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For a 20+ year old car club, its strength and vitality continue to amaze me. Even more so is the talent that it attracts that makes that possible. We have a fantastic combination of old guard and new upstarts to balance the tried and true with unbridled innovation. But it's time to shake things up a little more than usual.

As you should all be aware of by now, planning is well under way to host the 2016 Z Car Convention, right here in Ontario, our most ambitious undertaking ever! An enthusiastic team is already working hard to plan this momentous event, and we're only a little over a week away from making our official presentation at the 2015 Z Car Convention. In anticipation of hosting a convention, it was decided that a refresh of the OZC image was due, and our Zedline Editor, and unofficial artistic director, Rajinda Gunasena has been working tirelessly to not only completely revamp our club website, but also to craft a new logo for the club, which you have no doubt noticed on the masthead of this issue. We all owe him a debt of gratitude for his efforts. I don't know how he finds the time to do all of this. Raj talks more about this undertaking elsewhere in this issue.

Of course, a big thank you is due to JP Matte, who not only designed one, but two logos for the club, both of which have served us so well for the past 20 years, and are a fundamental part of the club's history.

Despite these big developments for the club, fundamentally, it's business as usual. We have our typical assortment of club meetings and cruises throughout

the year. Our annual Z-Fest is coming up fast, which we're looking forward to hosting with Woodbine Nissan this year. We have some exciting new developments for Z-Fest too though. Two celebrity guests will be in attendance! First of all Danny Raposo and his Big D's House of Munch food truck will be on site. Secondly, Randy Rodriguez, the designer of the 370Z will be attending. How amazing is that? And I may have to miss it all! I'm scheduled to be out of town for work for much of August. However, I should be in town for the Z-Fest weekend and I'm really looking forward to celebrating Z-Car fandom with my fellow enthusiasts.

Fingers crossed that I can make it!



Nigel White

PRESIDENT - Ontario Z-Car Owners Association



Z-CON PLANNING

The OZC Z Convention committee met on Sunday at Watts Restaurant to discuss plans and our bid to host Z Con in Toronto in August 2016. Plans are coming together with most of the major items figured out. A sample of the trophies was presented and well received by everyone in attendance. On the video screen Rajinda shows footage from his recent trip to Zdayz

No crisis in Identity...



Rajinda Gunasena

ZEDLINE EDITOR - 1990 300ZX Non-Turbo (CREATV)

As many of you know, a dedicated group of member volunteers and the club Executive Committee have been preparing a proposal to host ZCON 2016 in Toronto. They have been working very hard trying to find a host hotel, motorsport venues and lining up major attractions for the convention week's activities. Funding will be solicited from various sponsors to financially assist this huge undertaking. Marketing the club brand is seen as a key aspect and as an ideal opportunity to promote our club and attract new members, especially among the younger Z-Car enthusiasts in Ontario.

As your Zedline Editor and creative guy producing our promotional material for the past few years, I have had the desire to revamp our club's identity starting with the club logo. In addition, Zak's retirement as our Webmaster has opened up the opportunity to redesign the web site as well (see image below). Thanks to the current logo designed by JP Matte, it has stood up to the test of time for over 20 years. Like everything else in life though, change happens. As the Zed has evolved from the 240 to the 370, why not the same for the OZC logo too? My design concept is to make it more sleek, stylized, flashy and bold. This will also give us more opportunities to offer new exciting branded club merchandise to our members.

After much deliberation, reviewing several design concepts and more iterations, the OZC Executive Committee selected a final logo. We have retained the red, blue and black colours as before (used on the masthead on the cover of ZEDLINE) and also propose a couple of variations, a black and white one

(used on the "updated" member-count speedometer on the opposite page) and a sleek chrome style version as seen on this page. Our preference is to use the chrome version as the primary with the red, blue and black one as a secondary one to be used on applications where the chrome look cannot be reproduced. You will soon see these changes take place on the website,

in social media, merchandising and on all of our marketing materials.

Ontario Z-Car continues on, in part because our club continues to welcome new members, their ideas and embracing new technologies like apps, web, social media, videos and electronic mapping to promote our club and its activities. We are able to do all this thanks to the founders and past members who have worked hard to make our club what it is today. Let's continue the tradition without wavering in the face of its main goals and mission. I hope everyone is excited as we are and embrace this rebranding NOT as a change in the club's core values but as a positive change of face to help us move forward and grow bigger and stronger!



A New Web Experience!

The new OZC site will be in 2 sections. The first section is re-designed with easy navigation to details of OZC's history, activities, upcoming events, photo galleries & videos. It will also have FEEDS from Facebook, Twitter, YouTube as well as the Forum.

The second section is the CURRENT forum without the club details, but with login capabilities to post, interact with forum members & view the on-line version of the current year's ZEDLINE for OZC club members only.



Newbie Z

- James Pretty
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- Dallas Lus
- Michael Lahrkamp
- Brent Hancock
- Brad Elkins
- Peter Owens
- Jay McLean
- John Moreau
- Glenn Walker
- Vernon Bouillon
- Cory Fowler

On behalf of the Ontario Z-Car Owners Association, I'm pleased to welcome all our NEW members: I'd like to extend a cordial invitation to you to participate in club events, meetings, our website forum and the newsletter. Past members are also welcome to re-join OZC and be part of the largest, most exciting Z-Club in Canada!

Bob Chwalyk
Membership Director



Content Z

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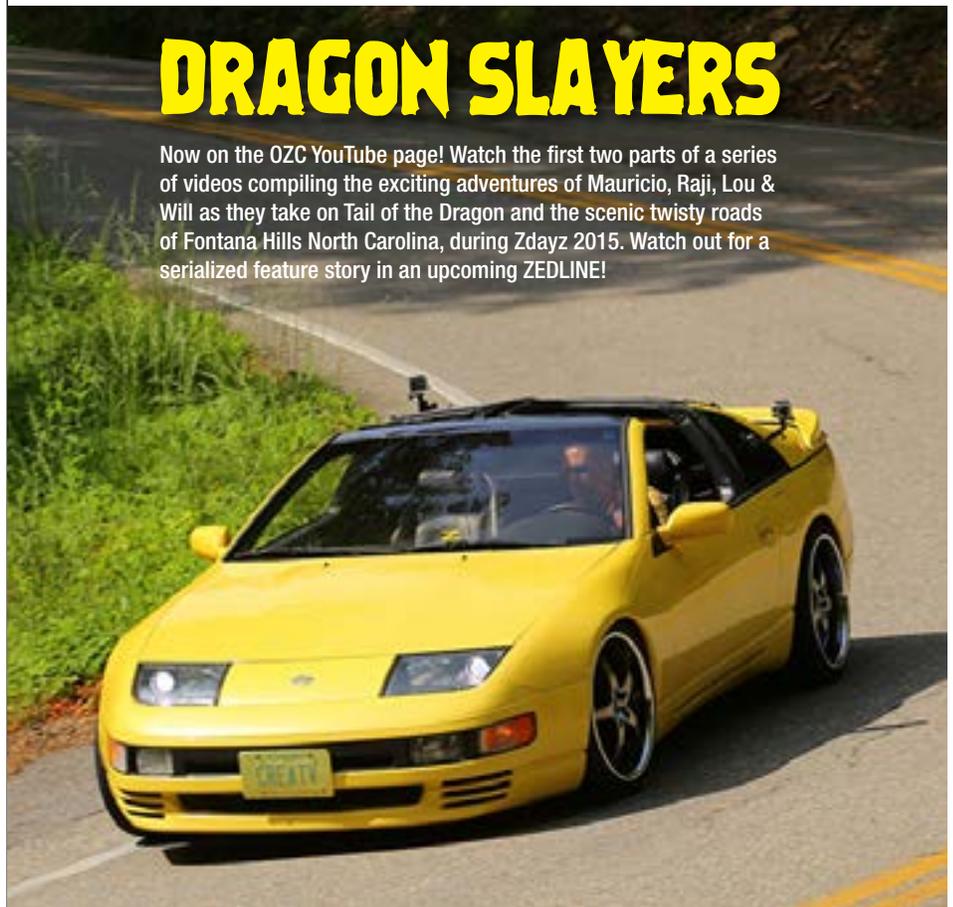
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DRAGON SLAYERS

Now on the OZC YouTube page! Watch the first two parts of a series of videos compiling the exciting adventures of Mauricio, Raji, Lou & Will as they take on Tail of the Dragon and the scenic twisty roads of Fontana Hills North Carolina, during Zdayz 2015. Watch out for a serialized feature story in an upcoming ZEDLINE!



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Weather holds off for a well attended Swap Meet



Swap Meet Z

Howie Yoshida

Continuing our back and forth locations for the annual swap meet, the Spring event this past April found us back at Whitehead Performance after departing Brantford Nissan. We were hosted once again by Mike Hansen, the Shop Manager and you didn't have to look too far to find Greg Whitehead, Cathy and Steve working hard on set up duties and getting the BBQ area ready to go.

The swap meet was held on the last weekend of April in the hope that the weatherman would cooperate with us. It seemed to work as the day was good, dry and sunny so anyone set up outside was able to enjoy the warmth from the solar effect. The OZC club table was set up inside the shop and it was actually a bit cold inside. It was quite enjoyable to go for a short walk outside to check out the vendors selling their stuff and to warm up your body parts at the same time.

It sure seemed like there was no shortage of vendors this year as both inside and outside spots were quite busy. I counted just over a dozen guys selling their stuff. There were more of them selling outside than inside. Attendance was up this year as the number of people bargain hunting and browsing for parts made moving around a bit of an adventure. I don't know if the sellers went home happy with less inventory and more cash in their pockets. At least JP Matte was pleased as he sold off his set of rims and tires instead of having to haul them back home.



Couple of tech boyZ testing the clubs newest toy, a DRONE controlled by a smart phone!

The club had another good day too as 14 people paid their membership dues which included 3 newbies that decided to join us. Our Merchandise Director, Terry Weston sold off some of our inventory of club branded hats, t-shirts and we even sold one of our OZC car blankets that were purchased a good number of years ago. As the morning wore on, more and more people ended up at the BBQ stand being manned by Greg Whitehead, Cathy and Steve as they were busy cooking and keeping up with the food demand. Their efforts were much appreciated by the hungry patrons.



Greg takes to cooking & keeps on grillin those tasty dogs and buns!

In the early afternoon as things started to wind down, our Prez, Nigel White thanked our hosts at Whitehead Performance for putting up with us once again and making their shop available for the swap meet. Nigel drew tickets to give away some door prizes like motor oil and thermal cups that were donated once again by Rick Scott, Parts Manager at Brantford Nissan. We also blew out a number of left over prizes from Z-Fest last year. Finally, the 50/50 cash prize winning ticket was drawn and the lucky winner was Greg Whitehead's partner Cathy, who took home \$70.00.

Last thing we would like to do is to remind everyone that we will be back at Brantford Nissan on Sunday October 25 for our Fall swap meet. So save your parts for a while longer and make some cash by selling them there or come out to browse for those hard to find parts and set up your winter projects.

See you at Rick's place!



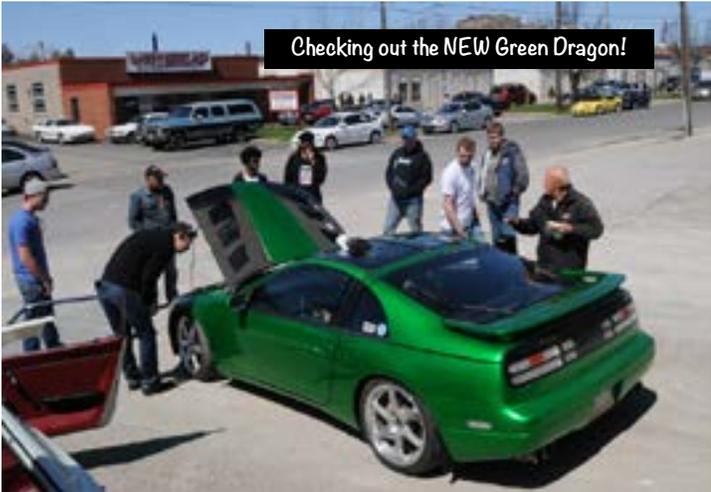
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Boyz are always hungry!!



So dude, you wanna give my car back?



Checking out the NEW Green Dragon!



Nigel & Diane draw the 50/50

East meets West on Halton Hills Tour

Tour Z



Jason Okolisan

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first tour of 2015 - Halton Hills - on Saturday May 9. We had fantastic summer like weather which made for a really enjoyable day. All the feedback I've received indicates that everyone had a great time and the event went smooth, without any significant issues, which is remarkable considering there were 28 cars: 24 Zeds, an Altima, Audi TT, Corvette, WRX.

The route was fun and most of the roads were in good condition. Thank you to Erle for his help with mapping the route and the other group leaders; Mauricio, Eric, Lou and Rajinda. Splitting into three groups

didn't work as well as previous years as we got a bit mixed up and lost five cars leaving the legion parking lot. In the future, I'll look for a new photo shoot location with less traffic congestion.

The route was approximately 140KM from the starting point in Milton to the last stop in Erin. These secondary biker roads are all paved, very windy with lots of elevation changes to provide driving excitement.

This fun and relatively short cruise was centrally located to bring together members from the East and West. It was nice to see some new faces out as everyone was eager to do some pleasure driving with the tops off on that hot spring day.

The tour departed at 1pm after the joint East/West meeting at Montana's in Milton. The route took us through Speyside, Campbellville, Twiss Road, Rattlesnake Point, Limehouse, Glen Williams, Spirit Tree Cidery in Caledon, Cheltenham Badlands and Forks of the Credit Road. The tour finished at the Busholme Pub in Erin at 4:30pm. About 30 of us sat out on the patio to reflect on a great day of driving and fellowship.

It was a great group out for this afternoon tour. A mix of long standing OZC members and new members excited to get involved in the club. This afternoon cruise was the first of nine OZC tours planned for 2015 and a great way to kick-off the driving season!





Beer, Wine & a Ferry Ride

Rajinda Gunasena

We all met up at the Fifth Wheel on time. There were plenty of cars, lots of Z cars and some that were not but friends of members. There were some who had heard about the tour through the web site and social media. It goes to show one how valuable the various media outlets are. Altogether I believe there were 28 or so cars. After a quick briefing from Mauricio, we took off heading to our first destination via 401. Right off the bat we lost 3 cars, that were caught at a traffic light as we pulled off the highway. After waiting for a few minutes, the rest regrouped and drove on, hoping the others would turn up at the first stop.

Turns out it was a long stretch to the first stop and a few couldn't wait for a break as they peeled off to find "rest areas". I had the job of the rearguard, making sure no one else got lost and was caught off guard when the white 350Z in front of me pulled over to the side of the road. Turns out it was not a mechanical emergency but a personal one for the driver. Couple of us joined him and soon after we caught up to the lead group who were waiting for us.

After a quick tasting at the brewery where the 3 lost cars were waiting, we made it to our lunch stop, Waring House which was a short walk from the brewery. It was a nice lunch, quickly served and filled most of us for the rest of the day. Next up was the Cape Vineyard and then the Devil's Wishbone, a small rustic winery with charming character. With some photo opportunities during these stops, the driving continued without hiccups, occasionally missing a group or missing a turn. Overall everyone arrived safely at each location.

As the day progressed a few cars dropped off with prior commitments and about 15 cars were left for the final attraction, the ferry ride at Glenora. We managed to get all the cars except one, loaded up onto the ferry and like last year, it was a quick but nice ride. The feeling of having our Z cars floating on a giant boat while we scattered around like kids, taking pics was the highlight of the day.

We reached our final destination, the Waterfront in Napanee, for dinner. It was a real cool place which was obviously very busy with a live band performing on the patio that was packed with patrons. To make it easier to serve our group, the restaurant had scaled down the regular menu, which didn't leave us many choices, especially for the ladies. A few of us left early and stopped at a near-by fast food joint for a bite, only to find another group there to join us, due to further delays in getting their food on time at The Waterfront.



Tour Z



After a fun and quick bite, we got on 401, and headed home. Needless to say we were a very tired bunch, especially the ones who had to drive all the way back as far as Sarnia. But then that's the enthusiasm showing that keeps this club growing stronger as a group.





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Event Z

Sun shines at the Show & Shine

Jason Okolisian

The second annual Scarborough Nissan Show n' Shine was a big success with approximately 60 show cars and a glorious summer day, Saturday June 20. It was a wonderful social event with lots of interesting and unique cars including all Z models, tuned Infiniti's plus a group of RHD GT-R's. Many people were introduced to OZC with active members present. Representatives from Nissan Canada were on hand with a mint condition 96' 300ZX Twin Turbo, 370Z Nismo and Infiniti Q60 IPL Roadster.

Thank you to Bala at Scarborough Nissan for hosting a spectacular show. It's wonderful when our sponsors host events plus our members further benefit from a 25% parts and 15% service discount from Scarborough Nissan.







More pics from the Picton Wine Tour



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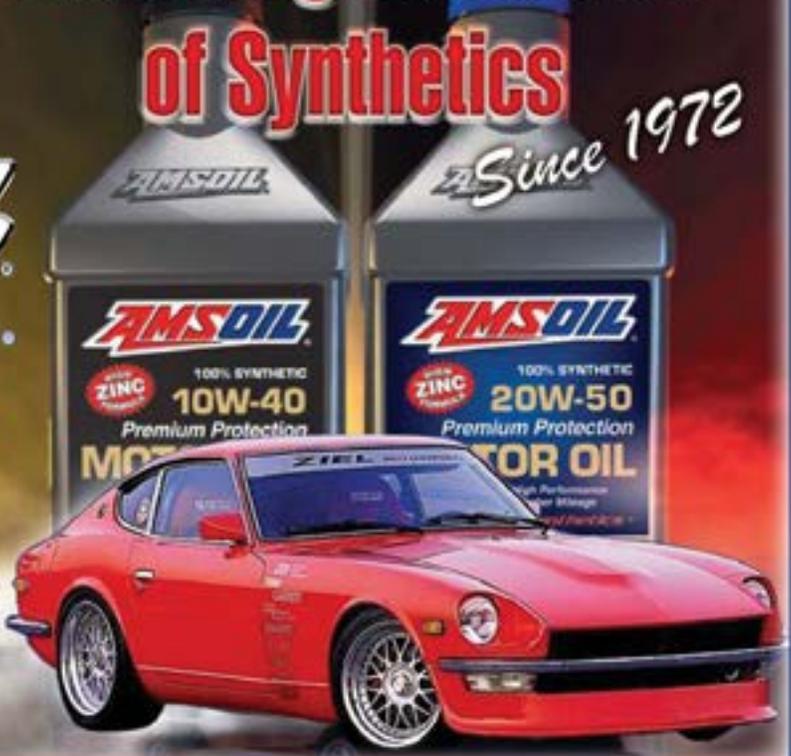
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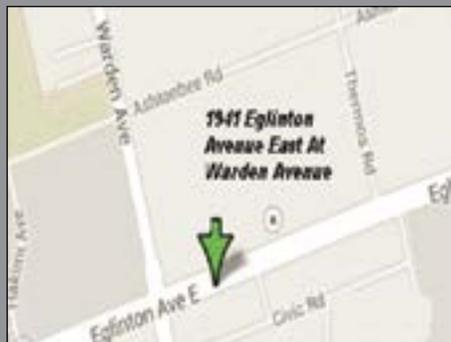


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