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Prez Sez ...

Well we are finally into the summer activities and have had quite a few events already with most of them having been well attended. I would like to turn your focus onto 2 topics, the need for Z-Fest volunteers and the Finger Lakes event with the ZCCR. Some of you have submitted your names for Z-Fest already and we thank-you for the continued support you have shown OZC.



Below you will see the list of the many volunteers required to put on Z-Fest, Aug 26th at Christie Lake.

Field Entrance Registration: 1 Captain & 4 people on a rotating schedule from 9:00AM -12:00PM.

This is where show entry fees are collected before any registrants enter the field area.

Parking Attendants: 1 Captain & 3 people using a rotating schedule from 8:30AM – 12:00PM.

Direct the cars to their designated parking areas for the respective car show classes.

Main Registration Desk: 1 Captain & 4 people using a rotating schedule from 8:00AM – 12:00PM.

This is where you accept the completed Registrations forms and do the data entry.

OZC Club Table: 1 Captain & 1 person to sell club memberships, club merchandise and 50/50 draw tickets throughout the day.

Food Station: 1 Captain & 6-8 people using a rotating schedule throughout the day to cook the food on the BBQ's and look after drinks.

Cash Station: 1 person selling food & drinks tickets.

In the next month, we would like to have most of these positions filled so we can move onto other pressing items such as ballots, award plaques & voting compilation. The volunteer list will also be on the Club's Forum www.zcarchat.com for everyone to see the positions needed to be filled. More information will be added to the website, as the date gets closer.

The Finger Lakes Event on the July 20-22 weekend is shaping up to be a very successful event thanks to the efforts of Erle, Kurt and JR from ZCCR with about 24 OZC members and wives signed up. I'm sure ZCCR members will be out in numbers too. This event has taken a lot of work from these people named above so when you see them, please Thank them for their efforts.

Please remember that this club can only continue to exist & thrive on the work of the many people who volunteer their time to make these events fun & worthwhile. I know that many of you will step up and take on these tasks.

Terry Weston, President, Ontario Z-Car Owners Association

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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

Steve Bates	Clyde Cohen	JW Foster
Bernie Kilbreath	Paul Le Blanc	Richard Marais
Bryan Williams		

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

AND Is Your Name Listed Below?

Mike Adam	Andrew Armstrong	Jerry Barvinek
Bishwajit Bora	Michael Breton	Joe Deu-Ngoc
Tom Furlong	Amo Grazia	Rick Higgins
Chul Kim	Walter Komor	Darren McCloskey
Mario Palma	Neal Panchuk	Andrew Pidcock
Pat Ryan	Nigel White	

Well this could be your last issue of Zedline!

Your membership expired June 30th 2007 and you received a renewal form in the mail recently. Please return it with your payment now to ensure that your membership remains current. To get back on the new membership renewal cycle being implemented this year, you only have to pay \$25 which will cover your membership for the rest of 2007.



DO WE HAVE YOUR CURRENT EMAIL ADDRESS?

Please provide a current usable email address. It is by far the easiest way for us to contact you about events and late changes etc.

To do this, go to the OZC website, www.ontariozcar.com and click on "Contact Us", then scroll down to Membership Director. Send a message indicating your email.

Simple really.
Thankz,

Edward Burkhart, Membership Director

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From The Driver's Seat

Having a good summer? OZC certainly has so far, based on the number of events that have taken place since the last issue of Zedline was published. As I started to figure out what to feature on the cover this issue, there were too many events to choose from. So why not put on a whole bunch of them? Hey, that works! Get the feeling a lot was going on with the club? Glad to say that a number of members have pitched in and volunteered to write a short article on the events that they took part in. Thanks for your help, much appreciated. Please read on and find out what all the talk has been about.

We heard that the Western Chapter also had a couple of successful events, namely the London car show and the BBQ at the Radoja's afterwards, over a dozen Zeds took over a quiet residential street. The cruise to Grand Bend was a good one too. Hopefully, there will be coverage in the next issue.

And that's not all that's been going on. This year, there are four OZC members in the Mobil 1 Provincial Autoslalom Championship Series, Mike & Steve Hansen, Quentin Yarie and yours truly. Quentin has been turning a lot of heads in his fire breathing 240Z powered with the Skyline engine. Mike & Steve turn up in Mike's daily driver, proceed to remove bumpers, seats, spare parts and turn it into a prime time autocross car, not a Zed mind you but a VW Sirocco. Autoslalom, lots of fun, try it out for yourselves.

Don't forget, Z-Fest is coming, Z-Fest is coming..... See you at the Finger Lakes event.

Howie Yoshida, Zedline Editor

Always asking, Always looking, Send me your stuff!

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TOUR OF THE NORTH

by Wes Hore and ...

Well June 9 couldn't have been much better. Let's see, the weather was perfect, the roads were windy as promised. Some curvier than last recalled, although speed can have that effect. The roads were out of this world.

There was plenty of scenery, from the many northern lakes and beaches, the granite cliffs and the towering Muskoka pines. We had a great turnout of 13 cars and no breakdowns!

The cruise began in Pickering and travelled up to the rest station just north of Canada Wonderland on Hwy 400 where we met up with other participants. From there, we travelled north taking the Hwy 11 exit and met up with 2 more Zed cars along the way. What a sight it must have been for all these cottage commuters. I know I saw a lot of 2nd looks as we passed them by in our convoy. We stood out with all our unique cars and bright colours and we also drove respecting the rules of the road.

Just south of Hwy 169 we took a windy detour which was the equivalent to a 35 km no charge track event. A lot of fun indeed. Our adrenaline brought us to Bala with a very large appetite. Some of us ate at the local burger joint.



Hwy 400 stop, let's get going!

ting on. For the rest of us, we took Hwy 60 east then Hwy 35 south, passing through a lot of smaller towns to Lindsay. To end the cruise, our last stop was at East Side Mario's in Lindsay for a patio dinner and drinks. Those of you who weren't able to make it out to this fabulous cruise truly missed out on a good one.

So if you did miss out this Spring, don't worry, you will be getting another chance this Fall to fill the void. The colours will be sure to impress. For the most part, the trip will be the same except for different lunch arrangements. We may even do the tour in reverse! Don't forget to check out the OZC forum to view the some of the pics!!!

.... another perspective by JP Matte

The weather was perfect for the Eastern cruise event. It appears that these June events are a good idea as the weatherman sure seems cooperative. Thanks to the efforts of Wes Hore who planned, mapped and organized this excursion, it was a memorable day.

The first group assembled in Pickering at 9:00 am and hooked up with the second group at the Hwy 400 service centre in Maple. At 10:30 we headed up the 400, a group



A great day on the roads

Food was alright, nothing too special but the service was slow, a long wait for fast food type lunch. I guess they're not used to a horde of people arriving & ordering all at once. After lunch, we topped up at a Sunoco south of Hwy 118. Some of the other people thought we were on some sort of rally.

After the long fill up, Andrew Armstrong and his black "Bullet Z" led us to Huntsville through the back door. I don't know the road names very well so I won't even try but I will say Wow, lots of hills. I mean the ones you can get air off of. Nice beaches and carving roads, lots of trees etc... wouldn't have changed a thing. Once in Huntsville we parked near the LCBO and took photos of the day. Some high tailed it home along Hwy 11 south as the day was get-



Are you kidding me?



Lunch break in Bala

It was a great day with amazing weather and no ugly incidents. No ugly incidents that is if you don't count my spending \$105.00 in fuel to have a day's fun.



Scenic downtown Huntsville

of 11 cars consisting of all the Zed generations, how about that, a G35 and even a Subaru, we forgive you Nigel.

It was great and at its high point, we had 13 cars. The trip up Hwy 400 was uneventful but we must have provided some interesting visual entertainment for the many vehicles going north. Shortly after we got off Hwy 11, we were led to something which would closely approximate Satan's 33 km long roller coaster. It was 30 minutes of insane tightly wound country roads that demanded total driving concentration. Once we emerged exhausted from that, it was a short drive to a large parking lot located besides a bridge and some rapids in Bala. We had lunch there and filled up just outside of town.

We were then led through a lengthy undulating scenic route winding its way through "cottage country". The route we drove through would make for an amazing Fall colour run. After finishing the second leg of driving which was spirited but not as intense as the initial route, we ended up in Huntsville. Assembling in a large mall parking lot, we hung out there a while and it was at this point that some of the participants went back home. I stayed with the remaining group and we made the drive back to Lindsay. This was another scenic drive which had many elevation changes and sweeping curves scattered liberally along its length. Once we reached Lindsay, we had dinner at the East Side Mario's and then we headed off for the drive back home. 90 minutes in my case as I was only going to Pickering.



Sunoco Ultra 94, there is no other, \$\$\$\$, gulp!



All present & accounted for!



Thanks for the day Wes, Andrew too in Huntsville

MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES — COME ON OUT & JOIN US

Ontario Z-Car Joint West-East Meeting May 9, 2007 at Montana's Cookhouse, Milton 23 Members & 12 Zeds in attendance

1. The first joint meeting for 2007 was hosted by the Western Chapter VP Pete Radoja who thanked all for coming and bringing their cars.



2. 2007 Executive - Pete stated that it was a pleasure to work with the current Executive. There is an incredible amount of positive energy within the Executive this year and it is committed to providing club members the opportunity to drive their Zeds in many organized events and to meet casually to share their passion about their vehicles. He encouraged members to step up and run for executive positions in the future. Our President, Terry Weston makes the job incredibly easy, enjoyable and the friendships and contacts developed while in the Executive will be life long.

3. Past Events

- Swap meet at Whitehead Performance - Howie Yoshida provided a brief update on this event. He said the day was sunny for a change and there was a good turn out with many sellers too. Greg's wife Vicki BBQ'd burgers during the event.
- Oshawa Motor Sport Club Lapping Day - Tom Dickson said that there was a good showing of OZC members event and reminded us of the next lapping day on July 7 at Shannonville.



VP Pete (on left) conducting business

4. Upcoming Events – Remember to check the website for a complete list of events, dates & times.

- May 25 - 1000 Island Z-Car Club lapping day at Shannonville
- May 26 - Golf tournament & wine & cheese festival at Archibald's Winery
- June 9 - Fleetwood Country cruise - not a zed event but if the weather is good it is worth the drive to the London area to see the host's home, his barn full of Caddies and private 9 hole golf course covered with classic cars. Several Zeds were present last year <http://fleetwoodcountrycruisein.com/2007/2007.html>
- June 9 - Tour of the North, tour through Bala to Huntsville
- June 14 - Western Chapter meeting at the Westmount Mall Show & Shine. Afterwards drive to Pete's house for a beer and BBQ. Contact P. Radoja to let him know if you are coming.
- June 16 - Go-Kart Challenge at Formula Kartways in Brampton
- June 17 - London Swap Meet and cruise to Grand Bend Flea Market - a fun day for all - contact Pete Radoja
- June 23 Drag Meet #1 at St. Thomas Dragway - dinner TBA
- June 22-24 Vintage Racing Festival at Mosport

5. Executive - Pete asked each Executive member to give a brief summary of what was happening in their areas of responsibility.
Howie Yoshida - Zedline – issue #2, Mar/April was distributed at the meeting. Send in your articles to Howie for the next one.
Erle Strauss - Treasurer - we are in good financial shape.
Edward Burkhart - Membership – for those memberships expiring in June, send in your money to renew your membership ASAP.
Jim Maw - Events (absent) - 2 drag events – Jun 23 & Sept 22.
Eric Zondervan – webmaster - changes to website possible.
Tom Dickson - Eastern VP - gave a summary of the East meetings, times and place.
Pete Radoja - Western VP - gave a summary of the West meetings, times and place.
Terry Weston - President and Merchandise Director - indicated



that the website will be changing and the Executive will probably meet to discuss this.

6. Many thanks to Brian Gracie and Bill Dawson for donating door prizes for our future meetings. All proceeds will go back into the club.

7. Next Meeting in London at the Westmount Mall Thursday June 14th.

Minutes by Pete Radoja

Ontario Z - Car Eastern Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 6, 2007, 7:30 pm

OZC Executive Present: Erle Strauss Treasurer
Eric Zondervan Webmaster
Howie Yoshida Newsletter

The monthly Eastern meeting was held at Route 66 and was chaired by Erle Strauss, Treasurer, in Tom's absence. There were 13 members present and 8 Zeds. In the parking lot we were invited to participate in the Wednesday Night Cruise Night hosted by Antique and Classic Car Club of Canada, Rouge Valley Region and Route 66 Sports Bar and Grill.

1. Welcome – Erle

During the meeting we were joined by 2 new potential members who were provided with the website and membership information.

2. Past Events – Erle & Howie

Golf & Wine Festival at Archibald's Orchards - Erle reported that it was an enjoyable day with a round of golf followed by the opportunity to sample a variety of wines, great food and even live entertainment. The numbers attending were very small unfortunately but it will be on our calendar next year and hopefully more people will come out to this one.

Shannonville Lapping with TIZCC – Howie was at this event along with 6 other OZC members. It was well attended as there were over 55 cars registered. The weather was hot and dry with lots of seat time for all drivers. There were 3 runs groups with each having a 20 minute session every hour. The Long Track was the set up for the entire day. The Thousand Islands Zed Car Club ran a very safe and smooth event, congratulations!

3. June Events - Erle

June is an incredibly busy month for club events as shown on the event calendar. No fewer than 5 events: Tour of the North, London Car Show, Go-Karting Challenge, Western Cruise and the first of two Drag Days at St. Thomas Speedway. Check the website for time and details.

4. Membership Renewals

Members were reminded that those receiving renewal notices recently had memberships expiring in June. Membership dues of \$25 were being collected for the balance of 2007 only. Full dues for 2008 will be requested from all members later on this year.

5. Treasurer's Report - Erle

Erle brought a print out of the bank statement for those interested in reviewing it. Expenses were being paid as budgeted. Total income from 2007 membership renewals has to be calculated and then compared to what was projected in the budget. This will enable us to project whether we will be in a surplus or deficit position for the year.

6. Zedline - Howie

Howie indicated with the large number of events this month, Zedline will have some good coverage as long as participants are willing to write up a few paragraphs, take a few pictures and submit them to him. Deadline for submissions to the Editor is June 21 in order to compile the newsletter, have it printed and ready for distribution at the July meeting.

7. Other Business

Howie has set up a mailing list for the electronic distribution of Zedline with a number of other Zed clubs in Canada & US. Newsletters from some are exchanged and copies of 2 of them, Fast Lines from the Oshawa Motor Sport Club and The Gazette from the Z Car Club of Northern Virginia were available for review at the meeting.

8. Tech Stuff – One of us was having trouble with their power window motor acting up and was looking for advice on what was involved and how to remove it. Bill Husar suggested a novel approach for removing the motor without taking out the glass and arms etc. It will be attempted.

The next regularly scheduled Eastern meeting will be Wednesday July 4, 2007 at 7:30 pm, Route 66 Sports Bar & Grill, Eglinton Square Shopping Centre, Victoria Park & Eglinton.

Minutes recorded by Howie Yoshida



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 (north).

Ernie's Roadhouse, CAMBRIDGE

at 7:30 pm, 519-658-9562.

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)

OMSC LAPPING DAYS

by Tom Dickson

April 28th, the Mosport DDT, the first of two lapping days at which OZC is assisting the Oshawa Motor Sport Club (OMSC) run the event. The morning started for me at 6:30 am and looking out the window, it was overcast and cool but dry out. Driving the 20 km to the track though, had me going through three rain showers, not a good thing. I am the first OZC member to arrive around 8:00 am so I dove right in, assisting in setting up the marker cones on the corners and then grabbed a broom to sweep water off the track. About 8:30 am, a bunch more OZC members arrive (Erle, Eric, Bill W, Bobby, Wes, Ed, Howie). There were also 5 members out for the lapping only including Quentin with his Skyline powered 240Z, what a beast!

Philip Amshad, OMSC President, conducted the Drivers' Meeting about 9:30 with approx. 30 lappers and 8 students for the school. Procedures, flags and safety for all were reviewed, then we headed for our assigned areas. Wes and I were at the starter gate while the others manned some of the marshalling stations out on the course.



The Drivers' Meeting, pay attention you guys

There were some spins caused by over zealous drivers, by cars that were set up for drag racing believe it or not. Then there was a Zed from our Western Chapter that just couldn't go around a corner in the damp with a welded spool in their Z...slip, slide and not quite all the way around. They were frustrated, still had fun but swear they are going to go to a LTD Slip. One supposedly experienced lapper lost it at high speed approaching the exit, did a 180 and caught it just about 100 feet from a major incident and went out the exit at about 80 kph. Luckily no-one was there to run into, a quick look at his suspension etc and he was back out on the track.

Even with the intermittent drizzle through the day and it getting cold enough to snow, the event was a successful one for each club. Some of the workers even got out later in the afternoon to run some free laps, good times. The help extended by our members was greatly appreciated by OMSC and was noted in their club newsletter as well as at their June meeting.



A cold day to be standing out on the track

SHANNONVILLE LAPPING DAY JULY 7

I sure hope we get some more OZC members to come out to assist at the next OMSC lapping day, at Shannonville on Sat. July 7th. If we want to participate in joint lapping/driver development days with OMSC next year to raise money for our club, we will need more people to get involved and learn what some of the duties are.

The driver development day will be conducted by the Ian Law Car Control School at a cost of \$300. Lapping will be provided to both OMSC and OZC members for \$155 and non-members at \$175. The school and lapping will use various track configurations with the day split into each set up. The intent is to have the school first on Nelson while the lappers run on Fabi, switching at noon and then the last part of the day will be open to all on the Pro Circuit.

Entry forms for lapping and the school can be found on line at www.omsc.ca, so come on out to learn, go lapping or assist in running this event. Professional sports photographer, John Riberio of Fotoworks will be on hand to photograph the day and attendees can purchase pictures of their ride too.



Quentin's 240Z, no longer stock

OMSC vs OZC GO-KART CHALLENGE

by Michael Aucoin

June 16th, on a beautiful Saturday morning, a group of racing enthusiasts congregated at Formula Kartways in Brampton to determine small wheel supremacy bragging rights between Zed car enthusiasts and the racing crew from the Oshawa Motor Sport Club.



The wannabe racers

The karts were primed and ready to go. Weighing approximately 200 lbs, putting out 7.5 hp and with a top speed of 42 kph, they didn't have the acceleration of a well tuned Zed but they had more than enough power to get sideways pretty quickly in the chicanes (even for some of us heavier drivers...). The course consisted of a ¼ mile concrete track with 10 corners.

The event format included a 10 lap qualifier and a 20 lap race, followed by a subsequent 20 lap race (the last race having a reverse starting grid based on race 1 finishes).

A total of 11 racers competed across all sections with a 12th joining for the final 20 laps. OZC representation dominated the field counting 8 of the 11 racers from its ranks. The small size of the field was impacted by a scheduling conflict with the Provincial Autoslalom Championship series that was running a double header event weekend.

The qualifying session provided a first race starting grid which accurately reflected driving skill and ability. As such, the first race had limited passing and ran reasonably clean.

The second race provided significant excitement as it employed a reverse starting grid based on the first race's result (last place got the pole position). This effectively put the slower car/driver combinations at the front of the grid. Needless to say this created much abundant passing opportunities and numerous multi-vehicle entanglements.

Driver strategy played a larger part than anticipated throughout both races as racers employed differing strategies. Of note was Erle "The Terminator" Strauss' commitment to not getting passed under any but the direst circumstances (even if getting lapped). Whether this included putting his kart sideways in the hairpins to block the corner or simply running competitors into the tire walls, his tenacity was noted and feared by all!

Once the dust had settled, OZC had claimed 2 of the 3 po-

dium positions but OMSC representative Paul Vieira claimed the title with our Wes Hore finishing 2nd and Jason Brady taking 3rd. Reviews on the day by those participating and of the facility were excellent. Let's do this again when our cars are hibernating. A good fix indeed.

Special thanks go to Wes Hore for organizing the event (a strong follow-up to the Tour of the North, 2 great events in 2 weeks!).



All lined up & ready to race, BYO helmet



Good looking & challenging track layout

And the trophies

go to

First place Paul (centre)

Second place Wes (right)

Third place Jason (left)





by Diane Dale

VARAC's 28th Annual Vintage Festival June 22 – 24, 2007

by Diane Dale

I've only been going to the track for entertainment's sake for the last 10 years – so I'm a relative newbie in the scheme of trackside adventures – however, this past weekend was the most spectacular event I've ever seen at Mosport – or maybe even ever!

I've always taken to the historic cars; not sure when or why that happened (although I think it has to do with a certain Datsun car club that will remain nameless J) – and I've also been a big F1 fan over the years. This past weekend the two loves collided and I was in heaven! VARAC's feature at the 28th Annual Vintage Festival was the 40th anniversary reunion of Historic Formula 1 races at Mosport. And on hand – live – were at least 10 of the very same F1 cars that have raced at Mosport throughout the years.

And they weren't just doing parade laps!

Standing on the outside of corner 8 you could see these cars come barreling up the back straight – full out... driven by some of the best drivers around. No matter where you were in proximity of the track – the sound of those engines is unique, courageous and bold... music to a race car fan's ears! The car's were running 1.18 laps when I saw them... pretty good for qualifying and for most their first time at Mosport in those cars.

1977 Wolf F1s, 1979 Williams, 1968 and 1972 Brabham's, 1971 March, 1967 and 1977 McLaren's, 1977 Shadow and a few others... the best were all there.

Throughout the weekend there were many other memorable events as well... tributes to famous racers and personalities like Dick Shelton (the CASC competition chairman that awarded the 1967 F1 race to Mosport), the in-field classic car show (with approximately 150 cars!), the Canadian Motorsports Hall of Fame 1967 GP artifacts display; the lawn-chair races (how fun is that!), the "all MG feature" race and many

other historic grids. Our very own Rob McCord and Neil Young were out in their Datsun 240Z cars – it was great to cheer them on for the now very-populated Group 70+ grid (over 40 cars!) And rumoured on the grounds were the likes of Al Pease, Eppie Wietzes and Mike Fisher of F1 fame! My personal favourite icon, Davina Galicia was even on site driving a 1972 Brabham BT37.



F1 cars in the paddock at Mosport

VARAC races include cars from all sorts of historical backgrounds and era's... you really should check them out at the track. Monoposto cars (Chevron, Titan, Lustc etc.), Vintage Production (MGs, Austin Healey's, Triumphs), Historic Production (Ginettas, Alfa Romeo's, MGBs), Classic Sedans (Minis, Volvos, Datsun 510s), Sports Racing Cars (Lola's Kikis, Lotus), Wings and Slicks (Formula Atlantics, Chevrons, Swifts)



Neil Young takes the G70+ grid on a sunny afternoon

and Group 70+ (Datsun 240z, Porsche, BMW). More info on where they will be and when is available on their website www.varac.ca.



The unusual Frisbee CanAm car at the festival



Remember the Nissan Grand Prix at Mosport?



Rob McCord in his Datsun 240Z



F1 cars on the grid at Mosport once again



Davina Galicia jumps out of the Brabham F1



LAPPING IT UP WITH THE THOUSAND ISLANDS ZED CAR CLUB

by Howie Yoshida

So it's after the April Swap meet and I have the TIZCC Shannonville Lapping Day registration form in front of me. I'm trying to decide if I should work as usual or take the Friday off and go have some fun. Tough call but I opt for the latter. It's a good thing too because this event sold out last year and it wasn't too soon to pay up and confirm my spot.

Shannonville is too far to drive on my track tires so I load up the Zed for all it's worth with 1 tire on the passenger seat and 3 in the hatchback. Add in a tire jack, tool box, tote box, folding chair, lunch and a cooler and you've got one real low riding, loaded up Zed with little room for the driver. I arrange to stay overnight at a relative's place in the east end of the city to beat the Hwy 401 morning traffic across the city, arrive early enough at the track to dump the load and change the tires. Sure enough at registration, I find the day is sold out with over 55 cars signed up, what a turnout. The day was organized by Marc Guimont, TIZCC Motorsports Director and their president Gordon Garrard,



Marc Guimont & his Zed, a REAL WORK IN PROGRESS

handled the drivers' meeting. It was a warm and dry day, perfect conditions for lapping. We were separated into 3 run groups depending on experience and each group ran a 20 minute session each hour, starting just after 9:00 am. There was going to be no shortage of seat time.

OZC had a good number of members present with Peter Skillins (you have got to see his yellow 240, what a set up!), Rick Scott & Clive Eastwood sharing Rick's #173 racer, Bill Dawson, Lewis Brody & his son Aaron, Peter Hartkey and me. They may have been others there but my apology if I missed mentioning you.

The morning session started out cautiously as it was my first time running the Long Track layout. Checking under the hood between morning runs, my radiator overflow container wouldn't keep its lid on and secure. Not wishing to drop antifreeze all over the track, Clive helped me to secure the lid with a big wrapping of duct tape and I was good to go. In the afternoon, I took a ride with Bill which was great as he showed me his lines around the track and I



Zeds on the grid ready to roll

used them on my next run. It was faster but then it happened. I was turning off the long back straight when the rear end started to slide back and forth, what's going on here? This is an easy right hander! I thought I got it back under control but did a 360 and went 4 wheels off, into the grass luckily. I got the engine started back up and returned to the pits where I found antifreeze leaking all over, under the hood. Tires and antifreeze don't mix well. My first thoughts, this is not good, what a towing bill I'm looking at but then good things started to happen.

Lewis helped me find the problem, a very short & very small length of hose had burst. Tough to get at but he got it off and I scrounged a length of suitable hose from Bill and a couple of clamps from Rick. Trying to replace it was not going well when I stepped someone I didn't even know. It was Robert French from TIZCC who figured out an easier way to make the connection, jumped right in and I was soon all topped up with water and no leaks. No more track time but I did make it home OK. Thanks to all of you for helping me out, much appreciated, no fewer than 6 guys got me up and running!

It seems bad things happen to the Zed on my excursions to the track, maybe I should stick to autoslalom events. Of course, I have had my adventures there too. I guess it comes with an age old car.



Peter Skillin's 240Z, best looking one of the day

SPRING DRAG MEET AT ST. THOMAS SPEEDWAY

by Jim Maw

Our June 23/07 Drag Event, featured perfect weather and track conditions. Cool with brilliant sunshine was the order of the day. Attendance was not overwhelming but those who came had a lot of fun. No new faces this time out, most of the usual dedicated suspects were out in force.

Kevin Hague's 4.6 liter GT Mustang has become a feature at these events. He and his wife, Tina drove to a low ET in the Non-Z category and #2 in the eliminator runoff. Peter Christiansen, another regular, put his twin turbo 350Z through its paces to produce a traction limited 12.75 ET. For some reason his car has trouble hooking up.

Those of you who have not seen Edward Burkhart's 1955 American Pontiac really should. This perfectly restored sedan features cream and turquoise paint, a full load of period luxury options, fuel injection, programmable engine management, four wheel disc brakes and many other subtle tweaks. It was a real crowd pleaser, even impressing track owner Dave Mother who has seen just about everything. Ed's 55 was not the quickest Non-Z but it was the most unique and he was top eliminator for the first event!

In the 280Z-280ZX N.A. class, we had Ali Dost Mohammed and JP Matte with very close ET's. Ali left without showing me his best time slip. We will work it out.



The Top Eliminator @ 18.30, do you believe it?



Paired up & all set to go

The 240, 260 and 280Z pressurized class was the best represented with 4 cars in attendance. It was good to see Nigel White and his white 73Z back in action after a year and a half hiatus. Manolo's red nitrous car was good to see although he elected not to run it. Brian Scarlett and his son brought the 280Z turbo to this meet not the usual 300 Z31. The Boodoo boys were all in attendance except for Dad. Rudy's automatic 2.8 litre Turbo was the stand out this time out with a traction limited best run of 11.6. This is a new club low ET record. I hope Michael Boodoo has his car together for September to challenge this time.

Bogdan Kurek had the only 300 ZX32 at the event. Too bad, it was running strong and would have loved some competition. Last but not least, the hardest working guy at the event, Steve Novak in his super charged 350Z produced some impressive times, with a sick motor running mostly on 5 cylinders while making bags of tire/oil smoke!

After the smoke cleared a large portion of the group drove down to Port Stanley for supper and refreshments at GTs on the beach. This is an impressive facility right on the sand with beach volley ball and all the distractions you could imagine. It is definitely going to be our après track destination in the future. See you on September 22 for the second & concluding drag event.

MEMBER	CLASS/CAR	LOW ET	Event #1 Pts
nil	240Z-260Z N.A.		
Howie Yoshida	280Z-280ZX N.A.		
JP Matte	280Z-280ZX N.A.	15.06	4
Ali Dost Mohammed	280Z- 280ZX N.A	15.60	3
Rudy Boodoo	240/260/280Z pressurized	11.60	4
Nigel White	240/260/280 Z pressurized	14.30	3
Brian Scarlett	240/260/280 Z pressurized	16.22	2
Manolo DeLeon	240/260/280 Z pressurized		
nil	300 ZX N.A.		
nil	300 ZXT		
nil	300 Z32 N.A.		
Bogdan Kurek	300 Z32 TT	13.80	4
nil	350Z N.A.		
Peter Christiansen	350Z pressurized	12.75	4
Steve Novak	350Z pressurized	13.27	3
Kevin Hague	Non-Z	13.58	4
Edward Burkhart	Non-Z	18.26	3
Edward Burkhart	Eliminator #1		4
Kevin Hague	Eliminator #2		3
Rudy Boodoo	Eliminator #3		2

PROJECT DATSUN 240Z

FOREWORD

This is a continuation of a series of articles about the building of a Datsun 240Z racecar. This project has been ongoing for the past two years with an estimated additional year to completion. It is being undertaken by Philip Amshad.

Philip has served on the Executive of the Oshawa Motorsports Club (OMSC) for the past 10 years, and has just started his fifth year as President. This Project Datsun 240Z series of articles has been reprinted from the OMSC newsletter, Fast Lines.



Project Datsun 240Z - Part 14 - Panhandling

By Philip Amshad

"The racing car is an inanimate object; therefore it must, eventually, respond to reason".

Unknown



There is an analogy that the camshaft is the brains of an engine, and an oil pump it's heart. In reality however, an engine cannot function without an adequate supply of clean, cool, and pressurized lubricant. This simple task involves the integration of a number of key components, that when combined can add power, reliability, and efficiency. The lubrication system in a road car is first designed for cost, and second, for efficient packaging. Performance, from a manufacturers standpoint is limited to; "adequately function under normal use for the life of the vehicle, or at least until the end of the warranty period". Therefore, for any serious racecar, a wet sump oiling system is simply not suitable. The alternative is to design and fabricate an efficient, and affordable dry-sump engine oiling system.



For most enthusiasts, the thought of a dry sump oiling system entails great expense, and enormous complexity. However, in actuality, a modest dry-sump system can function with only three main components. The oil pan, oil tank, and oil pump constitute the bulk of the system. Oil lines, breather tanks, and belt drive components make up the rest of the system. In this installment of the project I will focus on the oil pan and oil tank.



Removing the responsibility of oil storage from the pan allows it to function more effectively at reducing the power-robbing effects of windage. An oil pan built specifically for a dry-sump application can include a number of details that effect both power and reliability. First, by removing the typical oil pump and pick-up from inside the pan, it creates room, and allows for greater flexibility in the number and locations of pick-up points. Sectioning the pan and incorporating multiple pick-ups results in efficient scavenging. This scavenging help to remove excess oil from the surface of rotating and reciprocating parts, and creates a partial vacuum inside the engine. This vacuum aids in the sealing of the piston rings against the piston ring groove, and reduces the effects of windage. Bounce-back is also reduced. Bounce-back occurs when oil is slung off the crank and rods, hits the sides of the pan or block, and bounces-back onto the crank. The shallow pan also allows the engine to be placed lower in the chassis.



The planning stage for this project started almost 6 months ago. The design criteria included fabricating a bespoke, (one-off) aluminum oil pan. Also topping the list was a three-stage dry-sump oil pump, and a two-piece oil tank that incorporated both a breather, and a plate type oil filter. After making a series of careful measurements from a stock 240Z oil pan, a cardboard template incorporating the new pans dimensions was cut out. Once finalized, a cut lit was sent to our friends at Metals + . The material chosen for the pan is 3003-H14 aluminum. H14 is midway in the hardness scale for this

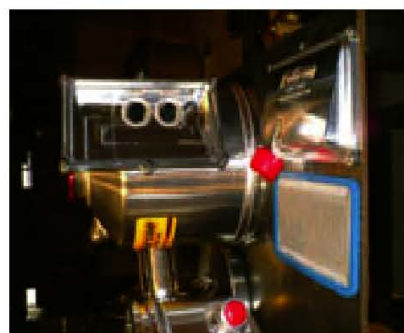
material, which makes it ideal for use in this application. This material exhibits excellent bending, shaping, and welding characteristics. Fabrication started with the pan rail. This was cut from a single piece on 3003-H14 with a thickness of 0.250". The rail is the foundation for the pan, and the added thickness should provide many years



of “leak free” service. The body of the pan utilized the same material 1/16”, 0.063” thick. A shallow sump was also added to the pan to take advantage of the revised engine installation angle of 10 degrees. Oil is removed from the pan by way of two -12 fittings. A divider is used to section the pan in half, which limits oil movement either forward or aft, and also provides some additional rigidity.



The oil tank is a 3-gallon Peterson unit with integral breathers, and oil filter assembly. These additional features will greatly simplify the lubricating system. The stock “spin-on” filter mount will be machined off the engine, and the valve cover breather size reduced. A single -10 line will feed oil back into the engine. In part two of this part of the project, which will follow early next year, we will move from fabrication to installation. We will also look at the oil pump and valve train spray bar. In the next issue of Project Datsun 240Z we will shift gears, (no pun intended) to the transmission. So until then, keep your car and yourself safe and we’ll see you at the track.



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A GOOD TIME AT ARCHIBALD'S ORCHARDS GOLF & WINE FESTIVAL

by Erle Strauss and

On Sat. May 26 a small group of OZC members met at 9:00 am to play the Executive Par 3 course at Archibald's Orchards. Located north of Bowmanville, they created a 9 hole golf course throughout their fruit orchard. Archibald's has added this form of recreation to their site to complement their store which sells international gold medal fruit wines. For 8 years, they have put on this community fundraiser for "Big Brothers & Big Sisters". All proceeds go for their community charity. This is a very noble idea!

The weather was spectacular and the golf was great. It's a short course to practice your iron shots & putting. It was very inexpensive & we all rented pull carts. The company was enjoyable & the golf relaxing. After golfing, around noon, they had tents set up where they sold a variety of food prepared by the local chefs. There was also a live 5 piece jazz band for continuing entertainment. Gerry & Sharon Pancott joined our group for the food part of the event. We left about mid afternoon but we were certainly all very pleased with this event. Next year Tom & myself intend to add this outing again to the Events Calendar. It's definitely worth going to!

...more from Sharon Pancott

The weather Saturday was spectacular for a drive to Bowmanville and the 8th Annual Golf & Wine Festival at Archibald's Orchards.

Gerry & I didn't arrive early enough to play golf but we did arrive in time for the wine tasting and the exotic foods prepared by independent chefs. Seven wineries brought their most popular wines including a sparkling raspberry cider, many fruit wines and even dessert wines were made available for tasting. Fifteen restaurants/Chefs prepared a variety of foods such as buffalo meat (Erle will never order this again!), to shrimp dumplings with soy ginger dip, baked crab rangoon as well as spice crusted pork tenderloin with apple chutney and many more. It was a great way to sample new wines before buying as well as trying a good variety of foods for a minimal cost.

Simon Maxwell & his four piece band played under the big tent for most of the afternoon while people mingled, sipped and tried new foods. This was unlike the wine tour we had last year with much more variety, entertainment and lots of great food. The only thing missing was more members of our club to mingle with. Maybe next year more people will join us once they find out what a great time they missed.



Great company...



Great food...



Great music

EVENTS!!! — 2007 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!!!**

- July 4 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66
- July 7 - Oshawa Motor Sports Club Lapping Day at Shannonville. Contact Tom Dickson (zeeker260@hotmail.com) or Erle Strauss (estrauss3@rogers.com)
- July 11 - Western Chapter Meeting at Ernie's Roadhouse, Cambridge
- July 21- 22 - Finger Lakes Tour, NY, Members of Rochester Z Club to attend.
Contact Erle Strauss (estrauss3@rogers.com)
- August 1- Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66
- August 8 - Western Chapter Meeting at Alaskan Fish & Chips, London
- August 18 - Cruise to Peterborough, meet car enthusiasts, Liftlocks, Museums, Drive-In movie.
Contact Tom Dickson (zeeker260@hotmail.com)
- August 26 - Z-Fest at Christie Lake Conservation Area**, Dundas, volunteers required.
Contact Tom Dickson (zeeker260@hotmail.com)
- September 5 - Joint East-West Chapter Meeting at Montana's in Milton, hosted by Eastern Chapter
- September 16 - Oshawa Motor Sports Club Lapping Day at Mosport DDT. Contact Tom Dickson (zeeker260@hotmail.com) or Erle Strauss (estrauss3@rogers.com)
- September 22 - Drag Day #2 at St. Thomas Speedway, dinner, Event 2 of 2, 2 days total points for trophies.
Contact Jim Maw (alfa@golden.net)
- October 1 - 5 - ZCCA Convention, Daytona Beach, FL
- October 3 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66
- October 10 - Western Chapter Meeting at Alaskan Fish & Chips, London
- October 27 - Joint East-West Halloween Howl...Bowling night, location TBA
- November 7 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66 & Election night for 2008 OZC Executive
- November 14 - Western Chapter Meeting at Ernie's Roadhouse, Cambridge & Election night for 2008 OZC Executive
- November TBA - West/East Seasonal Social, dinner at the Mandarin in Kitchener
- December 5 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66
- December 12 - Western Chapter Meeting at Alaskan Fish & Chips, London



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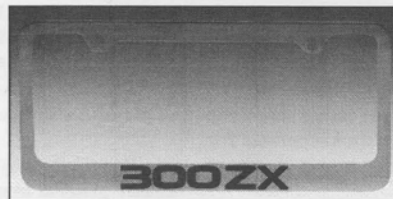
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