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The Zedline - Now and in the Years to Come

Some of you may have heard that after 5 years, Howie Yoshida will be stepping down as the Newsletter Editor. Membership in Ontario Z-Car will get you a few things, experiences, memories & friendships. The Zedline is the only tangible thing that Ontario Z-Car produces that members receive in return for payment of their membership dues. With good reason, the membership loves their Zedlines. I have a stack of them at home going back to the very beginning of OZC. They are in effect a historical record of this club's existence since its inception in 1993.



When Howie took over the Zedline from Manolo de Leon 5 years ago, he did so with no background in desktop publishing and editorial layout. He assumed responsibility of the Zedline at a time when Manolo, who had taken on the stewardship of the newsletter in order to save it from oblivion, finally had to give it up after many years of publishing it. Howie's background is in Project Management and Civil Engineering. It is a testimonial to Howie's skill and ability to learn, that he was able to take on the responsibilities of the Newsletter Editor position and put out an award winning product, for these many years.

Over the past 17 years many have taken on the very important task of producing the club newsletter. I was involved in its production back in the mid Nineties and can attest to the fact that it does not assemble itself. In recent years the membership has spoken and has made it abundantly clear that the Zedline is very important to them. I could not agree more. It is the one physical item in this club that binds us all together. The interesting thing about the Zedline is that it could be your ticket to virtual immortality. Whoever submits articles, material or ads for print will have their contributions, in effect a part of themselves, live on in the bookcases, shelves and milk crates of fellow enthusiasts for years to come. If this isn't motivation enough to write that long considered article I don't know what is. Fleshed out website postings could be e-mailed to the Zedline Editor for publication especially when you consider that, and I know it's hard to believe, not everyone is on the internet. After all, the Zedline is only as good as the content on its pages. I guess that this would be a good opportunity to urge all members to try and send in something, be it an article about your car or some kind of helpful information you might want to share. Don't be shy, if you look at some of the crazy things I have submitted in the past, it will become abundantly clear that we will publish virtually anything.

Having said this, I have identified an individual who is blessed with the knowledge, the experience, the tools, and most importantly the enthusiasm to take on the position of Newsletter Editor. Technically, this position will become available in November when we have our elections. Ideally, due to the importance of the Zedline and in its best interests, I would like to have the new person working together with Howie as soon as possible in order to ensure a smooth transition. But being democratically inclined, I am loath to just appoint someone to this position without first letting the membership know about it as it is entirely possible that someone else would like to try their hand at being the Newsletter Editor.

If anybody out there objects to this or wants to be considered for the position of Newsletter Editor, please e-mail me at: jpmatte@rogers.com. Barring any interest in the position or objections, the transition process over to the future newsletter editor will begin in earnest. Once all is settled, the identity of the new Zedline Editor will be revealed.

Let me say that while it is truly an honour to serve the membership of this club as I am surrounded by an able and enthusiastic cast of talented volunteers, it is an even greater pleasure when I meet people who want to join this same group.

Special Mention: I would like to shine the spotlight on those hardy souls who in the name of adventurous automotive touring, explore the far flung regions of this province in search of the perfect driving roads. The time they spend searching, mapping and test driving these routes, all so that they might share their discoveries with others, is to be applauded. Not only do they find great roads, they also create related events which are incorporated into these planned tours. Much work goes into these events so please do your best to get out and enjoy them. Other club members occasionally join in to help but here in no particular order are the names of our very own core group of pavement pioneers: Wes Hore, Erle Strauss, Gerry/Sharon Pancott, Tom Dickson, Jason Okolisan, Eric Zondervan. For all that you do on behalf of the club, Thanks!

JP Matte, President

Ontario Z-Car Owners Association

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Grant Elgie Eric Esseltine Wayne Hartley
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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

So Spring has finally arrived and we're off for another season of driving fun, whether on a tour, an autoslalom event or a day at the track. Everyone should hopefully have their Zed out of storage and on the road, unless it's a project, then there's no time limit. Just keep at it, there's an end in sight.

In this issue, I would like to express our thanks to the many sponsors of Zedline who have shown their support of the Ontario Z-Car Owners Association by renewing their advertisements for the year. To our members, please reciprocate by making use of the many goods and services our sponsors have out there such as insurance coverage, maintenance & repair work, appraisals, rims & tires, oils & lubricants and specialized dress up car parts. Zedline wouldn't be the same without them.

Inside this issue is a feature article submitted by Eric Esseltine, a new member who signed up for the past season of ice racing organized by CASC-OR. It certainly looks like a lot of fun. Eric is the son of Bob, our long time member and famous participant in the Targa Newfoundland Rally.

I'm looking forward to another season of autoslalom events and attending my first ZCCA convention this year in Tennessee. There's lots of other club events I'll try to fit in too. Hope to see some of you out at the same events!

Howie Yoshida, Zedline Editor

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ERIC THE ICE RACER

by Eric Esseltine

2010 Magnum Fine Printing Ice Series
Minden, Ontario
sanctioned by CASC-OR

This past winter I decided to try my hand at racing on ice. It sounded like a lot of fun and it could be a great way to get behind the wheel in the winter. This race series didn't disappoint me by any means!

The races took place at the Minden fairgrounds on a flooded surface made possible by the Minden Kinsmen. They do an excellent job of setting up the facility for the winter. There are a lot of cold days and nights spent building and maintaining the track so it is ready to go on the weekends.



Pulling up to the starting line

are split into separate classes. Class 1 for RWD cars, Class 2 for FWD with a wheelbase under 2415mm, Class 3 is FWD over 2415mm and Class 4 is for AWD vehicles. There are also classes 11,12,etc... for a second driver in the same car.

Rubber to ice uses off the shelf snow tires, which have been tractionized. Tractionizing consists of spinning a wheel and tire mounted on the car against two spiked rollers. This chews up the tread to the point of being sponge like - in effect adding lots of siping to the tire. There is something satisfying about mutilating a brand new pair of Blizzaks in this fashion. On the first weekend I tried qualifying on un-tractionized tires and I sat at the start line spinning the wheels while watching the others drive away. You MUST do this to your tires for rubber to ice racing. The rubber



It all starts in the pits

Note: Removal of headlights, tail lights & turning lights is required

The race series ran from Jan 23/24 through six weekends to Feb 27/28. A Canadian Automobile Sport Club regional "C" license, a current SA or M rated helmet, snow tires, and a cheap car are the only requirements. We made it to all the events except for both the races on Sat. Jan. 30 when a rusted out spring perch prompted a drive to Toronto for a new strut. We got the car fixed that night and raced on Sunday. That weekend I also discovered that ratchet straps could be used as spring compressors.

I was entered in Class 2 this season with a 1987 Toyota Corolla (#147). The car used to belong to my brother's girlfriend, and was purchased for \$150. That seems to be about right for an ice-racing car, and some are probably worth much less than that!

There are two main types of classes in ice racing, rubber to ice and metal to ice. Both of these groups



Car control is required for making the turns



Too much speed and you start to DRIFT!

classes reward driving skill and finesse. There is extremely little traction available and to do well means driving very smoothly and under self-imposed controlled conditions. I heard it compared to dirt track racing where there isn't a set "line". You have to move all over the track to try and find the most grip. This makes for some pretty interesting ways of getting around the corners. Along with learning how to drive a FWD car in the winter, this was probably the trickiest thing to try and figure out. I still have a long way to go also, as I finished the season 10th in class. Still, not bad for a Rookie.

Metal to ice is further divided into street stud and race stud. Both groups use a spec tire. Street stud classes run on studded Hankook snow tires. They provide quite a bit more traction and allow the drivers follow a "racing line" instead of trying to find grip, as is the case in rubber classes. Horsepower also starts to become a factor in street stud. Race stud is where it gets really fun to watch. These cars are required to have full roll cages and safety gear where as the other classes don't. Lots of power and grip mean that they get going a lot faster than the other classes. Their tires are also purpose made for ice racing. The



Carnage can be just around the corner

first two weekends of the season these classes couldn't run as there wasn't enough ice built up. It is a treat getting to race right after these guys because they tear up the ice surface so much. There is a lot of grip for a few laps.

This winter the weather also went to extremes. On the second weekend, we arrived at the track on Saturday to see -31 degrees C. My trusty Corolla fired right up (with multiple pumps of the gas pedal) but some of the competitors spent some time towing their racers up and down the pits trying to bump start their frozen cars. When the temperature gets into this range you have to bring everything you want to function the next day into the hotel room. (Note - you can thaw out a floor jack by setting it on top of your car's engine and closing the hood.) The opposite extreme was on the last two weekends of the season. By the end of the last Sunday, after the race stud cars ran, there was a fair bit of exposed dirt at one end of the track. It was a good thing the wipers still worked on the Corolla. This is part of the challenge in the series as well. The track changes from day to day and even from lap to lap because the rubber tires polish the ice and push loose snow to the outside of the corners during the races.



Race Stud Class - run with the big boys

I really enjoyed running the series this past winter and encourage everyone to give it a try. It would be great to see some more folks from our club in the standings next winter. The series is competitive wheel to wheel racing but the drivers are also there to have fun. I met a lot of great people last winter and made some new friends. I'll definitely be back next winter to try and improve my results and hope to see some of you there too.

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EASTERN MEETING AT STEVE'S TIRE

by Howie Yoshida

Our March Eastern meeting was generously hosted by Steve Shane of Steve's Tire, a long time supporter of Ontario Z-car. The meeting was attended by around 16 of us who were fed pizza, snacks and refreshments by Steve.

He has been in the tire business for 21 years providing exceptional customer service. Having briefly completed our club business, we were left in Steve's hands as he proceeded into a technical presentation on the workings of the tire pressure monitoring sensors of which his shop is very versed in. He then took us all into his workshop where he demonstrated his state of the art wheel balancing machine and other tricks of the trade. It was a very informative session and greatly appreciated by everyone. Steve answered any questions we had about rims and the newest tires out on the market from Toyo.

We ended the evening with our 50/50 draw of \$36, won by Bill Husar. It's been awhile. Steve also provided a bunch of draw prizes consisting of hats, t-shirts and car products, enough for everyone to take something home.

If you are in the market for rims or tires for your Zed, family car or daily driver, give Steve a call and he will fix you up for sure. Let's support our sponsors!



Top: With help from JP, Bob is modeling our club jacket.

Below: Happy Bill claiming his 50/50 cash prize.



Here's Steve talking us up about tires and all

Top Left: back in the shop, where the work is done.



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

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

Ernie's Roadhouse, CAMBRIDGE

at 7:30 pm, 519-658-9562. Take Hwy 401 to Cambridge, exit at Hwy 24 North, a short distance will take you to the Queen St exit on your right, take it & go up 3 lights, Ernie's is on the left, at the corner of Queen & Guelph.

LONDON

Frequency and location of the London meetings have changed and details will be announced when arrangements have been made.

Eastern meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month.

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Eglinton Square Shopping Centre at 7:30 pm, 416-755-7869
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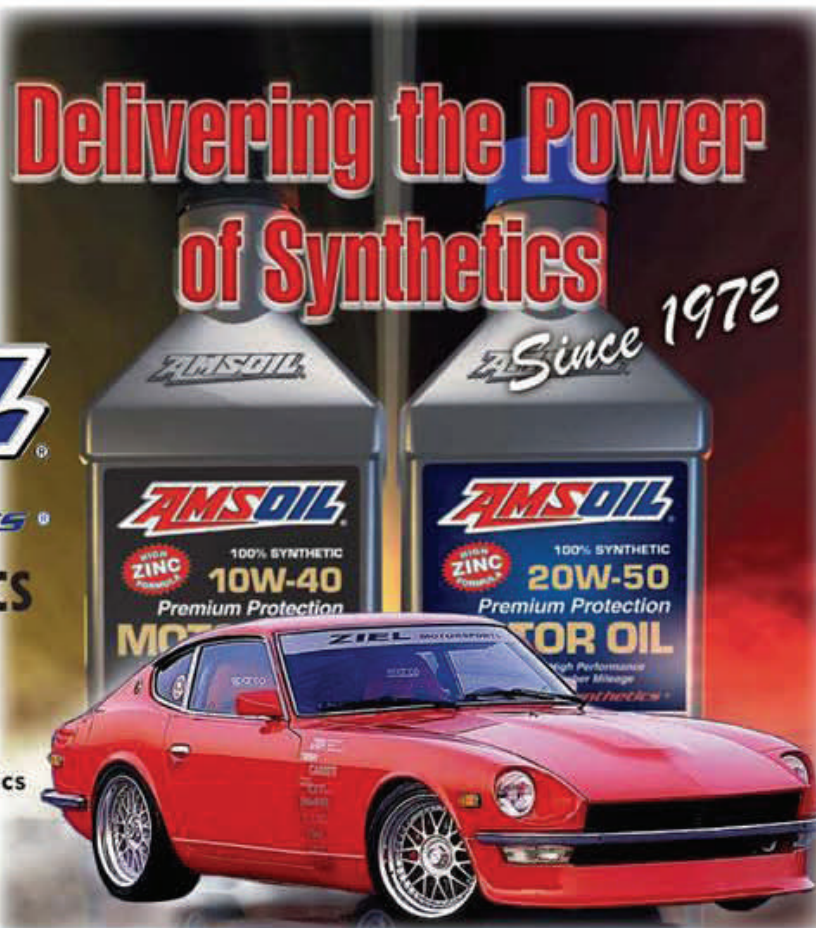
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EVENTS!!! — 2010 OZC CALENDAR — EVENTS!!!!

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

May 12 - Joint East-West Chapter Meeting at Montana's in Milton, join us for dinner at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:30 pm

May 15 - Rescheduled Halton-Sidham Road Tour. Contact Wes Hore (smurfzed32@hotmail.com)

May 29 - Niagara Wine Tour. Contact Wes Hore (smurfzed32@hotmail.com)

June 2 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66

June 19/20 - Mosport 50th Anniversary Celebration & VARAC Vintage Car Festival

June 26/27 - Calabogie Road Tour. Contact Wes Hore (smurfzed32@hotmail.com)

July 3 - Drag Day #1 at St. Thomas Speedway. Contact Jim Maw (alfa@golden.net)

July 7 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66

July 10/11 - ZCCR All Japanese Classic Car Weekend. Contact John Taddonio (zcarnut@hotmail.com)

July 14 - Western Chapter Meeting at Ernie's Roadhouse, Cambridge

July 27- Depart for ZCON & Tail of the Dragon run on Jul 28

Jul 28/Aug 1 - ZCON in Nashville, TN (www.zcon2010.com)

August 4 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66

August 7 - Eric's Cottage Road Tour. Contact Eric Zondervan (zedfoot@rogers.com)

August 21 - Z-Fest at Brantford Nissan. (Fri, Sat & Sun event planning ongoing)

September 8 - Joint East-West Meeting at Montana's in Milton, join us for dinner at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:30 pm

September 11 - Western Ontario Road Tour, tentative TBD

September 18 - Drag Day #2 at St. Thomas Speedway, dinner, trophies, contact Jim Maw (alfa@golden.net)

October 6 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66

October 16 - Mosport Road Tour. Contact Tom Dickson (zeeker260@hotmail.com)

November 3 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66, main event, elections for 2011 Executive Committee

November 10 - Western Chapter Meeting at Ernie's Roadhouse, Cambridge, elections for 2011 Executive Committee

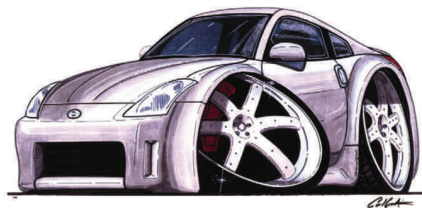
November 20 - Year End Dinner & Social, restaurant location TBD

December 1 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66



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OUR 2010 (ANNUAL) SWAP MEET AT WHITEHEAD PERFORMANCE

by Howie Yoshida

The forecast called for rain on the day of our annual OZC swap meet at Whitehead Performance, hosted by Greg Whitehead. We lucked out somewhat as it didn't come down until later that day but it was a very cold one none the less. The turn out was up from last year although a guess at a number attending would not be easy as there was certainly lots of churn going on. This year, it appeared that most of the vendors set up inside Greg's shop as a walk outside didn't turn up too many of them working out of their vans, trailers or whatever.



Above: Bob sold his big items, the rims & tires
Below: Not only parts were for sale, Zeds too



If you missed the event then you missed a good opportunity to pick up some needed parts or to just scrounge through a bunch of parts bins and tote boxes to find that missing piece or part to continue your project or take it to completion. The price is always right too at this event.

There had to be about 9 vendors or so selling items of all descriptions. Rick Scott of Brantford Nissan was set up in his usual space again and hopefully he had a good day selling his merchandise. Michael Lambert made the long drive in and brought a whole bunch of stuff that he didn't want to take back with him, some of it sold thankfully. For gross sales, it may have been hard to top our membership director, Bob Chwalyk. He sold off, not one but 2 sets of rims and tires. How he came to have both is another story



Rick Scott & Edmarc - you'd be smiling too if you bought what Edmarc did. Ask him.

he would be glad to talk to you about if you asked. Mike Hansen pulled out a bunch of his parts from off the storage racks throughout the shop and put them up for sale. It was a family affair for Mike this year as his wife Danica and their new born baby girl, Amelie came out to meet everyone.

The OZC club table conducted its own business and we welcomed 13 members, both renewing ones and a few newbies too. It was your last chance to order a club jacket for the first group buy that we were organizing. In all, over a dozen members purchased jackets that featured the flying Zed logo on the back.

Despite the cool temperatures as previously mentioned, Greg with ample help from his daughter, Jessica accompanied by her boyfriend, and Greg's long time friend Steve, all took turns on the BBQ preparing burgers and sausages to feed the hungry ones there. Business was brisk as the food smelled quite delicious.

Around 1:00 pm, we held the 50/50 draw. The cash prize of \$87 was won by Tom Malone. Additional prizes were donated by Rick Scott of Brantford Nissan, consisting of oil, car care products and Nissan logo merchandise. Thank you Rick.



Here's the OZC table. Join the club or buy a 50/50 draw ticket or how about a club jacket?



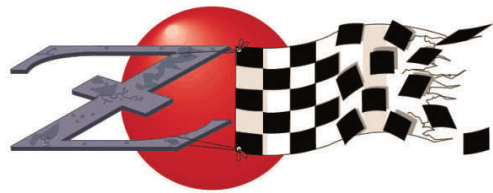
Steve & Greg keeping warm by cooking up food on the BBQ



Above: The Hansen family, Danica, baby Amelie & Mike

Below: Tom Malone, very happy to claim the 50/50 cash prize

We wrapped things up about mid-afternoon and that was it. The swap meet kind of kick starts our events calendar and Ontario Z-Car extends a big thank you to Greg Whitehead and his staff at Whitehead Performance for making the day a very enjoyable one. Depending on the amount of interest later on in the year, the Excom may consider a Fall swap meet if details can be worked out.



KARKING AT GP KARTWAYS

by JP Matte

The long overdue nasty weather picked a lousy night to hit the GTA as it made getting to the event a nightmare. For the hardy few who made it out, the rewards were many.

There were a total of 8 people out at the vent. Less than half of what we had on our February 8th no go attempt. The abysmal weather on February 22 most certainly had a negative impact on attendance. Regardless, a great time was had by all. I got 4 races in, over 20 minutes of karting, for a paltry \$25.00. An incredible value!

OZC paid \$5 per person towards the event fee for any members in attendance. Nigel White, Bogdan Kurek, Manolo de Leon, Steve Stockill, Wes Hore and myself (JP - Club President and Karting Fool) were there.

Wes's neighbour was there as was Jason Brady, the son-in-law of longtime member Bogdan Kurek. Jason who does not need to use his Law Enforcement clout in order to post fast lap times, is a regular attendee of our many events. Jason was kind enough to purchase two plates of nachos for the attendees. These had a negligible impact on our lap times but they sure tasted great. In appreciation of Jason's generous offering of nachos, he was also given a \$5 subsidy.

As I had mentioned earlier, I was able to get 4 races in and could have gotten at least two more but with the roads being a mess and an early wake up looming not that many hours away, I listened to my common sense and left around 9:30 p.m. Others in attendance while fully in the grip of karting fever, were able to ignore common sense and ran well into the night. This was a great event and a great value. GP Kartways is professionally run and the electric karts are a blast. No exhaust fumes from gasoline engines and no freezing temperatures as a result of bringing in cold fresh air are the two environmental benefits. Next time one of these events comes up, please do your best to make it out. You will not be disappointed.

AND this from Wes Hore too.....

For starters, the day couldn't have gone by slower. All I could think about was karting since breakfast. Every time my cell beeped or rung, it had to do with go-karting. Even at work while painting I could envision track lines with every brushstroke. After verifying track availability, I sent text messages to everyone I knew was coming, it's on!!!

I wanted to be at GPK by 6 p.m. This would have given me the 1 hour edge of practice on everyone else to take home, well... the bragging rights as OZC karter extraordinaire. This didn't happen as a simple 30 minute drive turned into nearly 2 hours due to bad weather and people driving 4 km/hr on snow covered roads. By the time I arrived at 7 p.m., I was full of anger and needed to vent some steam on the track. (The only place to ever vent road rage legally) I looked around and still not a bad turnout.

Eight in total including a few already on the track. 20 mins or so later, it was race time and we all went to the pits. Received a quick briefing and off we went. One of the things I like the most about these karts is the instant acceleration out onto the track. None of this put put sputter of old in desperate need of repair gas engines here. We spread out a little and for the most part, all averaged 5-6 race sessions of 8 minutes each. No whiplash or broken ribs at this event! Mind you, something was different from this event than the previous. There was no Erle the Terminator Straus to spin



us out! Sorry Erle, but I'll never forget that time... Anyways instead, we had Bogdan tailing all of us at some point or another waiting to make his move. Have you ever seen a cat play with a mouse? His karting technique is very similar, basically he taps you from the rear a few times to let you know he's there, then pounces around you.

Very aggressive and effective. As much fun as karting is there is so much more to it than just trying to go fast. It's also a mind game that always has you wondering how to block effectively while maintaining that good fast line. Also how to improve your cornering ability. Trying out new lines and managing to limit wheel spin. Sometimes moving your opponent into the tires or a 180 spin helps add excitement too. Just don't get caught!!! I had a blast and honestly after 5 sessions I was done. Typically 2 sessions cost around \$50. We had an amazing deal, for \$30 we got unlimited racing from 6 p.m. to midnight. On top of that the club provided a subsidy of \$5/ member. Jason B donated some fine topped nachos to weigh down the competition. OK it worked for me but I'm not complaining.

Thanks to all who came out to make this event the success it was.

FYI, although there were no trophies awarded, the next time you see Bogdan, shake his hand and get an autograph. He posted the fastest lap time in our event as well as the week! 23.441 seconds is the time to beat. Runners up were Jason Brady at 23.932 and Manolo de Leon at 24.012.

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