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Dear OZC members,

I want to say a huge thank you to Nigel White for being an amazing president for so many years, I hope I can do as good of a job as he has done.

With ZCON Toronto 2016 being a huge success and giving the Ontario Z Car Owners Association its well-deserved recognition, we are proud to say that 2016 will go down as one of the best years for our club. We just hope we can continue this trend in 2017 with tours, events and shows. Our 2017 Calendar of events is full of activities for anyone to take advantage of. We want to start the year of right with our annual Swap Meet and for the first time ever, our club has been invited by Nissan Canada to attend the opening weekend for the Nissan Micra Cup Racing Series at Canadian Tire Motorsports Park on May 20th and 21st, 2017. We encourage all of our members to register for this amazing event and enjoy a day out on our most famous track in Canada.

I will do my best as president to have amazing events planned for this year and I hope I can count on you, our amazing members, to give me suggestions on what they want us to do.

We are currently working with Sick Kids as our charity for all of our events, activities like 50/50 draws, and other numerous activities, all the proceeds will go to this amazing charity.

Our continued partnership with Nissan Canada and other major sponsors will allow us to offer many benefits to our members, stay tuned this year for more events to come.

Thank you again and I hope this year is a great one for all of us.

Mauricio Gomez

PRESIDENT - Ontario Z-Car Owners Association

Renovation or Restoration

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Note* **Z**

Rajinda Gunasena

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

To be honest I cannot complain too much about this past winter. Yes it was cold, but personally I didn't mind not shoveling a lot of snow as in previous years. Maybe it's the continuing events and meeting up with the OZC guys that helped me get through it, especially the bunch who came for the go-karting events, once a month for the past 4-5 months. It was a great idea and we should be thankful to Diane Dale for taking the lead and doing an amazing job organizing and running the series. The OZC Winter BlizZard Karting Series as it was called, finally ended last week, and we have the pictures, story and results in this issue.

In this issue, Eric Zondervan continues with his tutorials on the OZC Forums, and how you can get the best out of them. We also have couple of NEW Executive Committee members taking up positions for 2017. Mauricio Gomez assumes the presidency from Nigel White who has stepped down. We extend a big welcome to Diane Dale as the Events/Social Media Director who has already been hard at it, organizing our events and looking after our Facebook page. Another welcome goes out to Lou Pereira who has taken over as the Eastern VP and he already had his baptism of calling and running the Eastern meeting last month, when Mauricio was away. Last year Lou showed his ability to command a room as the MC at ZCON Toronto and this should be an easy transition for him. You will also find couple of bios for both Diane and Lou in this issue of Zedline.

It's actually hard to believe that it's been almost an year since we hosted ZCON in Toronto. The early bird registration period for this year's event is closed now, but there are many of our members making the trip down to Austin, Texas. Some are brave enough to drive, while a few are flying in hoping to rent a Zed for the duration. As for me, I might not be able to attend this year, which is kind of sad, considering how much I was involved in the last ZCON. Then again, I will be there in spirit, especially if you decide to purchase some of the promotional items Capital Z has to offer.

After seeing my design work at ZCON Toronto, Mad Mike and the Capital Z guys reached out to me to do some of their posters, banners and other items. I was honoured that they considered me for the work, and after a quick negotiation for compensation, I started doing design work for them. So, if you happen to be in Texas, and see some of the banners, posters and other well-designed materials, you will know who did it. I would expect that the OZC contingent attending ZCON will make sure the OZC flag is kept flying high with our little involvement in that area.

The main reason I cannot attend this year's ZCON is because as I mentioned on my previous editor's note, my beloved Z32 has issues...

The dreaded engine noise we all hate to face. I was planning to do a swap over the winter; however, the sheer cost and other issues got in the way of doing the "restoration". One of those other issues was my decision to "renovate" my home by actually finishing the basement and attending to other much needed repairs in my house. With the housing prices in Toronto rising so high these days, I might even sell the house, make some money so that I can fix the Zed as well. Where do I move to, hasn't yet been addressed, although I know I will need a house with a 2 car garage. Owning one in the Greater Toronto Area, at these prices is highly unlikely! At least I got my priorities right to get the Zed fixed by the end of this year!

However, as the weather became warmer, I felt the urge to drive a Zed this summer. It's only then I came across a FB post from a fellow OZC member, Sean Fletcher, about a Black 95 TT for sale in Michigan. Turns out it has no rust, with a new engine with about 50 K and only needing a new wiring harness. The seller was offering it at a low price to Sean, after receiving no bids on eBay. After a few messages among Sean, myself and the seller, I went down to Rochester, Michigan to see the car. The engine sounded good, the body had no rust but some dents and re-sprays (the owner actually painted the side of the car with a black spray can!) and it drove quite well too. So we pulled the trigger and bought it, and brought the car to Port Huron to give the usual 72 hour notice to US customs to export it to Canada.

A week later, I went with Mauricio, all papers in hand and everything went well, that's until we reached the Canadian side. One customs officer decided to give us a hard time, keeping us for almost an hour, while he researched the price of the car, even tried to reach the seller and Sean. All because he wouldn't accept our word on the low price we paid for it. We were patient till he ran out of options and he finally had to let us go. We brought the car to Simone Performance where I had spoken Vic to have a look at the car. On our way back to the border, we did find the automatic gears not upshifting, making the car rev up and scream hard. After some research we found out that the previous owner had installed a Jim Wolfe Tech ECU in the car, which may be a manual one, which doesn't recognize the auto transmission.

The plan is to check the engine, and transmission, drive the car for the summer and at the end of the season, transplant the engine to my yellow Z32. The other option would be to build the turbo engine I already have thanks to Mauricio, put it in the yellow Zed and keep the black one as is... may be a track car? That way I will not have to worry about messing my "creatv" Z32. Not a bad plan, except at this rate I might need a house with more than a 2 car garage!

Anyone know of a good deal on a house?



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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 Chwatyk

Membership Director



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New Executives of OZC

Lou Pereira - Eastern V.P.



Nick named "Sweet Lou" since grade school days, OZC is fortunate to have this jokester front man and all round fun guy serving as the VP on its executive. (The nick name originated from his coach who likened his suave basketball skills to that of "Sweet Lou" Dunbar of the Harlem Globe Trotters. Who knew that back in the day he was an awesome player, certified official and even coach for a number of years!).

Lou joined Ontario Z Car back in late 2012. He's had his white 1990 Z32 since 1993 and the first car show he ever entered was at ZCON 2013 in Nashua, New Hampshire where his car took the first place prize.

Most of you will remember Lou as the Master of Ceremonies at Toronto ZCON in 2016, but you can find him at just about every OZC event with a smile on his face and great company in tow.

Affectionately known as "Gpa" by his grandchildren, Lou spends his spare time working on his Z32, rebuilding a new motor (you should see how shiny it is) and other stuff.

Diane Dale - Social Media Director

Loving Z cars as long as she can remember - Diane bought her first Z, a beautiful sleek black 1992 300zx with lots of Stilen mods back in 1998. Immediately joining the Ontario Z Car club she got her first taste of the track at their fall event at Mosport.

She was hooked, attending every track day she could possibly sign up for all over Ontario. In 1999 she purchased a 1971 Datsun 240z with her good friend Bill Dawson, and soon after purchased a Safari Gold coloured street version of the same car.

Diane took over full ownership of the racecar in the early 2000's and started travelling to many tracks all over North America to compete in Vintage and Non-Vintage race events. With the help of Greg Whitehead, Tony Silvaggi and others at Whitehead Performance (and countless dedicated and well loved friends) she accomplished many podiums and even CASC-OR Sprint and VARAC Group 70+ series championships.

Along the way she maintained her membership and close relationships with her Ontario Z Car friends. In 2013 Howie suggested she step up to help organize the track day for OZC's pitch on ZCON 2016. Delighted to help out she found herself surrounded by an amazing team of people who made great things happen. Looking forward to continue that experience, she stepped in to help out with Social Media starting in 2017. (As well as organizing the Winter BlizZard Karting Series - let's go!)



The first executive meeting for 2017 was held at Snooty Fox in Hamilton





2017 Events Calendar

MAY

- May 3** Eastern Chapter Meeting at Watt's Restaurant, 30 Eglinton Square, Toronto
May 7 Joint E/W Meeting at Montana's in Milton, 11am. **Halton Hills Tour** departs at 1pm.
 tour contact: Wes Hore: wesleywhore@gmail.com
May 18-21 **ZDayz at Tail of the Dragon**, Fontana Hills, NC
May 20-21 Nissan Micra Cup Races at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, contact Diane Dale, diane@ontariozcar.com
May 31 - June 4 **Branson Z fest**

JUN

- June 3** Fleetwood Country Cruise @ Plunketts Estate - contact Brian Gracie, bkgracie2@gmail.com
June 7 Eastern Chapter Meeting at Watt's Restaurant, 30 Eglinton Square, Toronto
June 14 Western Chapter Meeting at Old Marina Restaurant, Puslinch Lake.
June 17-18 **VARAC Field of Dreams Car show**, contact Diane Dale, diane@ontariozcar.com
June 20 -24 **2017 ZCON** Austin Texas, Capital Z of Texas - contact info@zcon.org
June 30 Track Day at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park - Hosted by DriveTeq.ca contact Diane Dale, diane@ontariozcar.com

JUL

- July 2** Kawartha Lakes Tour - contact Bill Husar, ajaxzcars@hotmail.com
July 5 Eastern Chapter Meeting at Watt's Restaurant, 30 Eglinton Square, Toronto
July 8-9 ZCCR Motor Fest Weekend, Rochester, New York, contact John Taddonio, zcarnut@hotmail.com
July 12 Western Chapter Meeting at Old Marina Restaurant, Puslinch Lake.
July 15 **Picton/Prince Edward County Wine Tour** - contact: mauricio@ontariozcar.com
July 22-23 **Z-Fest Weekend Event, Saturday Tour & Sunday Car Show**, location TBD
 contact Mauricio Gomez, mauricio@ontariozcar.com
July 21-23 Midwest Z Heritage in Lisle, IL Website: <http://www.midwestzheritage.com/>

AUG

- Aug 2** Eastern Chapter Meeting at Watt's Restaurant, 30 Eglinton Square, Toronto
Aug 6 **Eric's Cottage Tour** - contact Eric Zondervan, zedfoot@rogers.com
Aug 9 Western Chapter Meeting at Old Marina Restaurant, Puslinch Lake.
Aug 12 **OZC Golf Tournament**, at The Bridges at Tillsonburg, contact Brian Gracie, bkgracie2@gmail.com
Aug 20 Track Day at DDT - Canadian Tire Motorsport Park - contact Diane Dale, diane@ontariozcar.com
Aug 26/27 Calabogie Weekend Tour of the Ottawa Valley Region featuring magnificent secondary roads
 contact Erle Strauss: estrauss3@rogers.com

SEP

- Sept 6** Eastern Chapter Meeting at Watt's Restaurant, 30 Eglinton Square, Toronto
Sept 9 Joint E/W Meeting at Dean Michael's Griddlehouse in Woodstock, 10am. Tour of SW Ontario 12pm.
 tour contact Brian Gracie: bkgracie2@gmail.com

OCT

- Oct 4** Eastern Chapter Meeting at Watt's Restaurant, 30 Eglinton Square, Toronto
Oct 11 Western Chapter Meeting at Old Marina Restaurant, Puslinch, ON
Oct 21 **Cruising With The Church**- featuring our favourite roads around Bala and Gravenhurst
 contact Eric Zondervan: zedfoot@rogers.com

NOV

- Nov 1** Eastern Chapter Meeting at Watt's Restaurant, 30 Eglinton Square, Toronto
 Elections for 2017 Executive Committee
Nov 8 Western Chapter Meeting at Old Marina Restaurant, Puslinch, ON

DEC

- Dec 2** **Year End Dinner & Social**, venue to be determined
Dec 6 Eastern Chapter Meeting at Watt's Restaurant, 30 Eglinton Square, Toronto

Please note that some of the events are still in the planning stages and final details are not available, so please keep checking the website www.ontariozcar.com for updates!



OZC Winter BlizZard Karting Series Wraps Up!

The 5th and final event of the OZC Winter BlizZard Karting Series, held at GP Kartways in Downsview Park took place on April 19th. It all started in the month of December and was held on a monthly basis, finishing up in April. Many thanks are due to our own Diane Dale, bona fide race car driver, road racer and Events/Social Media Director, for all the time and effort she put in promoting, organizing and conducting such a fun and amazing series. What a fantastic way to pass the winter season and feed the need to keep the competitive juices flowing.

Points were awarded on a declining scale for all the competitors at each monthly event and then all the earned points were accumulated at the end of the series to come up with the final standings, ranking all the drivers. The series wasn't only for OZC members as spouses, family and friends were also counted on as participants, making it both a driving and sociable experience.

Congratulations to our top three competitors! Ken Trepanier was in first place and won himself a pair of tickets to the Honda Indy Race on the Toronto Lakeshore this summer. Rajinda Gunasena was in second place winning an oil filter and many litres of oil. Rick Scott rounded up the top three with a \$50 gift certificate for Princess Auto. At the final event of the series, Diane gave out

a whole bunch of prizes ranging from \$25 gift cards (about 8 of them), hats, merchandise and car care products, so much so that every single driver ended up with a giveaway and then some.

Where did all the prizes and swag come from? We send out a BIG THANK YOU to all of our sponsors who helped out by providing it all:

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- Ontario Z-Car

Everyone who attended this series of events could see how well it was organized and how smoothly things were run. We all say Thank-You Diane for making it happen. (check out the results and pictures on the following pages)

Howie Yoshida



Ontario Z-Car Club Race League - Leader Board (as of April 19, 2017)

Position	RacerName	Week 1		Week 2		Week 3		Week 4		Week 5		Final Total
		Race 1	Race 2	Race 1	Race 2	Race 1	Race 2	Race 1	Race 2	Race 1	Race 2	
1	z'man	9	12	9	12	6	9	10	12	12	10	86
2	Creatv	8	12	12	6	9	8	9	12	12	6	82
3	RICK SCOTT	4	8	10	10	10	10	12	6	4	12	78
4	Jerry Barvinek	8	10	6	12	12	8	8	10	9	4	77
5	Six_Shooter	12	5	9	7	12	7	10	9	10	8	77
6	KP	10	9	8	7	10	12	5	8	6	6	70
7	Diane Dale	10	8	7	9	8	9	7	5	8	7	66
8	Edmarc Arendoque			9	12			12	10	10	12	65
9	Sawa84	5	0	6	8	7	10	6	7	8	5	62
10	Wes Hore	10	12			9	7	6	12			56
11	ERIC C ZONDERVAN	7	9			6	12	8	9			51
12	Darian Trace	6	8	10	10	8	9					51
13	Sweet Lou	7	6	12	7			9	10			51
14	Jamie Fast	12	5					12	6	7	8	50
15	Bogdan Kurek	7	9	7	10	10	6					49
16	Chaveen Doratiyawa					8	12	5	8	6	10	49
17	Nigel White			12	7			6	7	7	9	48
18	Christopher Trace	6	5	8	8	7	10					44
19	Howie Yoshida			7	9	7	6			5	5	39
20	MLAI	5	4					8	5	9	7	38
21	Alski			8	12			9	6			35
22	Kimberly Downey		10	9	9							28
23	Mauricio	6	6	6	6							24
24	Eric Wells					12	8					20
25	Trepz	12	7									19
26	2manyz			10	8							18
27	Greg Whitehead			8	9							17
28	Monkey							10	7			17
29	B-Dizzy	9	7									16
30	Shooter			10	6							16
31	Scorpion					9	7					16
32	Uduman							7	9			16
33	Peter Skillins	5	10									15
34	catz	9	6									15
35	Bubbs	8	7									15
36	Windblown							7	8			15
37	Danica Hansen			6	8							14
38	Ike									5		5
39	Pierce 26			12	0							12
40	Mike HANSEN			5	5							10
41	JennyK			7	0							7

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9	Sawa84	62
10	Wes Hore	56
11	ERIC C ZONDERVAN	51
12	Darian Trace	51
13	Sweet Lou	51
14	Jamie Fast	50
15	Bogdan Kurek	49
16	Chaveen Doratiyawa	49
17	Nigel White	48
18	Christopher Trace	44
19	Howie Yoshida	39
20	MLAI	38
21	Alski	35
22	Kimberly Downey	28
23	Mauricio	24
24	Eric Wells	20
25	Trepz	19
26	2manyz	18
27	Greg Whitehead	17
28	Monkey	17
29	B-Dizzy	16
30	Shooter	16
31	Scorpion	1
32	Uduman	16
33	Peter Skillins	15
34	catz	15
35	Bubbs	15
36	Windblown	15
37	Danica Hansen	14
38	Ike	5
39	Pierce 26	12
40	Mike HANSEN	10
41	JennyK	7



Overall Series Winners





April Eastern Meeting



Mark Michael MacKew

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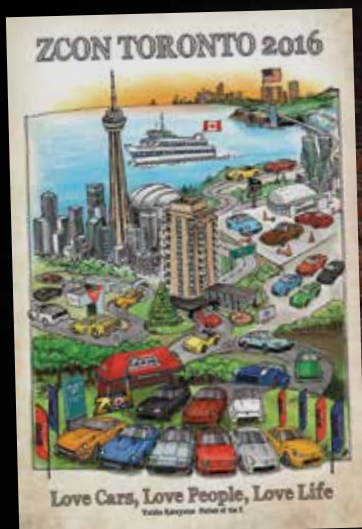


Planning the Tours

This years tour planing meeting was hosted at Lou Pereira's residence. It took a good few hours to figure out all the events, dates and plan the season long schedule. The members were treated to pizza and snack as well as a cake brought by Wes Hore featuring a Z and a Ferrari?



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When: May 7th, 2017 (1-5pm)

Arrive at 11am for the OZC East West Joint Meeting or gather in the parking lot at 12:30pm for a pre-tour briefing. We depart at 1pm sharp.

Where: Montana's in Milton 1230 Steeles Ave East, L9T 6R1

Join us as we bring our cars out from hibernation and spend an afternoon cruising some of the best local roads around.

Mapped out to include many of the curvy backroads from previous years and a few new ones this tour does not disappoint. Typically we see 20+ cars attend this early season cruise and for good reason. It's jam packed with all the key ingredients to ensure your gonna have fun. (Twisty roads, hills, photo opportunities, baked goods/cidery, amazing cars, prizes and the best company).

This years route is 175kms and approx. 3.5 hours of driving so come prepared.

Planned route and full trip itinerary will only be emailed to those who reply by email!



Supplies to bring: GPS, picnic lunch, printed maps, full tank of gas, walkie talkies.

Contact **Wes Hore** • smurfzed32@hotmail.com to confirm attendance "rain or shine"



Diane Dale

At last year's ZCON the club really renewed its appetite and love for track days. So the executive thought – for sure we have to add some track days to our event schedule in 2017!

The concern with doing that is of course the huge cost and number of volunteers and participants that it takes to put on a track day event – and the risk we take on from a financial perspective if we can't get enough people out to the event.

That's where we decided to partner with www.DriveTeq.ca. Gerry Low and Rick Morelli were the "In-Class" and "In-Paddock" instructors at ZCON last year and absolutely loved working with our group. Luckily they have a very well established and successful driving school and we thought what better way to experience the track than with good friends who are like minded from a track day experience and safety perspective (we all love our street cars after all!).

These events cater to both beginner and advanced drivers – and DriveTeq is used to working with "specialty cars".

We are happy to announce that OZC will be joining DriveTeq at the following events. Links to the details and registration information are available on our website events calendar www.ontariozcar.com.

For any questions or more information you can reach Gerry at 416-809-6803 or Rick at 416-938-2730. Mention that you're with OZC. Zee you at the track!

Friday June 30th, 2017

Canada Day Kickoff

Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Grand Prix Track

\$600+HST before June 16th, \$650+HST after

Sunday August 20th, 2017

Viper Club / Ontario Chrysler Day

Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Driver Development Track

\$425+HST before August 6th, \$450+HST after

OZC Forum tutorial...

Eric Zondervan

In my last tutorial, an explanation for a shortcut was omitted in the text. When you are logged into the forums, tap "New Topics" to list the threads, newest first. You can either just tap on the topic and read through all the posts to that topic or tap Latest Activity, which puts the original thread at the top, followed by all the posts in reverse order, newest first. For active topics, like "Spotted", which has 554 posts, it is the only way to follow the activity.

An even quicker way to jump to the latest post in a thread is to click the little blue down arrow at the left end of the thread topic. another quick way to catch up on what's going on is to not log on. This gives you the option of seeing only today's posts. The problem with doing that is you will only see what was posted in the last 24 hours, which works fine if you are in the habit of checking the forums daily.

Just above the list of topics there are two boxes with little down arrows at the

right side of each. Tap each box and play with the settings. The first box is a filter for how the topics are sorted. I leave it set to Date-last update, but it's fun to change it and see what happens. The second box can be set to sort Descending, which is newest first, the logical way to have it in my opinion.

You can also play with the three boxes above these two. Keywords lets you search for subjects you are interested in. For example, let's say you want to see what has been said about exhausts. Tap on "Keywords" then type the word you're looking for in the box and tap the magnifying glass symbol. I just tried exhaust and got 23 hits while searching under "New Topics", which gives you the last year's results. If you do your search from the magnifying glass at the top, to the right of "SECTIONS" you will get 500 hits.

You can use the box "Members" to filter by users. "Tags" is not too useful, as not many posters add tags to their posts.

Next issue I'll cover private messages and how to add photos to your posts.



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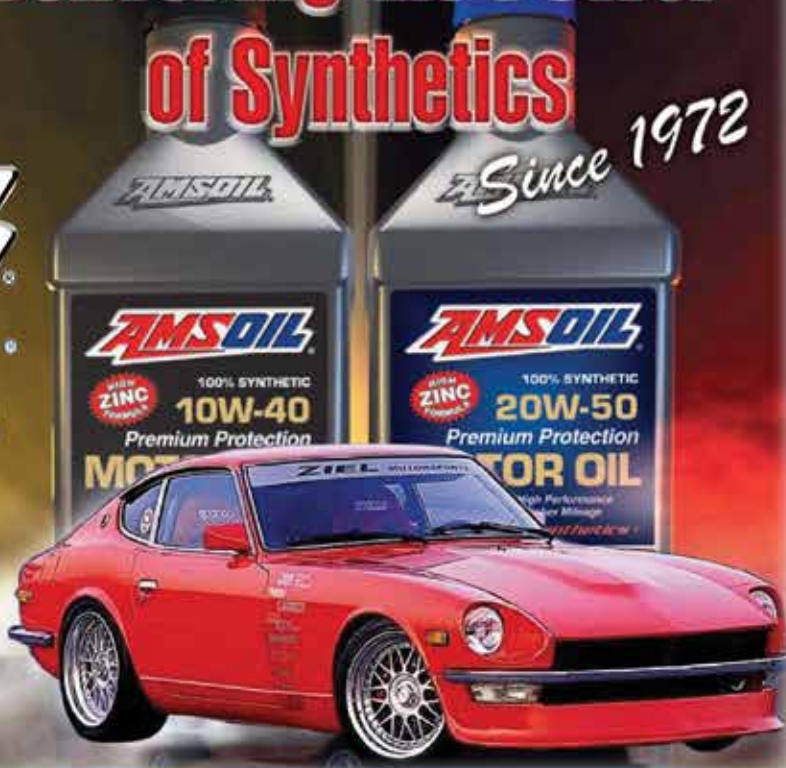
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