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Z-FEST 2008 WHAT A WEEKEND!!



Friday Evening Meet 'n Greet



Saturday Road Tour



Sunday the big Show 'n Shine



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Prez Sez ...



Z-Fest is over for another year and although the weather may have prevented some people from coming out, a good time was had by all, even with a 20 minute down pour. The weekend started with a meet & greet on Friday night at Terry Weston's house, a cruise on Saturday with a dinner that evening and then Z-Fest. There were people who could not attend Z-Fest but came on the cruise which got them involved in the weekend's activities. It took a lot of work to put these activities together and I want to thank those people that gave of their time and talents to make it a success.

With only four months left in the year, I want to remind everyone to get their nominations for the OZC Executive Committee in by the October meetings so that elections can take place at the November meetings. Still to come on this year's calendar are: Part 2 of the Drag Event, Tour of the North and a Dinner-get-together in November/December. Check the website events calendar for particulars.

Speaking of Calendarsnow available, the 2009 OZC calendar featuring Z-cars of course, a great holiday season gift at only \$15.00 each.

Keep well and enjoy the upcoming events.

Tom Dickson, 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:

Pat Paladino	Peter Harron	Glen Martin
Giorgio Caceres	Randy Savoie	Joe Ferrone
Vic MacBournie	Dennis Pizzardi	Ray Tyghter
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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

Hmm, seems like I just wrote my blog, guess that's what happens when you are a month late, the next issue is just around the corner.

So, another Z-Fest has come and gone but this year's event with all the planning going into it, turned into a real meal. Terry & Sandra hosted a Friday evening Meet 'n Greet for the members and our friends from ZCCR who drove up from Rochester. Saturday featured the Halton Hills - Elora Tour. What a treat that was, 22 Zeds in a row along the way. Then to cap off the weekend, the Z-Fest Show 'n Shine at Christie Lake Conservation Area. Thanks to all the many members, their families & friends who volunteered to help make the day run very smoothly. We needed everyone of you, check out your group shot inside.

Summer is over but we still have more events for the year. You can go lapping with OMSC or head out to St. Thomas Dragway for the remaining drag day. Since some of the members are heading down to the ZCCA convention in Cleveland, Ohio at month end, the Fall Tour of the North has been rescheduled for October 4.

Finally, it's not too early to talk about elections for the 2009 Executive. Why not consider stepping up to the plate and running for a position. Nominations will be open in October with elections in November, think about it please.

Howie Yoshida, Zedline Editor

Always asking, Always looking, Send me your stuff!

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ANOTHER ATTEMPT at our FIRST DRAG EVENT

by Jim Maw

Rain! Rain! Rain!

Our drag event rain day on July 26 was almost rained out. We had to dodge showers to get our runs in but managed to get through the eliminations before the big one. That occurred while we had supper at G.T.'s in Port Stanley, putting a damper on the beach volleyball.

Our turnout was not as strong as I had hoped but in September I'm sure we can do better. I don't ever cancel a drag event anymore, we just go and take what we get weather wise. The originally scheduled drag day in June was one of the smallest events ever, consisting of Kevin Hague and me. I guess a bad weather forecast will do that to this type of event.

The Show and Shine portion of the event did not take place, so come on out in September! We will have trophies in all classes as well as low ETs and eliminators. See you in September!

The standings from this event stack up like this:

Class	Name	Low E.T.	Points
240-280Z Pressurized	Nigel White	13.4	4
	Manolo Deleon	13.6	3
Z32 TT	Bogdan Kurek	14.2	4
280 N.A. Z-ZX	Werner Stoss	17.46	4
NON-Z 1.8 Turbo Integra	Doran Boodoo	12.40	4
#1 Eliminator	Nigel White		4
#2 Eliminator	Manolo Deleon		3



EVENTS!!! — 2008 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!!!**

September 7 - OMSC Lapping Day at Mosport DDT. Contact Tom Dickson (zeeker260@hotmail.com)
 September 20 - Drag Day #2 at St. Thomas Speedway, dinner, final event with total points for trophies.
 Contact Jim Maw (alfa@golden.net)
 September 29 - October 3 - ZCCA Convention in Cleveland Ohio, <http://clevelandrockz.com/> for details
 October 1 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66
 October 4 - Fall Tour of the North, details to follow
 October 8 - Western Chapter Meeting at Alaskan Fish & Chips, London, chaired by Bill Dawson
 November 5 - Eastern Chapter Meeting & Elections for 2009 Executive, at Route 66
 November 12 - Western Chapter Meeting & Elections for 2009 Executive at Ernie's Roadhouse, Cambridge
 November 22 - Christmas Social at Mandarin Restaurant in Kitchener, to be confirmed
 December 3 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66
 December 10 - Western Chapter Meeting at Alaskan Fish & Chips, London, to be confirmed

 ONTARIO Z-CAR OWNERS ASSOCIATION <small>SINCE 1982</small>	2008 MEMBERSHIP FORM (Aug to Dec 2008)
<input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal - OZC Membership Number (if applicable) _____	
First Name: _____ Last Name: _____	
Address: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Address Unchanged	
City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____	
Home Tel: (____) _____ E-mail: _____	
Birth Date: _____ Name, address, phone & email may be published in membership roster <input type="checkbox"/>	
Z Year: _____ Model: _____ Colour: _____ Trans. (auto, 4sp/5sp..?) : _____	
Classification: <input type="checkbox"/> Stock <input type="checkbox"/> Modified <input type="checkbox"/> Race	
Interests : _____	
Cheque enclosed, payable to: ONTARIO Z-CAR OWNERS ASSOCIATION 3044 BLOOR ST. WEST, BOX 503 TORONTO, ONTARIO M8X 2Y8	
<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 amount due (balance of 2008)	

GET YOUR ONTARIO Z-CAR MERCHANDISE HERE!



A 2009 calendar featuring cars from previous Z-Fests has been produced. Thanks to Frank Roggeband, the calendars have been professionally done in full glossy colour and look just fabulous. Buy yours (\$15) at any club meeting or from a member of the Executive Committee.



2008 Z-Fest Logo Hats \$20.00

These traditional ball caps feature the flying Zed logo and are imprinted on the side with Z-Fest 2008. The back features the classic Datsun logo and the Nissan one. Buy yours at any club meeting or order one from Terry Weston, Merchandise Director at taw@mountaincable.net.

HOW I SPENT MY Z-FEST WEEKEND

by JP Matte

Our Marketing Director Terry Weston and his wife Sandra were kind enough to host a "meet and greet" on Friday night at their "mountaintop" home in Hamilton. They welcomed members and spouses from both Ontario Z-Car and the Z Car Club of Rochester, about 15 to 20 people in total, a good gathering. The weather was great and delicious food was provided. Tori their family dog was greatly disappointed with the very tidy guests as a minimal amount of food found its way onto the ground. The evening weather was fine and the night rang out with sparkling conversation and the sound of Ray Tyghter's (a new recruit, welcome to OZC Ray) wounded 300ZX being winched off of a flat-bed. Ray's rear tire had its belts separate, resulting in steel belts working their way through the tire and releasing the captive air. Erle lent Ray his spare tire and Steve Karniej went tire hunting with Ray that evening but to no avail. Ray would later make the cruise the next day, after having purchased two new rear tires. Since he even won a draw prize at Z-Fest, all's well that ends well!

The Halton Hills-Elora cruise on Saturday was great. Very nice roads with a variety of beautiful scenery. Our group was infiltrated by motorcyclists and at a later point in time by a contingent of MG's. The MG's retreated to an alternate route no doubt intimidated by the snarling pack of Zeds breathing down their necks. My compliments go out to Erle Strauss and Wes Hore, the organizers, for the excellent selection of routes. As well, I am happy to report that the group of 20 or so Zeds was able to maintain sane velocities for the bulk of the very hot tour.



Parking lot meeting before the start of the road tour

At one point as we neared Elora, depleted by the heat, I decided to bail on the cruise and return to the motel. Normally doing this would not be an option but now in possession of a recently purchased GPS, I now had the ability to roam Canadian back roads without fear of being forever lost. It turned out that in my darkest hour, technology failed me. My GPS was dead as a doornail. Fortunately, new member Ray stopped when he spotted me and I was able to follow him to the next point. Thanks Ray! The cruise back to the hotel was punctuated by a wisely recommended stop at a Baskin Robbins for some cool treats.

It was then back on the road to the Admiral Inn to cool off some and head out for dinner. By the time I had finished



Tori, the wonder dog

that evening's excellent dinner, topped off with a legendary piece of their coconut cream pie, I and most others were ready for bed. The very appealing notion of getting horizontal was delayed somewhat by my having successfully deadbolted myself out of my motel room which by the way was numbered 240. Pretty cosmic eh? It took the motel staff about 30 minutes to figure that one out. As well, while we are on the topic of motels, thanks to Bill Husar for making me an honorary OPG employee for the duration of the weekend. I was able to enjoy the benefits of the Admiral Inn's corporate rate of \$72.95 per night, making for a very affordable weekend in a very nice motel.

On Sunday morning I was one of the early volunteers there to help set up the show. Upon arriving at 8:30 I had seen that some of the really early arrivals had started staking out the field in order to set up the parking arrangement for the day. What started out as a barren field gradually began to fill with a dizzying array of beautiful cars, dogs and people. Unfortunately, as has happened the past many years, Z-Fest was once again saddled with a threatening weather forecast which delivered its payload of heavy rain around lunch time. So hard was the rain that it actually cleaned off the majority of the splattered bugs on my windshield. Another benefit was that it forced all of the attendees under the pavilion where they could take shelter and purchase some of the excellent food being prepared by the volunteers. Bogdan Kurek and his wife Liljana were kind enough to offer me a schnitzel and to have dessert with them. It was delicious! Thanks! The rain managed to cool down the proceedings somewhat and after a quick wipe of the shammy over the Zed, it was if it had never rained at all. The grass may have been dampened but not our spirits. The remainder of the day was beautiful.

All in all it was a great weekend and I got to meet many friends, both new and old. To the casual observer Z-Fest may seem to be nothing more than a car show in a field but what may not be so obvious is that the heart of this event are the people who come to it. Thanks to them for showing up and thanks to all who helped put the entire weekend together! At times things got a little "exciting" but with a little help from my friends, all worked out fine.

Z-FEST 2008 WEEKEND

by Howie Yoshida

As a change of pace this year, Z-Fest activities were extended to make it sort of a weekend event with the hope of enticing more people to come out and participate in the festivities.

On Friday night, Terry and Sandra Weston were kind enough to host a Meet 'n Greet for OZC members and a number of ZCCR members who made the trip up that day to take in all the Z-Fest activities. The evening was well attended by 15 to 20 who enjoyed a BBQ, refreshments and lots of socializing.

Thanks to the efforts of Wes Hore and Erle Strauss, a road tour of the Halton Hills - Elora area was planned for the Saturday. I was one of 22 Zeds there in the morning for the drivers' meeting before we headed out laden with detailed rally type directions and a set of maps provided by the organizers. Great job there guys! The weather was fantastic, not too hot, dry roads, couldn't ask for much more. The planned route on the many winding roads was quite enjoyable until we hit a roadblock. It seemed a float truck used to haul heavy equipment tried to negotiate a very tight corner and didn't quite make it. We ended up doubling back on the road and took a slight detour to our lunch stop, a Boston Pizza restaurant in Orangeville. We ate lunch on their patio and our Prez, Tom gave away some prizes for a good number of the participants. The tour continued on into the afternoon where a number of us exited at Fergus. Those that continued to the end enjoyed a tour of about 275 km spread out over 7 hours, quite the day. Dinner that evening was held at Louie's Grill in Burlington, again attended by close to 30 people.

Early Sunday morning, I rolled into Christie Lake Conservation Area once again and with help from Roy Watts and Bill Warren, we proceeded to stake out the car show area and the parking rows for the various car classes. New this year, lots of black flies taking chunks out of us, must have been due to all the rain this summer. By show time, 9:00 a.m., everything was manned and ready, the front gate, parking attendants, registration, merchandise sales, raffle ticket sales and the BBQ area and the food was being prepared for later that morning. Many thanks to the wives and family members who helped out with everything. We had Gail Warren on registration, Karen Gracie and Melanie Watts on ticket sales, Sandra Weston, her sons & their girlfriends, Sharon & Gerry Pancott, Jim Maw and others cooking up the food on the BBQ's, we had 3 of them going, Steve Karniej helped with ballot tabulation and not to mention many others missed. Check out the group shot of the volunteers!

Raffle prizes and door prizes were plentiful and very substantial again, thanks to our generous sponsors. People walked away with a radiator, brake pads, complete clutch, socket & wrench kit, Nismo & GTR caps, \$300 in Sunoco gas coupons, service plans and wine too. The lucky 50/50 winner this year was Mike Krenzer of ZCCR who won

\$323, Canadian though!

Maybe the rain that arrived in the afternoon led to some increased ticket sales too. The brief down pour had everyone under cover of the pavilion with nothing to do but look at the prize displays. Some were surely spurred on to buy some tickets. The rain soon let up, people were back out drying off their cars and the sound of music from our returning DJ, Rockin' Robin filled the airways again.

Eric Zondervan, our webmaster recruited his friend Steve Herzog to take care of the photography over the weekend. He did a great job as you will see over the next few pages. With Laverne Burkhardt's help, they took pictures of most of the cars in the field and JP collected the "story time" sheets. A picture dvd will be produced of the event and can be purchased for \$5. Contact Eric if you want to buy one.

Registration this year was free for OZC members but we were still out numbered by non-members, so sad. There were 83 cars registered, broken down into the following numbers and classes: 15 - 240Zs; 2 - 260Zs; 11 - 280Zs; 10 - 280ZXs; 6 - Z31s; 18 - Z32s; 11 - 350Zs; 10 - Non Zeds.

We acknowledge and extend our sincere thanks to the following sponsors, vendors & members that donated cash, prizes, goods and services:

- **Absolute Motor Specialties**
- **Nissan Canada**
- **Sunoco**
- **Brantford Nissan**
- **Whitehead Performance**
- **Zeetoyz**
- **Fenwick Automotive Products**
- **Steve's Tire**
- **Master Mechanic - Markham**
- **Gerry & Sharon Pancott**
- **Tom Dickson**
- **Erle Strauss**

Shortly after lunch, ballot tabulation started and it proceeded very smoothly with award winners being announced around 2:30 p.m., right on schedule.



Z-Fest road tour participants representing 22 Zeds

And this contribution from Eric Zondervan

Why do I always leave for Z-Fest last thing Friday night after several days of frantic preparation? Two years ago, I worked all summer on the car, after being stored for 15 years. My shakedown run was from Orillia to Mississauga in a driving rain. That adventure was reported in Zedline shortly there after.

This year, as you know if you have been following the forum, my car went from a nice reliable daily driver with all the bugs worked out to a bare shell at Christmas. After a 7 month long restoration, we tried to do a road test on the Thursday before Z-Fest, only to find the clutch was slipping badly. This was due to my having put the wrong release bearing in when I installed the newly rebuilt 5 speed. A frantic Friday saw the transmission out and back in, the last of the interior installed, some electrical glitches sorted out, the hood re-painted, the body "cut and polished", a cleanup and wax.

Another road test revealed a problem with the rear tires hitting the fenders, so we pulled the suspension apart and welded pieces of 1" pipe into the top spacers. I found out at Z-Fest that we had the front and rear springs mixed up. We

still had a clearance problem, so I cut away a bit of the fender lip. The guys at the shop were great, 5 of us worked on it all day and three stayed till 7:30.

Finally, at 8:00 p.m., I left Orillia with the front riding high and a blown exhaust flange gasket. The 5 spd was great, getting me to Kitchener to pick up Steve (our official Z-Fest photographer) then back down to Hamilton in 2-1/2 hours. Turns out an indicated 130 kph is actually 140. Even at that, I averaged 7.2 L/100 km. for the 900 km weekend. We had some overheating on the tour Saturday and lots of crashing from the rear suspension but it was a great tour none the less.

Sunday morning we woke up to a dead battery but bump started our way to a slightly late arrival at the show. The show was a big success. I recruited my friend Steve Herzog to photograph. Laverne Burkhart was his very car savvy helper. As a team, they were able to take several photographs of 69 of the 83 cars registered. JP Matte and I were equally successful in soliciting 67 stories for the dvd we will be producing. 36 people have pre-paid \$5.00 for the dvd. Stories are still coming in and you are welcome to submit yours to me by e-mail (zedfoot@rogers.com) if you missed your chance at the show.

And from newbie Ray Tyghter

I had a great time on the weekend, it was better than I could have imagined. Overall the first day was a definite indication that I had met some very classy people with big hearts and a lot of patience. First of all, I would like to thank all the players that made my inaugural visit, one to remember. I met everyone on the Friday night with my car on a flatbed and one extremely deflated rear tire.

Many thanks to Erle who had a spare tire and graciously loaned it to me. He may have been the only Z-owner with a spare that night but no one seemed to mention that while he gave me the gears because I had replaced my spare with a couple of sub woofers. I think the flat was a blessing in disguise because it forced me to buy new tires which definitely made the tour on Saturday a lot more enjoyable.

That road tour was the best course I have ever driven!! I have saved the route map and intend to do it again soon with my friends who own non Zeds (silly people they are, why drive anything but a Z), can't wait.

Of course the Sunday event was another great experience for me. This has nothing to do with me winning 3 prizes and everything to do with a lot of good positive people sharing their knowledge about the cars and lots of tips on a variety of Z concerns.

Great job guys I am currently recruiting a couple of local Z drivers in my area, they are missing out.

CLASS	2008 WINNER	HONOURABLE MENTION
240Z Stock	Bill Warren	Joe Ferrone
240Z Modified	Gerald Trzecki	Quentin Yarie
260Z All Models	Paul Simpson	Rick Clarkson
280Z Stock	Mike Yendrzeski	Brian Gracie
280Z Modified	Jason Anaka	Scott Taras
280ZX Stock	David Buttle	Martin Pierce
280ZX Modified	Tony Matteucci	Howie Yoshida
300ZX - Z31 Stock	Howard Martin	Dave Wood
300ZX - Z31 Modified	Brian Mellov	Duane Martin
300ZX - Z32 Stock	George Tanev	Bogdan Kurek
300ZX - Z32 Modified	Erle Strauss	Reggie Persaud
350Z Stock	Vince Santoro	Brian Gracie
350Z Modified	Tyler Wood	Pat Paladino
Non -Z All Models	Bobby Kara	Pat Scialdone
The People's Choice	Roger McAllister	Laverne Burkhart



Saturday road tour.....what's the hold up?????



Oh, I see now! Where to now, Wes?



Zeds on the street, Friday evening @ Terry's



Ballot tabulation, no peeking please



Scott Taras' Zedline collection, every issue printed!



Thanks to all the volunteers, even some are missing here

2008 Z-FEST - SEE WHAT YOU



2008 Z-FEST AWARD WINNING CARS



Bill Warren 240Z Stock



Gerald Trzecki 240Z Modified



Paul



Brian Mellov 300ZX (Z31) Modified



Erle Strauss 300ZX (Z32) Modified



Vince

MISSED? - BE THERE NEXT YEAR!



(only 10 of 15 captured after the show)



Simpson 260Z



David Buttle 280ZX Stock



Tony Matteucci 280ZX Modified



Santoro 350Z Stock



Tyler Wood 350Z Modified



Bobby Kara Non-Z

ALL JAPANESE CAR SHOW WITH ZCCR AT HOSELTON NISSAN, ROCHESTER , NY

by Eric Zondervan

Saturday July 12, I looked out of my window at quarter to six and there was the Green Machine, with Erle putting some finishing touches on the polishing. We got away by 6:00 a.m. and made a quick, traffic free run to Tim Horton's on the QEW where we met with Steve Karniej, Roy and Melanie Watts, & 2 other OZC cars. After half an hour of Zed car talk, coffee and muffins, we convoyed to the border at Fort Erie. Once we crossed over, we lost track of each other, although it wasn't long before we caught up to Terry and Sandra Weston, who couldn't join us earlier. Terry had his car in a shop overnight getting his GPS screen converted to a web surfing monitor.

By now it was getting pretty hot but Erle and I both don't like A/C so that was fine. We had an easy drive right down to Hoselton Nissan, East Rochester, NY where things were well underway. It was a beautiful hot, sunny day with one little shower to cool things down. The awards were presented and we were soon off to our hotel prior to the dinner at Champs Bar & Grill. The dinner was well attended with 30 some people, both OZC & ZCCR. The food was good but in outrageous quantities. John Taddonio and his new bride ordered a slice of cake which was a foot high. The evening was filled with laughs, especially Mike Noonan's cell phone conversations on his running shoe. It ended with plans to meet in the morning at for a tour of Finger Lakes.

A few of us turned up but it was pouring rain so most went off to a mall to shop, but since Erle and I "don't do shopping" we headed home. As we crossed the border, the weather turned beautiful again and Erle let me drive the Green Machine, a real treat for me. Erle dropped me off at the bus depot, back to Orillia to work on my car some more, a fitting end to another excellent Zed car weekend.

Our host, Hoselton Nissan, was most gracious and accommodating and their show parking space was perfect! As host for this event they came through big the way only a quality organization can!



The Merchant Street Smokehouse BBQ was out-of-sight, pulled pork and a side for \$4-bucks, now that was mmmm, mmmm good deal!

Z-girls, yep we had 'em and boy did they hold up their end of our bargain, selling a Supra-large quantity of event raffle tickets assuring a great big 50/50 pot was available. And certainly all the sponsors who had come onboard gave us a big boost; they were many and most generous!

Volunteers, words can't sufficiently well express our thanks to Mike K. for launching ZCCR on the path to initiate an All-Japanese Vehicle gathering locally - his efforts pulling together an event staff and executing the show was a labor of love and we ALL appreciate that ... ya did good Dad! As for the club's worker-bee's, well they were many in number and truly crucial in assuring our success.

Visitors from distant places, sure, we had them! Ontario Canada, Buffalo, Syracuse, Albany, Maryland and many points in-between, it just wouldn't be the same if we didn't have brothers and sisters travel in to share stories, compete for trophies and break bread with. We had a heck of a time during the show itself, then after-hours we hit Champ's Sports Bar & Grill and closed out the day with great stories shared over brilliant food and even better desserts (just ask JT about his and Kim's foot tall wedge of ice cream cake – O.M.G. that was unbelievable)!

Cars, did I mention the cars? Whoa Baby, they were spectacular! Z's sure, Datsun's yes, exotic's and tuner machines – absolutely! Honda, Mitsubishi, Toyota, Infiniti were all represented and they were a most welcome addition which boosted the excitement of our annual car show event for all participants! These fellows were the big trophy winners: Best in Show chosen by Hoselton Nissan: John Taddonio's



Car show line up.....

And this note from Mike Noonan, VP ZCCR

What an outstanding day! Where to begin our story about the All Japanese Classic & Import Tuner car show ... the weather; how do we spell H O T - yes it was, and Mother Nature tossed in an ever so brief sun-shower just before trophy time so we all had the opportunity to put that dust-free shine to our vehicles for the final round of judging.

1970 240Z

1st Place Z: Dave Lisiecki's beautiful blue 240Z

2nd Place Z: Terry Weston's 2003 350Z

3rd Place Z: Jimmy Kosowski and his 1979 280ZX

1st Place Non-Z: Carlos Torres' crazy 1993 Honda Civic

2nd Place Non-Z: Kory Benson with his 1994 Nissan Hard-body pick-up

3rd Place Non-Z Al Scheuer's 1965 Datsun 320 pick-up

Best Engine: Ed Serrano's 1973 Datsun 240Z

Best Interior: Terry Weston and his 2003 350Z

Best Paint: Barry Brown's 1971 Datsun Hot Wheels 510

All that said and done, you'll recall that giving back to our community is a mission for ZCCR, its Board of Directors and the membership overall. Saturday we presented a check for \$2,000.00 to be shared by our designated charities, The Wilmot Breast Cancer Center & The Strong Liver Transplant Center and there'll be more to follow those monies once we have our show numbers totalized. Both are organizations we've history with and both have helped members of our club who have been impacted by health issues most of us are lucky enough to avoid – they mean something special to us!

Three cheers for the 1st Annual event which came off so smoothly, now let's roll-up our sleeves and start work on next year's event so we can trump all the numbers and grow this venue into a regional must-do date on everyone's 2009 summer week-end calendar!

Life is Good Baby, Life with Z-Friends is Better!



Now that's cake!



A real low rider



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES — COME ON OUT & JOIN US

Ontario Z-Car Eastern Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 2, 2008, 7:30 pm

OZC Executive Present: Tom Dickson	President
JP Matte	Eastern VP
Eric Zondervan	Webmaster
Erle Strauss	Treasurer
Howie Yoshida	Newsletter

The regular monthly Eastern meeting was held at Route 66 and was chaired by Eastern VP, JP Matte with 21 members in attendance.

1. Mail Box - Howie

Membership renewals for 2008 have mostly been completed so the mail has been light. Newsletters from other clubs have been received. Fast Lines from OMSC, The Gazette from Z Car Club of Northern Virginia and ZBreeze from Group Z Sports Car Club in CA were available for viewing.

2. Treasurer's Report - Erle

The club account was holding at \$7,000+/- as no big bills had been received last month.

3. Zedline - Howie

The May/June issue of Zedline was not ready yet. Howie reported it would be done later this month, content for the issue was not a problem this time.

4. Future Events - Tom

Jul 12-13, Rochester Car Show / Dinner / Sleepover event (All Japanese Import Show) It was noted that about 8 to 9 Zeds were making the trip on the weekend.

Drag Event #1, The June event was cancelled due to rain and had been rescheduled for July 26.

Z-Fest Weekend, Flyers were out for the Saturday Halton Hills - Elora Tour & Z-Fest on the Sunday.

5. Website - Eric

Eric had been working on updates to the OZC website, a visitor's counter was up and running and the front page picture was being changed on a regular basis now. Members were reminded to sign up on the Motortopia website.

6. 50/50 Draw - Wes

Wes Hore at the meeting and sold the 50/50 draw tickets. First place cash of \$40 was won by Steve Ross who has been missing for awhile. Other prizes went to Bill W, Gerry P, George Mac and Eric Z.

Minutes recorded by Howie Yoshida

Ontario Z-Car Western Meeting

Hosted by Laverne & Jane Burkhart

Wednesday July 9, 2008

The July Western meeting was hosted at the residence of Laverne & Jane Burkhart. It was a "tech" session to take full advantage of Laverne's experience & expertise in the

workings of a Datsun transmission. Topics covered included, how to open one up, what to look for and checking gear ratios. There was lots of socializing, food on the BBQ and not a rain drop in site. Their large backyard accommodated a good number of Zeds to complete the scene. The night was enjoyed by over 15 people including members and their spouses.



Zeds in your own backyard, gotta love it!



The host & hostess



Recognize this part?





Ontario Z-Car Eastern Meeting Minutes

Wednesday August 6, 2008, 7:30 pm

OZC Executive Present: Tom Dickson

JP Matte

Eric Zondervan

Erle Strauss

Howie Yoshida

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Newsletter

The regular monthly Eastern meeting was held at Route 66 and was chaired by Eastern VP, JP Matte with 18 members & guests in attendance.

1. Zedline - Howie

The May/June issue of Zedline was finished, a bit late this time around and was distributed to those in attendance. The rest of them will be mailed by the weekend.

2. Treasurer's Report - Erle

Erle tabled a Treasurer's report. Good news in that expenses were running less than budgeted and revenues, specifically from membership dues and advertising revenue for Zedline were expected to exceed projections.

3. Website - Eric

Eric reported that the Motortopia forum was not seeing a lot of activity. Members were encouraged to sign up if they

haven't done so. A "How to Navigate the Motortopia Website" article was published in the March/April issue of Zedline by Eric.

4. Future Events - Tom

Z-Fest August 24, the focus of the meeting was on Z-Fest as there were a lot of items to discuss and line up volunteers for. Eric is going to set up and take pictures of all the cars as they enter the field. Picture taking after the event down by the lake will also be organized with the intent of producing a DVD of the event. Wes would not be looking after the 50/50 draw this year.

Halton Hills - Elora Tour August 23, Erle has produced maps for the tour. He needed members to confirm their attendance if they were attending any of the Friday or Saturday events.

5. New Business 2009 OZC Calendars - Frank

With special thanks to Frank Roggeband, 2009 calendars have been produced featuring cars from past Z-Fests. They were available for purchase at the meeting for \$15, in full glossy colour. They looked great. The initial run was for 100 calendars, 15 were quickly sold at the meeting. Frank will be taking some to the Western meeting too. The calendars will be on sale at Z-Fest.

6. 50/50 Draw - Wes

Wes Hore was still looking after the 50/50 draw at our meetings. First place cash of \$35 was won by Nigel. Other prizes were won by Vince S, Dave B & Bogden K.

Minutes recorded by Howie Yoshida

Ontario Z-Car Western Meeting

Hosted by Greg Dougall

Wednesday August 13, 2008

This meeting took place at the home of Greg Dougall with the focus of the evening on 'BAD BODY WORK'. The event involved grinding, welding and masking tape and there was also an assortment of food & beverages for all.

It was a topic that everyone could relate to for sure. They all shared their knowledge, stories and some even brought their examples as proof of what can happen. Others learned how to perform bad body work and enjoy it.

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

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

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

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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)



PROJECT DATSUN 240Z - PART 20 - GET YOUR REAR IN GEAR!

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 plus with an estimated year or less 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, including 5 of them as President. This Project Datsun 240Z series of articles has been reprinted from the OMSC newsletter, Fast Lines.

by Philip Amshad

It has been a couple of months since Project Datsun 240Z made it into print, and in that time a number of smaller projects have been completed. It was my intention to have the front suspension fabricated, and therefore be one step closer to completing the rolling chassis before the end of the year. However, as I have said before, sometimes these projects take on a life of their own.

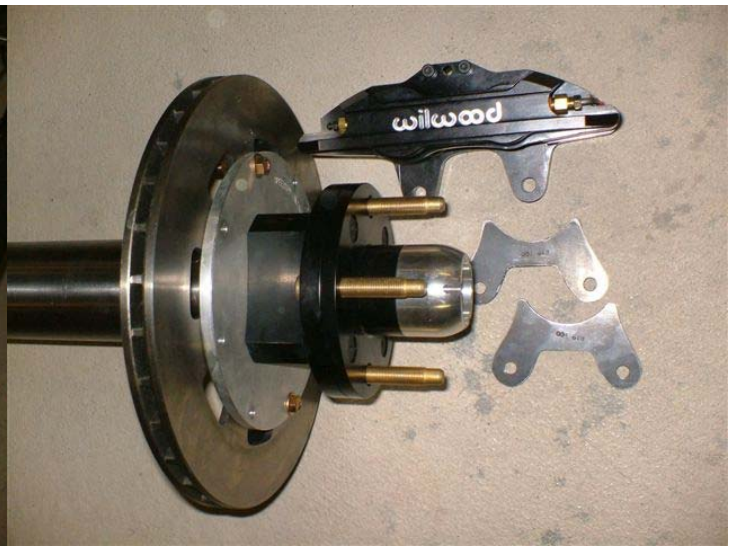
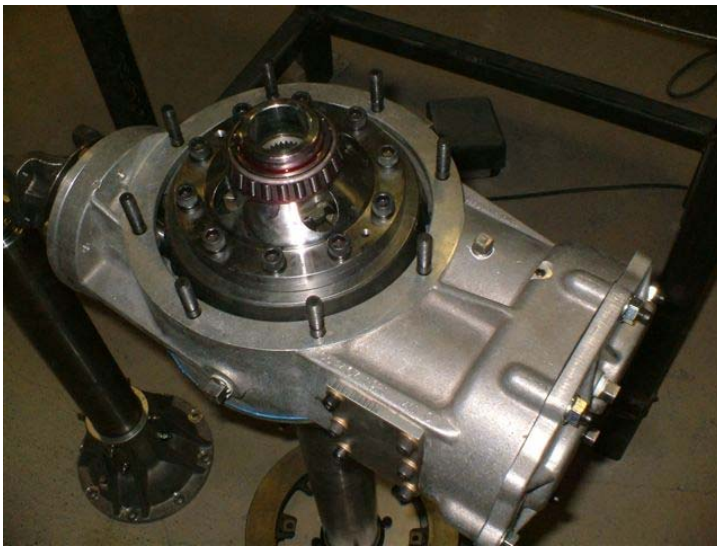
As reported in the last instalment of the project, I will be using a closed tube "live" rear axle. One of the key advantages of a live rear axle is its simplicity and rigidity. Now there are a number of stamped steel housings that fit the more popular centre sections or pumpkins; however, their size and lack of available gearing options excluded them from my wish list. In fact, from the time I started this project, the design revolved around using a Speedway Engineering Quick Change – Mini Stock axle. A few key features of this part are the 3" X 0.120" wall chrome-moly axle tubes. The snouts are 4140 heat treated steel. The hubs are CNC machined from 7075 T6 Billet aluminium, while the rotor adapters are a more ductile 6061 H14. Hollow "gun drilled" fully polished axles featuring Rockwell hardness, and ARP wheel studs complete the short list of features. Add to that the 42 available "Quick Change" gear sets, (84 total gearing options) and clearly, this is the axle of choice. I had been looking at this axle for a couple of years; however, there was just one problem. The only available differentials were either a "spool" or a "locker". Both would be unsuitable for the type of track use this car would receive. Last year the company finally released an "open diff" which added considerably to price of the axle, now topped out at just over \$4000.00. After biting the bullet...a couple of times, I placed an order through Grisdale Racing Products,

and after three weeks took delivery of a number of boxes of bits. For \$4 grand it should have come assembled on a skid, but I digress. I guess that it was a good thing it arrived in pieces, or there would be no pictures for this month's newsletter. For the record, the axle was ordered with a 60" track which is the widest allowed in GT2. This would entail re-tooling the moulds for the rear flares but I feel that it will be a small price to pay for the added stability of a wider track.



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"weldable" cast steel and incorporates a lower shock, and anti-roll bar mount. With the rear axle in place, and the ground clearance and pinion set, measurements could now be made to locate the front suspension pick-up points. Damper, road spring and anti-roll bar choices will follow early next year. Hopefully next month, I will be back to fabricating the front suspension.

So until then, keep your car and your self safe and we'll see you at the track.



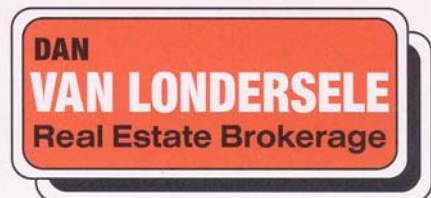
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We regret to inform the membership of the sudden passing of one of our sponsors and recently signed member, Dan Van Londersele, on August 25.

With our deepest sympathy, the members of Ontario Z-Car Owners Association send their condolences to the Van Londersele family.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.



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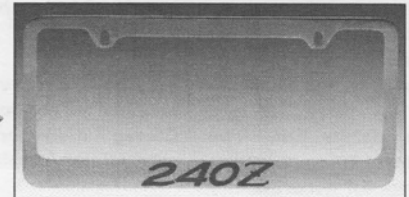
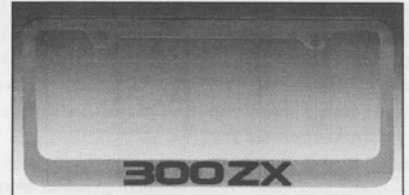
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