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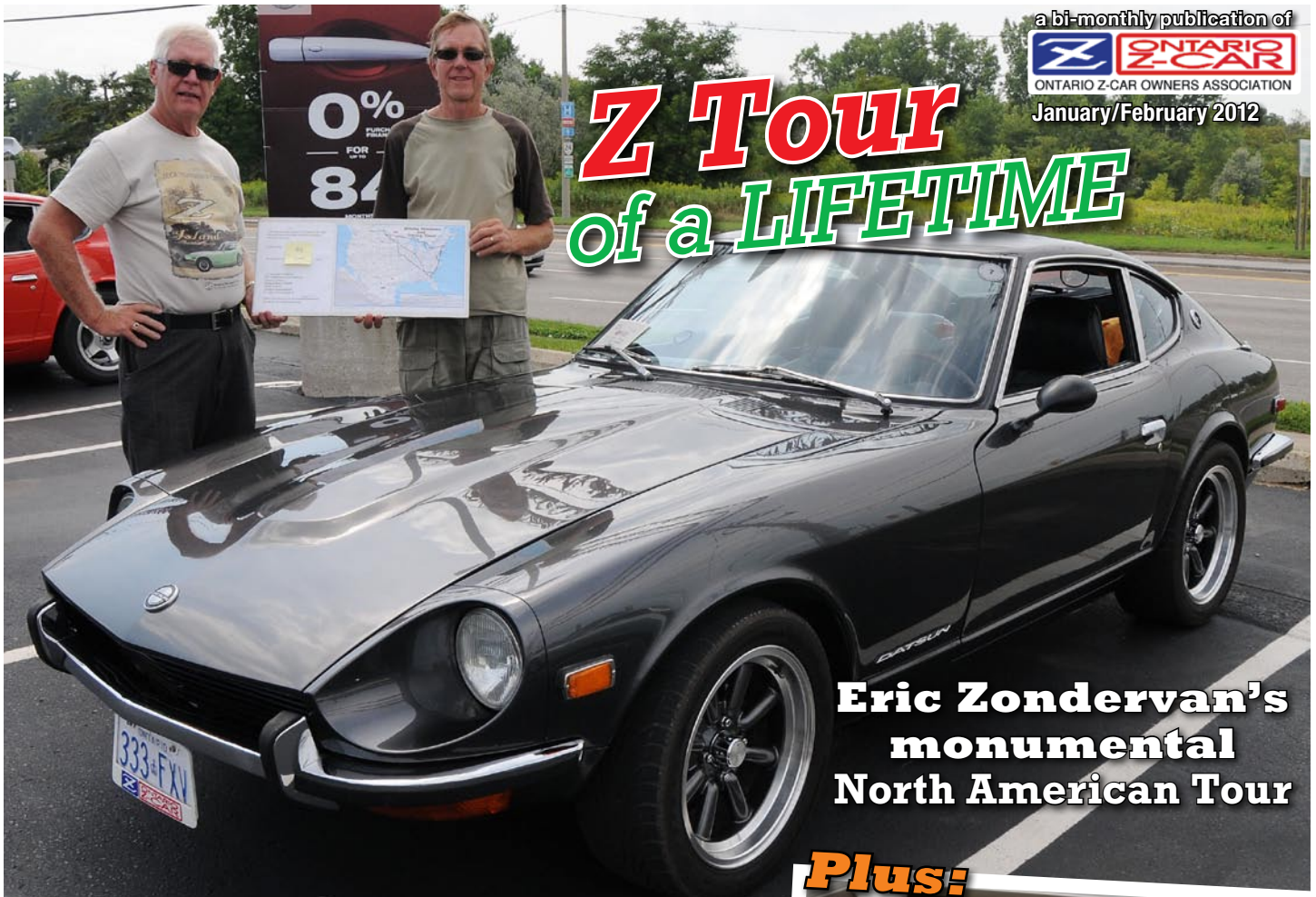
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Club Member





Happy new year 2012!

Just in case you hadn't noticed 2012 has arrived and it's in glorious 3D. Before you know it, we'll all be out there doing what it is we love

to do. True, we're not quite there yet, but with every passing snowless month, Winter becomes that much shorter.

We have a leaner executive resulting from Eric Zondervan doubling up as Web Administrator and now handling the post of Events Director. Brian Gracie has stepped down from this post due to practical considerations. Thanks Brian! Eric is stepping up as it made a lot of sense due to his close proximity to the website and his close ties to many who are involved in the creation of most of the club's events.

We lost Jason Okolisan as our newsletter editor due to his growing family, but Enrique Preza who is coming back as Eastern VP has offered to handle the Editor's post. Jason, despite his pending arrival, has committed to lending a hand as many others on the Executive have gamely offered to assist with the assembly and creation of the Zedline. This is a work in progress and we are projecting the creation of four issues of Zedline for 2012. Ultimately we hope to ramp up to full production (six issues), but in the meantime please bear with us as we collectively learn how to deal with this new challenge.

Howie Yoshida is back as Treasurer. Bob Chwalyk is returning as Membership Director. Laverne Burkhart is back as Western VP, Terry Weston as Merchandise Director and I'm back for another kick at the can as President. It's an honour to serve with these people and we'll do our best to provide our membership with the best year possible.

I have laid out what the Executive is up to and now I'd like to focus on what the membership can do to help make the club reach its full potential. I have said this in the past and it bears saying again. The bulk of the people who attend our many events are com-

prised of the same core group year in and year out. Now I do realize that many of you out there live too far away to make attending some of the events a viable proposition. Though, I have to believe that there are quite a few who could come out but choose to pass. I realize that meeting many new faces all at once can be a trifle intimidating and I am very familiar with that awkward feeling. Let's face it, at one time or another, we have all experienced this. Having said that, every year we get new people out and it's always great to meet them. So, as we roll into 2012 and if you have never done so previously, please keep your mind open to attending some of the great events we have planned for you. I promise that you'll be warmly welcomed and will quite likely want to come out again. New faces truly make a good thing better.

Lots of exciting things are planned and we'll be getting the word out through our website, club wide e-mails and in the Zedline. If you are not getting the club wide e-mails, please e-mail any of the executive your correct coordinates and we'll see to it that we update our records. Oh yes, you are no doubt aware that we are putting together a calendar which will be on sale so this is your chance to have your Z-car appear in it. If interested, please forward your travel themed photos to Michael Lambert at: artstreamstudio@gmail.com.

So here we go again - cars, adventure and friendship - all very important and not necessarily in that order.

I should acknowledge that Zedline Newsletter being handled by an Executive co-operative is a less than ideal situation. The Zedline needs, and deserves, a full time Editor at the helm. Despite this, I have yet to be overcome with a flood of offers from would-be Newsletter Editors. If someone out there wants to assist us with Zedline, I would love to hear from you.

JP Matte, President
Ontario Z-Car Owners Association



Wes and JP chilling at Eric's Cottage in Orillia during a tour lunch break



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Happy new year! 2012 is here and it will be an exciting year for OZC members as there are many great events being planned. Aside from the regular monthly meetings, there's the annual spring swap meet at Whitehead Performance, Drag Events and of course Z-Fest. In addition to that, the Tour Committee is planning six more tours; one per month starting in May. See the *Event Calendar* on page 16 for all the important dates.

Speaking of *Events*, in this issue of Zedline we have event coverage from the Year End Dinner & Social as reported by Howie Yoshida. Also, check out the photos from Edmarc and Laura's Halloween Party which many club members attended.

For our *Cover Story*, Eric Zondervan shares highlights from his 23,000 KM adventure across Canada and the US in what

It's been a great ride

he describes as his "Z Tour of a Lifetime." Read Eric's story and admire the incredible photos starting on page 9.

Eric further contributes in the issue as he collaborates with our Webmaster Zak Irvine to share tips and suggestions for ways to make our already superb website, even better. Eric and Zak interpret some interesting google stats in *Web Talk* on page 14.

On a personal note, this is my last issue of *Zedline* as Newsletter Editor as my term is now up so I'm stepping down to devote more time to my family. My wife Joanna and I are expecting our second child in April. I will remain active in the club, attending monthly meetings and participating in the events and tours.

As JP noted in his *Prez Sez*, unfortunately, we don't have a dedicated individual who has come forward to take on the Editor's role. I am prepared to assist the next editor in making a smooth transition into this role. If any OZC member is interested in becoming the Newsletter Editor, please contact myself or JP Matte.

I have enjoyed this year as your Newsletter Editor and I thank the many of you who have complimented me on my work

and expressed your appreciation. The Editor's role is not as difficult as I make it look. I realize that I've set the bar fairly high for someone to take over but it's up to the next editor to make Zedline their own creation and even simplify it to make things easier.

Regardless of how this plays out, the executive has a back-up plan to work together to continue putting out the newsletter so rest assured that you will continue to get your *Zedlines*... although it may not be on a consistent bi-monthly basis for the first while as we make this transition.

I'd like to thank the members who have contributed stories and photos and the advertisers who continue to support the club. It's been a pleasure working with you to produce this award winning newsletter. I'm very proud to have received the Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs' Newsletter Award for 2011 which JP presented to me at the Year End Social. All the best in 2012.

Jason Okolisan, Zedline Newsletter Editor

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

On behalf of the Ontario Z-Car Owners Association, I'm pleased to welcome the following new members:

Henry Fuchs

I'd like to extend a cordial invitation to you to participate in club events, meetings, our website forum and the newsletter. Past members are also welcome re-join OZC and be part of the largest, most exciting Z-Club in Canada!

~ Bob Chwalyk, Membership Director



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The venue for this year's dinner and social was an easy one to select this time around as last year's event went over really well. We returned to the Grand Valley Golf and Country Club who served as our hosts once again. Saturday November 19 may be early for some people to get in the holiday mood but there are advantages in having the event at that time of the year. Thankfully, the weatherman cooperated and the evening was very pleasant to venture out in. The temperature was reasonably moderate with no white stuff to be seen anywhere on the roads. As driving conditions were optimal, there were even a few Zeds spotted out in the parking lot that evening, not all were in hibernation for the winter just yet.

Inside, we were provided with a very spacious room, nicely decorated with

Christmas trees and colourful garlands to get us all in a festive mood. With a bit more funding provided from the club, we hired a DJ to provide music during dinner time and throughout the evening, much to the enjoyment of all attending. Dinner was soon served to all featuring a delicious hot buffet meal which included chicken, roast beef, pasta, salads, fruits and dessert. This year our numbers were down from last year as there were 46 people that attended the event and took advantage of the discounted dinner price as the cost of the meal was partially subsidized by the club through your membership dues.

Once dinner was served, JP Matte, our President spoke a bit, first thanking the Executive for putting their time and effort in running the club this past year and secondly, thanking all the members who

have volunteered to run some of the events and cruises and to everyone else who has supported our events by their attendance. It was another enjoyable year and even better, a financially sound one.

There was a surprise award presented during the evening too. Our parent organization the Canadian Automobile Sport Clubs, Ontario Region (CASC-OR) awarded their club newsletter award to Zedline for 2011. JP called our Zedline Editor, Jason Okolisan to come up and accept the plaque for the fantastic Zedlines that he has put together this year. I'm sure all of the members would agree this was well deserved, based on the quality of the Zedlines they have received during Jason's time as the Editor.

Next in line was the presentation of the certificates to the various class winners for



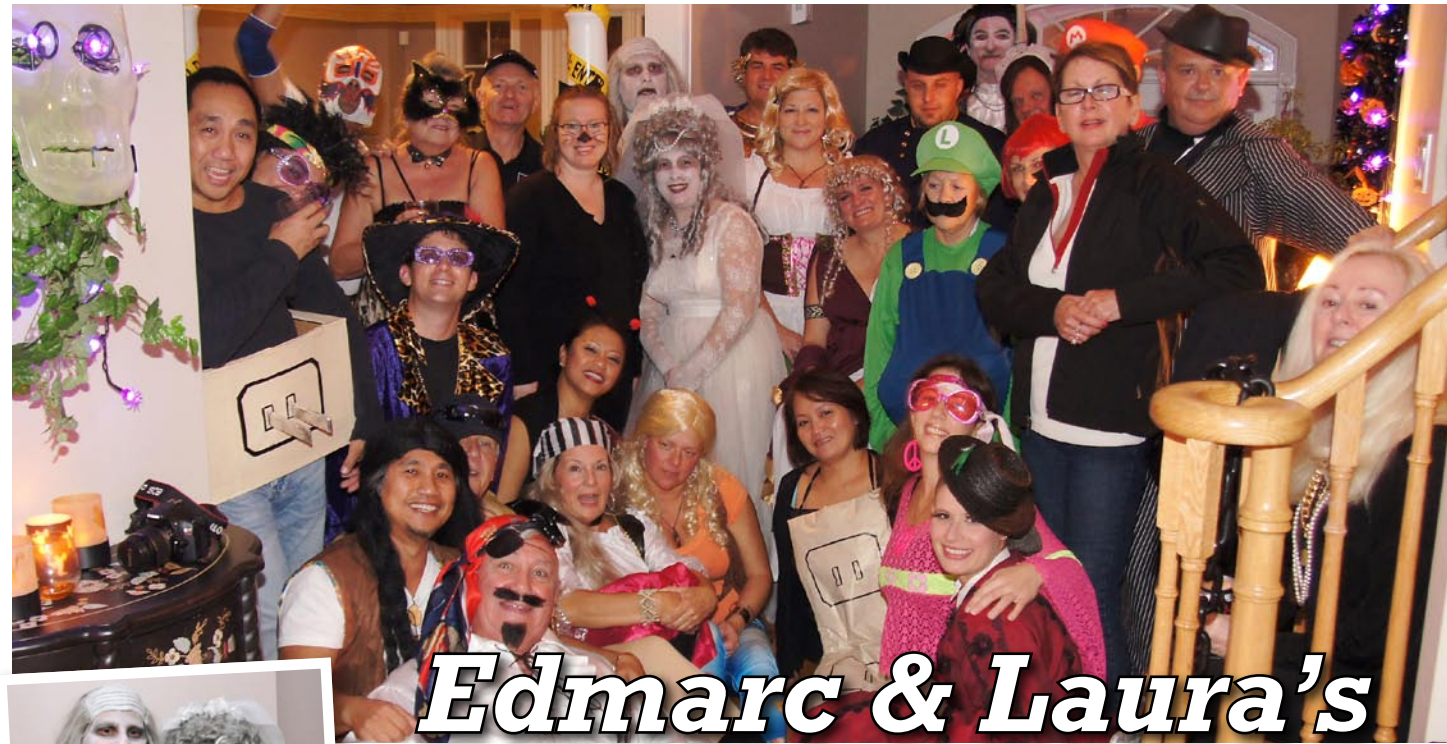
the Spring and Fall drag event series. None of the winners were present so the paper awards will be mailed out with the year end Zedlines.

Some other lucky people also went home with presents as door prizes were then drawn featuring bottles of wine and club merchandise. Once the dishes were cleared, people stayed around to listen to the DJ and dancing followed. It was a very relaxing and enjoyable evening to meet fellow members, their wives, friends and family. We hung in there to about 10 pm and so ended the evening.

Next year's dinner and social is scheduled for November 24, so mark that date down now and plan to be there. The venue will be announced later this year. Z

TOP FROM LEFT: JP and Howie draw names for door prizes which included OZC merchandise. Michael Lambert talks about the club calendar he's designing for 2012 - 2013. Jason Okolisan and wife Joanna poses with the CASC Newsletter Award for Zedline.





Edmarc & Laura's Halloween Party Oct 29

by Jason Okolisian

Edmarc and Laura's annual Halloween party was held on Saturday October 29 at their Ajax home. Many friends from OZC were in attendance including Pete and Sue Radoja who travelled all the way from London Ontario to partake in the festivities!

It was a rainy night so there were just two Zeds parked on the street - Vince Santoro's 350Z and Bogdan Kurek's Z32. This was my first time attending one of Edmarc's parties so I knew we were at the right place when we pulled up to the large house with five white Datsun/Nissan's in the driveway!!

Everyone wore a costume and awards were given out to the best dressed couples. There was plenty of food, drink and mingling amongst the hearty crew plus the Wolfgang Brothers kept the party hopping with live music. My wife Joanna and I came with Enrique and Julie Preza from Mississauga. Many other GTA OZC

members were there making for a nice evening soiree.

Thank you to Edmarc and Laura for hosting an awesome party. You have a beautiful home, many fine cars and every guy's dream garage. Plus, it was nice to meet your other friends and family who are also good fun! It's social gatherings like this that make being part of a car club that much better. **Z**

COUNTER CLOCKWISE: Scott and Lucia Taras.

Laura Pauk, Edmarc Arendoque, Nigel White and Natalie Rozak.

Sue and Pete Rodaja with Terry and Sandra Weston. Enrique and Julie Preza, Bogdan and Liliana Kurek, Joanna and Jason Okolisian. Vince and Wendy Santoro.



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Original 240Z owner completes an epic 23,000 km North American Tour

by Eric Zondervan

My best friend from high school - Terry Thomlinson, retired at the end of June 2011. On July 7 he flew from his home in Vernon, B.C. to my place in Toronto. We had been planning to take an entire Summer to cruise in my 1972 Datsun 240Z ever since I restored it in 2008. Originally we were going to drive coast to coast in Canada, but when Z Con was announced to be in Savannah this year we changed our plans to make the trip a triangle.

The triangle theme worked well as Terry had wanted to attend the 100th birthday of our home town, Grenfell, Saskatchewan on August 1 and my family was having a family reunion in Saskatoon that weekend. When we added Targa Newfoundland in September, we completed the third point of the triangle.

On July 8 we packed the Z and left Toronto in the morning so we could check out the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Hamilton on our way to meet an OZC group at the border in Niagara Falls. We had a good drive to Webster, New York, except for a growling rear wheel bearing. I knew about it but didn't have time to replace it before we left so I ordered a set to be sent to the Holiday Inn in Webster.

ZCCR puts on a great event, called The All Import Car Show Weekend. I put Terry behind the wheel for the warm laps around Watkins Glen, then we spent the afternoon at the Glen Curtis Museum. On Monday we checked-out and sat in front of the hotel waiting for the Fed Ex truck to deliver the bearings, which they did at 11:15 AM. We went directly to Dan Theil's garage in Rochester. By 3 PM he had us on the road.

We made our next stop, New Bedford, Connecticut by 10:30 PM and parked looking right over the ocean. This was our base for two nights as we toured the town of New Bedford where the biggest whaling fleet in the world once operated. On our second night we went out on Cape Cod for a seafood dinner and to watch the sunset. The next day was an easy drive to Norwalk, where we spent two nights at the excellent Silver-mine Tavern.

From Norwalk we took the commuter train into Manhattan. The first day was pretty well wasted figuring out the trains but we did make it to Grand Central by 5 PM and toured the Empire State Building. Day two in New York went much better, as we had the trains figured out so we spent all day walking and sight seeing. Could have

spent a week but had to keep on some sort of a schedule.

For our next leg going South, we decided not to go inland to the Interstate but instead worked our way down along the Eastern Seaboard, crossing Delaware Bay and Chesapeake Bay. This was quite interesting as we took a ferry, a causeway and a tunnel. This route took us through Norfolk, Virginia, which we liked so much we spent two nights there. We took a sunset cruise of the harbour, then the next day we walked around the old part of the city, had lunch at Freemason Abbey Restaurant, then spent the afternoon at the Hooter's which overlooks the harbour. From Norfolk we had an easy drive to Savannah.

Savannah is a beautiful city. Most of the original buildings have been preserved or restored. A lot of history and civic pride. The hotel, convention center, golf course and track are all together on an island across the river from downtown. I won't go into much detail about the convention as it has been well documented elsewhere. We did some touring in the area around Savannah - to the ocean and a nature preserve. Just had to get out and do some driving and warm-up from the extreme A/C in >>



<< the hotel and convention center. Warm up we did, it was 98F most days! The car was a bit hesitant just off idle, making it annoying in heavy traffic so we got the Unisyn out and did a parking lot tune-up one evening.

Sunday, July 24, we were off to Rome, Georgia to visit The Zondervan Farm where they raise Dutch Warmblood horses. That evening we checked into an excellent Microtel hotel at Robbinsville, NC, which put us right at the bottom of the “Tail of the Dragon,” on US129. Monday we spent most of the day driving “The Tail” both ways, the Cherochala Skyway, a stop at Fontana Dam and the Appalachian Trail and the Foothills Parkway. We made it past Louisville that night.

Tuesday we got to St. Paul, Minnesota with a stop to tour the Indianapolis Speedway. Wednesday we intended to stay in Minot, ND, but the whole area was flooded and all the accommodation were full of displaced residents and oil rig workers. We made the decision to keep going into the night and made it to our home town, Grenfell, Saskatchewan. That meant we

basically made the trip from Savannah to Saskatchewan in 2-1/2 days, as we spent a day and a half touring the horse farm, The Smoky Mountains and Indianapolis. We drove through mosquitoes so thick it sounded like rain on the wind shield!

Thursday, July 28, I set out to have lunch with long time OZC member Edward Burkhart who now lives a 40 minute drive from Grenfell. The roads were so destroyed from all the flooding that I ended up driving 400 KM to avoid gravel and washouts. Friday I was off to Saskatoon, leaving Terry with family in Grenfell. My Sister was hosting a family reunion on the August 1 weekend. I took a photo of the car at the very spot we bought it in 1972. There is a Superstore there now.

After a relaxing few days at the reunion, I was off to Calgary while Terry flew to Phoenix for a wedding. As I left Saskatoon, the odometer rolled over to all zeros, signifying that my 40 year old Z had more than 100,000 miles on it! I spent a week in Calgary with some side trips as far as Fernie, BC, but in my brother-in-law’s cars. While in Calgary, the Z started hesitating off idle again. I changed the plugs and found

#4 had been running very lean. Turned out the manifold bolts were loose.

From Calgary I zipped back to Saskatoon for a few days where I took my Mom, in her car, for a 1,700 KM drive through Northern Saskatchewan and Alberta. We were very impressed with Cold Lake, Alberta. On Sunday, August 14, it was back to Grenfell, with a stop in Regina to pick-up Terry at the airport. We toured Grenfell with a stop at Terry’s cousin’s farm, then headed East for the second half of our trip.

Monday, August 15, we drove as far as Kenora Ontario. There we stayed on the waterfront in a very tired motel which was freshly renovated on the inside but pretty well shot on the outside. While in Kenora we saw Kakabeka Falls. Next stop was Thunder Bay where the outside of the motel was not too bad but the room can only be described by the photos. For us, the high point of Thunder Bay was the Terry Fox Memorial.

The next day we made Sault St. Marie in good time where we stayed two nights so we could spend a day on the Agawa Canyon Train. From S.S. Marie we did a long day via the ferry from Manitoulin Island to Tobermora and continued down to Kitchener for a delightful evening with our friends Steve and Elfie Herzog, where we had pizza and drank all the beer we had in our cooler plus what Steve had in the fridge!

Saturday, August 20, took us to Brantford for an OZC reunion at Z-Fest. Leaving Z-Fest, I found the clutch pedal went to the

floor without releasing the clutch. Added fluid but that didn’t help. We made it to my cottage in Orillia without the clutch by using the starter to get rolling and rev matching to shift gears. A fill and bleed solved that problem. We spent a relaxing week at the cottage.

On Monday August 29, we drove as far as Kemptville via Lakefield and Peterborough. Spent the night with my cousin’s near Kemptville. Tuesday: Toured Merrickville and Smiths Falls then on to spend the night at Terry’s cousin’s in Almonte. Wednesday: Toured Almonte then a short drive through Ottawa to Hudson, Quebec for two nights at my Niece’s place.

Friday, Sept 2: Left Hudson and stopped at the Botanical Gardens and the Expo ‘67 site. From there we drove to Valcour and toured the Bombardier Museum. Some hard and fast driving finally put us about 15 KM East of Quebec City at a bed and breakfast on the North Shore of the St. Lawrence, just down from Montmorency Falls. Saturday: Drove into Quebec City early and got parking right near the Chateau Frontenac. Walked all day. Our 58th day without rain in spite of iffy forecasts. The following day, rain finally found us during a long drive to Hopewell Cape on the Bay of Fundy near Moncton, New Brunswick.

Monday: drove along the Bay of Fundy



LEFT: St. John’s, Newfoundland. INSET: Cape Spear, Newfoundland, the most easterly point in North America. ABOVE: Eric, Terry and Bill relax at the Z-Car Club of Rochester’s All Import Car Show. BELOW: Eric and Terry return to Ontario and stay with Elfie and Steve Herzog on the night before Z-Fest. BOTTOM LEFT: The Westin Savannah Harbor Resort and Convention Centre, the site of Z Convention 2011.

and visited the flower pot rocks at low tide. Drove to PEI on the Confederation Bridge (sure beats the ferry that Jane and I waited a day for in the ‘70s). We had a seafood dinner on the harbour in Summerside, PEI, then watched a freighter unload fertilizer from Russia. When we got back to the B&B, a Ceilidh was in full swing.

Tuesday, Sept 6: Toured PEI for the day, then along the North shore of Nova Scotia to a B&B outside of Tatamagouche. Wednesday: washed the car and flew gliders before we left the B&B. Went to the Museum of Industry in Stellarton for a couple of hours then on to a cheap



motel at North Sydney to be ready to get on the ferry next morning. Thursday: Most of the day waiting for the ferry and crossing. Saw a few cars and trailer obviously bound for the Targa on the ferry. Once we got off the ferry, we put in a couple of hours and made it to Corner Brook for the night.

Friday: Drove to Goulds, just outside of St. John’s, Newfoundland. Took a side trip to Hampden where it was reported they had icebergs in the harbour. Ended up pounding over some new construction only to find the bergs were barely visible on the

horizon (they had been in the harbour two days prior). Went straight to Cape Spear as it was a beautiful, sunny evening. Friday night we went down to George Street in St. John’s. That experience was as close as you could get to walking around downtown Nashville - really hopping with great live music pouring out of every bar and restaurant.

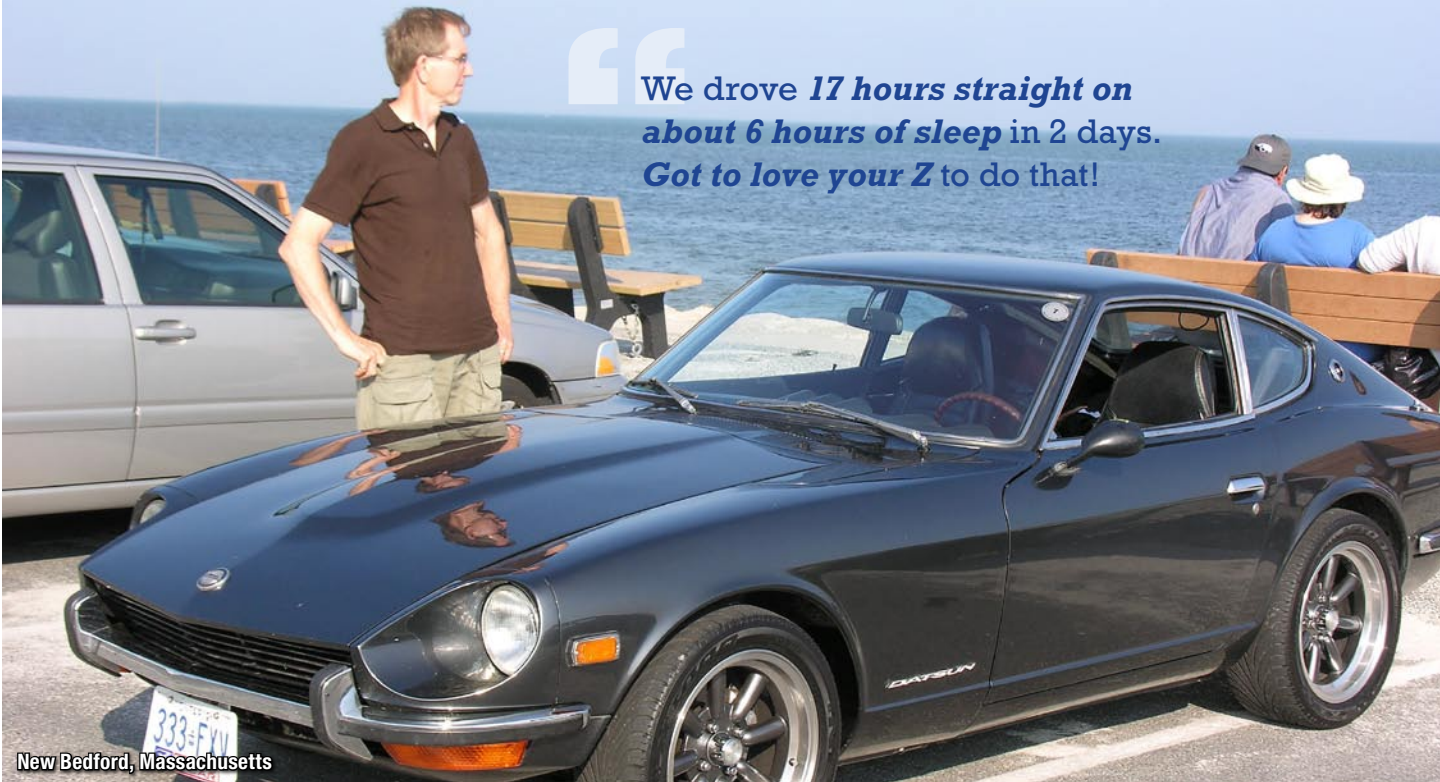
Saturday: Poked around Petty Harbour and watched fishermen fillet their cod catches. Saw Signal Hill and The Railway Coastal Museum, then spent the afternoon at the car show where many of the Targa

entries were on display. Sunday: Watched the Targa cars leave the start/finish line then drove up to Torbay and positioned ourselves on a tight corner to watch them slide around. Being a beautiful Sunday afternoon, there were lots of people around so we decided to find a place to watch the cars outside of Gander on Tuesday. Drove as far as Glovertown where we spent the night at a very nice B&B. Went for dinner on the seashore. On the way, we were having some

fun on a winding road when we met the first cop we’d seen outside of St. John’s. He gave us a quick warning flash and drove on. Whew!!

Monday: We hung out at the staging area in Gander where the cars came in after their first day of serious competition. There were already several casualties (cars). We were able to circulate among the cars and talk to the crews. All very informal and fun. Tuesday, Sept 13, we spent most of the day following the Targa cars and placing ourselves strategically at the side of the road to watch them fly by. That night we got on >>





New Bedford, Massachusetts



B&B on Little Bay Island



Little Bay Island



Saskatoon, the location where the Datsun dealership was in 1972 when Eric bought his 240Z

<< the last ferry to Little Bay Island where we spent two of the most relaxing days of the trip. Never even started the Z while we were there. Thursday we reluctantly left Little Bay and made it to Gros Morne Park where we spent the night at Cow Head.

Friday morning we got up to rain and fog and the blower motor would not run. We towelled off the windows enough to get to a cod fishing demonstration which Terry watched while I ran a jumper wire from the blower motor. We spent the day touring Gros Morne, then headed for the Ferry back to NS. We got off the Trans Canada on the way to the ferry and took a little path to the most Westerly tip on Newfoundland. There was a storm pounding from the West so we got to see the biggest breakers crashing on shore. We drove 3,600 km on Newfoundland alone.

Saturday, Sept 17: We spent the night in the car waiting at the ferry docks, had breakfast in the car and finally got onto the ferry Saturday night. It was still very windy so we had an extremely rough ride once we got out on the Atlantic - many people got

sick. I had a beer and a big meal just as the action started and managed to hold off the nausea. No sleep though, too busy hanging onto the leather chair we paid extra for thinking we'd sleep through the night. We got off the ferry in Nova Scotia at 1 AM and couldn't find a gas station open so we slept in the car again at an Esso which opened at 6 AM. Now we had gone two nights sleeping in the car and just a couple of hours each night.

Sunday: Gassed up and were on the Cabot Trail for sunrise. That was perfect. We saw an eagle, two foxes and a pair of moose locking horns. We had planned to spend two days on the Cabot Trail travelling to Halifax but made up for our lost day by doing it in one. We drove 13 hours for a total of 17 hours straight, on about 6 hours of sleep in 2 days. Got to love your Z to do that! We found a B&B in Sheet Harbour after driving the scenic route along Highway 7. Went to bed at 8 PM and slept 11 solid hours.

Monday Sept 19: We drove into Halifax and toured the harbour, including Alexan-



Cape Anguille, Newfoundland

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der Keith's brewery, then a three hour run to Digby where we had a lobster dinner. Tuesday: We toured the Annapolis Valley that morning after spending the night at a friend's charming 1784 B&B, The Holdsworth House. Had a wonderful seafood breakfast on the harbour then we took the ferry from Digby to St. John, NB in the afternoon. Wednesday: Stopped at Grand Falls, NB where the St. John River flows with almost as much volume as Niagara Falls. We spent the night back at my Niece's in Hudson, QC.

Thursday Sept 22: Toured Ottawa where we watched a short session of Parliament and made a long visit to the Canadian Museum of Civilization. Spent the night back at my Cousin's in Kemptville. Friday: Took the long way home via Hwy 7 where we followed parts of the popular Kawartha Lakes Tour. The last few hours were probably the scariest because at this point my rear tires were almost bald and it was raining hard. As Terry said, "It felt like riding in a boat with no rudder."

On Saturday, Sept 24 our Z Tour of a Lifetime came to an end when I dropped Terry off at Pearson Airport. Overall, the trip went really well. We only had a few days of rain in the 11 weeks we were on the road. The only repairs we had to make were a couple of minor carb adjustments, add some fluid to the clutch master and bleed it, tighten a TC rod nut, tighten the intake manifold nuts, change plugs and hot wire the blower motor. All this was done in parking lots and at the side of the road with the tools we had with us. Using regular gas, we averaged

9L/100KM (26 MPG) and added 3 litres of oil (Amsoil 20w50) over the 23,000 KM trip.

The worst place we stayed was the Kingsway Motel in Thunder Bay, the best was a private B&B on Little Bay Island, Newfoundland. The only friction between Terry and I occurred at The Kingsway Motel and that was resolved when we agreed to up the budget to as much as \$150/day each. Once we got to the Maritimes and staying in B&B's, it was easy to stay on budget. We did the whole trip on \$100/day each, including Z Convention registration and all other expenses!

In addition to the 23,000 KM in the Z, I drove cars belonging to relatives another several thousand KM, going as far as Fernie, BC and Cold Lake Alberta. The extremes that the 240Z covered were Calgary in the West, Saskatoon to the North, St. John's Newfoundland to the East and Savannah, Georgia to the South.

All and all, we had such a good time that during our last day on the road, we were already planning our next road trip in the Z - the West Coast and Route 66 as part of the Phoenix Z Convention in 2012. **Z**



Targa Rally



Terry's cousin Garth Drinnan's farm in Glenfell



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Kingsway Motel in Thunder Bay



wildlife along Cabot Trail

Google Stats

our website is GROWING!

by Zak Irvine, Webmaster

First let me say that the website is very secure and all your personal information remains secure and private. These website stats may seem a bit invasive but let me assure you the following is information you pass along with every website you visit, all the time. Sites like Google can record this info if you own the site, and as I'm running it I get this info. It's interesting in as far as it gives you a very general overview and I thought I would share some website stats and to let everyone know how our web presence is doing. I keep track of some detailed information using Google Analytics and here's what happened from November 1 to November 30, 2011.

We had 3,894 local users come and view our site with 1,230 new visitors and 2,664 returning visitors. Google can even break down our users by location based on their I.P. address, here's a chart of where those visits came from:



com Internet Services, then Rogers. Rogers gets repeated a few times so I think it might be the leader.

There were also over a hundred visits from mobile devices with the iPad and iPhone coming in first, then Android tablets following way behind.

When I see this information and observe that we have 618 users on the site it tells me our site is getting pretty big! I maintain a few other sites and forums and I see this one having the most potential.

A few things come to mind to keep this site interesting and relevant, and keep the momentum up for Z-Car fans everywhere:

important point. We have so much talent and information amongst our users. If everyone would either post a 'how to' or a walkthrough or a tip we could become a huge archive of knowledge for the Z-Car community.

If anyone has any suggestions for the site, questions about the Google stats, tech questions or comments feel free to drop me a line anytime!

by Eric Zondervan, Website Administrator

I think you will all agree that Zak has written a pretty interesting article. If you were wondering what he meant by "bounce rate," that's when someone goes to the site and immediately leaves again, without going past the first page. I'm really encouraged by the activity we have. Go to the bottom of the home page where you will see we had 621 members as of the day I am writing this.

While you are on the home page, this is a good time for me to point out a short cut to checking the forums and making sure you don't miss any new posts. You will see about a dozen of the latest posts listed, with the ones you have not read in bold. For those of us who are on the forum every day or two, this is a handy way to make sure we don't miss any new posts. As well, the administrators will post the next important event coming up right up front on the home page.

Some other interesting statistics can be found by clicking "Forum," "Quick Links" and "Who's Online." Once you are there, you will see who is on-line. Forum members are listed first, followed by "guests." You can learn some interesting things about each user by copying their IP address and pasting it into a Google search. For example, as I am writing this, I see two "guests" trying to register. There is a yellow warning triangle beside their IP address. I

put one of them, 183.105.63.88, into www.stopforumspam.com and found that it is a disposable e-mail address from Korea with 500 user names. Zak has blocked several ranges of IP addresses which are notorious for harbouring these spammers. This explains why we sometimes get legitimate guests having trouble joining our forum.

Speaking of signed-up forum members, there are some interesting statistics that go along with each member. Go to "Forum" "Community" "Member List." If you know the "User Name" you are interested in, click on the letter of the alphabet to jump to that group. For example, click Z, then scroll down to Zedfoot to see my profile. Click the user name and you will find out more about that person as well as statistics like how many visits to the user's profile. Here you will also find photo albums the user has set up. If you are just randomly surfing, you will probably find someone who has a big number under "posts" to be more interesting based on their site activity.

Zak mentioned getting more action on the forums, particularly photos. We strongly encourage you to set up an album to make your profile more interesting. If you have not done so yet, add an album by going to your profile, either by clicking on your user name from the user list, or at the top right corner

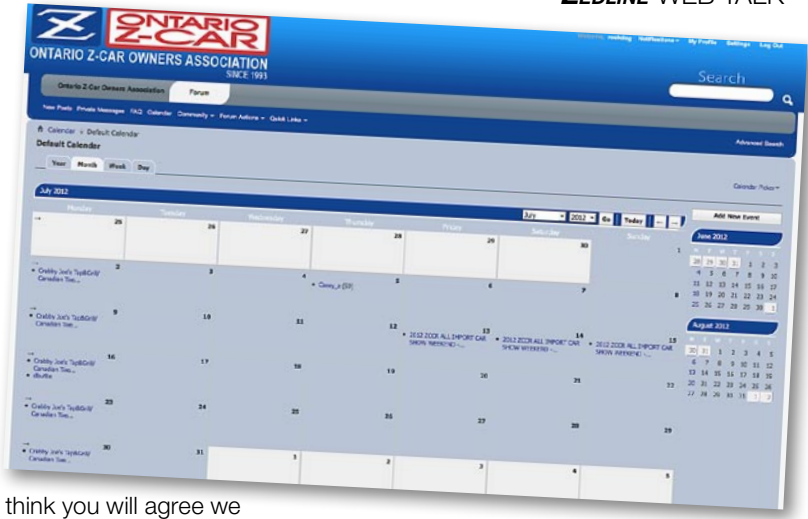
of the home page. On your profile, click on "Add Album" or, if you already have an album, click on "More" beside "Albums." Upload pictures from your computer, click "done" and there you go!

In summary, I think you will agree we have a great little web site. You can help make it better by participating. We could use more technical articles. Many of us are doing interesting things to our cars over the Winter so why not snap a few photos and tell us what you're up to? Maybe you are planning a significant trip, or even if it's just a weekend jaunt, tell us about it.

Last year I took several suggestions for interesting events which were forwarded to me and put them on the Calendar of Events. I have already added ZCCR's popular All Import Car Show Weekend and a weekly gathering which will happen in Port Perry every Monday evening in the Sum-

mer. If you know of a car related event you would like to see on our calendar, send me the details, zedfoot@rogers.com. If there is a link or a flyer you can send me, all the better, I will add them as well.

Next time you're on our site, check out the calendar. When on the forums, click on "Calendar" about half way across the choices along the top. Click on the yearly view for a complete over view. Hover your mouse on the highlighted dates for a summary of what is occurring on that date. Click the date for all the details. I Look forward to your input. Z



Ontariozcar.com website traffic - November 2011					
CITY	VISITS	PAGES VISIT	AVG. TIME ON SITE	% NEW VISITS	BOUNCE RATE
Toronto	760	5.4	0:04:06	14.87%	27.76%
New York City	231	4.36	0:00:21	51.95%	0.43%
Hamilton	195	7.64	0:05:00	26.67%	22.56%
St. Catharines	191	3.5	0:01:19	4.71%	32.46%
Austin, Texas	178	4.07	0:00:10	52.25%	0.56%
Whitby	164	6.01	0:04:49	17.68%	21.34%
Brantford	126	3.6	0:07:07	3.17%	31.75%
Cooksville	119	6.45	0:03:53	48.74%	19.33%
Markham	105	3.46	0:01:58	3.81%	66.67%
Oshawa	97	7.48	0:03:57	20.62%	24.74%
AVERAGES	3,894	5.15	0:03:06	31.59%	27.91%

We had visits from 308 locations all over the world, with most of them coming from Canada and the US. Most people looked at five pages or more and there were over 20,000 page views.

Being a techie-nerd I found it interesting who is using what technology. The majority of users use Internet-Explorer browser with Firefox, Safari and Chrome following. One person even uses a Playstation 3 to browse our site!

As far as internet service providers go, the top three are Bell Sympatico, Theplanet.

1) Post, Post, Post. I can't stress this enough. There are a few users who are constantly engaged in the site. A few more people posting topics would really get more attention and draw more people in.

2) Use your photo gallery! We all have pictures of our cars and all the little details we've put into different tasks. Take some time and post pictures in your album for all to see. You'd be surprised how much people search for pictures of things they need help with or are interested in.

3) That brings me to my last and most

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OZC 2012 Events Calendar

January 4 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66, Scarborough

February 1 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66, Scarborough

February date to be determined - Go Karting at Grand Prix Kartways, Toronto, contact JP Matte, jpmatte@rogers.com

March 7 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66, Scarborough

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

April 4 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66, Scarborough

April 11 - Western Chapter Meeting at East Side Mario's, Woodstock

April 21 - Swap Meet hosted by Whitehead Performance, contact Mike Hansen, 416-665-2220

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

June 6 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66, Scarborough

June 13 - Western Chapter Meeting at Ernie's Roadhouse, Cambridge

June 23 - Drag Day #1, St. Thomas Motorsports Park, contact JP Matte, jpmatte@rogers.com

July 4 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66, Scarborough

July 11 - Western Chapter Meeting at East Side Mario's, Woodstock

July 13-15 - ZCCR All Import Car Show Weekend, Rochester, New York, contact John Taddonio, zcarnut@hotmail.com

August 1 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66, Scarborough

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

August 18 - Z-Fest at Brantford Nissan, (Fri, Sat & Sun event planning ongoing)

September 5 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66, Scarborough

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

September 18-23 - Z Convention in Phoenix Arizona, www.zccazconvention.com

September 22 - Drag Day #2, St. Thomas Motorsports Park, contact JP Matte, jpmatte@rogers.com

October 3 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66, Scarborough

October 10 - Western Chapter Meeting at East Side Mario's, Woodstock

October 13 or 14 - Swap Meet Fall Edition, date and location to be confirmed

November 7 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66, Scarborough, elections for 2013 Executive Committee

November 14 - Western Chapter Meeting at Ernie's Roadhouse, Cambridge, elections for 2013 Executive Committee

November 24 - Year End Dinner & Social, venue to be confirmed

December 5 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66, Scarborough

December 12 - Western Chapter Meeting at East Side Mario's, Woodstock

**** Please note that some of the events are still in the planning stages so please check the OZC website to confirm dates and location**

2012 Tour Itinerary

The OZC tour group is planning one tour per month from May to October. Tours will be similar to previous years with some new roads added to keep things fresh. Tour dates have not yet been set but they will be on a Saturday with the Sunday as a fall back rain day. Once available, further details on the tours will be printed in future issues of Zedline and posted on ontariozcar.com.

NOTE: Please check the events calendar on our website ontariozcar.com for the latest schedule updates between each printing of Zedline.



Ontario Z-Car Owners Association

2013 OZC Calendar Call For Submissions



Peter Paumier, 2005 Nissan 350Z, Lakeshore Road Bridge, Newcastle, Ontario

This is your chance to be a part of the official OZC club calendar which will be available at Z-Fest 2012.

Send in your best travel photos for consideration in the OZC Travel Calendar. The theme is "places we've been." We want to see shots of your Zed in a beautiful landscape, at a memorable track or other scenic location that you would like to share with other Z-car enthusiasts.

The goal is to have 12 months of Z-car destinations that we can all aspire to travel to. Please include an explanation with the picture you send. Deadline for submissions is January 30, 2012. **Requirements:** high resolution photos, at least 300dpi at 10" wide. Photos should be well composed, without people posing and preferably without date stamps.

Include an explanation describing where the picture was taken and any information others would need to visit that location. Include your name and the year and model of your Nissan/Datsun Z-car.

Send photos to Michael Lambert: artstreamstudio@gmail.com



ABOVE: members in attendance at the November 2 Eastern meeting received the Nov/Dec issue of Zedline.

RIGHT: Bert Kallio (pictured with Enrique Preza) got lucky twice having won \$33 in the November 50/50 draw and \$42 in December.



Join us at our regular monthly meetings

Eastern meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month starting at 7:30pm. Route 66 Sports Bar & Grill, 416-755-7869, located in the Eglinton Square Shopping Centre at Victoria Park and Eglinton.

Western meetings are held the second Wednesday of the month starting at 7:30pm, alternating between Cambridge and Woodstock. Check the events calendar of page 14 for location dates. **CAMBRIDGE:** Ernie's Roadhouse, 519-658-9562. From Hwy 401, exit at Hwy 24 North, a short distance will take you to the Queen Street exit on your right, take it and go up 3 lights, Ernie's is on the left at the corner of Queen and Guelph. **WOODSTOCK:** East Side Mario's, 519-537-6100. 555 Norwich Ave. (Hwy 59) just north of the 401.

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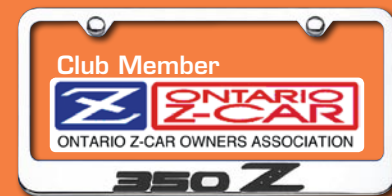
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