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End of a great term!



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Four years have already passed since I signed on to become President of this club. It was my second go around in this role, having previously filled it in 2004 and 2005. I've also been a member of this club for 22(?) years now. I don't think it ever even occurred to me to wonder where the club would be 22 years later, or if I'd even be a part of it. But here we are, and it's been an amazing journey, with no signs of slowing down. That makes me incredibly happy, knowing that more friendships will have the opportunity to form as a consequence of the continued existence of this club. And it will carry on providing a common thread for so many existing friendships to return to.

Which is why, that with every confidence of a successful future, I've decided to step down as President. I could not ask for a much better life for myself. However, as of late, it has not provided me with the time required to manage the club in the best possible manner. Mind you, my fellow executive members do such an outstanding job of running this club that I'm sure things would move along just fine regardless! But that would be a disservice to the club and there's far too little glory in a car club presidency for me to be motivated to cling to power, fueled by dreams of world domination. So, it's time for me to return to civilian life.

Fortunately, an ideal candidate was waiting in the wings to replace me as President. Mauricio Gomez has proven himself worthy of that role many times over with his outstanding leadership in organizing what

was arguably the best run Z-Con in recent memory. Furthermore, he already also has four years under his belt as Eastern Vice President. And so, it's with that dedication and passion that Mauricio will ensure this club continues to thrive for many years to come and we are very fortunate that he is willing to serve as President of this club. Of course, that leaves a vacancy in the Eastern VP position. But we have the good fortune of that role being filled by a newcomer to the club executive, Lou Pereira. Lou is no stranger to the club though, having played an integral role in Z-Con.

Also new to the executive, but no stranger to the club, is Diane Dale. When not busy racing her 240Z in the VARAC series, she'll be managing our social media presence. Diane is replacing Jason Okolisan, who's also stepping down. I'd like to extend a big thank you to Jason for all of his efforts in that position. They were greatly appreciated! The remainder of the executive is continuing on. They include Brian Gracie as Western VP, Howie Yoshida as Treasurer, Robert Chwalyk as Membership Director, Rajinda Gunasena as Artistic Director and Zedline Editor, Terry Weston as Merchandise Director, and Eric Zondervan as Website Director. The whole team has been fantastic to work with, and I can't thank them enough for making my life so easy for the past 4 years. I've really enjoyed working with everyone who's been involved in that time and I have high hopes for the future!

Nigel White

PRESIDENT - Ontario Z-Car Owners Association



A season without a Z...

*Editor
Note* **Z**

Rajinda Gunasena

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

So another successful season has come to an end! This year goes in to the record books probably as the most important season for our club. That's simply due to ZCON Toronto 2016, which has people still talking about, as they should. It wasn't just our first attempt but also one of the best that all of the Z car world had seen until now. This year the event moves back to US, Austin Texas and many of our members are already gearing up and for the long trip to get there.

With the year end Nigel White is stepping down as the president of the club, after 4 years of excellent leadership. Mauricio Gomez will be stepping up as the new president. Working with Nigel was a lot of fun. He has an easy going personality as I found out working closely with him during ZCON. I think we became more than just club members who'd meet and say hi, as he and Sarah have become good friends of mine, and a couple I enjoy spending time with. The same is true with some of the others I was lucky enough to work with. I believe this is what a good club environment breeds, and we are lucky have such great people in our club.

In this issue, we have covered the year end social, with plenty of pictures and a write up from Howie Yoshida. Then we have details of how our inaugural Winter Cart series event as well as the second one held just last month. It actually is a fun event and all credit should go to Diane Dale, who has taken over as our social media director. Working with Diane is awesome, as she's already planning on taking us into new direction in the social media world. We also have a continuing article on how to get the best out of our club web site and forum. This time Eric Zondervan has given detail account of how to access the site using an Android smart phone, which I am sure will come in handy to many of you.

On the back page of the ZEDLINE, we have details of our spring swap meet, which will be held back at the Whitehead Performance shop this year. There are other planned events and tours which we will be finalizing soon in our annual Tour Planning Meeting, to be held in a few weeks time. We will be releasing the full season schedule so that you can plan your summer, and figure out which event to attend.

On a personal note, this year I could be without a Z! This happened few years ago as well, when I didn't drive the Z for a year or two due to some mechanical attention it required. This time it's even a bigger issue, as I have realized that my engine has reached it's end. Though it still starts and runs, the increasing knock of the rods or whatever that is ailing in the engine has made me park it since early September of 2016. The car is 27 years old and I have had a great run for 20 years of it. So it's time for a rebuild! This time it will be a turbo, and with the plans I have in my mind, I need to take some time to really get it ready to drive again. So this year you might see me on tours in a red Jetta. Hope you guys would go easy on me as I try to keep up with the rest of the Z's.

I also plan to revamp the design of the ZEDLINE with the season's first spring edition. It's something I have been thinking of and believe needs to happen, to keep the look fresh and exciting. It's nothing major like changing the club logo. Just some cosmetic changes to give it a new lease. Hope I have time to do this by March, when we hope to send out the first issue and try and get back to our regular scheduled publishing cycle.

We are also going to test how far the success of our ZCON has reached, as we try to get new sponsors on board. We want to offer more to the club membership and having committed sponsors really helps, as we found out with ZCON. So far many have shown keen interest in being part of our club, and that's mostly due to the strength of our clubs numbers. We have some great members who'd been with us for many years as well as new ones who are equally enthusiastic. So thank you to all for making it a success which in turn drives all of us in the executive committee to take the club to greater heights!

Below is the new committee at our first meeting this year, held at Snooty Fox in Hamilton. L to R: Terry Weston (Merchandise Director), Brian Gracie (Western VP), Lou Pereira (Easter VP), Rajinda Gunasena (Art/Creative/Web/Editor), Nigel White (Out going President), Mauricio Gomez (Incoming President), Diane Dale (Social Media Director), Howie Yoshida (Treasurer) & Bob Chwalyk (Membership Director)



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On behalf of the Ontario Z-Car Owners Association, I'm pleased to welcome all our NEW 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 to re-join OZC and be part of the largest, most exciting Z-Club in Canada!

Bob Chwalyk
Membership Director



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BEATING THE WINTER DRIVING BLUES...



To say the inaugural Winter Kart series was a runaway success would be a gross understatement. It was an idea that was thrown around during a brainstorming session that our new social media director Diane Dale took the initiative to organize, within a very short time. It received a huge response from our members and sure enough the first meeting in January had 22 participants.

It was evident that the Z guys were missing their Zs badly as they fought hard trying to get the best out of their electric go karts, at the GP Kartways in Downsview park. It is a series that will run through the winter to spring, with qualifying rounds on each race day, to determine the run groups for 2 races. The fastest qualifiers were lined up together in groups for the first race and winners are awarded points. The real fun begins in the next race which will be inverted with the fastest karts starting from the back! Needless to say there were a lot of bumping and shoving on the track, which made for some exciting times!

At the end of each meet, some handy prizes were awarded with Rick Scott bringing in some Nissan swag courtesy of Brantford Nissan. Thank you Rick for your support and Diane for getting this NEW exciting event underway!

Rajinda Gunasena





Qualifying & Races!



Z in the snow?





GIVING BACK TO KIDS!



In december few of the ZCON committee members made a special trip to downtown Toronto, to visit the Sick Kids Hospital for a presentation. It was to present them with a cheque of \$ 1720, the total collection from the parade laps at last years ZCON track day.

We are extremely grateful for all Z car guys and gals who took part in the parade laps and in the process made a contribution towards a great cause. Plans are already underway with the new committee expressing the idea of being involved in more charitable events and collections, not just at the year end but throughout the season at many of our events. We will keep you posted and hope to get your continuing support.



We must have a lot of hungry members! In keeping with the all-you-can-eat dinner we had in 2015 at the Copacabana Brazilian Steak House, the 2016 year end dinner/social event found us all at Vinnie Zucchini's Italian Eatery, another all-you-can-eat place but with an Italian flavour this time. The restaurant is located in the Vaughan Mills Shopping Mall, off Hwy 400 just north of Toronto. The first weekend in December turned out to be a good choice as weather wasn't an issue for driving conditions, traffic was light and the parking was free too. We sure seemed to have lucked out these past few years with the weatherman. I think there was even 1 Zed driven to the dinner, thanks to Eric, our Web Administrator.

For the 43 of us attending the dinner, it was a laid back casual evening as we were allowed plenty of time to enjoy the evening. The buffet worked

out quite well as it gave everyone the opportunity to mill about and socialize with others between courses and the numerous trips to all the food stations. There was a wide variety of seafood, pasta, antipasto, meat, soup and salads. The dessert table did not disappoint either. It sure appeared that everyone enjoyed the meal.

After dinner our outgoing Prez Nigel opened the festivities with some summary remarks about the year's events with a special mention of the successful ZCON convention hosted by OZC in August. Nigel took the opportunity to announce he was stepping down as Prez and passing the torch over to Mauricio who had finally recovered from serving as chairman of the ZCON Executive Committee. Nigel received a well-deserved round of applause from all present as he was completing his second-go-round serving as OZC President.

After his remarks, Mauricio then started the door prize draws off and everyone present had the opportunity to hear their ticket called and then walk up to the prize table to select from bottles of wine, club merchandise, ZCON merchandise leftovers, posters and the like. Nobody went home without something anyway. After dinner, a number of people went over to Dave & Buster's to play all types of video games to keep the night going and enjoying the company.

Our year end dinner is a great way to end the club event calendar and it is partially paid for by the club coffers so please try to attend it next year. We sure hope to see more of you there.

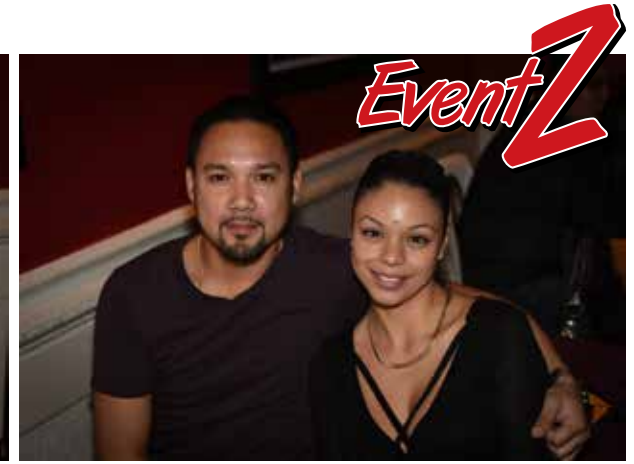
Howie Yoshida

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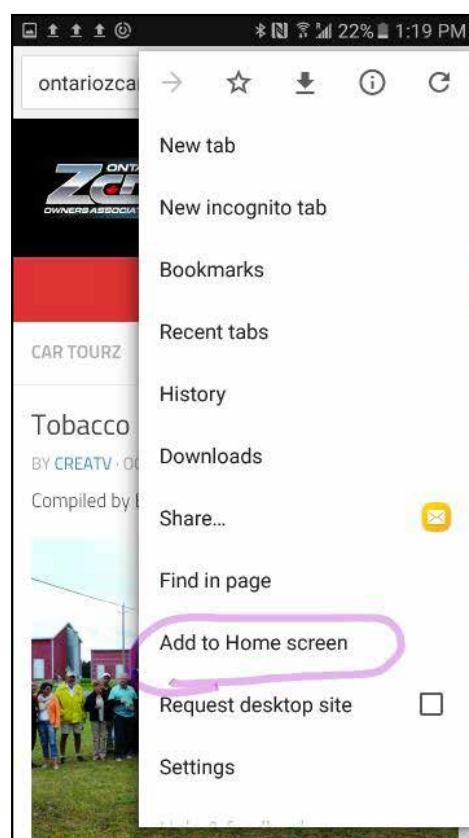
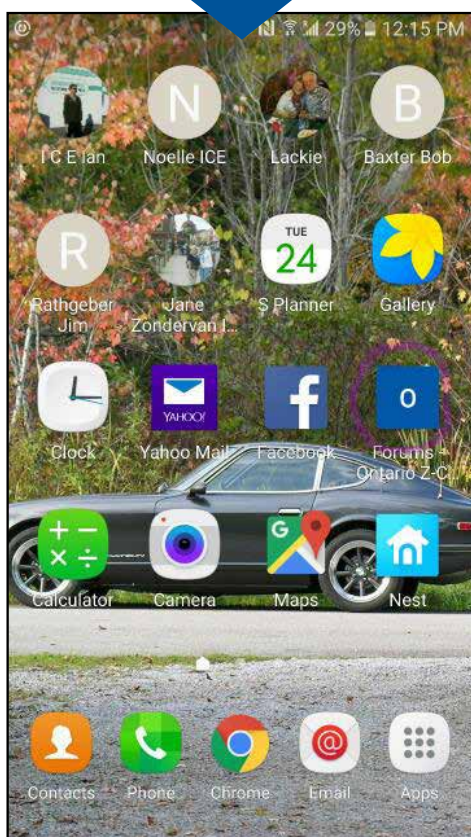
OZC FORUM ACCESS FROM AN ANDROID

Last issue I presented some tips for using our web site from a desktop computer. Using a smartphone or tablet is similar, although slightly more difficult, primarily because the icons are small and hard to hit with a finger tip. It helps to expand the screen by touching it with your thumb and finger and pulling or "spreading" the image out.

You can start by typing www.ontariozcar.com into your browser, Chrome in the screenshot below, then following the same procedures explained in the last issue. Once you reach the forums you may want to add the URL to your home screen. The default will be a blue square with an O in it. Circled in purple here.

To add the URL to your home screen, tap the three dots in the top right corner.

A window will open. Choose add to home screen. You can change the name to whatever you want. This is very convenient for other sites you visit frequently, like weather, news, or other forums



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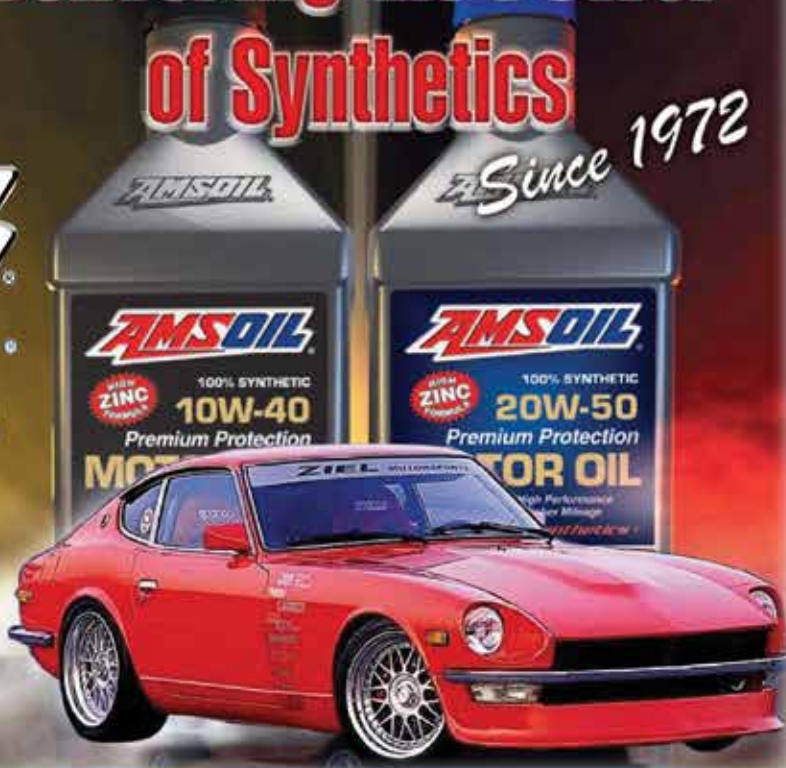
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