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Prez Sez ...



It's April and things are really starting to roll.....

Let me first start by thanking those who after 16 years continue to make this club a viable entity. I can remember our humble beginnings in club founder Dieter Roth's garage in Oshawa. Ah yes, the odor of carburetor cleaning solvent wafting through the air. Now the infinitely more aromatic scent of chicken wings pervades our collective nostrils. My, the progress we have made! I would also like to thank all who have volunteered their time to serve on this year's executive. They are the ones who make much of what we all enjoy possible. If you meet one of the current executives, take the time to thank them for their efforts. Should you have any ideas or comments, please make sure to pass those thoughts along to them. Another round of thanks needs to go out to those who have taken the time to create some events for all of us to attend. Thank them as well, but even better yet, please try to attend their events. An event is only an idea and not until it has participants does it exist. Let's make 2009 and its slate of events a year to remember.

It is very rewarding to see that there is continuing interest in our group. We have prospective new members contacting us via e-mail or leaving messages on executive member's answering machines. It's fun to speak to these folks who are looking for something many of us have been enjoying now for 16 years. Better yet is when they come out to their first meeting. Admittedly we are a pretty tame bunch, but the meetings are nice in the sense that they are like little mini vacations in the middle of the work week. Meet up with the regulars, have some supper and hang out. Friendships are born and existing ones built upon. The vitality and energy that the new members bring to these meetings is in large part responsible for keeping the club fresh. Thanks! While the meetings are only a part of the Ontario Z-Car experience, they are significant in that they keep the fires burning during the cold and dreary off season.

Now that Spring is finally upon us, at least in name and not necessarily balmy weather, an entertaining array of events and the creation of some new club history awaits. The new season kicked off with the Swap Meet at Greg Whitehead's shop. Hopefully you would have made it out to this very well attended event. The Swap Meet was a great place to meet people and find some interesting bits and pieces you may have thought no longer existed. I know I did. I came away with the glove box interior for my 1971 240 Z. I haven't had one since 1986. I also ran into a couple of members I had not seen for quite a long time. The joint Meeting in Milton is coming up on May 13th. Definitely worth attending for the change of scenery and some new faces. There are a variety of Road Tours lined up as well as the first Drag Event on June 20th. The Drag Event is one of my favourites. You don't have to go on the track to have fun. It is held at a beautiful park like setting and there is always something entertaining going on. There are a great variety of events posted on our Website. Most of the events are OZC events, but quite a few are not and are definitely worth checking out. Check the events calendar for more information on all of these events. For example there is a Fort Erie Car Show on May 31st. I am considering going to this and if others are interested, please contact me. The thought of invading someone else's car show with an all conquering herd of Datsun / Nissan products is wonderful thought indeed. For those interested in a bit of international intrigue, you can check out what's going on in Rochester with the ZCCR crew. This friendly group of American enthusiasts have some exciting things lined up in 2009.

For the first time in several years, Z-Fest will be held at a site other than the Christie Conservation area which has served us well in the past. The membership had made it clear that it was eager for a change of venue. Specifically, a more urban setting with more people and attractions in the immediate vicinity was suggested. A request was made for suggestions and we were made aware of two options.

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On behalf of the Ontario Z-Car Club, we are pleased to say
WELCOME to the following new members:

John Baldwin

Mark Jeppesen

Jason Okolisan

Teddy Tyrzc

We extend a cordial invitation to you to participate in club events,
meetings and the newsletter.

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From The Driver's Seat

Well it wasn't exactly a busy past 2 months but we did manage to pull off a few events, we spent a day at the RM Auction and held our annual swap meet at Whitehead Performance.

Advertising dollars are tight now and we are very appreciative of our sponsors who have chosen to support Zedline. We thank the ones that have renewed again and welcome Glen Gambell of Race Start who is back with us. There's a new look to Zeetoyz and Wise Choice Synthetics too. As you spend your hard earned dollars on your Zed this year, please make an effort to patronize our sponsors and utilize their goods and services whenever possible.

Mark up Saturday August 22 on your calendar as that is the day for Z-Fest. We are going back to the Nissan Warehouse site in Brampton. Don't miss your chance for an up close look at the new 370Z Roadster, 370Z Coupe and even a GTR, thanks to Nissan Canada.

If our touring boys get their act together, there may be a Sunday road tour following the Saturday Z-Fest event too. In any case, the first spring road trip is on Sunday May 31. Bring out your Zeds!!

Howie Yoshida, Zedline Editor

Always asking, Always looking, Send me your stuff!

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A DAY AT THE RM AUCTION

by Howie Yoshida

I'm sure that lots of the members have watched the Barrett-Jackson Collector Car auctions on the Speed channel. They really are quite the show so I was very interested in seeing one up close and personal. The RM Classic car Auction is usually held each year in early April at the International Centre on Airport Road in Mississauga. Pete Radoja, our former Western VP and long time OZC supporter has been to a few of them and was organizing an event to take in the auction and have dinner afterwards. The auction took place over the weekend, Friday to Sunday in early April and we were all supposed to meet at the entrance booth on the Saturday morning when it opened, at 10:00 am. Living close by to the International Centre, I left little time to get there with no traffic allowance. What a surprise when I encountered a really long line of cars waiting to get into the parking lot. I took another way in and soon met up with everyone around 10:30. Eventually, there was a group of about 12 of us consisting of members, spouses and friends.

There were much more than a lot of great looking cars inside the centre. An entire section of the hall was lined with all kinds of other vendors. You could buy old die-cast car miniatures, mint condition sales brochures from classic cars going way back, car parts & service manuals, all kinds of detailing products and waxes and protective coatings, books, licence plates and even garage equipment. The hall next door to the auction was even holding a big motorcycle show too. One of the major sponsors at the RM Auction was Lant & Co. Insurance Brokers Ltd. who sell antique, classic and special interest automobile insurance. Tony Lant who is an OZC member and advertiser in Zedline was at the show, manning his booth and handing out his Silver Wheel Plan brochures and talking up the show attendees. It was good to meet Tony in person and make his acquaintance.

So let's get on with the auction details. Pete said that you have to be registered as a Bidder first with your credit card before you could bid on a car. Of course he was regis-



How about some tumbling' dice?

tered and busy checking out some potential purchases! He said you have to know the market for what you are interested in buying as there are no guarantees or test drives as to the state of the cars and engines, just WSIWYG, what you see is what you get. Some have service records available and of course the cars are available for inspection in advance of their auction day. The seller can set a reserve price, meaning he/she doesn't have to let the car go if the bid price is lower than the reserve price set. There were lots of cars where the reserve price was waived by the owner during the auction process as they changed their minds rather than taking the car back home again.



Lots of car memorabilia on sale too

The actual auction set up was quite impressive. There was a long raised platform to roll the cars upon for display during the bidding. Two big LCD TVs on both sides of the stage displayed the current bid price in Canadian dollars, US dollars and Euros but all bidding was conducted in Canadian dollars. There were spotters working the Bidders on the cars but it was very difficult to see who was actually



Anyone interested in die-cast miniatures?



became quite full by noon time.

I left the auction about mid-afternoon after checking in on Pete. I don't think he bought anything as Sue was keeping a close watch on him and holding his hands down by his side. I do know that Pete was earnestly trying to convince his brother-in-law earlier to bid on one of the corvettes that



bidding as there was no apparent requirement for holding up a fan or anything showing your registered Bidder's number. Someone got carried away as a Buick Electra was sold but soon reappeared on stage again because the winning Bidder wasn't registered, leading to a big reminder announcement about who was eligible to bid. Apparently the numbers of cars up for auction was down this year, due to the tough economy but there were still over 250 of them

he has always wanted. I wonder if he (the brother-in-law now) was registered as a Bidder? The remainder of the group went off to dinner later on and I'm sure had a good time without adding to anyone's car inventory. Thanks for organizing the outing Pete.



Anybody want to buy a limo instead?

Tony Lant & some family help

up for sale. Prices were mainly under \$100,000 dollars during our stay on Saturday and the highest bid price that I heard was \$180,000 dollars for a 1969 Chevrolet Camaro COPO with a 427 in it. Most of the cars were North American manufactured with a few fancy imports thrown in. We even saw a 1982 280ZX in the auction, scheduled for the Sunday. It was a previous class winner at an old Z-Fest based on the display info inside the car. The audience numbers didn't seem that big as there was lots of seating room early on when the auction was underway but it soon



Prez JP, Malcolm, Pete & Sue





A QUEST FOR WINDY ROADZ TOUR (Halton Hills-Elora) Sunday May 31, 2009

This day cruise will be the first of possibly four tours being planned for 2009. It should be a great day for a cruise in the country so come on out and join your fellow members and take part in this very successful tour which we ran in 2008 during the 2 day Z-Fest weekend event. It will be a full day event on secondary ("biker type") roads. These roads are very windy with lots of elevation changes but they are paved. You can expect to be doing a lot of driving, about 250 km worth and also be subjected to lots of picturesque scenery! You won't want to miss our kick-off cruise for 2009. Of course we welcome the members of ZCCR, your friends and family to come out and navigate for you or just accompany you throughout the day. We should even have some door prizes to give away during lunch to add to the festivities.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

Snake Rd. through the Niagara Escarpment.

The Elora Gorge where there is white water rafting and a cliff jumping spot if you are inclined.

Lunch will be at Boston Pizza, located on the east side of Hwy 10 (Huron Ontario St.) just north of Hwy 9. The restaurant is high up on a hill overlooking the town of Orangeville.

MEETING & START LOCATION:

8:00 am at Tim Horton's, at 469 Hwy 6N, right at the SW corner of Hwy 5 (Dundas St.) and Hwy 6, in Waterdown, 905-689-6351. We will be departing at 8:30 am. This new meeting location is just north of the parking lot at Hwy 6N & Plains Rd. W. where we met in 2008 for the Z-Fest tour.

SUGGESTED ITEMS TO BRING:

MTO highway map or GPS, camera, cell phone, some snacks & beverages, pencils, walkie talkies. We expect to have 2 sets but could use a few more. Each car will be supplied with a trip itinerary and a route map.

If you are planning to show up, please contact one of the event organizers below, no later than May 23/09 to confirm your participation.

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and this from our Z friends down in Rochester.....



All Japanese Classic Car Show Weekend Friday July 17 to Sunday July 19, 2009 Hoselton Nissan, East Rochester, NY

On July 17-19 the Z Car Club of Rochester is pleased to present the **Jonathan Krenzer Memorial All Japanese Classic Car Show Weekend** celebrating the best cars, past and present, from the land of the rising sun.

This will be **3 days** of activities dedicated to the enjoyment of the cars we all love.

Friday July 17: Gather Friday evening in a casual setting near the Lake Ontario shore with friends to rekindle old friendships and make some new ones. Refreshments to be served.

Saturday July 18: The BIGGEST all Asian car show in the northeast to be held at Hoselton Nissan, 50 Marsh Road, East Rochester, NY 14445. *Datsun, Nissan, Toyota, Honda, Mitsubishi, Subaru, Infiniti, Lexus...*bring them all! From stock to custom, mild to wild, something for everyone to enjoy. Multi-class participant judging, first and second place trophies awarded in each class. Also best of show, best paint, best interior, best engine. A special display featuring the cool rides of the Rochester area's law enforcement officers! Food, music, tons of prizes, raffles.....a full day of fun! \$10 per car registration at the gate.

Saturday Evening gather with friends and show participants at a fine local establishment for food and drink. Enjoy the company of friends and recap the events of the day.

Sunday July 19: Meet for breakfast then participate in a scenic road rally along the Lake Ontario shore to a surprise destination.

FINALLY, in keeping with ZCCR's long standing tradition to assist charities in the community we call home, proceeds from this event will be donated to "**The Officer Anthony DiPonzio Fund**" established by the Rochester Police Locust Club to assist Officer DiPonzio in his recovery from being shot while in the line of duty earlier this year. YOUR participation in this event will help this most worthwhile cause.

We suggest that you call the hotels for reservations **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** to ensure your accommodations. Some facilities are basic, some have more amenities, it's up to you to choose. Please contact the hotels directly to make your arrangements.

[**Editor's Note:** This hotel list is available at www.ontariozcar.com, click on the Events Calendar and go to the event details for July Friday 17, then click on the hotel link.]

Please feel free to email me for more information or with any questions!

Z YOU THERE!

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2009 SWAP MEET AT WHITEHEAD PERFORMANCE

by Howie Yoshida

What better way is there to kick off the OZC event's calendar than our annual Spring swap meet, hosted (once again) by Greg Whitehead of Whitehead Performance. The weatherman smiled on us for most of the day as it was clear and mostly sunny throughout. With the tough economic times and the reluctance of people to jump into any major purchases, looking for used parts to restore and maintain your Zed is an appealing and an economic way to go. It certainly appeared that way as attendance this year was up from last year's event. Exact numbers weren't noted but we figured that over 50 people passed through. There was lots of movement and commotion to back up our assumption.



The OZC club table had a good day too as we sold 3 new memberships and renewed another 6 others. Terry Weston had some club merchandise on hand and we moved some hats, t-shirts and a few calendars.



There were about eight to ten vendors located both out in the parking lot and inside the work shop. To highlight a few of the regulars, Rick Scott from Brantford Nissan was set up in his usual spot, with new and used parts. Glen Gambell of Race Start had a good display of alternators and starters for both competition and street use. Bill Dawson was there selling off all his Datsun parts as a new project car is under consideration. Mike Hansen was pulling out parts he has been storing from all over Greg's shop to try and move some of them. While outside, the Burkhart brothers and Scott Taras had set up their own parts display areas. Hopefully, our vendors were able to make it a worth while day and sold off some of their inventory. It was a good day for yours truly. I just recently bought a couple of used Corbeau seats and then put up the stock seats from my 280ZX for sale at the swap meet and wouldn't you know it, someone bought them on the spot.



As if he wasn't busy enough talking up potential customers and having his brains picked by others looking to solve some technical problems with their cars, Greg still found the time to BBQ hamburgers and sausages to make sure no one went away hungry. Thanks Greg, the food was delicious and certainly hit the spot.

In the early afternoon, we held our 50/50 draw. The cash prize of \$70 was won by Quentin Yarie. The rest of the prizes were donated by Rick Scott of Brantford Nissan, consisting of car cleaning kits, Nismo hats and Nissan salt & pepper shaker sets. Thank you Rick & Brantford Nissan for your generos-

ity, much appreciated, especially by those that won the prizes.



Scott Taras & friend, all set up & ready
There's that tall guy again

Once the money and prizes were given away, it wasn't long before clean up operations began. By 2:30 or so, the tables were down and stacked and the shop looked like it normally did. We all packed it in and looked forward to the next upcoming club event. It appears to be the Spring road cruise in Halton Region at the end of May, see you then.



Quentin our 50/50 draw winner checking out the food
Our host Mr. Whitehead working the BBQ



Bob Chwalyk sold the iron cross set of rims & wheels
He still has the turbo set of rims for sale, \$400



Prez, JP conducting the 50/50 draw with Terry's help



Rick Scott at his usual table with new & used parts,
Nismo & racing parts too



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Home Tel: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

Birth Date: _____ Name, address, phone & email may be published in membership roster

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EVENTS!!! — 2009 OZC CALENDAR — EVENTS!!!!

****NOTE** Please check the events calendar on the website (www.ontariozcar.com) for the latest schedule updates between each printing of Zedline!!!**

May 18 - Michael-Angelo's Marketplace First Annual Car Show, 4099 Erin Mills Parkway, Mississauga, 11 am to 2 pm, proceeds to the Heart & Stroke Foundation

May 30 - Drag 101 at Toronto Motorsports Park, Cayuga. An instructional & learning day at the drag strip, contact Bert Kallio, bertk@disticor.com for details

May 31 - Spring Road Tour #1, Halton/Elora area, contact Erle Strauss, estrauss3@rogers.com for details

June 3 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66

June 10 - Western Chapter Meeting at Alaskan Fish & Chips, London

June 27/28 - Road Tour #2 thru Calabogie, overnight at the Swiss Inn, contact Erle Strauss, estrauss3@rogers.com

July 1 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66

July 4 - Drag Day #1 at St. Thomas Speedway, dinner, Event 1 of 2, contact Jim Maw, alfa@golden.net

July 8 - Western Chapter Meeting at Ernie's Roadhouse, Cambridge

July 17/18/19 - All Japanese Classic Car Show Weekend at Hoselton Nissan, East Rochester, NY hosted by ZCCR, Friday night social, Saturday car show & dinner, Sunday cruise, contact John Taddonio, zcarnut@hotmail.com for details

July 25/26 - Road Tour #3, up north thru Big Chute, Bala & on Southwood Road, 1 or 2 days, your choice, contact Erle Strauss, estrauss3@rogers.com

August 5 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66

August 12 - Western Chapter Meeting at Alaskan Fish & Chips, London

August 22 - **Z-Fest at Nissan's Regional Warehouse in Brampton,**
contact Terry Weston, taw@mountaincable.net for details

September 2 - Joint East-West Meeting at Montana's in Milton, join us for dinner at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:30 pm

September 19 - Drag Day #2 at St. Thomas Speedway, dinner, trophies, contact Jim Maw (alfa@golden.net)

September 20 - OMSC Lapping Day at Mosport DDT. Contact Bill Husar, 905-427-6564 or (ajaxzcars@hotmail.com)

September 28 - October 2, ZCCA International Z Car Convention, San Antonio, Texas (www.zcon09.com)

October 7 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66

October 14 - Western Chapter Meeting at Alaskan Fish & Chips, London

November 4 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66, main event, elections for 2010 Executive Committee

November 11 - Western Chapter Meeting at Ernie's Roadhouse, Cambridge, elections for 2010 Executive Committee

December 2 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66

December 9 - Western Chapter Meeting at Alaskan Fish & Chips, London

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES — COME ON OUT & JOIN US

Ontario Z-Car Eastern Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 4, 2009, 7:30 pm

OZC Executive Present: JP Matte **President**
Bill Husar **Vice-President**
Eric Zondervan **Webmaster**
Gail Warren **Treasurer**

The regularly scheduled Eastern Chapter meeting was held at Route 66 Sports Bar & Grill and was chaired by Bill Husar, Eastern VP. There were 20 people including members and spouses in attendance.

1. Treasurer's Report

Gail gave a brief financial update on income and expenses to date. The bank account has just over \$8,000 at present.

2. 2009 Events

Eric provided an update on the upcoming events planned for the year. Members were reminded to check the club website and the Motortopia website for the latest details and scheduled date.

Enrique Preza offered to set up an event where members could do a cruise up to his Mother's 5 acre property in Dundalk. People would be welcome to camp overnight. If there is sufficient interest, plans could be made.

Wes Hore reminded everyone of the 4 cruises being planned for this year. The first is in May in the Halton/Elora area, second in June to Calabogie, third in July to Orillia & Eric's cottage again and the fourth in the Fall, location TBD.

3. Z-Fest 2009

Terry Weston has been making enquiries into holding Z-Fest at Spencer Smith Park. Nothing has been confirmed yet. The two previous Nissan locations are our fallback options.

4. 50/50 Draw

Bobby held the 50/50 draw with the cash prize of \$35.00, won by Nigel. Others that won prizes, Enrique (screwdriver and drill bits), Bert (Sunoco gas coupon), Frank (LED key fob) and Eric.

Minutes recorded by JP Matte.

Ontario Z-Car Eastern Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 1, 2009, 7:30 pm

OZC Executive Present: JP Matte **President**
Bill Husar **Vice-President**
Eric Zondervan **Webmaster**
Gail Warren **Treasurer**
Howie Yoshida **Newsletter**

The regularly scheduled Eastern Chapter meeting was held at Route 66 Sports Bar & Grill and was chaired by Bill Husar, Eastern VP. There were 17 people including members and spouses in attendance.

We welcomed a new member, Jason Okolisan who joined us at the meeting. He used to own a Z32, no longer has it, is looking to buy another one to work on.

1. Treasurer's Report

Gail gave a brief financial update on income and expenses to date. With the addition of 14 member renewals the past month, the bank account has a balance of \$8,900. The account is in good shape because 60% of the revenue target has been achieved and only 17% of the expenses have been paid out. The account balance will decline as the year progresses and bills are paid.

2. Website

Eric reported there were no issues with the website. The event calendar is being added to on a regular basis so members were reminded to check there for last minute updates. Members were also reminded to sign up on the Motortopia website and request to join the OZC Group. Our forum has been hosted on Motortopia for some time now.

Eric also asked for more member pictures so he can regularly update the main picture on the website.

3. 2009 Events

JP confirmed that Z-Fest will not be held at Christie Lake this year. We were also turned down by Spencer Smith Park. Prime location under consideration now is the Nissan Canada facility in Brampton. Date is going to be either Aug 15 or 22, to be confirmed.

April 4 is the R&M Auction at the International Centre on Airport Road, we are meeting there at 10:00 a.m.

April 18 is the annual swap meet at Whitehead Performance, starting at 10:00 a.m. Contact Greg to reserve a table if you are bringing parts.

Bert is looking into setting up another drag event at Toronto Motorsports Park in June too.

4. Zedline

Howie stated that the deadline for submissions for the next issue of Zedline is April 25th.

5. Technical Information

Nigel reported that he had found a supplier of electrical connectors with harnesses for all 240Zs to 280ZXs, at very reasonable costs too. The company is called Vintage Connections, their website is www.vintageconnections.com.

6. 50/50 Draw

Bobby held the 50/50 draw with the cash prize of \$34.00, won by JP. Others that won car care prizes were Frank R, Wes H, Roy W and Nigel W.

Minutes recorded by Howie Yoshida.

Ontario Z-Car Western Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 8, 2009, 7:30 pm

The regularly scheduled Western Chapter meeting was held at Alaskan Fish & Chips and Chester Fried Chicken, London and was chaired by Michael Lambert, Western VP. There were 10 members present.

The agenda was very informal.

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES — COME ON OUT & JOIN US

Discussion Items

1. Past Events

Highlights of items discussed at the past Executive meeting on March 28 were presented for information purposes.

A number of members attended the R&M Auction on April 4 at the International Centre. It was an interesting day, more coverage should be in the next Zedline.

2. Upcoming Events

The swap meet will be held at Whitehead Performance on April 18, members were encouraged to come out regardless of whether they had anything to sell.

The Chapter had some concerns that events are not being channeled through the Events Director.

3. Technical Items

A handout on a brake upgrade was provided followed by a discussion and experience seminar.

Tire options for first generation Z cars were mentioned too.

The next meeting will be May 13, the first joint East-West meeting of the year, held again at Montana's Bar & Grille in Milton.

Minutes recorded by Michael Lambert.

YOU CAN MEET US AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS.....

Western meetings are held the second Wed of the month alternating between **Cambridge & London**.

Alaskan Fish & Chips & Chester Fried Chicken, LONDON

802 Exeter Rd. at 7:30 pm, 519-690-0909.

From the east—take the Exeter Rd and Wellington Rd exit. Stay to the right on Exeter Rd.

Go through the light and Alaskan Fish & Chips is on your right (north side) BEFORE Wellington Rd.

From the west—take Wellington Rd. north. Turn right (east) onto Exeter Rd., look to your left.

Ernie's Roadhouse, CAMBRIDGE

at 7:30 pm, 519-658-9562. Take Hwy 401 to Cambridge, exit at Hwy 24 North, stay to your right and follow Queen St, 3 lights on left, corner of Queen & Guelph.

Eastern meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month.

Route 66 Sports Bar & Grill

Eglinton Square Shopping Centre at 7:30 pm, 416-755-7869

(Victoria Park & Eglinton)

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The best of which was Spencer Smith Park in Burlington. We submitted a request to the park administrators, and after a lengthy selection process, we were advised that they were unable to accommodate our Z-Fest this year. Much of their apprehension seems to be based on them never having held a car show on their field previously. I have been advised that it is not uncommon for them to have large tractor trailer like equipment on their grounds in the course of holding other events which have taken place there. Perhaps the park administrators were concerned that our many cars would damage the grounds or that the show would be more of a youth focused event with raucous behavior and much litter. Anyone who has ever attended Z-Fest in the past knows this not to be the case. We will re-consider submitting a proposal to them which better illustrates who we are and how we have always respected the grounds upon which we have held our events. Thanks to those who provided us with the location ideas.

Should any members have some location ideas which match the previously mentioned parameters, or if you believe that you know of a great possible location regardless, please contact one of the executive and provide them with as many details as possible. The perfect location may well be out there, we may only need to have it pointed out to us.

This year's Z-Fest will be held on Saturday August 22 at the Nissan Warehouse at 60 Steelwell Road in Brampton (L6T 5L9). It's located on the south east corner of Steeles Ave. and Hwy 410. Nissan has generously provided the use of their facility to us at no charge in addition to donating \$250.00 to help support us. They have also committed to having a 370Z Coupe and a 370Z Roadster as well as a GTR on display at this year's event. A big thanks to Nissan Canada for their continuing support of our organization especially in these very challenging times. As you can see, Z-Fest is more than just an event. It is our centerpiece offering to the membership. This is the event that the club puts on that represents us as an organization. In effect Z-Fest incorporates all of the attributes which have made this club a vital organization even after 16 years. It is like a really big club meeting. A meeting where everyone brings their cars! This is the embodiment of the spirit of camaraderie which is the life blood of our club. The friendships and the people which make this club what it is, are present in their largest quantity at Z-Fest. It's looks and feels like a car show, but it really is about the owners. Much like a convention, but on a smaller scale. The meaning of, and the good feelings that come from Z-Fest transcend the location the event is held at. I know this all sounds rather Karmic, but for Z-Fest to be successful, it needs to have the people that make this club great in attendance. Cars just sit there and look pretty. They don't contribute much of anything else unless the owners are there to speak on their behalf.

As in years past, we are going to do our utmost to try and reward those who attend with prizes and memories. Please mark that day on your calendar and make a point of coming out to meet the many people who have helped to make Ontario Z-Car the great club that it is.

PS: Dieter, if you are reading this, do try to make it out this year. Come see how your idea has grown.



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Here's an open letter from David Whittaker, Wise Choice Synthetics

Dear fellow OZC members & Zedline enthusiasts,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and present my goals to you. I recently talked with our newsletter editor, Howie and expressed an interest in contributing technical articles about lubricants and lubricant applications, basically stuff about oil and its effects on mechanical wear. My goal is to answer any questions club members may have regarding this subject, properly defined as the subject of Tribology.

What the heck is Tribology? The Wikipedia definition is: Tribology is the science and technology of interacting surfaces in relative motion. It includes the study and application of the principles of friction, lubrication and wear. My definition, in simplistic terms is "the modern science of combating wear." How does this subject relate to our membership interests? Each year in North America, billions of dollars are spent to repair the damage caused by mechanical wear. The key elements of damage are due to surface degradation including mechanical wear and fatigue, a high percentage of which is due to lubricant degradation and problems associated with related maintenance.

Lubrication Engineers estimate that 60% of all mechanical failures are due to inadequate or improper lubrication practices. Bearing experts attribute more than 50% of all bearing failures to inadequate lubrication. Other causes of unnecessary expenses are mistakes and oversights such as empty oil reservoirs or grease fittings that may have been overlooked due to a lack of proper maintenance practices. If it is difficult to find, it will be even more difficult to repair. In fact, an MIT study calculated that six to seven percent of America's Gross National Product (about \$240 billion) is spent repairing wear damage caused by poor lubrication.

I am presently studying to write a CLS (Certified Lubrication Specialist) exam; my goal is to write this exam in two years. My present credits include MLA I (Certified Machinery Lubrication Analyst), member of ICML (International Council for Machinery Lubrication), Member of STLE (Society of Tribologists and Lubrication

Engineers), Member of SAE, (Society of Automotive Engineers) and last but not least I am an AMSOIL Synthetics oil dealer. You can purchase AMSOIL products from Rick Scott at Brantford Nissan (519) 756-7499 or from Greg Whitehead at Whitehead performance (416-665-2220) or myself at Wise Choice Synthetics Inc (519-291-3536).

I invite you to direct your automotive fluids questions or topics for discussion to our Zedline Editor, howieyoshida@rogers.com or myself at info@wisechoicesynthetics.com, (519-291-3536). Responses maybe be published in future Zedlines or you may receive a direct response to your query. Suggested topics for discussion: Questions on Synthetics: What are they made from? Oil viscosity: How important is oil viscosity and how does it affect your engine? Coolant and Brake Fluid: What effects does fluid degradation have on the performance and reliability of your vehicle?

I look forward to answering your questions. My goal is to answer questions and present facts based on sound engineered practices and findings in the hope of educating those to make informed decisions that would foster innovation and improve the performance of your vehicles. Thank You.

Best Regards,

David Whittaker MLA I

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