



The NewZ

October 2012

Datsun Nissan

**240Z, 260Z, 280Z, 280ZX, 300ZX 31, 300ZX 32,
350Z, 370Z & G Series**

First NASA Spec Z National Championships

The first spec series featuring Nissan's Z33 (350Z) held its National Championship at the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course two weeks ago. Lap times for the quickest Spec Zs astounded some observers, as the sticky BFGoodrich R1 tires helped the cars break into the 1:37-1:39 range (top speeds exceeding 140 MPH) around the 2.4-mile pro course.. Colorado's Dave Dirks put his Enthusiast model Z on pole, but it was Californian Jeremy Croiset who took the win, with New Jersey's Peter McIntosh II making it through to second place. Sanctioned by the National Auto Sport Association (NASA), the Mid Ohio races were quite eventful and *Nissan Sport* will bring readers all the details on this exciting new class in the winter issue (25).



Product: Z1 300ZX Front Upper Control Arms

The ultimate solution for your 300ZX suspension is finally here, the Z1 Motorsports Front Upper Control Arms (FUCAs) are now available. With a focus on strength, weight savings, and operational range of motion, these FUCAs are a cut above other options on the market. Constructed from aircraft grade 6061 aluminum and stainless steel parts; not only do they perform they look great doing it. Available with Energy Suspension Bushings ® in the Street version (works with bushing style tension rods) or NSK bearings in our Ultra-Light Race version (requires solid style tension rods), both are lighter than factory versions, with the race version being over 66% lighter than competing Midori style arms on the market. Available now only at [Z1 Motorsports](http://Z1Motorsports.com) (770.838.7777) prices start @ \$368.00.

TZCC Coming Events/Activities

October 8, 2012 ***NEW MEETING PLACE!*** at the Mario's Restaurant located on 611 Airline Blvd., Portsmouth, VA 23707

October 21, 2012 Jamestown National Historical Park Drive. TBA Contact Steve Smith 757-483-5026

November 12, 2012 ***NEW MEETING PLACE!*** at the Mario's Restaurant located on 611 Airline Blvd., Portsmouth, VA 23707

For more information on events or activities or to submit ideas contact:

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Treasurer's Report October 1, 2012

| CHECKING ACCOUNT | | | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------|----|------------|
| <u>OPENING BANK BALANCE</u> | | | \$3,700.99 |
| <u>PLUS DEPOSITS</u> | | | |
| | Food Bank | | \$94.00 |
| | Car Show | | |
| | Registration | | \$760.00 |
| | Deposits Total | | \$854.00 |
| <u>LESS EXPENDITURES</u> | | | |
| | 1645 (Angela Stamps & Ink) | | \$49.34 |
| | Expenditures Total | | \$49.34 |
| <u>CLOSING BANK BALANCE</u> | | | \$4,505.65 |
| Outstanding Checks | 1643 (Mandi Pig Pickin Supplies) | | \$88.10 |
| | 1644 (Todd Pig Pickin Stuff) | | \$370.63 |
| | Outstanding Checks Total | | \$458.73 |
| | Check book balance | | \$4,046.92 |
| SAVINGS ACCOUNT | | | |
| Previous Balance | 1-Sep | | \$2,476.86 |
| Plus Deposits | | | |
| Plus Interest | | ## | |
| Less Withdrawals | | | |
| Current Balance | 1-Oct | | \$2,476.88 |

September 10, 2012 Minutes

President Todd Wagner called the meeting to order at Mario's Italian restaurant in Portsmouth, welcomed our guests, and introduced the club's officers. We have 66 current, paid-up members. The minutes were passed as written. Treasurer Matt Zentz reported that the September All-Import Car Show had raised \$854 through entry fees and out-and-out donations for the Food Banks of the Peninsula and South Hampton Roads. For the rest of Matt's report, please see elsewhere in this newsletter.

Old business: The August pig pickin' had a good turnout despite the rain. The new pig cooker worked very well. The propane fire made it easier to control the temperature, and the pig turned out to be one of the best ever.

Half a dozen club members are planning to attend the ZCCA convention September 18 – 23 in Arizona. Next year's convention will be at New Hampshire's Nashua Motor Speedway, which will be more accessible for East Coast Z fans. It'll also be held during the first week of August, so people with children won't have to worry about school.

The All-Import Car Show at Hall Nissan in Western Branch, Chesapeake, was a success. We enjoyed looking at lots of Z-cars, and there were quite a few exotic rides like AMGs, Lamborghinis and Ferraris, not to mention the coolest VW Beetle (old school). But Matt Zentz's GT-R won Best in Show.

For new business: Steve Smith is making arrangements for the October driving event, a cruise up the Colonial Parkway to the Historic Triangle. We'll probably end up in Jamestowne for a picnic lunch. Stay tuned for more details.

Angela Brown has been taking donated reading materials to the VA Medical Center in Hampton. They're happy to receive the books (both hard-bound

and paperback) but they have requested no more magazines. They tend to be far out of date by the time they're donated. Remember the Z Car Association of Richmond's Ztoberfest on Sunday, October 14. This year's show will be judged and is open to Datsun/Nissan Z cars, as well as other performance-oriented Nissan and Infiniti models. Learn more at http://richmondzcar.com/show_registration.php.

Future events include a caravan to the Mayflower Marathon food drive in November to make our charitable donation, the holiday party on the first Saturday in December, and the Superbowl party. Suggestions for next year's event schedule are welcome—one thought is a trip to the maritime museum Nauticus and USS Wisconsin berthed alongside. Let Wendy Smith or Mark Garrenton know your ideas and preferences.

The meeting was then adjourned.

The Editor speaks ...

This month's TZCC newsletter will be on the short side (not many member submissions or other info) and in a different format. My main computer (desktop) went out. It was a very good one in its day (6 1/2 years old) it served me well and I didn't want to add \$\$ to get it fixed. All items were backed up as it was slowly dying, didn't lose anything. A new custom Falcon Northwest Mach V is on the way. I am writing this newsletter on a laptop but it doesn't have all the programs that my desktop had. So as any editor would do, (unless there is another volunteer for TZCC newsletter editor) have written matter for "The NewZ" so that the members don't miss any club newsletters, this is October's issue. Stuff happens!



Frank Marsh's Z before wheel change



Frank Marsh's Z after new wheels added

All Import Car & Truck Show

On September 8, 2012 was the TZCC car and truck show for all imports for both European and Asian vehicles, which was sponsored by Hall Nissan Western Branch in Chesapeake, VA. The day was a beautiful summer/fall day. The vendors and registration tents were in place as the cars were rolling in. There was a good selection of cars represented: Ferrari, Lamborghini, Nissan, Datsun, Lotus, Mercedes, Mitsubishi, Subaru, Toyota, Volkswagen and Infiniti. The awards were for the Top 25, Best Truck, Best European, Best Asian, Hall Dealer's Choice, Best in Show. Well to be said, our own Matt Z with the GT-R won Best in Show. Other TZCC members also walked away with an award of the top 25 category. Well done TZCC! The club members (Roger Elstun, Wendy & Steve Smith, Mark Garrenton, Matt Z, Mr. & Mrs. Blake Russell and Angela & Dale Brown) helped make the show a big success. From parking cars to selling 50/50 tickets to registration and more, it could not have been done it without those club members "rolling up their sleeves". The proceeds will go toward the club's Virginia Food Bank donation to be made in November.

... See next month for the Import Car Show pictures and Mike Bonatz time in Japan article.