

# ***CENTRAL FLORIDA Z CLUB***

## **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **SECTION I: NAME**

The official name of this club shall be “***CENTRAL FLORIDA Z CLUB~***” referred to hereafter as the “*Club*”.

#### **SECTION II: GENERAL PURPOSE**

The *Club* is a non-profit organization formed to provide its members with access to knowledge about their **Z Cars** and also provide a forum for members and other interested parties to exchange **Z Car** information.

#### **SECTION III: SPECIFIC CLUB GOALS**

- A. To promote *safe driving habits* and *driving skills* by stressing the ideas of **care, courtesy and common sense**.
- B. To provide *assistance* to any *motorist in distress* when such assistance is both safe and feasible.
- C. To *plan* and *regulate functions* and/or *activities* designed to *further the Club purpose*, including, but not limited to, technical sessions, assistance in dealing with local repair establishments and help in obtaining difficult-to-acquire parts.
- D. To create *a forum* for both sharing information relevant to the promotion of the **Z Car** and socializing with others who share our interest.

#### **SECTION IV: SPECIFIC PROHIBITION**

The Club shall not organize, sponsor, plan, assist, sanction nor allow its name to be associated, in any manner whatsoever, with any automotive function which is in violation of any duly constituted legislation.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **SECTION I: MEMBERSHIP**

- A. The term “Member” applies to any person owning, holding title to or possessing a Datsun/Nissan **Z Car**, 510, and or any of the **Z Car** fore-runners (roadsters and “Fairlady” models), or any person who has a sincere interest in the **Z Car** and plans to own a **Z Car** within the next 6 months whose annual dues are current.
- B. The term “Family Member” applies to any two people, legally related, whose annual dues are current and one of whom meets the automotive criteria contained in Article II, Section 1, Paragraph A.

#### SECTION II: ANNUAL DUES

- A. Annual dues are due each year by the end of the month wherein a member first joined the *Club*.
- B. A one month grace period will be granted for any Member to become current, however, the renewal month remains the same as the month the Member first joined the *Club*.
- C. Annual Dues are assessed as follows:
  - 1. \$30.00 for an annual Membership
  - 2. \$35.00 for an annual Family Membership
- D. Any Member in good standing (i.e. whose Annual Dues are current) who enters the Armed Forces of the United States will automatically be granted Honorary Member status while on Active Duty.

#### SECTION III: MEMBERSHIP CARDS

- A. Membership Cards will be issued for one year from the Member’s renewal month upon the treasurer receiving the Member’s Annual Dues.
- B. Each Membership Card will expire annually on the last day of the Member’s renewal month.
- C. A family Membership is entitled to two Membership Cards, each with the same Membership number.
- D. Honorary Members will be entitled to a renewed Membership Card each year upon receiving the necessary votes of the Membership during the month the Honorary Member was first elected.
- E. Each Member receiving a Membership Card automatically agrees to return their Membership Card if they resign or are expelled from the *Club*.

#### SECTION IV: PARTICIPATION

- A. All Members and Family Members are eligible to cast one vote each.
- B. Honorary Members are not eligible to vote.
- C. All Members, Family Members, and Honorary Members are eligible to participate at functions and/or activities which are open only to *Club* Members.

#### SECTION V: RESIGNATION

Any member may resign from the *Club* at their Option by:

1. Writing a Letter of Resignation to the Secretary; and
2. Enclosing their Membership Card (if applicable).

Resignations become effective when received by the Secretary, providing the Member resigning has no indebtedness to the *Club*.

## SECTION VI: EXPULSION

A. A Member of the *Club* may be expelled from the *Club* for:

1. Non-payment of Annual Dues; and/or
2. Breaching any *Club* By-Laws and/or rules; and/or
3. Bringing unwanted negative publicity to bear on the *Club*.

B. No member may be expelled from the *Club* unless the following procedure is strictly adhered to by both the Member and the *Club*:

1. A recommendation to expel a Member must be submitted, in writing, to a *Club* Officer outlining the specific reason(s) for the expulsion recommendation
2. A special meeting of the Officers will be called to review the expulsion recommendation with both the initiator and the member recommended for expulsion in attendance.
3. The Officers will review the recommendation, try to obtain independent additional information and vote on whether to accept or reject the expulsion recommendation
4. If the Officers vote to reject the expulsion recommendation, both the initiator of the expulsion recommendation and the Member recommended for expulsion will be contacted by the President to explain the Officers' decision.
5. If the Officers vote to accept the expulsion recommendation the Member recommended for expulsion will be offered the option of either resigning from the *Club* or participating at the next regularly scheduled Club meeting when the subject of the recommended expulsion will be presented for a vote by all the Members present.
6. If the Member opts to resign, the resignation will be in accordance with the By-Laws covering Resignation.
7. If the Member refuses to resign, the recommended expulsion will be presented at the next regularly scheduled Club meeting for a vote by the Members present.
8. At that meeting, the President will introduce the expulsion recommendation under "New Business." The final decision on the recommended expulsion will be determined by a two-thirds vote of the Members present.

## ARTICLE III:

### SECTION I: OFFICERS

A. The Officers of the *Club* shall be **President, Vice-President, Vice-President of Events,**

**Vice-President of Membership, Secretary and Treasurer.**

- B. Each Officer shall hold term for one year or until such time as their successors are elected or qualified.
- C. No member may hold more than one elected office.

SECTION II: NOMINATION OF OFFICERS

- A. The President will appoint a three-person Nominating Committee at the *Club's* September monthly meeting to prepare a slate of nominations to be presented at the *Club's* October monthly meeting.
- B. Nominations will also be entertained from the floor at the *Club's* October monthly meeting.
- C. Write-in nominations must be post-marked by November 1st.
- D. No Member shall accept a nomination for more than one office.
- E. Incumbents are eligible for nomination.
- F. Only current Members are eligible for nomination.

SECTION III: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

- A. All voting for Officers will be written ballot.
- B. Ballots will be distributed at the *Club's* November Committee meeting, after the conclusion of the meeting.
- C. Members not attending the November monthly meeting will receive their ballots by mail.
- D. Absentee ballots must be received by the Nomination Committee no later than December 1st of the nomination year.
- E. The election results will be announced at the *Club's* December monthly meeting.
- F. In the event of a tie for office, those Members attending the December monthly meeting will re-cast ballots to break the tie. Absentee ballots will not be counted.
- G Officers will be installed at the *Club's* December monthly meeting and assume office on the following January 1st.

SECTION IV: OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The President is the Chief Executive Officer of the *Club* with the following responsibilities:
  - 1. Ensure the *Club* operates within the parameters established by the *Club's* Constitution and By-Laws;
  - 2. Conduct regular monthly meetings;
  - 3. Call and conduct any special meetings;
  - 4. Represent the *Club* at various functions required;
  - 5. Appoint committees as required.
- B. The **Vice-President shall** assume the responsibilities of the President any time the President is absent or assume those responsibilities as directed by the President.
- C. The **Vice-President of Events** shall serve as Event Chairman and appoint other members to

event committees. The Event Chairman shall coordinate all events of the *Club*. They shall supervise the Event Masters for each event, and coordinate with the Member-At\_Large, the Newsletter Editor and the President. They shall solicit events, workers, and seminars from members and the community

- D. Vice-President of Membership** will keep the current *Club* roster, with names and addresses current for the Secretary. They will be responsible for getting membership registration forms to all prospective members, collection of *Club* membership dues for the Treasurer, and the issuance of membership cards.
- E. The Secretary shall be responsible for:
1. Recording the minutes of all *Club* meetings;
  2. Maintaining a current roll of all members;
  3. Giving notice of meetings as required.
  4. Recording attendance at *Club* meetings and functions;
  5. Keeping the historical *Club* records.
- F. The Treasurer shall be responsible for
1. Maintaining the *Club's* financial records;
  2. Keeping the *Club's* historical financial records;
  3. Receiving funds for the *Club*;
  4. Disbursing *Club* funds as authorized by the President;
  5. Presenting a statement of the *Club's* finances at each monthly meeting;
  6. Maintaining a checking account for the *Club*, with the provision all checks against that account be Counter-signed by another Officer.

#### SECTION V: CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Any *Club* Officer officially associated with a Club Sponsor, Advertiser, or Supporter in any manner whatsoever (e.g. employee), will automatically abstain from any and all decisions affecting such a Club Sponsor, Advertiser or Supporter and abstain from any and all decisions impacting others in a similar endeavor or field of work.

### ARTICLE IV

#### SECTION I: REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

- A. Regular monthly meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM unless otherwise re-scheduled by the President.
- B. In the event of re-scheduling the monthly meeting, all members will be notified as soon

- as possible.
- C. A quorum for any monthly meeting shall be at least 20 percent of the current Members on the *Club's* rolls at the time of the meeting.
  - D. Except as specified elsewhere in the *Club's* By-Laws, all voting at the monthly meetings shall be simple majority.

## SECTION II: SPECIAL MEETINGS

- A. Special meetings may be called by the President or two other Officers.
- B. All officers must be informed of any Special Meeting as soon before such meeting as feasible.
- C. The purpose and results of any Special Meeting must be communicated to the Members at the next regularly scheduled Monthly meeting.

## **ARTICLE V**

### SECTION I: COMMITTEES

- A. The President shall appoint such committees as required to conduct *Club* activities. The responsibilities of each committee must be clearly defined.
- B. Each committee will be comprised of an odd number of Members.
- C. All committee votes will be by simple majority.
- D. The Advisory Board of Directors will meet as required to review and advise current officers on Club matters. This Board will be comprised of past Club Presidents, current Officers and Committee Chair-persons. The results of all Board meetings must be presented at the next regularly scheduled monthly meeting. A Board meeting may be called by any two current Officers or any three other Board members provided all Board Members receive notification as soon before such meeting as feasible.

### SECTION II: AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAW

- A. Amendments may be proposed by either a majority of the Officers at any 20 percent of the current Members.
- B. All amendments must be submitted to the Secretary in writing.
- C. The exact amendment will be presented in the next Newsletter to inform all Members of the proposed change(s).
- D. Voting on the amendment shall follow the same procedure as the voting to elect Officers, excluding the specific time references therein.

END OF "CENTRAL FLORIDA **Z** CLUB" CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS