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What An **Epic Year!**

Another epic year! 2014 was an indubitable success, filled with our usual assortment of cruises, car shows and socializing. The cruise crew did their typical excellent job of organizing and running a variety of driving tours across Ontario. Z-Fest smashed all attendance records in recent memory, if not in the 20 years history of the event. We finished out the year with a swanky gala dinner. Of course, we shouldn't forget the ever popular swap meet and bi-annual drag event. New to the mix was a very popular Dyno Day. Expect to see all of these events and possibly more in 2015!

A big thumbs up to the executive and all of the other club members who are responsible for making 2014 the success that it was. We have an executive member retiring this year, and so I'd like to publicly thank Laverne Burkhart for all of his years of service to the club as Western VP. Of course, Laverne will continue on as a club member and I'm sure he's looking forward to participating in some club events as a civilian. In his place, Brian Gracie has stepped up to the challenge. Let's all give Brian a warm welcome, and don't hesitate to share with Brian any ideas you have for the Western Chapter meetings.

With the club being in such a strong and positive position, our thoughts have turned to the possibility of hosting the 2016 Z Car Convention. For the uninitiated, every year, a North American Z Car club volunteers to organize and run a week-long celebration of Z's, drawing participants from all across North America, and oc-

casionally beyond. The week is filled with car shows, cruises, track days, local attractions and legendary figures from Z-Car history.

Over the years, OZC mem-

bers have often been one of the biggest groups in attendance at these conventions, yet we've never hosted a convention of our own. In fact, a Z Car Convention has only been hosted once before in Canada, and that was 14 years ago by the Thousand Islands Z Car Club. OZC has never been in a better position to pay back all of the hard work of these other clubs by hosting our own convention.

Our Eastern Chapter VP. Mauricio Gomez has bravely come forward as the lead for this endeavour, and meetings are already underway to take the preliminary steps to put a bid package together. We're going to need all hands on deck to pull this off, so let Mauricio or any of the club executive know that you're willing to help. Let's show the world just what the Ontario Z Car Club is capable of!

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Nigel White PRESIDENT - Ontario Z-Car Owners Association



Ontario Z-Car held our first Z Convention planning meeting in our quest to put forth a bid to host Z Con in Toronto in August 2016. Committee members met at Old Marina Restaurant in Cambridge to discuss preliminary plans and the various roles each member will play in this large undertaking. We are excited about the prospect of hosting Z Con in Toronto and bringing the Z community together for a world class event in Canada's biggest city!



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Farewell to Zingle life!



Rajinda Gunasena ZEDLINE EDITOR - 1990 300ZX Non-Turbo (CREATV)

So it's the end of the year... Well, technically you will be getting this Newsletter in January, a slight delay due to an unexpected visit I had to make to my birth country Sri Lanka. I am finishing this while travelling there, under the heat of +30° C, for which I know I will not get much sympathy from rest of you, freezing in the deep cold. Fear not, as I will be back within the next couple of weeks, to share the cold & snow. In the meantime I am hoping to send this artwork to the printer in Canada via internet, so that one of the OZC executives could pick it up and mail it to you without further delay. Thank goodness for the advanced technology!

In this issue we have packed the remaining tours of last year, Calabogie, Tobacco and Eric's cottage as well as a DYNO DAY experience. Finally we have the details of the Year End Social event, which I heard went guite well considering the short time it took to organize. I missed that event due to the annually planned week long GOLF excursion to Florida, organized by my crazy golf brethren.

Nevertheless it was a very busy year for me with the Z, as well as in my personal life. I will not be a single guy anymore when I return to Canada, as I plan to follow my Z-Car buds Wes & Mauricio by stepping back into wedded life. I plan to marry Kisa while we are here with our parents, which will be huge a surprise to all of them & my friends and not to mention Kisa. It's been debated between my friends that with marriage, my two passions of Golf & the Z will have to take a back seat & eventually reach it's slow death. But not for me, as I know I found a gal who's passionate on both accounts just like me!

Speaking of death I salute JOHN W. SANSOM pictured below, who I found during Eric's Tour through the Cemetery this fall. Yes it's not a Z, but he was a car nut like us. His passion was clear. So much so that he was able to include a picture of his beloved Corvette on his tomb stone! Way to go SANSOM, hope you got peddle to the metal, where ever you are!

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





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CALABOGIE ADVENTURE



Erle Straus

Wes & I have been on this tour many times over the last 8 years. Wes with his motorcycle friends go through the many roads in NE Ontario up to the Ottawa River area. Every time we go through different isolated paved roads where there is no one & just us with our cars. Very few other vehicles & "no police".

If weather is dry these roads challenge your driving skills!! Lots of elevation changes! Lots of crazy sharp turns through the woods! Some of these new roads were like a roller coaster ride! Scary & exciting! These are the roads that our Z cars are meant to drive on. At the end of Sept. these are lots of fall colours of the leaves & cooler fall weather. The most important part is to have dry weather. This year day #1 was sunny & cool with a picnic outdoor lunch at Lift locks close to Buckhorn that is enjoyable.

The last year I found a great place called Ashgrove Inn in Barry's Bay with 15 rooms & a fine dining area with a private dining area. There is seclusion & peacefulness up there. Lots to eat & drink plus lots to talk to others about things in our lives! This is a great place to go to get out of our very busy city!

I have booked this location on the last weekend of Sept./15, so this will not conflict with other members with family events. This year we missed some of our regular Z Tour people.

On day #2 we found some great new roads, but could not explore them all due to the heavy rains. Next year I definitely want to try our new roads in better weather.

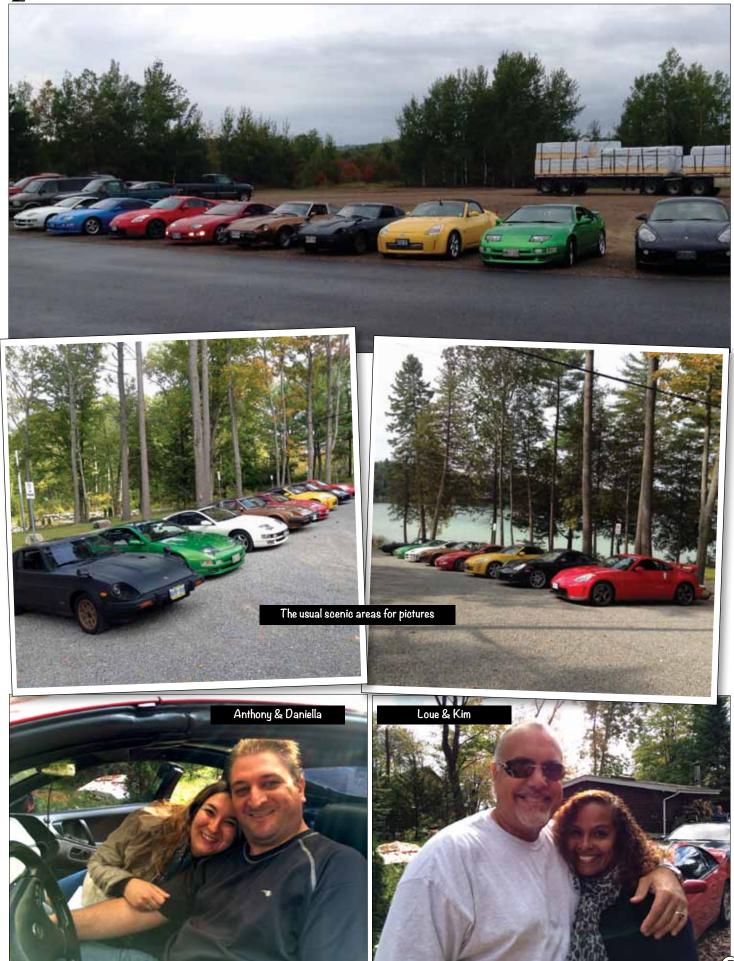
Hopefully, next year they will be available.

Everytime on this tour I see weaknesses in my car which gives me new ideas to modify & improve it for the future. On talking with Will Hayward he found changes he will do, especially after these roads & I'm sure he'll improve his "ride" when finances permit.



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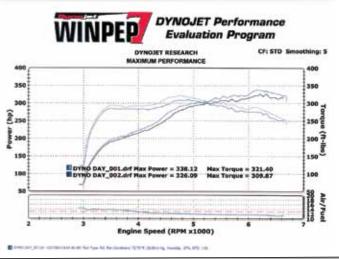


DYNO DAYS ARE BACK!

First off I figured I should introduce myself as I am a new member as of this year. My forum name is pretty straight forward, 300ZXTT and as you could probably guess I own a 300ZX Twin Turbo. I'm sure some of you would recognize me as I've attended a few of the events this year. The car is a 1990 black on black 5 speed with a few modifications. I'd go on about the horsepower and all that but seeing as this is the high lights from the Dyno day, I'll get to boast about those plenty. While on the mad search for a fun sports car that was affordable, great style and something that could be easily modified I came to the conclusion that the 300ZX was the one for me. That was about three years ago and I've been obsessed ever since.

Luckily once the time came to actually get one of my own I ended up on the forum and Doug71zt (Doug Mitchell) had one for sale. As soon as I seen the ad I contacted him and told him that he could consider it sold. Since then I have remained in contact with Doug and he has been a huge help with any questions or concerns I've had with the Z. He's has even gone as far as offering to install parts for me and give me a hand. So to Doug – Thanks so much for making my Z car dream come true as well as making the buying experience very smooth and well fun.

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Ok Ok so enough about me, on to the dyno day. After attending a dyno day myself with a friend's MR2 Club I got the idea to create an event for OZC. Posting on the forum was the first step and interest in the event grew quick. In the end about 15 people were in and ready to see how their machine would stack up to the others in the club. Speedtospare (Ryan) contacted me letting me know that he would be willing to lend me a hand and help organize the event. So after Ryan took it upon himself to find a shop that would be on board with the Zclub and a tuner to get the cars set up the

Sean Fletcher

event became official. Ryan – Thanks so much for planning the day with me and making the event run as smooth as it did.

Come dyno day myself and Doube (Alex) another Club member met up early at about 5:30 to hit the road, we had to drive from Sarnia to get to the tune shop Maximum Performance for about 8:30. Once we arrived, there were already a few members, Ryan was already getting people organized and ready to go and

I was first up.

Diago Lopes was the tunners name and boy did him and his assistant do a quick job of getting the car strapped down and ready to go. The deal for the day was two dyno runs for 50 bucks and for an extra 10 you could get the air fuel ratio as well. Pretty well everyone jumped on the air fuel ratio. Its piece of mind when you finish your dyno and you see your air fuel is tuned right, especially when you've done a few mods like I have. The entire process only took about 15 to 20 minutes tops to get it in and out of the shop. At the end of the dyno everyone got a print out of how the car did. I was very happy with mine. I was expect-

ing 315hp to the wheels and ended up with 338hp and a perfectly tuned air fuel ratio.

Up next was Alex with his 350z, he ended up with a respectable 224hp. His car was definitely one of the louder and more impressive to watch than a few because of that. But then came along Nigel in his Honda Accord... yes In an Accord, unfortunately he missed the dyno day with his Z by one day as his was in the shop. Anyway no one really knew what to expect from his although it's still a V6.

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So Diago hopped into the car and back it into the shop as this is a front wheel drive car and got it strapped down. Then through the gears to 4th, 4th is used as most cars have a ratio of 1:1 in 4th and then he let the accord have it. After finishing up Nigel had a good grin on his face as he presented his dyno chart of 268 hp, yes beating Alex and his Z. Talk about putting salt on the wounds – Sorry Alex for bringing it up again but it is funny haha.

The day continued on with lots of revving engines almost hitting redline, everyone talking about the numbers they had got and hopping to get and gathering around the next car to be put to the test. More people filtered in throughout the day. We had a good selection of cars, Even getting a 2009 Mercedes C63 AMG putting out 350hp, 1995 Skyline GTS putting out 284hp and Ryan with his heavily modified mustang, a 1993 LX putting out a whopping 435hp. The day ending much sooner than planned as cars were in and out of the shop all morning one after the other with the tuners barely taking brakes, wrapping up the day at about 12:30. The weather all day was perfect, cool and comfortable in the morning and shaded by the dyno shop in the afternoon. But the more interesting thing isn't so much about the write up but more about how everyone did. I put together everyone's outcome for the day. So enjoy, take a look and think about joining us next year. Think you can beat anyone as the same model as yours? I defiantly plan on getting another dyno day together for next year if there is similar interest.

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YEAR END ZOCIAL

Howie Yoshida

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Our year end dinner and social was held on Saturday November 29th at the Teatro Conference & Event Centre, located in Milton, just south of Hwy 401 off Highway 25. Lately and despite the time of the year, we have been lucky to experience very favourable weather and driving conditions for this annual event. On that evening, I don't recall seeing any significant amount of snow on the roads or any road salt too for that matter. The big dump that we had earlier in November was all but gone. Once everyone had arrived however; there were no Zeds to be found in the parking lot!

As people entered the conference centre, they walked into quite an impressive room where dinner was to be served. The buffet table was set up in the middle of the room and it was surrounded by round tables, set for 8, to seat all the guests. After a search of potential locations by Vanessa, our Events/Social Media Director and other members of the Excom, we settled on the Teatro Conference and Event Centre. The member portion of the dinner cost that each one had to pay was a lot higher than last year's event and that

Prez says his thank you to the gang!

Event

was a concern during the ticket selling campaign but at the end of the evening, I didn't hear any grumbling about over charging or the dinner not being worth it. The food was really delicious, consisting of a choice

of different soups and salads, entrees included grilled chicken breast and Korean flank steak, potatoes, veggies and we finished up with a good choice of desserts, coffee and tea. We arranged for a cash bar to be set up and the drink prices were a bit on the expensive side but maybe that was a good thing. They were going to charge us for the bartender's time unless we made the sales minimum of \$500. Near the end of the evening, it came down to buying a bunch of drinks by the club to reach the required sales amount or waiting it out to see if that was necessary. We made it and saved that bartending fee. Overall, we had 51 members and guests at the dinner and it was good to see about eight of them out for the first time at this event.

Our club Prez Nigel had been very busy at a remote job site concerning work for the previous month and was not sure if he would be at the dinner. Fortunately, he was able to make it and after that great meal, he said a few words and proceeded to give out the door prizes. There would have been a lot more if one of our Excom had remembered to bring the leftovers from Z-Fest too! As usual at all our events, Jason was there with his camera to capture the evening for us with some great pics. Thank you too Jason. After the formal part of the evening was over, people had plenty of time and room to get up, walk among the tables and just socialize in the quiet atmosphere of the evening.

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TOBACCO ROADS TOUR



Jason Okolisan

Tobacco Roads Tour was fantastic - great roads and scenery, well planned stops and great company with 24 cars: 21 Zeds, a Corvette, Miata and Ford Fairlane!

The event ran smoothly and we managed to keep all the car together and no one got lost which is remarkable for a group this size.

Thank you to tour organizers Brian and Karen Gracie for putting on this wonderful event. They pre-drove the route twice to ensure the flow and quality of the roads were suitable for our beloved cars.









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The tour got off to a late start due to rain and a crash on Hwy 400 northbound, but when the participants got past that, they drove into sunshine and dry roads. There was a quick stop at Eric's cottage to discuss whether we would all go on different tours, as Eric had set up four different options, or all together. Since it was a small group we decided to stick together, as we always do, led by Eric. There was a rousing discussion about whether or not the participants would do the "treasure hunt", which involved answering questions and getting out of the cars.

Since it was Eric's tour he insisted we do so, even though we were all together. In the end we collaborated rather than competing, which was probably more fun. With a larger group we would stay separated, as it could get quite crowded at some stops.

We had several spouses along, so it was decided to hit the chocolate factory first. Even though it is only 15 minutes from the cottage, we had so much fun looking for Zs on tombstones on the way there, it was already lunch time. We had a very pleasant lunch in our own room in Abbot's in Craighurst.

After lunch we had a spirited drive along Ingram road and other scenic, twisting back roads, finally hitting Southwood road. Erle had a prior commitment in the city and had to leave us at South Sparrow Lake Rd. Southwood was great until we got behind a convoy

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COMBE TOUR Eric Zondervan

of ancient Studebakers doing about 30 km/ hr. We pulled in at the Torrance Dark Sky Reserve to answer some more of the questions where we decided how to



complete the remainder of the tour. Raji and Kisa, Lou and Kim, Sean, Andrea and Lisa decided to re-run Southwood both ways for a total of three passes. Eric offered any one of the ladies who would rather see scenery and Big Chute to ride with him. They all were up for

Southwood, so Eric led Anthony and Daniella on a scenic tour through Bala and on to Big Chute.

After Big Chute, Eric left to get groceries while Anthony and Daniella carried on the planned tour. Daniella was determined to answer every question, and made Anthony slow down and even turn around to make sure she got them all. Evan though we were now split into three groups, we all arrived back at the cottage within minuted of each other, where Eric barbecued and the ladies put the rest of the meal together.

After a very pleasant evening of eating and very little drinking, with lots of conversation and laughs, it was the general consensus that this was the

best tour of the year. Eric extended an invitation for all to come in January for some winter activities, including snowmobiling.

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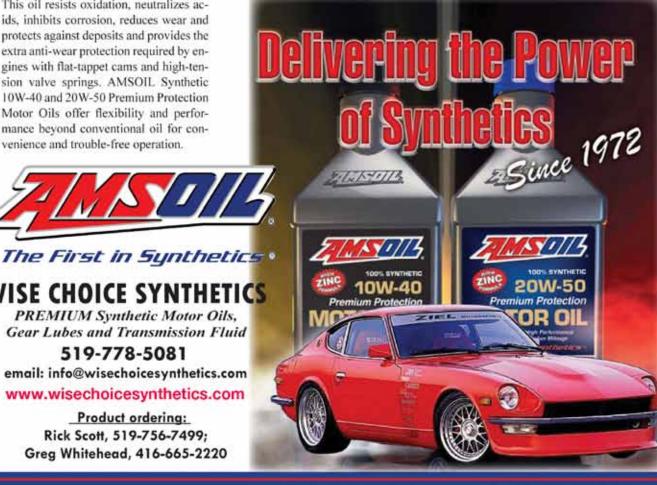
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