

# Oklahoma Z Car Club

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**\*\*Starbird Car Show \*\* Pawnee Cruise\*\***



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## Oklahoma Z Car Club Monthly Meetings

### TULSA AREA

2nd Tuesday, Feb 13

#### Johnny Carino's 41st & Sheridan

Eat: 6:30 Meet: 7:30

Park your Z car on the West side of the restaurant along the curb that runs parallel to 41st if possible.

#### How to get there from Tulsa:

It's on the Southwest corner of 41st & Sheridan.

#### From OKC:

Turner Turnpike, follow I-44, Take the Sheridan Road exit. Turn right onto 41st Street, then right into the Carino's parking lot one block before Sheridan Road.

### ADA AREA

3rd Friday, Feb 16

#### Ada Nissan

Meet: 7:00 Eat: 8:00

#### How to get there from Tulsa:

I-44 West, exit Stroud, South on 377. 1st stoplight turn left. Ada Nissan is on the left.

#### From OKC:

I-40 East. Shawnee South 177, Follow sign to Ada. Take the 1st Ada exit (Main St.) Follow to Mississippi and go left. Go past the RR tracks, turn left at the stop sign. Ada Nissan is on the right.

Lost? Call Ross 580/399-0406

### OKC AREA

3rd Tuesday, Feb 20

#### Santa Fe Steak House

Penn & I-240

Eat: 6:30 Meet: 7:30

#### How to get there:

I-240, turn North on Penn, go through the light, turn Right on the next street (no light). Keep going until you see the restaurant.

**Monthly Meetings are open to all members & non-members.**

Invite all your "Z" friends to be a part of our club. so come early and enjoy good food and good "Z" friendship!



## A Lot to Look Forward to.

The Darryl Starbird car show in Tulsa Feb. 16–18 has some space for OKZCC cars, thanks to the efforts of John Lucas of the Tulsa chapter. This show draws many spectators and car enthusiasts. You couldn't hope for a better way to show the Z-car marque and draw attention to our club.

John is also heading up the February 24 "Lunch Run to Pawnee" where we'll chow down at Honest John Fibber's Restaurant at about 11 am. Nita Franks, the proprietor, has suggested checking out the Pawnee Bill Museum while we're there and has invited us to see her late father's collection of steam-powered tractors and cars. Watch the "Upcoming Events" forum at okzcc.com for updates.

Those of you who like to drive as well as "shine" need to check out the 2007 rally season in this issue of the Z Navigator. I see all these neat Z cars at the monthly meetings and at our car shows and wonder why I don't see them cruisin.' Rallies are a fun way to do that.

The icy grip of Winter will relax in the next few months and Northeastern Oklahoma's Tuesday Night Cruisers will again be gathering each Saturday (they changed the day, but not the name) at the First Baptist Church Youth Center parking lot at 100 Albany north of Broken Arrow—that's just up the hill from the Bass Pro Shop. This is wall-to-wall cars and drivers showing off for a couple of hours—a good place to show off the Zees.

There must be some of you who want to get down and serious about driving your Z. Then come on out for the SCCA autocross events. Whether you are competitive or not, you can have a really fun time. Autocross is a wonderful way to improve your driving skills and show off the Z while you're at it. If you're really serious you can also track your Z at Hallett Motor Racing Circuit—monitor the Hallett Web site at [www.hallettracing.net](http://www.hallettracing.net) for dates.

The rally and autocross schedules are included in this issue. Also check out the full schedule of OKZCC events for 2007 and mark them on your calendar. We need everyone to show up for these events. The Z-car club lives or dies by event participation—why

would anyone want to join a club that doesn't do anything?

## Nissan Sport Magazine Benefit

Most of you will remember that the club voted unanimously at our joint meeting in Stillwater last August to change our annual dues to \$35 to include the cost of a discounted annual subscription to Sport Z magazine as a benefit of membership. But then Sport Z folded before we sent them our money and a new magazine arose in its place called Nissan Sport.

Nissan Sport is an entirely different magazine, so a number of members believed that we should wait and see if it was an appropriate publication for us to buy into. There have been two issues of Nissan Sport published since then, and it appears that the new magazine is everything we would want for a membership benefit.

It is worth mentioning that Nissan Sport contacted former Sport Z subscribers and gave them the option of a refund or a subscription to the new magazine. No one got "stiffed" by the change. The Nissan Sport staff appears to be a stand-up crew that wants to serve readers.

As a "Partner Club," with Nissan Sport, OKZCC would get a lot of free "ink" in the magazine. This might be considered "preaching to the choir," but every bit of publicity helps with a marque club. Interest in OKZCC comes from many places you might not expect, and having our name out there makes sure we aren't overlooked.

We have collected the increased dues since August, but because the magazine is a totally different publication, we need to vote again on this issue. In keeping with the OKZCC Constitution and Bylaws requiring publication of motions in the Z Navigator, the following motions are formally made, to be voted upon at the March joint meeting.

Motion 1—That the Club reaffirm the original August 2006 vote increasing annual dues to \$35 to include a discounted annual subscription to Nissan Sport as a benefit of OKZCC membership. —So moved by Ken Frakes, OKZCC Executive Director

Motion 2—That the Club retain the \$35 annual dues to bolster the OKZCC treasury, but reject the annual subscription to Nissan Sport as a membership benefit. —So moved by Jim Swafford, President, Tulsa Chapter

## Lighten Up

Whew! Now that the administrative stuff is covered, lets think about the fun coming up in 2007.

There are few things more relaxing than cleaning up the Z. It may look like work to the neighbors, but caressing the paint with a microfiber wash mitt soaked in gentle detergent is a mantra that soothes the soul while it cleans the car. Put the car shows listed in this issue on your calendar.

And when she's all cleaned up, you might want to take her out for a drive just to show her off, or to affirm your connection with her as a skilled driver. A rally or an autocross could be the perfect way to do it. Put those events on your calendar too.

Autocross is like the midway ride of autosports. You can make your inner ear spin out of control while proving to yourself that you actually know what you're doing. The rallies are like a family road trip with adult games—without bickering kids in the back seat.

Get ready for the 2007 Z-car season. We have our own car shows (neat), Branson Z-car Fest (really neat) and Midwest Z-car Fest (long drive to Omaha, but neat), and enough cruises, rallies, and autocrosses to satisfy every appetite.

I'm even looking forward to the "Gourmet Cookout" and "Ize Cream Zocials" in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. Any chance to drive the Z car is good.

—Ken Frakes  
OKZCC Executive Director

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**FEBRUARY 16-18**

# **DARRYL STARBIRD**

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# **CUSTOM CAR SHOW**

**FEBRUARY 16 - 18**

Club members are encouraged to enter thier Z in the show. Make sure you fill out the club part of the application to be sure you are placed witht the club. For details or questions, visit the club message board.

<http://okzcc.com/phpBB2/>

# **PAWNEE**

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# **LUNCH CRUIZE**

**FEBRUARY 24**

On Saturday February 24, 2007 the Tulsa Chapter of the Oklahoma Z Car Club will hold a fun cruise to Pawnee, Oklahoma for lunch at Honest John Fibber's and a tour of the local sights. We will assemble Saturday morning 9:00 a.m. at the Fiesta Mart located on 3902 11th Street.

**FEBRUARY 24**

# 2007 OKZCC EVENTS

- > **February 16-18** Starbird Car Show, OKZCC members are encouraged to show their car
- > **February 24** Lunch cruise to Pawnee
- > **March 10** BBQ Poker Rally, OKC
- > **March 24** First joint meeting of 2007
- > **April 14** Go-Kart Shenanigans, Tulsa
- > **April 28** Oklahoma Wine Country Tour, Central Oklahoma
- > **May 10-13** Branson Z Car Festival
- > **May 19** Gourmet Cookout, Tulsa
- > **June 2** Oklahoma City Area Z-Car Show
- > **June 12** Tulsa Meeting - Ice Cream Social
- > **July 14** Dyno Day, Tulsa
- > **July 17** Ice Cream Social, Oklahoma City
- > **July 28** Route 66 Cruise/Tour, Oklahoma City
- > **August 18** Second Joint meeting of 2007
- > **August 25** Joint OKZCC/SCCA Night Rally, Tulsa
- > **September 9** Hallett fast lapping with the Z Club of Texas
- > **September 1-3** Midwest Z Fest, Omaha, NE
- > **September 22** Jackie Cooper Z Car Show, Tulsa
- > **October 1-5** 20th International ZCCA Convention (Daytona Beach, FL)
- > **October 21** Mike House Foliage Tour, Tulsa
- > **October 27** London-to-Paris SCCA Rally, London, AR
- > **November 10** Lunch Run to Hominy
- > **November** Go-kart shenanigans, OKC
- > **December 1** OKZCC Annual Awards Party

*Although the club rarely cancels an event, check the newsletter and/or the message board for the latest info on an upcoming event.*

## Ada Area Z-heds... Where Are You?

Hey! All you Ada area Z-car enthusiasts! You need to step up and make the Ada area chapter of Oklahoma Z Car Club a viable organization. We miss you.

There were 18 of you when Ross Costa agreed three years ago to found a chapter in Ada so you wouldn't have to drive to Oklahoma City or Tulsa for monthly meetings. Now you need to show up to make it a real chapter.

Monthly meetings are not a huge commitment of time, and they are a good excuse to drive the Z car, park it where everyone can admire it, then brag about it where folks actually appreciate what you're saying. If you don't jump into this chapter to get together for cruises, car shows, or just parking lot conferences to talk Z-car trash and compare notes, the Ada chapter will dissolve. We want to keep you in our fold.

Your monthly meetings can be anywhere with a parking lot, just let Ross know when and where you want to meet. A chance to chow down and share conversation before the meeting is a good way to ease into any business that needs to be conducted, and adjourning to the parking lot for "conferences" is often the high point of the evening.

If you need inspiration, put the Branson Z Car Fest on your calendar for May 10-12 and drive up there for a couple of days of wall-to-wall Z cars and Z-heds around the clock. That will show you what the club is all about. But don't wait that long to get fired up for an Ada chapter of OKZCC. All it takes is a little bit of dedication.

## Visit The OKZCC Message Board

[www.okzcc.com/phpbb2](http://www.okzcc.com/phpbb2)

Chat with other club members about tech issues, upcoming events or what you did last weekend. Check the classifieds for that much needed part you are looking for.

This is also the place to visit for last minute meeting and event information. Find caravan info for upcoming events.

Keep in touch with other club members.

## 4th QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance of account as of 12/31/06 - \$667.99  
 Petty cash - 65.00

| Income:      |        | Expenses:      |        |
|--------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| 50/50        | 0.00   | Sales          | 0.00   |
| Membership   | 460.00 | Newsletter     | 186.65 |
| Total Income | 460.00 | Postage        | 85.80  |
|              |        | Bank Charges   | 24.00  |
|              |        | Total Expenses | 296.45 |

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## NOV 2006 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We started the month out with 91 members

BELOW ARE THOSE MEMBERS WHO NEED TO RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP.

### Current renewals - November

Norman Gilder - Tulsa

### December Renewals

Michael Hood - Broken Arrow

Cody Opsahl - Ardmore

### January Renewals:

Clayton Crider - Tulsa

Tom & Linda Diepenbrock - Norman

Bob & Carol Isam - Tulsa

Tom Mason - Midwest City

Paula Mason - Spencer

John Odell - Colorado Springs, CO

R.L Robby Robertson - Mustang

### Even Older Renewals

Michael & Carrie LaForge - Tulsa

Goerge & Rose Lambing - Claremore

Nathan & Susan Meier - Claremore

Chuck & Toni Wilson - Broken Arrow

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 25% off all Nissan (not just Z) parts

## Z NAVIGATOR CLASSIFIEDS

**For Sale>>** Stroker Engine : F54 block bored .120 over. With LD28 crank and 240 rods and some KA24 pistons (some are damaged) I would suggest using a set of forged after market pistons. I also have several L28 heads available. \$1200.00 or best offer. Will also consider trade for a car hauling trailer. Contact: Michael LaForge

**For Sale>>** 1980 280ZX, purchased in 1990 from the original owner. Black with leather interior, 5-speed. It has been driven 95,000 miles and the paint and body are in excellent condition. The seat leather is in poor condition. The car has not been driven for five or six years but has always been stored in a heated shop. Will take best offer. - Ronald Doubt (918) 337-0924

**For Sale>>** 1994 300ZX Convertible. Pearl White, tan leather, automatic, 127k miles. \$11,000 Call Nathan Meier 918/857-5079

**For Sale>>** Daytona Blue 2003 350Z, 13,250 miles, excellent condition. Has brand new tires and aligned. I have all records and it's been maintained only by Nissan. Call David 918-906-8790

**For Sale>>** 2 1973 240Zs (photos below) \$250 for both cars plus spare parts. One has a title, one doesn't. Contact Sam (918) 361-5154



**For Sale>>** 1983 280ZX Turbo, 57K Miles. It is completely original

with the exception of a K&N filter cone and an aftermarket stereo. Purchased in 1987. Beautiful metallic burgundy, suede leather interior package, digital dash. 5-speed manual, Garage kept. I am selling this Z for 10K. This is firm and by no means negotiable.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you might have about this car. John Lucas 835-4262

**For Sale>>** Various parts for sale on: '85 300ZX, n/a, 5 spd. '87 300Z, turbo, gray, 135k, good motor & trans. (auto) *Note: LSD, frt. clip, and most of the interior are already gone.* Steve Shull, 834-1797

**For Sale>>** Early '74 260Z completely professionally restored with many upgrades. 1st place show winner. Over 15K in wholesale parts. 10K firm. Call Jerry for details. 360-0565



If you have any items for sale and you want to sell them here. (free for club members) Contact Terry Kellam, thinktk@cox.net (preferred) or 918/627.2837

## Competition Bows Out & 2007 Winds Up

by Ken Frakes

### LaForge Takes 2006 Heavy Metal

Tulsa chapter member Michael LaForge walked away from the 2006 NEOkla Region SCCA awards ceremonies on January 6 with championships in B-Street Prepared solo competition (autocross), and the region's road rally series, as well as the SCCA Mid-America Division Road Rally "Tyro" class.

"Geordy" (a nickname he picked up because he shares a last name with Geordy LaForge on the Star Trek TV series) took the autocross championship because he shows up and competes hard no matter what. His 280Z had some persistent compression/oiling problems during the season, but that didn't deter him from strapping in and blasting the course—never mind the smoke.

Obviously, he did well!

The rally series is an even better story. Michael and his navigator Shawn Cobb seemed to click in the rally series and they drove away from the competition. The lesson here is that the first rule of winning is that you have to show up...and finish.

### 2007 SCCA Rally Season

The 2007 NEOkla rally season has been set. All Z-heds who like to drive their Zees should mark these dates on their calendars. Think of a rally as a grown-up game that lets you drive your Z car to show the marque, and play mind-games with the rallymaster. Some of the rallies are pretty technical—they demand precise arrival times at unknown checkpoints, but others are just about the fun of driving.

The "TSD" (time/speed/distance) rallies are technical. If you really care about winning, you have to drive at a precise average speed (think you can do it?) and arrive at checkpoints at exactly the right second. However, if you just love to drive a prescribed course and the "precise" part doesn't matter, then the drive itself is worth your time.

The "GTA" (game/touring/adventure) rallies are just a hoot. You pay your entry fee (\$25/car or \$20 for SCCA members), get your instructions, and start out on a route that may involve anything from motoring to a race track without getting a speeding ticket, to checking out all the Christmas lights in town.

Participating in these SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) events contributes to promoting autosports, and our OKZCC is part of autosports. Mark the rally schedule events on your calendar, and if you want to drive them all, it is worth the investment in an SCCA membership (\$65/year). You'll recoup \$25 of that in rally entry fees, and even more if you autocross.

The London-to-Paris rally on October 27 is especially nice. What a great drive—a twisty route, silky roads, and stunning scenery/foliage. It can be done from Oklahoma in a single day, but you can book a room at a bed-and-breakfast or a motel if driving over and back is too strenuous for one day. This event is something you will remember. We won the "Best Represented Club" in 2006, and it is great to out show the MiniCoopers, Mustangs, and various other marques. Put it on your calendar!

Check out the season schedules for Oklahoma rallies and autocross in this issue. The NEOkla Region schedule is not yet announced. If you don't mind some "commuting" to Kansas or Arkansas, you can check out their 2007 schedules at [www.arscca.org](http://www.arscca.org) and [www.kansasregionssca.org](http://www.kansasregionssca.org).

Note that the August 25 night rally GTA is a joint venture between OKZCC and SCCA. Our own Michael LaForge (Tulsa) is also the NEOkla Region SCCA Rally Chair for 2007, and has set this event up. Half the entry fees from every OKZCC entry will go into the club treasury (we can use it). Following reflective tape markers in the relative cool of an August evening is an adventure you will find "interesting." Even with all the frustrating "where is it?!" moments, you will realize how much fun it was on the following day.



LaForge & 280ZX autocrossing in the wet. Photo by Sean Grubb. Wow! This guy obviously likes to drive the Z car.



# OKLAHOMA Z CAR CLUB

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

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Do Not Put My Information In The Membership Directory

Employer/occupation \_\_\_\_\_

### Z CAR INFORMATION

| Year  | Model/Trim | Color | Turbo                    | 2+2                      |
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(List other Z Cars on back)

### CLUB INTERESTS

#### Show & Shine

- Car Shows
- Parades

#### Leadership

- Club Officer
- Event Organizer

#### Driving

- Daytrip Touring
- Weekend/Overnight Trips
- Road Rallies (Paved)
- Autocross/gymkhana

#### Social

- Club Outings
- Picnics
- Parties

#### Benefits

- Restoration/Locating Parts
- Discounts on Parts & Service
- Technical Sessions & Information

Other Z Related Interests \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP

New

\$35 per year

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