

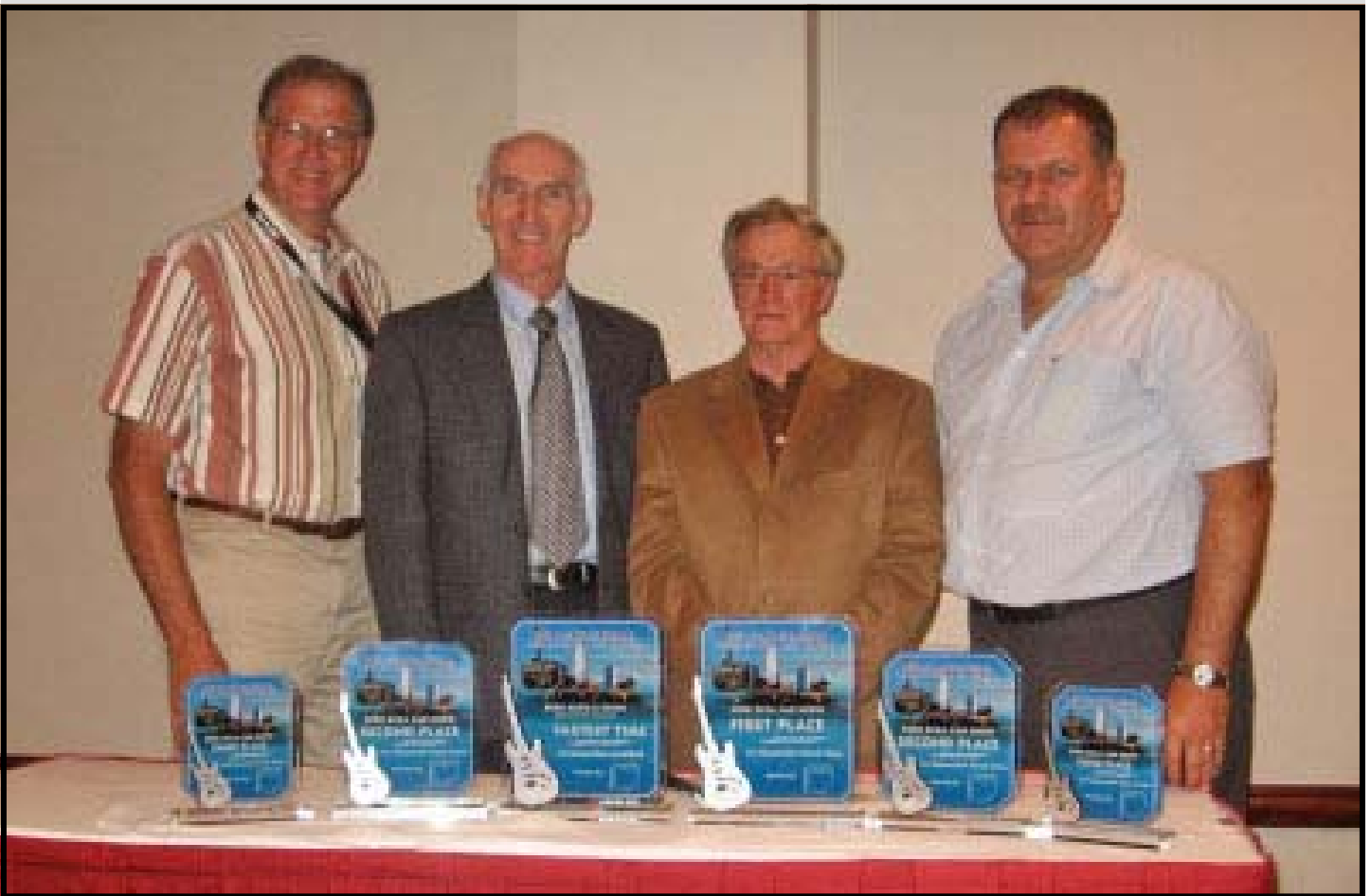
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We went to the ZCCA convention in Cleveland & look what we came home with!



WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR ONTARIO Z-CAR THIS MONTH?

- 1) Come out to the November chapter meetings & volunteer for a position or help out on the 2009 Executive Committee.
- 2) Pay your dues & renew your membership for 2009 too.

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Prez Sez ...

Hi Folks,

Another year is coming to a close and that means the elections for the 2009 Executive Committee are here. Nominations for/or volunteers willing to be on the Excom should be declared at the November meetings. A representative for the Western Chapter Vice - President's position is really needed to come forward and lend a hand.



I have thoroughly enjoyed my last two years on the Excom but I will be stepping aside to encourage someone else to get involved in this capacity. I extend my thanks to my fellow Executive and the club members for their generous help and sage advice over these past two years.

I wish to remind everyone that again this month, we are planning a get together for a pre-year end dinner and need to have some idea of the numbers that will attend to so we can make a reservation. Please watch the web site for further details, "Up coming Events" for the location and time and whom to contact.

Next year looks to be another banner year with plans for three or four road tours in the works, a spring tour, a couple of summer tours and a tour of the North. A two day tour starting in Belleville and going to the Calabogie Race Track west of Ottawa is in the planning and there is The Repatriation Tour from Trenton to Toronto that a number of our club members took part in last year. Club members need to send in their ideas/ plans for events to add into the Events calendar for 2009.

Don't forget our Ontario Z-Car full colour calendar for 2009. They are available for \$15 each from any of the Executive and will be available at any of our future meetings or events.

This club is for the members and run by the members, so get active and join in to some of the activities. If you are in a remote area and it is too far to attend the established meetings, then e-mail the Executive and we will put you in contact with any club members in your area so that you can meet up when you can. There are new members in the Sarnia, Windsor, Detroit area that are looking so contact us if you want to meet with them.

As always keep safe, be happy and keep the Z-spirit alive.

Regards,
Tom Dickson, President
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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:

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From The Driver's Seat

As someone else has mentioned, it's time to care of some "administrivia" this month. There are a couple of very important matters to look after.

The first is your requested attendance at the Eastern or Western November Chapter meeting to vote in the new Executive Committee for 2009. We need more help all around but enough said before. Both Tom Dickson & Erle Strauss are stepping down from the Executive as you may have heard. Thanks guys for all the hard work over the past few years.

The second matter is the pink piece of paper inserted into your Zedline. It's a renewal notice for your 2009 membership dues. Please take the time to send in your money now. Do it early and take advantage of the discounted rate. The sooner we know what our membership numbers will be, the sooner we can start working on our operating budget and event planning details. Let's make it another great year in 2009.

Inside this issue is extended coverage of the 2008 ZCCA Convention that just took place in Cleveland, Ohio. Ontario Z-Car was very well represented by a good number of members & spouses and those attending took home their fair share of the trophies awarded. Congratulations to the recipients!

Winter is coming, get those Zeds covered up and stored away, it's not too early. Buy those much needed snow tires before they all get shipped to Quebec and put them on your winter beater.

Howie Yoshida, Zedline Editor

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2008 ZCCA CONVENTION - CLEVELAND ROCKED!

by JP Matte

It began and ended much like the Daytona Convention the year before had, but everything in between was quite different.

Pat and I drove out to Terry and Sandra Weston's mountaintop home in Hamilton on Sunday Oct. 4th. Traffic was light and the drive was uneventful. Well, not completely without incident. Let me elaborate. The convention stay was 6 days in total and would require a fair amount of luggage as a variety of weather was going to be encountered. Because a 1971 240Z -especially one with a roll cage and a large wing- is not what one would consider practical transportation, Pat had feared having to pack 6 days worth of gear in a shared suitcase and an overnight bag. It turns out her fears were unfounded. The Z easily swallowed up two full suitcases, overnight bags, the two of us and a full tank of gas. On the way to Hamilton, I took one particular ramp which while it looked harmless enough, forced the car to bottom out hard three times. A horrible crashing sound accompanied by my colourful exclamations resonated inside the vehicle. Upon arriving in Hamilton, I crawled about the car looking for any signs of damage. None could be found. A week later while I was putting the car away for the winter, I found what had hit bottom. The last elbow in the exhaust at the rear of the car was the culprit. The high spot at the flange had signs of road contact. Fortunately the minor scrape mark was the full extent of the damage.

Later that morning Petar and Susan Radoja joined us at Terry and Sandra's. The skies were blue and the weather cool, but comfortable. 4 ½ hours of highway called out to us. We were no longer able to resist, and so we were off. Before my car had even rolled a foot, I had to radio ahead to the others to stop as I had discovered that I couldn't open my door from the inside. Those three hard impacts had jarred loose the interior door latch mechanism linkage. For the rest of the trip down I would have to roll down my window and open my door from the outside handle.

Just like the previous year, the closer we got to the border, the uglier the weather became. The reassuring weather forecast quickly went to Hell and a light mist began to fall from the now leaden skies. A light mist fell for the bulk of the trip down and the skies remained grey. As we approached our destination of Independence, 20 minutes outside of Cleveland proper, the skies lightened up and by the time we pulled into the Embassy Suite Hotel's parking lot, we had nice blue sky punctuated with cotton ball clouds. No tickets. No tragedy. No near misses. We had arrived!

After dropping off our bags in our room, we went down and were registered. The process was quick and efficient and with no glitches. Everything I had signed up for was included in my registration package. A generously stocked goodie bag, really a small overnight bag, containing ominously enough, an umbrella, was offered to us. Did they know something and weren't telling?

We later met up with Bill and Vandra Husar and Brian and Karen

Gracie who had left the day before. Charlie Osborne and his wife along with Clive and his better half were also there. We all gathered in the bar and availed ourselves of something called a Manager's Reception. To the best of my limited knowledge, this "reception" is something unique to the Embassy Suite chain of hotels. What it amounts to is free beer, liquor and wine and munchies from 5:30 to 7:30 pm every night for hotel guests. This coupled with the complimentary breakfast offered up 'til 9:30am resulted in a significant economic windfall for attendees. By the way, the breakfast was not the usual continental fare either. Made to order omelettes were available as well as scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, fruit, oatmeal, toast and cereal, juice, coffee and tea! To say that the Embassy Suites hotel kept us liquored up and well fed would not be an understatement. Free internet service and gym access were also provided. Pat used both of these services on a daily basis.

Another service provided by the hotel was a free shuttle service which would take guests to destinations within a 6 mile radius. This service came in handy on a variety of occasions. It took Pat to a mall, on Tuesday it took a large crew of Canadian and American Zedders to the Winking Lizard sports bar and grill after we shut down the Manager's Reception. Check this out: Two 32oz beer, two personal pizzas and chicken wings for \$27.00. We were obviously not in Canada, where a second mortgage would have been necessary. Pat and I as well as Lavern Burkhart and his family also used the shuttle to get to the Scenic Train Tour on Friday morning. This service provided by a very friendly and professional staff, really went a long way towards facilitating our stay there. No gas or time was wasted driving about looking for this and that.

...and I haven't even mentioned the rooms yet. These were no mere rooms, they were suites! Yes Daytona had a view of the Atlantic ocean and admittedly that is hard to beat. So while the Cleveland convention organizers conceded the ocean view to the Daytona Hilton, the Embassy Suites provided accommodations that condo owners living in Toronto have paid upwards of \$200,000 for. We had a bedroom with a King size bed, separate washroom, an office area with a table and phone, microwave, sink and fridge. Also included was a living room area with a sofa and chairs and a second flat screen TV. Living in a hotel room for 6 days has never been easier! Congratulations to the Cleveland crew for the great hotel choice!

Ok, so I've raved about the accommodations, and truth be told, all of the outdoor Z events could have cancelled due to asteroid showers or plagues of locusts, and because of the amenities provided, we would still have had a great vacation there. Convention events started with the Mad Mike Party on Sunday. This was a 50's themed event tying it in with the Convention's Rock 'n Roll theme. I am an Eighties metal guy so I faked it as best I could. I suited up in blue jeans and a white OZC t-shirt, and was greeted by similarly attired Cleveland volunteers at the door who promptly rolled a pack of candy cigarettes into my t-shirt sleeve. I now

looked presentable. They fed us, Mad Mike spoke a few words and a variety of other speeches were made. They even set up an internet video Call with 99 year old Mr. Yutaka Katayama and his wife Masako in Japan! It was the next best thing to having the "father of the Z" there in person! We later retired to someone else's room for more mirth and merriment afterwards.

The next morning was the Suds and Shine event where people could clean and prep their cars for the car show the following day. Tunes, beer and cleaning supplies were generously provided by the ZACO group. Thanks to Petar Radoja, I was able to partake of one of the earliest beers - 10:20am - in my checkered "career". Once sufficiently nourished, I proceeded to begin a clean up of my road grime encrusted 240. No sooner had I finished cleaning the car, that it became readily apparent that it was going to rain soon. And rain it did. Out came the shammy. It may have sprinkled more than once that morning but by mid afternoon, it was once again sunny and quite warm. They had professional car detailers on hand for those competing at a higher level in the judged show the next day. \$150.00 got your entire car done. I gave them \$7 near the end of the day in order to have them vacuum out the perma-lint from my carpets. I should be good for another couple of years now. Earlier I had undertaken to repair my door latch mechanism but found that I was one allen wrench short of what I would need to complete the job. The ever helpful Bill Husar just happened to have one handy and lent a hand in restoring my car to its former interior door opening glory.



Later that night was the Opening Banquet followed by the Texas Chilli Party. Margueritas and delicious chilli were provided and a good time was had by all. The Texas chilli engineers also handed out gifts of miniature bottles of Tabasco sauce. To think that the Texas crew drove all the way up to feed us warmed my heart almost as much as the chilli did. Next year's convention is on their home turf of San Antonio. At least they won't have to drive nearly as far to feed us. Bill thrilled the table of OZC members with a demonstration of his physics knowledge as he incrementally trimmed off pieces of ribbon attached to the Nissan centerpiece's helium filled balloons. The balloons were attached to small chocolate bars which helped to keep them earthbound. Bill's sur-

gical trimming had gotten the balloons to a point where they had a neutral level of "buoyancy", but to Clive's wife this was not enough. Something more astounding had to happen, and throwing all caution to the wind an extra balloon was attached. At this point it should be mentioned that this hotel is like a giant 8 floor tall box. The rooms form the perimeter with a view to the outside from the bedrooms. The access to the rooms is from the balco-



nies which are formed as they go around the inner diameter of the hotel. The center atrium of the hotel has many lounging areas, a dining area for the restaurant and an area dedicated for use during the infamous Manager's Reception. Needless to say the interior part of the hotel has a very high 8 floor tall ceiling. You can probably see where this is going. Clive's wife ended up somehow getting the balloons from Bill and gleefully released them. We all watched as they traveled slowly up to the hotel's ceiling. Clive's wife is obviously an aeronautics enthusiast. Bill doesn't drink and therefore has no excuse. The balloons stayed up there until the coming Friday when Karen Gracie glanced up at them and they came down. Karen obviously carries a lot of influence. It should be mentioned that no balloons were harmed in the performing of this stunt.

It rained on the freshly cleaned cars that night, and the Car Show day on Tuesday morning was a grey one, though it was not actually raining. The rain held off until I had gotten to the Berea fairgrounds where the show was being held. It rained twice more and the shammy came out two more times. It took a while but the skies finally cleared and the show proceeded under partly cloudy skies. It turned out to be a perfect day. Until later that night when under cover of darkness the skies really opened up subjecting my car to more water than it has seen for the past 5 years combined. With the track day at Mid Ohio scheduled for the next day it was really starting to look as though the weather would have a significantly negative impact on the convention.

Wednesday morning comes around and though it is not raining, it is grey and wet. The skies were threatening and the odd drop was coming down when I left the hotel, lured to Mid Ohio by the promise of a Parade Lap and the spectacle of some high speed driving. I hooked up with Kirk Towner, an American right hand

drive 280ZX 2+2 owner and another Z for the drive out. The track was 90 minutes away, and the further away we got from home base in Independence, the better the weather got. Upon arriving there, it was obvious that this was a beautiful facility, looking as good in person as it did the many times I had seen it on TV. Set amidst the rolling Ohio hills, it was clear that the track would be an entertaining and challenging one. I did not drive it at speed. You can ask Laverne Burkhart about what it's like to do so, but I did get in 8 laps! The last two were at a crawl, but the other 6 were entertaining enough as I got up to 80mph a few times. The track is spectacular, and it is very challenging, presenting drivers with many opportunities to re-configure their car's bodywork via Armco or tire walls. A 240Z and a 350 were confirmed to have fallen prey to Mid Ohio. Another two cars were rumoured to have met a similar fate. I met Mad Mike Taylor at Mid Ohio, and he confirmed that the next year's convention is indeed in San Antonio Texas, and the next year it is quite possibly in Nashville Tennessee. He coyly mentioned that 2011 is still open. The ride home from Mid Ohio was uneventful except for the time my GPS, when requesting it find me a Sunoco, led me to the driveway of a private residence in a long established neighbourhood, before annoyingly telling me that I had arrived at my destination. Who says that computers don't have a sense of humour?

I missed the autocross as Thursday was Cleveland exploration day! This comprised of a visit to the very comprehensive and entertaining Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. We all spent about 4.5 hours in there and could have easily spent 3 times as long if we had really thoroughly examined all of the exhibits. Many audio visual presentations were part of the package. Each one very effectively reminding you, by the playing of so many memorable songs, why the power of Rock and Roll - especially Rock and Roll - and music in general, is undeniable. I do have some questions as to how the nomination process works and who exactly chooses who will be inducted as there were some notable absentees. Regardless of this, it is still a must see attraction if you are in the area. Following the RRHofF tour - Petar and Susan Radoja, who had scouted out Cleveland the day prior - led us all on an hour long tour of the downtown area before we made our way back to the waterfront location of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame where our dinner cruise ship, the Good Time III, was docked.

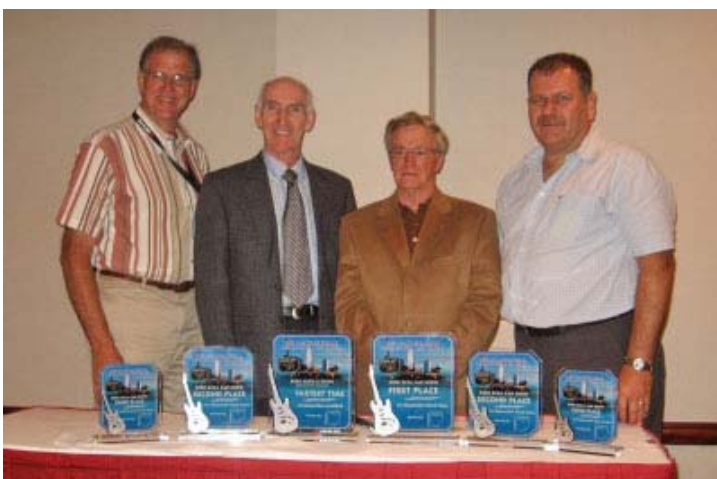


The cruise was an interesting trip through the canals and rivers around Cleveland and lasted about 3.5 hours. A great meal was furnished and music was provided by a "band" which consisted of two senior aged musicians. They were very talented and took requests. Granted they didn't know any Black Sabbath, but they were able to play my second request of the Bobby Troup hit "Get your Kicks on Route 66". Food, Friends, Flotation, Tunes, and a free Bus Ride "home" afterwards - including a historical video presentation on Mr. K and the history of the Z. Who could ask for anything more?



It's Friday, and now we're in the home stretch. A Scenic Train Tour of the Cuyahoga Valley is scheduled for noon. After spending a lazy morning sleeping in and wiping out yet another amazing complimentary breakfast, the shuttle took us the 3 or so miles to the train station. It was a great tour and the pre-ordered box lunch was fresh and delicious and worth every penny! ZACO volunteers patrolled the train cars regularly checking to see if they could do anything else for us. We called for the shuttle to pick us up as we approached the station and it arrived shortly after we did. We all piled in and they even dropped Pat off at a large area drug store on the way back. I later heard that a SWAT team had to be called in. They were obviously not ready for Pat. It's quite likely that this store will likely never be the same after that visit. Upon returning to the hotel, Brian Gracie and I even had time for a 55 minute walk before having to get back and get ready for the Closing Banquet. The food was great! It was some kind of stuffed chicken breast with cheese and bacon. Vegetables, a salad and buns also accompanied the scrumptious meal. Anything simultaneously involving cheese and bacon is a winner in my humble opinion! They had a bar set up at the rear of the room, but it was ignored by many as we could simply walk over to the Manager's Reception area and get free liquor there. By the time I made my last visit there near its closing time, the bartender was working so fast to keep up with demand that he provided me a glass of red wine in the plastic beer glasses that they were using. Now that's efficiency. I could see that his tip jar was amply stuffed with dollar bills, many of which we contributed. We probably put this guy through College with our week's patronage. Another Video link with Mr. K and his wife was set up and they both

appeared to be in very good spirits. It is astounding that despite their advanced years, they are still both very childlike and would seemingly love nothing more than to be there in person. Mr. K autographed goods were auctioned off and much to my surprise an autographed Nismo T-Shirt is now in my possession. A second such shirt later was auctioned off for \$10.00 more. Great, mine has already appreciated in value! Vandra and Bill Husar, Petar and Susan Radoja, Laverne Burkhart, Brian and Karen Gracie and Charlie Osborne were Canadians who took home some hardware. It was a great evening and a fitting end to a terrific week!



Our Award Winners! Brian Gracie, Laverne Burkhart, Charlie Osborne, Bill Husar & (absent) Pete Radoja

Attendance at this year's convention was down from the one previously held in Daytona. Geography is likely one factor as there are likely more Z's in the South than up North. The state of the economy was also quoted to me as another factor when I spoke to some of the organizers. They also mentioned that many attendees had to cancel because their cars had suffered some kind of mishap. Here is my take on Z conventions, and please remember that comparatively speaking, I am rookie at this sort of thing. My first convention was the Kingston event for a few days. Next up was Nashua New Hampshire in 2003, then Syracuse, and then Daytona. Some have been to most of the 21 which have been held, but I can tell you that while they are all different, and much the same in some ways, they all have their own dynamic and are unique. It is a great way to take a week off, see a different city, meet many new people and have a really good time with or without the cars. While the cars are the obvious focus, it becomes quite apparent that it is a very human and social experience. One should not dismiss going to a convention based on the notion that it will be cars 24/7. Nothing could be further from the truth. The people who host these conventions have worked really hard to offer up something entertaining to those attend them. If done properly, and I believe that it was in Cleveland, the convention succeeds on a variety of different levels. I would strongly suggest that everyone who owns a Z try to at least attend one of them.

Lessons learned? The indispensability of cargo pants; you can

never have too many pockets. The importance of having good friends. That downtown Cleveland is a beautiful place even under grey skies. The life sustaining properties of good chilli and a Marguerita or two. The incredible bond that Japanese vehicles can create between the total strangers who own and sometimes love them. That if you give away enough prizes, have a hotel with a great free breakfast and free liquor every night, and a complimentary shuttle service, you are over three quarters of the way to hosting a great convention. That the members and organizers of the Z Association of Cleveland Ohio are a wonderful, friendly and very accommodating group of people! I and many others were fortunate enough to have a chance to tell them as much in person during out great week there.

Once again, Thank You Cleveland! You Rocked!



And More from Laverne Burkhart

The 2008 Z Convention in Cleveland was attended by about 20 folks from Ontario. Some for just a day or two, others enjoyed the full week's activities. There is lots to do in Cleveland and it deserves a return trip. I've never seen so many bridges in a concentrated area. They say there are over 300 bridges in the Cleveland area featuring 9 different construction types.

Overall attendance was down primarily due to the economic conditions and job losses in the US as well.

Highlights:

Sunday afternoon - great weather for a "Lolly the Trolley" tour of greater Cleveland. Lots of Historic buildings dating back to the early to mid 1800's.

Monday - the keg & clean for cars entered in the show & the evening welcome party and the traditional TEXAS CHILLY.

Tuesday - car show with not so pleasant weather at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. 2 GTR's were there.

Wednesday - an awesome day at Mid-Ohio, a very technical and sport car type track.

Thursday - an autocross close by with tons of fun runs after the event and an evening dinner cruise on the Goodtime3

Friday - a day to relax, enjoy a scenic poker run and a scenic railroad excursion through the beautiful Cuyahoga Valley National park all the way to Akron & back.

Friday Evening - the closing banquet & awards ceremony were topped off with a web-cam connection to Tokyo with Mr. Katayama and his wife.

A LAP OF MID-OHIO RACE TRACK

by Laverne Burkhart

Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course is a 2.4 mile, 15 turn course nestled in the rolling hills near Lexington, Ohio, that has fiercely challenged the minds and machines of the world's top drivers for more than four decades. Visit www.midohio.com for video footage.

What a neat opportunity to experience under relaxed conditions. We ease left from the mock grid onto pit road and accelerate up through second into third, turning left as we pick up speed and blend left at the exit of turn one. A check of the mirrors to know what traffic might be behind. Third to fourth as we warm up the tires and setup for the right left chicane. It is a fast approach and only needs a pick to third gear as one approaches the off camber late apex 180 degree corner which leads to the fast downhill back straight that has a slight right. Velocity is determined by HP and 4th / 5th gears. Downshift from 5th to 4th, wait for the 400 ft marker, brake lightly and keep left to setup for a smooth 90 degree right best taken with a late apex. At the 100 ft marker, we pick 3rd gear and start the turn-in transition. It feels good and we're back on the throttle before the apex as we accelerate through a dip, and setup for a tighter 90 left that drops away downhill into another 90 right. Exit from this turn is important to gain momentum for the slight left up hill into a blind left that can be taken on the right side as the track drops away. The car gets a little light because this can be taken with a lot of speed, but requires concentration as we keep left enough to set-up, brake and transition into a large arch to the right which takes us uphill over a crest that again can make the car light and drift slightly left onto a fast 3rd, 4th combination through a set of esses. The exhaust note resonates through the trees and bounces off the wall to the right. Late brake hard, pick 3rd gear, apex tight left, accelerate hard momentarily to keep the back end hooked up, and then brake again for a late apex, off camber 270 degree carousel to the right. Once we have the entry, it's lightly back on throttle as we keep hooked up by the limit of our tires and then accelerate hard for a kink left that leads onto the front straight past the grandstands. Sweet whines of the inline six reverberate off the pit wall as we wail up through 3rd into 4th on this slight uphill straight as we head for the first turn. A light tap on the brakes to place weight on the front as we do a slight turn-in left to blend with the "blend line curbing" and now accelerate hard for the uphill toward the chicane.

Hey this is awesome. 20 minute sessions flew by in no-time

Now back to the entry to the carousel. The final off-camber approach to the corner allowed a 240Z and a 350Z to be collected by the tire wall during the course of the event. Both were driven again. The kink onto the front straight in the damp caught a ZX32 on the outside wall. Again driven away with a notch of experience! When it rains slow down! As an instructor, on my last heat of the day, the organizer asked if I would give one of the spouses a ride. I did a warm lap and talked her around the course so she would

know what to expect over the blind spots. Several laps and we are honk'n down the back-straight, down shift into 3rd, just about to apex right and whoh!!!! The back-end broke loose-like instantly and was washing way left. I was full lock left and sliding on the track in the right direction. Experience has taught me - be ready for the reverse snap. When it starts, hard right. The car does a little wiggle, I CATCH 2ND AND START TO ACCELERATE. The back end breaks loose again! S---T what have I broke? Have I got 4 wheel steer? I can't hear anything rubbing. Fist is now out the window to warn the drivers behind.

I drive left the balance of the course into the pits. I look under the back-end while someone lifts the hood. Anti-freeze residue under the whole car. The tower communication asks what we found. Response: anti-freeze with water-wetter, the slickest thing know to man and worse than oil for the track workers!

Sorry guys but the lower heater hose split on the front side of the firewall. Now the weatherman's forecast of late rain starts to dampen the track. A section of 5/8 hose allows a quick bypass of the heater and I'm back in business after a cool down and gradual refill of the cooling system. Still an awesome day at the track!

The next day was the Autocross on a well laid out course.

Jane & Jonathan came for support. My new R-compound tires hooked up well on the cool surface and provided me with a First in modified class, shy of FTD by a few hundred's of a second to a R-shod 350Z driven by Todd from the Tidewater club.

Congrats Todd and thanks to the Cleveland organizers for a week of Fun !!!!



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!!!**

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

IN MEMORY OF DAN VanLONDERSELE

by Ed Muth

Just thought I'd inform the membership about a good friend Dan VanLondersele who passed away on August 25 in Delhi. Dan just joined Ontario Z-Car in the Spring along with myself and drove his 1971 orange 240Z to the London club meet. Dan was an avid local community man who was well known in the area and in the province as well. He owned a new 71 in the day and still retained the pictures and bill of sale to his original.

In 2006 we embarked on the restoration of a Pennsylvania car and completed it in the spring of 2008. Many of the bugs were just being worked out for more touring and club involvement. He leaves behind his loving wife Mary Anne of 33 years and a wonderful family. The Zed was driven by his son in the funeral procession and the priest even commented on the friends that enjoyed his worthwhile endeavours including the restoration of the Z and the great camaraderie and fellowship that goes along with these wonderful cars.

I hope that Dan's love of cars will add comfort to his family who I'm sure are keeping the Zed and possibly maintaining the club affiliation.

Editor's Note: A donation to Ducks Unlimited Canada was made by Ontario Z-Car in Dan's memory.



TOUR OF THE NORTH - FALL 2008

by Shelagh Barrington (McLaren)

We begin this chilly autumn Saturday at 6.45 a.m. and it is EARLY for us retirees; however, a little preparation the night before and the call of coffee and breakfast from the Timmy's at Brock Road in Whitby eases the morning stress.



We roar along Hwy 401 in our blue '71 240Z and are overtaken by Nigel and Natalie in their white 240Z. We join up for the quick trip across the top of the city and pull in together at the rendezvous point to fill up the Zeds on their favourite beverage, Sunoco Ultra 94. Now it's our turn and we fill up with coffee, not too much, and a breakfast bagel while we discuss the route with Erle, driving his turbo

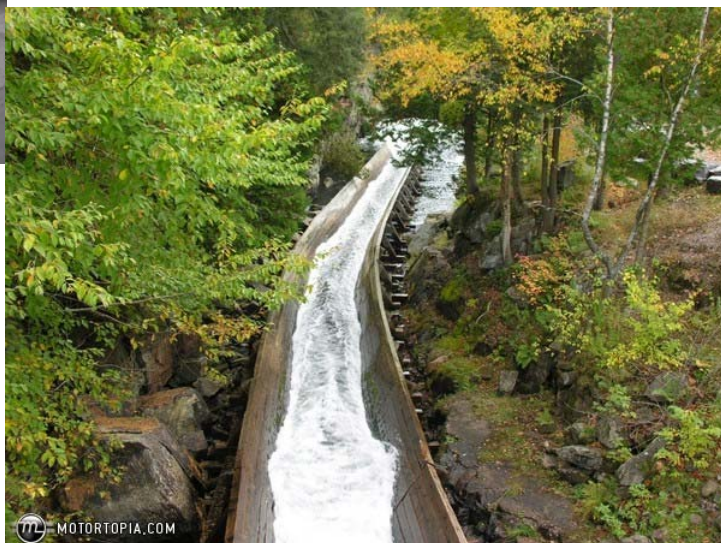


300ZX Z32 aka "The Green Machine", and Wes & Rob, in a smurf blue 300ZX Z32 TT. We are soon joined by Bernie and Maryanne, in a brown 280ZX and Dan and Vanessa in a black 300ZX Z31 Turbo and head out along Hwy 12. We whip by farm fields through the Hamlet of Myrtle and past restored farm houses, piles of pumpkins and the occasional modern mansion in the middle of a vacant field. We pull into Haugen's restaurant parking lot to re-group and pick up a 7th Zed, Gerry & Sharon Pancott, in their silver 300ZX. We take the first pictures of the Zed cars plus one maroon

Pontiac GT - President Tom's.

Onto Hwy 7A over the Lake Scugog causeway heading east to our 0 km/mi starting point, the town of Caesara. It is a beautiful Fall day with bright sunshine, blue skies and wispy clouds and it is warming up. The trees are beginning to turn and there are some pretty vistas of Lake Scugog as we pass through low rolling hills and roar through the fun S turns that carve through rows of dry corn stocks and fallow fields. We pass a 10 foot tall mail box labelled "Air Mail" and turn onto Hwy 35 north, towards Lindsay. We stop at the side of the road and wait for Tom, to rejoin the group after a side excursion to pick up Rebecca, then a nice patch of smooth paved highway and more gentle curves and lovely straightaways where the guys test out their throttles. Just before Lindsay, a quick jog across Hwy 7 east to 36 north. Passing turnoffs for an Ontario correctional facility, Sturgeon Lake, Omemee and Pigeon Lake, we stop at another Tim's for a quick break before heading past Nogies Creek and onto 507. Tom and Rebecca have driven ahead to take pics as we head through the fun S curves where the little power mobiles get to go through their paces, through hill and dale, bogs and scrub. Wow, we got through that rather quickly! Into Gooderham, known as the Geo-caching capitol of Canada and now for a course adjustment, due to time we take little Hwy 3 and more great curves. Occasionally, cars doing the local fall studio tour slow us down but mostly, we exceed the limit but by how much I won't tell!

The deep green pines and red sumac are becoming more dramatically hued as we head deeper into the hills. Onto Hwy 118, and pull back the throttles as we glide into the town of Haliburton and slide out the other side with a roar! Past the turnoffs to the Domain of Killeen and Sir Sam ski area and now we begin to thread our way through the numerous deep blue lakes of Kawartha country. Past Butter-milk Falls and over to Hawk Lake Log Chute for pics of the group overlooking the powerful rushing waters of a log chute. This man made diversion moved millions of board feet of white pine in the late 1800s. We pick up another car



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as Eric and his son Andrew add their sleuth grey 240Z to the pack for a total of 8 Zeds out for a drive.

After this pretty break, we head back to the cars and head into Dorset to peruse the Country Store and get a late lunch. However, the combination of art tour and fall colours has the only restaurant in town overwhelmed and most of the cars head out to find better pickings.

George and I decide to stay as we are meeting friends who cottage in the area. So this is as far as we go but it has been a great ride! I am sure those finishing the tour and joining Eric at his cottage for dinner and a view of country stars will have had a great day as well.

Well done Wes, Erle & Eric! Thank you for getting us all out and on the road on such a gorgeous Fall day!



And more from Eric Zondervan

Shelagh got us to our lunch break with some pretty professional reading prose. Having bought some groceries in the local store, we had a tailgate, or should we say rear spoiler lunch in the parking lot. A quick stop at the Sunoco in Baysville for those who needed it and on through Gravenhurst to near Bala where we swung south onto the famous and much loved South Lake Road. I let my Daughter's boy-



friend, Andrew drive so I could shoot some video clips. Go to my albums on Motortopia to have a look and listen.

From the end of Southwood Road across country to my cottage took a few minutes. As soon as we got settled in, we started a campfire and spent the evening around the fire. My wife, Jane, had foregone our Daughter's horse show to prepare appetisers and salads. By 10:00 PM almost everyone had left for home, B&B's, lodges or friends. Nigel and Natalie were the only couple to take up our offer of staying over night.



Sunday morning we left right on schedule at 10:00 for a tour of Body by Biggs then on to Big Chute. It was chilly and raining so we didn't stop at the marine RR but enjoyed some more winding roads and spectacular fall scenery. After an impromptu photo shoot with fall colours and granite background. by noon, we said goodbye and headed our separate ways.

We considered the weekend a success, even though late in the year and a bit wet. We will do the same format again next year, but in the summer, and try to shorten the Saturday tour a bit so we can spend more time at the cottage.

Thanks to Wes and Erle for organizing another great tour and to Jane for making the food and drinks.



MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES — COME ON OUT & JOIN US

Ontario Z-Car Joint East-West Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 3, 2008, 7:30 pm

OZC Executive Present: JP Matte Eastern VP
Eric Zondervan Webmaster
Edward Burkhart Membership
Terry Weston Merchandise
Howie Yoshida Newsletter

The Fall Joint East-West meeting was held at Montana's Roadhouse Restaurant in Milton and was hosted by JP Matte, Eastern VP. We met for dinner around 6:00 pm and finished at 7:30 pm. After socializing during the meal, we adjourned out to the parking lot for a short meeting. There were 22 people in attendance including members and spouses.

Recent new members welcomed were Vic MacBournie, Chris Rook and Jason Anaka.

1. Z-Fest Report - JP

For those that missed Z-Fest, JP reviewed some of the highlights of the 3 day weekend event including the Friday evening Meet 'n Greet at Terry's, Saturday cruise and dinner and Z-Fest Sunday. A big thanks was acknowledged for all the hard work done by the volunteers and especially to Tom & Erle who put in the extra effort for the extended event.

This year there was no charge for members in the car show. We had a total of 83 cars registered for the show, awarded 15 plaques, had lots of door & raffle prizes and the early financial report showed a moderate surplus which was announced at the meeting. Subsequent review of the books in detail afterwards turned this around and we ended up with a small loss.

2. Treasurer's Report - Howie for Erle

The Z-Fest loss was not a problem as the budget for this year's operations still projected a surplus of revenues over expenses. Revenues were mostly received for 2008 and expenses as projected were still to come for the next 4 months.

3. Zedline - Howie

Issue #4, for July/August was distributed at the meeting. It featured full coverage of the Z-Fest weekend and a colour centre page spread of the car show and some of the award winners who stayed afterwards to get their pictures taken.

4. Future Events - JP

Sept 7 - OMSC lapping day at Mosport DDT.

Sept 20 - Drag Event #2 at St. Thomas Dragway with trophies being awarded.

Sept 29 - ZCCA convention week in Cleveland, Ohio.

October 4 - rescheduled Tour of the North

5. 2009 Memberships - Edward

Membership renewals for 2009 would be starting soon. As in the past, renewals paid by December 31, 2008 would be \$45. In 2009, the fee will be \$50. Renewal forms will be included in the next issue of Zedline, in early November.

6. 2009 Elections - JP

Nominations are open for the 2009 Executive Committee. Names can be sent or made known to any of the current Executive. New additions are always welcome. November meetings for both the East and West Chapters are when the elections will occur.

7. Merchandise - Terry

Z-Fest event hats were still available for purchase at \$20. The 2009 club calendars are for sale. They are in full glorious colour and feature cars from previous Z-Fests. We have lots to sell at \$15, ask any of the Executive if you wish to buy one.

Minutes recorded by Howie Yoshida.

Ontario Z-Car Eastern Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 1, 2008, 7:30 pm

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

The regularly scheduled Eastern Chapter meeting was held at Route 66 Sports Bar & Grill and was chaired by Howie Yoshida, Newsletter Editor. There were 13 people in attendance including members and spouses. There were 7 Zeds out in the lot too.

Numbers of regular attendees were down as they were attending the ZCCA convention this week in Cleveland, Ohio.

1. Past Events

ZCCA Convention - Eric has just driven back from the convention, straight to the meeting on his way home. He provided his impressions of the convention and the events that he attended.

Drag Event #2 - The wrap up event was held on Sept. 20. It was actually a very busy day at the dragway with lots of cars out that day from a host of other clubs. The wait times between runs were much longer than usual due to the number of cars out.

2. Future Events

Oct 4 - Tour of the North. This was going to be a 1 day or 2 day event depending if you wanted to take Eric up on his offer of staying overnight as his cottage up north. Erle provided details and had maps showing the route.

Nov 22 - To be confirmed but this was the tentative date booked for the year end dinner at the Mandarin Restaurant in Kitchener.

3. Treasurer's Report - Erle

Revenues for 2008 have mostly been received and the bank account has approximately \$7000. Costs remaining for the balance of the year would bring this amount down but the budget established for 2008 would be met.

4. Zedline - Howie

The Sept/Oct issue should be early so members will have the election information and be encouraged to put their names forward for a position on the Executive for 2009. Elections will be held during the November Eastern & Western Chapter meetings.

5. 2009 Membership Drive

Renewal forms for the 2009 memberships will be included with the next issue of Zedline. Members were reminded to renew early, before December 31 and take advantage of the discounted rate of \$45. It will go up to \$50 in January 2009.

6. Merchandise

2009 Ontario Z-Car calendars will be available for purchase at future events and meetings. One hundred calendars were printed and approximately 35 were sold to date. They are priced at only \$15 and are in full glossy colour. They can be purchased by contacting any one of the club Executive Committee members.

7. 50/50 Draw - Wes

Wes was back and conducted the 50/50 draw. First place cash of \$27 was won by Bogdan. Additional prizes for this draw were generously donated by Rick Scott, courtesy of Brantford Nissan. Manolo won the GTR t-shirt. Erle took home the Nismo ball cap and Gerry picked up the salt & pepper mill set. Manolo also won the \$10 Ultra 94 gas coupon, courtesy of Sunoco.

Minutes recorded by Howie Yoshida.

Ontario Z-Car Western Meeting Minutes

Alaskan Bar & Grill, London

October 8, 2008

13 members present

1. Welcome – Bill Dawson

2. Damaged Z-car – Bill informed us about a recent track day he took part in and the damage done to his 240Z.

3. 21st National ZCCA Convention in Cleveland – Laverne Burkhart discussed the events and activities that some of our club members enjoyed during their week in Cleveland. Ontario was the best represented club at the convention with 14 members and their spouses participating. Three more members drove down on their own for at least one day. Nine Ontario Z-cars were present with the Gracie's and the Burkhart's bring down two cars each.

The following individuals earned awards in the judged competition in Cleveland; Laverne Burkhart and his blue 240Z, first place in the first generation stock category, Brian Gracie and his orange 280Z placed second in the first generation daily driver category, Bill Husar and his sunset orange 280ZX captured a third place in the second generation daily driver category, Pete Radoja and his burgundy 300ZX won third place for the third generation stock category. Laverne also took second place in the autocross competition, driving his red (orange) 240Z – he missed first place by a fraction of a second.

The Cleveland Z car club did a fantastic job of putting on a first class event. Next year the National Convention will be hosted in San Antonio, Texas, around Sept/Oct.

4. Highlights of the Excom mtg Sept 13 – Pete Radoja

Z-Fest 2008 – broke even, give or take a few dollars. No monies were contributed to any charity at this time. The club Executive will decide at the end of the year how much and to what charity we will make a donation.

Z-Fest 2009 - it was felt that we should consider a new location for the following reasons:

need more exposure for the event & our cars;
cost of getting into the park was an issue for some;
some people would like a change of venue.

Some suggestions for alternative locations were as follows:
Burlington Waterfront – high visibility, washrooms, shopping nearby;

Niagara Wineries – closer for our USA friends, low cost, might get some freebies with promotion;
Georgetown (North of the 401) – this location has high visibility and is centrally located.

5. Zedline – costs are slightly higher this year because of postage, otherwise things were going well. Howie Yoshida always needs articles for publishing.

6. Sarnia Chapter – there may be a possibility of a new Z car chapter in the Sarnia area if there is enough interest.

7. Membership – the Executive felt that we should implement the early registration incentive again this year, namely \$45 before the end of December and \$50 after.

8. Events

Christmas Banquet – most people liked the central location and the fact that both East and West could participate. Jim Maw is going to book the Mandarin in Kitchener (just north of the 401) for Nov. 22. He will need numbers attending at least a week before that date.

Election for 2009 Executive – members were encouraged to throw their names in for any of the Executive Committee positions. The following is a summary of those who have put their names in already:

President - OPEN,	Eastern VP - J.P. Matte
Western VP - OPEN	Treasurer - OPEN
Editor - Howie Yoshida	Events - Jim Maw
Merchandise - Terry Weston	Webmaster - Eric Zondervan
Membership - OPEN	

Elections will take place at the November meetings so come out and make your vote count.

9. New Business

Ed Muth, a new member took a moment to thank our membership for the Zedline and the help he has received.

After speaking to the owner of the Alaskan Bar and Grill, we were told that our waitress of many years, Joan Kulman passed away suddenly due to diabetes complications. She worked with Julio, the owner for 8 years. Joan will be dearly missed by all of us that came to know her during the many years she cheerfully served us at our meetings.

10. Next Meeting – November 12 at Ernie's in Cambridge.

Minutes recorded by Pete Radoja

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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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

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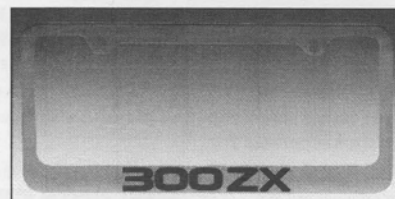
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