with properly prepared cars.

Saturday

\$150 **Intermediate** entry* (with instructor) + *Time Trial*

\$100 **Advanced** entry*** (Solo) + *Time Trial*

Sunday

\$150 **Intermediate** entry* (with instructor) + *Time Trial*

\$100 **Advanced** entry*** (Solo) + *Time Trial*

Instructor

\$50 (weekend) **Instructor** entry (1 student) + *Time Trial*

- * A minimum experience level will be required for this event. All entries must be intermediate level (yellow group) or better. The registrar will assess your entry; you will be notified via email with confirmation. You are **not** required to have time trial equipment for lapping.

- ** Solo status must be verifiable. If you have not done a THSCC/TZC HPDE you must provide info for the host club of the event where you were last signed-off to run solo. Also provide name of your instructor for that event if you were assigned one.
- **Instructors:** Spaces are limited, so get your entry in early. We appreciate your flexibility and patience with this new venue. You may have a different student between Saturday and Sunday, but you will be guaranteed only 1 student each day. We also appreciate your understanding of the necessity for an instructor fee for this event. It will help offset the low capacity vs. the rental fees. As usual, lunch will be provided each day for instructors and staff.

Please read and sign the usual liability disclaimers on the next page. Thank you!

Make Check payable to:
TZC/THSCC School & TT
c/o Matt Graham
112 Spring Garden Dr.
Durham, NC 27713

For Registration questions : **Matt Graham- (919) 452-7852 mgraham@nc.rr.com**

For Technical, Time Trial, or Instructor questions: **Mark Vitacco - (919) 790-7159
mvitacco@nc.rr.com**

For General Driving School Questions: **Stacy King - (252) 637-3977 trackevents@cox.net**

Note: Licensed drivers over 16 years of age only. Drivers under 18 years of age require parental consent waiver. All drivers will be required to wear long sleeve shirts and trousers of natural fibers. Snell 95 or newer rated helmet required for all drivers. **SCCA Spec** roll bar required for all open top cars. Tech inspection by a **QUALIFIED** service technician required prior to the event.

**** Instructors:** List your driving school instruction history, references, and instructor license(s)/clinics on the back of this form. Instructors that have instructed with THSCC/TZC before need not provide references and history.

Note: **Time Trial Cars** must be SCCA SOLO1 spec. and drivers must apply for a THSCC TT License with SA95 helmets. More info at www.timetrials.net, or contact Mark Vitacco (see above).

Any damage to the event property (including, but not limited to: the track itself and any safety features, paddock area and buildings, and facilities) is the sole responsibility of the driver.

I hereby certify that I have read and agree to the above disclaimer and that I have no known mental or physical problems, which might jeopardize others or myself if I participate in this event.

Drivers Signature _____

T-Shirt size: S M L XL XXL (Circle One)

Triangle Z Club/Tar Heel Sports Car Club

Southern Fried Track Event – Carolina Motorsports Park Kershaw, SC – October 23rd & 24th

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____
Address: _____ City / State / Zip: _____

Car Make: _____ Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____
Car Classing: SCCA Solo I: _____ SCCA Solo II: _____ Club Racing: _____ NASA: _____
Car Number: 1st choice: _____ 2nd _____ 3rd _____ Permanent? Changeable?

Safety Equip**: SCCA Approved Roll bar Fire Extinguisher 5/6 pt harness SA95+ helmet

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Racing: Current license # _____ What organization? _____
Is your car's logbook up to date? (Y/N) _____

Registration/Pricing: Pricing is for both days

Member Student.... \$245
 Non-member Student.... \$265
 Instructor*.... \$0
 Time Trial**.... \$25
Total: _____

- * Instructors: If you've instructed in the past two years with THSCC/TZC we have you on file. If you are new to THSCC/TZC you must provide dates of instructor clinics attended and lead instructor references on the back of this form.
- ** Time Trial participants must have the safety equipment listed above along with at least 2 prior HPDEs. SFI padding is required on roll bars. The Time Trial portion of the THSCC/TZC Tech Inspection form must be completed. For more detailed information, please visit www.timetrials.net or contact Mark Vitacco (info below).

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1421 Spencer Ave
New Bern, NC 28560

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