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Anthony Baker at Whenuapai Wings and Wheels

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EDITORIAL

As you may or may not be aware, there have been changes taking place in the Zed Club during the last six months. For various personal and business commitments several of the committee have resigned from their elected positions. In discussion I have had with people from other cars clubs, there appears to be the same sort of pattern developing. Let's face it everyone is working longer and harder hours to keep up and the amount of time we are able to dedicate to 'leisure time' activities has become somewhat scarce. I've been involved with the Zed Club for nearly ten years now. I've seen committees and club members come and go. There always seems to be the ones who are enthusiastic and appear to be motivated and who are perhaps a little unrealistic. Then there are the ones who talk about it and then leave the meeting and don't do anything about it. Being on a Committee should be about sharing the load equally and helping each other out towards mutually accepted goals. Why is it that its always left to the same people year after year to do the 'lions share' as it were.

Another issue is the production of the club magazine. Sure it's six months late for various reasons, specifically having to do the magazine on my own - no one wanted to help, and having our computer, along with the almost entire contents of our house stolen in a burglary a couple of months back. Receiving oh-so-helpful suggestions from a certain club member that surely you just type it and post it - just shows you how unrealistic some people can be. It probably doesn't look like a complicated magazine to produce - but

once you've typed, formatted, laid out and inserted all the photos and advertising it can take at least 40 hours to complete an issue. Remember that this, along with committee postings is all done voluntarily. We love to be involved in the club and help out - but we don't need to receive grief from people not prepared to help.

Enough negativity. We feel that hopefully we have turned the corner in the club and have got some great social events coming up, along with the club's Annual General Meeting and Prizegiving. Come along and make this a memorable night (as it is every year!).

I'd like to thank Julie Pepper (and Hugh) for their continued good work in the club. They appear to have shouldered a lot of responsibility recently and have put together some excellent club events and well as keeping the Zed Challenge Series alive.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the club AGM

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Regards, Lisa

COMING EVENTS...

SOCIAL CALENDAR

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION & DESCRIPTION
Sunday 10 May 1:00pm	Grass Gymkhana Z Challenge Event No.3	Keith and Lisa Smith's Farm Old North Road, Clevedon. From Clevedon Roundabout go straight ahead towards Maraetai (North Road) 5km along, implement shed left hand side.
Sunday 24 May 10:30am	Brunch	The Northcote Hotel (Ogilvie's Garden Restaurant) Corner Queen and King Street, Northcote. Approximately \$10 brunches. Phone Amanda to book on (09) 483-6484.
Sunday 31 May 8:30am	Economy Run Z Challenge Event No.4	Orakei Community Centre Next to Shell Petrol Station, Kepa Rd, Kohi. Entry approximately \$10, bring money for lunch at finish venue (Stage Coach Inn)
Wednesday 10 June 7:30pm	Nosh Nog 'n' Natter	Café Gero 422 Mt Eden Road, Mt Eden Medium priced, international cuisine. BYO. Phone Amanda to book on (09) 483-6484.
Sunday 5 July 10:30am	Event TBA Z Challenge Event No.5	Venue TBA See flyer for details
Saturday 18 July 7:00pm	Nosh Nog 'n' Natter	Pot Luck Dinner Hosts: Hugh and Julie Pepper 45c Verbena Road, Birkenhead. Surprise us with your culinary skills. BYO Bev. RSVP to the Peppers (09) 483-7477
Saturday 1 August 6:00pm (sharp)	Annual General Meeting & Prizegiving Dinner Z Challenge Event No.6	The Bronze Goat 108 Ponsonby Road, Ponsonby Cost \$37.50 per person. BYO and licenced. Tickets will be available from Committee from June.

RACING CALENDAR

DATE		EVENT	TYPE
MAY			
Sunday	17.05.98	TACCOC Endurance Race	National B
Saturday	30.05.98	Taupo Car Club, Clubmans, Taupo	Clubmans
JUNE			
Sunday	6.06.98	MG Car Club Invitation Classic & Historic	Pukekohe
JULY			
Saturday	25.07.98	Taupo Car Club, One Day National B Race	
SEPTEMBER			
Saturday	19.09.98	Taupo Car Club, One Day National B Race	National
OCTOBER			
Weekend	17&18.10.98	TACCOC Classic & Historic Race Meeting	Taupo

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.....

We are pleased to say **WELCOME** to the following new members, and we'll be even more pleased to see you all at the up coming events (racing or social). Make sure to check our coming events calendar for details and come and meet all the other strange people who own Zeds.

Name	Area	Year	Model	Colour	Reg
Paul Haycock	Auckland	1972	240Z	White	UU4707
Stefan Ratcliffe	Hamilton	1979	280ZX 2+2	Silver	NF8548
Stephen Green	Kaiwaka	1979	280ZX Coupe	Black	MQ9361
Dave Kirkham	Auckland	1990	300ZX	Burgundy	WD1802
Brett & Julie Campbell	Auckland	1976	260Z	Purple	MQ9407
Matthew Sargison	Auckland	1985	300ZX 2+2	Silver	MK8784
Beau Pont	Nelson	1981	280ZX 2+2	Silver Blue	NP4122
Brad Gould	Auckland	1972	240Z	Orange	EQUINOX
Michael Gray	Auckland	1973	240Z	Blue	HH8535
Oran McLean	Auckland	1989	300ZX	Silver	TE6016
Henare Mason	Auckland	1990	300ZX Coupe	Pearl Yellow	WW3496
Tim Jones	Auckland	1980	280ZX 2+2	Bronze	SR1548
David Lindsay	Auckland	1974	240Z	Silver	KZ240

Z CHALLENGE SERIES 1998

WHAT IS IT?

A series of approximately 6 events designed for everyday drivers who want to have some fun with their Z without going full-on into the "race" scene. Points are awarded for each event and at the annual prize giving a trophy is given to the overall winner.

WHAT KIND OF EVENTS DOES IT ENTAIL?

- ❖ Concours de Elegance (Cars are judged on condition, presentation, originality etc.)
- ❖ Gymkhana's (Obstacle course around cones, on Grass or Seal)
- ❖ Trial (Follow directions, solve clues, find your way to the finish within a set time frame)
- ❖ Economy Run (As per trial, but with fuel economy in mind)
- ❖ Drags (Dial in times)
- ❖ etc. (Also may include club duty)

WHO CAN ENTER?

Any Z Club member with a Z (of course), Standard Driving License and a MANZ Clubsport License (for Drags). Partners, family, friends etc welcome to passenger in some events and of course watch/support you in others.

HOW DO I GET THE MANZ LICENCE?

Easy - fill out a License application form (available from Challenge co-ordinator) and send it to MANZ with the \$33.75 fee. In return you will receive, your license, a MANZ handbook and bi-monthly Motorsport Magazines.

CHALLENGE RULES

- ❖ You must complete an entry form and indemnity form
- ❖ The "Z" you intend to drive in the series, must be nominated at the time of entry
- ❖ You must abide by the set rules of each event as outlined on the day of the said event
- ❖ Some events attract a small fee towards costs, when applicable this must be paid prior to competing in the event

POINTS SYSTEM

You will receive X number of points for the placing and in addition you will receive further points for completing the event. e.g. (This is a rough guide only to the calculation of points):

If you place	1 st	you may receive	20 points
	2 nd	you may receive	15 points
	3 rd	you may receive	10 points
	4 th	you may receive	5 points
	5 th	you may receive	4 points
	6 th	you may receive	3 points
	7 th	you may receive	2 points
	8 th	you may receive	1 point
	plus 3 points	for having completed the event	
	i.e.	If you come 7 th you get 2 + 3 = 5 points	
		If you don't place but complete the event, you will get 3 points	

Entrants who assist in some way in the running of major club events (e.g. Z Race Day) may qualify for bonus points. There will be plenty of notification of this.

WHAT NOW?

Register your interest as soon as possible by completing the necessary forms, these can be obtained from this years Z Challenge Co-ordinator:

Julie Pepper
(09) 483-7477 hm (025) 854-406 mob



Above: Some of action caught on film at a National meeting at Taupo last year

Z CHALLENGE SERIES: RESULTS TO DATE

DRIVER	REG.	EVENT 1 (CONCOURS)	EVENT 2 (TRIAL)	TOTAL*
Bruce Fensom	LH240Z	-	-	-
Steve Newenham	?	-	-	-
Kevin Harrison	TWO 40	13	-	13
Stefan Ratcliffe	NF8548	4	5	9
Hugh Pepper	Z240	6	13	19
Mark Thompson	I ZX I	7	-	7
Brett Campbell	MQ9407	5	23	28
Anthony Baker	ND8786	-	-	-
Julie Pepper	Z260	23	-	23
Ken Brough	FV4253	-	6	6
Philip St George	GB7256	-	18	18
James Allan	SHAMBO	18	8	26
Dave Kirkham	WD1802	8	4	12
Oran McLean	?	-	7	7

*Subject to change, if entry is not received by 18 April we will redistribute points to those confirmed entrants.

DRIVER TRAINING DAY TAUPO '97

By Mark Thompson

After a late meal and several drinks on the Friday night with the usual suspects you'd expect to be a little dazed on Saturday morning, and true to form I was, although I noticed a few other Friday nighters who were a bit slow off the mark as well. But this was a Z Club weekend away after all, and so with that Driver Training day had started.

Out at the track its blowing like hell, but at least its fine and sunny. Locals Trev and Barbara Wilson are already there waiting for me to unlock the gate. Their Mazda is a familiar sight at Taupo. Trev tells me later that the Mazda has already competed 152 meetings (and still in amazing condition). We set up the Motorkhana and we're underway. This should ease the newcomers into it.

When everybody had flat spotted their tyres and worn out important parts of the driveline, (unless you've got auto) and generally were motorkhanered out it was time for newcomers to get some driver training.

This is when an experienced racer(?) gets behind the wheel of your car and shows you how its done. Then its swap over time, and the experienced racer tells you where you went wrong. Everybody learnt really quickly and looked to be having a ball, in very short time.

After lunch we ran a bent sprint with 3 cars on the track at a time for a warm up lap, flying lap, warm down lap.

New members Tracy Latemore (260 2+2), Brett Campbell (240Z) and Kerry Hendry (280ZX 2+2) were really thinking about it and did good consistent times throughout the afternoon.

Kerry Hendry was certainly pushing his 280 pretty hard and of course being a 280 it was thriving on it

(I may be biased) although it was using more water than petrol by the end of the afternoon.

Bruce Fensom was giving his newly acquired ex Canada 240Z its shakedown run. It must have been going alright because he was certainly grinning broadly.

The seasoned campaigner's were giving it their best also, Peter Campbell (240Z), Anthony Baker (260Z), John Arkley (Porsche 928), Simon Huffam (260 2+2), Warwick Brennan (MR2), Kevin Harrison (240Z), Trev and Barb Wilson (MX-5).

The dual between Anthony Baker and Peter Campbell had warmed up, and each time each lined up for the sprint they seemed to drop lap times by at least a second each time. Fastest time of the day by the way was unofficial by Greg Gillespie and John Arkley in Peter Campbell's 240Z at 44.5 seconds. When the sprints were over the track was used for a testing session of which members all took advantage of.

Later on in true Z Club fashion another late dinner and several more drinks with lap times seemingly dropping as the night and drinks went on.

Overall another successful weekend and a good time had by all. I would especially like to thank all the helpers on the day, and they were: Neil Stanford, Greg Gillespie, Lisa Wilkie, Brett Harrison, Warwick Brennan, Trev and Barbara Wilson (Note Warwick, Trev & Barb are not even Z Club members). Thanks guys.

See ya next year.

Mark

WHENUAPAI WINGS & WHEELS

By Hugh Pepper

After going to Whenuapai for a number of years to watch the Air show and the cars racing, I decided it was time to have a go myself. I talked with some of the other Z racers, John Arkley, Mike Dragicevich, Anthony Baker and Greg Gillespie who had said they were competing and from that it was decided to set up a Club campsite.

Friday night everything was loaded up and we joined the large queue entering the Airbase. We found the appropriate site, John (Arkley) had his tent so it was duly erected and gear stowed within. The race cars and trailers parked in a fashion to establish a decent sized territory for tomorrow's event.

Saturday morning early (7.00am) out to the race tract for the 8.00am drivers briefing then back to the tent site, last minute checks on the cars and a warm up before a cup of coffee and the practice laps. The track had been reversed from previous years back, I think, to the natural way around.

It was a lot rougher than I imagined but not as fast, our field was quite large around 35 cars with everything from a Lister Jag to a Corvette. Back to the pits after practice, a few cursory adjustments, tyre pressure, time etc then off to watch the first races.

We were called to grid up around 11.30 and there we waited, at 12 o'clock the decision was made to delay our race till after the Air Show which was

quite timely because we had all run out of stories to tell while waiting.

The planes few over as we had our lunch precision displays, warbirds, jets and some crazy people in very small planes with weedeater engines.

We had our turn after lunch, the start was good with the Z's being quick off the mark, Anthony shot up through the field catching most of them napping, following him through resembled following the cops with flashing lights through rush hour traffic (someone told me they did it once). The racing was close with fairly short straights, chicanes and filthy off camber Right Hand sweeper that I never did get to grips with, but everyone was there with the same idea to have some good clean racing no accidents and to finish the weekend and it showed. Saturday finished at 5.30 we'd had practice and 2 races but no one minded there was plenty of interesting people to chat with and plenty to see both on, off and above the race track.

Sunday started early as well but with only one race we were all finished by 11.00am leaving time to watch Greg in the Super Tourers and some of the other racing. The Air Show wrapped up a great weekend and well worth the extra effort to go along. Other than an ignition wire break for Mike, very few problems for the Zed's. See your next year.

RESULTS

Best Lap Time

Greg Gillespie	went from	1.14	to 1.13
Anthony Baker	• •	1.17	to 1.16
Hugh Pepper	• •	1.20	to 1.18
John Arkley	• •	1.23	to 1.20
Mike Dragicevich	• •	1.24	to 1.22



*Top: John Arkley (pre Hillclimb) doing the business at Whenuapai
Bottom: Hugh Pepper on the pedalling hard through the same corner at Whenuapai*

DRIVER TRAINING PUKEKOHE '98

By Hugh Pepper

The Club tried to organise a Z Race Day on the 18th of April, this being the only date available in 98, but with the Porsche Le Mans race on the previous weekend and an Auckland Car Club event on the day following we were unable to secure enough Marshals or support for the event.

With our track booking still intact the idea of a driver training day was floated and after a quick ring around to gauge interest, the go ahead was given.

Pukekohe Raceway kindly reduced the track hireage fee for the day (I'm not sure how Kevin got Paula to do this), this meant the break-even numbers looked a lot better and cheaper for all involved.

Support for the event was high amongst all approached to instruct - this was a great help to the organisers and appreciated. A ring around Club members secured the numbers needed to run the event.

The 18th turned out to be a fine day, no rain in sight (Z Club event, no rain, same sentence - unheard of). With a 9:00am track opening there were already quite a few waiting keen to get on and check out the track. Not only Zeds but a broad selection of car types had shown up to take advantage of the opportunity.

The format for the day followed a BMW training day that is run each year, plenty of willing helpers meant that the cones were quickly arranged around the circuit.

The drivers briefing was taken by Greg who emphasised the need for care and that it was a learning day not a race day and this was heeded by most.

We started off with the slower events concentrating on handling and pre reading the obstacles and negotiating the car through without knocking over too many cones. The obstacles were then removed and the corners were marked out and the speed increased. Plenty of Instructors meant that drivers got out onto the track fairly quickly.

A sausage sizzle for lunch was very popular, then after lunch the race cars were brought out and rides were available for anyone who wished to experience Pukekohe at near race speed. Paul Hansen took a lot of the younger children for a ride and judging from the smiles there are going to be some budding race drivers in a few years time.

The day concluded at 5.30pm, the only two casualties were Brendon with his 240 having engine trouble (*A complete engine seizure I believe...Ed*) and my 240 breaking an oil pump drive (*Julie driving*). Lots of smiles and complimentary comments made this a great event.

I'd like to thank all of the Instructors for both bringing their race cars and for taking the time to ride with and share their experience with everyone who came along. Also a special thanks to Julie who spent a lot of time before and during the event organising and ensuring that it ran smoothly.

ANNUAL CLUB CONCOURS D' ELEGANCE 1998

by Julie Pepper

Held in January, we had a good turn out with 19 entrants at this annual event, and what's more the weather was good too! Placing in the various categories were:

BEST 240	SHAMBO EQUINOX 24TZED	James Allan Brad Gould Steven Taylor
BEST 260	Z260 26TZ MQ9407	Julie Pepper Simon Huffam Brett Campbell
BEST 280ZX	28TZX ZX I WB4491	Lindsay Walden Mark Thompson Ian Mueller
BEST 300ZX	WD1802 UO4360 MT300	Dave Kirkham Arran Jesson Gary Robinson
BEST RACE CAR	TWO40 343 Z240	Kevin Harrison Meryn Davies Hugh Pepper
SHOW n SHINE	28TZX Z260 EQUINOX	Lindsay Walden Julie Pepper Brad Gould
Members Choice	TWO40	Kevin Harrison
Best New Member	WD1802	Dave Kirkham
Best Panel & Paint	WB4491	Ian Mueller
Best Interior	WD1802	Dave Kirkham
Best Engine Bay	WD1802	Dave Kirkham
Overall Best	28TZ	Lindsay Walden
Unfinished Project	-	Duncan Bailey

Many of the places were separated by only a point or two. A tough job for the judges - thanks guys and gals for a job well done. Dave Kirkham in his brilliantly prepared 300 somewhat scooped the pool. A photoboard on display with Greg Gillespie's 240Z sporting it's new race livery, unfortunately unavailable due to racing commitments. One unfinished project this year (out of many we hear of!!) a long way to go Duncan - look forward to the finished product of display next year!



*Top: New member James Allan, who won 'Best 240Z' category.
Bottom: Julie Pepper who won the 'Best 260' category.*

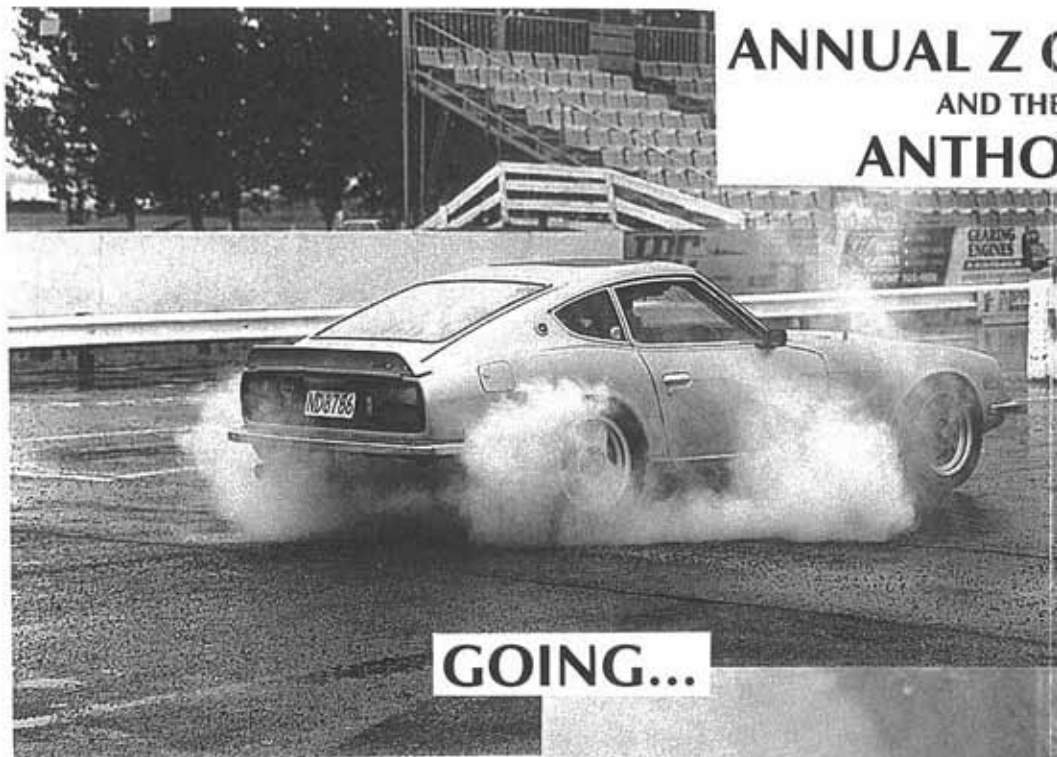


Top: Lindsay Walden who won 'Best 280ZX', 'Best Overall' and 'Show n Shine'.
Bottom: Ian Mueller winner of 'Best Panel and Paint'



*Top: Dave Kirkham winner of 'Best 300', 'Best Interior', 'Best Engine Bay' and 'Best New Member'
Bottom: Kevin Harrison won 'Best Race Car' and 'Members Choice'*

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Z CLUB TRIAL DAY

29 MARCH 1998

by Julie Pepper

The day started off pouring with rain in the best Z club tradition (we should hold our events in areas of drought and charge for the rain we bring) but by the time we arrived at Cornwall Park a window in the rain meant we could stand around and chat while waiting for everyone to arrive.

The event started at about 12.40pm with the competitors moving off in two minute intervals and heading down the southern motorway. Leaving the motorway and heading towards Clevedon collecting clues along the way. The road then headed out through Hunua and back towards Pokeno with the competitors terrorising the locals

with noisy exhausts and chasing the livestock while gathering a variety of items to earn bonus points then it was down the Pacific Highway for the speed part of the event, nice straight roads down towards Thames (never exceeding the speed limit !!) to finish at the Pipiroa Country Kitchen, well worth the stop for a snack if your travelling the Thames Road.

Times varied a bit and we wont talk about the odd speedo readings, but an event taken seriously and the results show this (see results table later in this issue).

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THAMES TRIAL RESULTS

DRIVER NAVIGATOR	ACUTAL KM	VARIANCE	KM POINTS (MAX 125)	TIME POINTS (MAX 105)	QUESTIONS (MAX 35)	HINT (MAX 24)	BONUS (MAX 5)	PENALTY POINTS	TOTAL POINTS	PLACE
Brett Campbell Julie Campbell	112.500	2.688	122.313	97.000	32	18	5		274.313	1
Phil St George Jeremy Richards	115.712	5.022	119.978	105.000	30	11			265.978	2
Hugh Pepper Paul Stanaway	129.552	8.131	116.869	88.000	32	24	5		265.869	3
James Allan Dianne Allan	124.080	0.707	124.293	93.000	30	18			265.293	4
Oran McLean Simon Turner	127.400	5.486	119.514	104.000	28	16	5	15	257.514	5
Amanda Harrison Kevin Harrison	128.425	3.158	121.842	83.000	36	9	5		254.842	6
Ricky Cooper Lesley Cooper	123.500	1.586	123.414	99.000	32	10	5	15	254.414	7
Ken Brough Christine Gifford	140.656	10.891	114.109	85.000	28	22	5		254.109	8
Stefan Ratcliffe DJ Fitzgerald	143.700	0.271	124.729	73.000	26	5		15	213.729	9
Dave Kirkham ?	145.000	25.592	99.408	76.000	26	4			205.408	10
Duncan Bailey Kirstin Sums	169.300	42.649	82.351	43.000	24	11			160.351	11

NOTICE OF
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE
DATSUN Z CLUB (Inc)

SATURDAY 1ST AUGUST 1998
6.00PM SHARP

THE BRONZE GOAT RESTAURANT & BAR
108 PONSONBY ROAD, PONSONBY
(UPSTAIRS PRIVATE FUNCTION ROOM)

The business to be conducted and the order of business is as detailed in the Constitution and Rules of the Club.

The following will give you some indication however of the issues that will be raised or presented at the meeting:

Voting in of new Committee Members and Executive positions:
(President, Vice President, Club Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, Patron etc)

Club's Financial Statements

General Business

Note: Anyone wishing to:

a) be on the Datsun Z Club Committee, or

b) nominate someone to be on the Datsun Z Club committee should complete and submit a nomination form by mail to the Secretary, or contact one of the current committee members prior to the AGM and advise of any nominations or expressions of interest.

AFTER THE MEETING All members and partners are welcome to attend the Clubs Annual Prizegiving dinner. Cost of tickets for this is \$37.50 per head, this includes a 5 course meal and corkage. Restaurant is BYO or full licensed. Tickets are available from Julie (ph 483-7477).

This is your chance to have input into your Club

Volunteers to help or be on Committee would be gratefully received!

BLAST FROM THE PAST

By Jenny Walker

Hi Zeders. Many new members won't know me, and some of the older members won't remember me (you can pick them by the shine glinting off their heads from the pits to distract the young up-and-coming wannabes), but some memories will be promoted by the end of the wanderings of a road rage victim. I was prompted to put pen to paper as I was day dreaming and letting the years roll off me - I wish!

In this household we have three cars and two drivers. The master of the house was, and still is, Mister 240Z, and seeing as the two drivers of the house are both female and sexually frustrated, we take him out and play with him as the need takes! Car number two is the poor stressed out thing that we pack adolescent humans into. It's a tired 300ZX called 'the taxi' designed of course to stunt the growth of folding parts of the aforementioned adolescents levered into the back seat. But, for the record, we will NOT give-in and get a four door family bus. Someone dared to mention a BMW, but one needs to have a rather elevated nose to own one and what with neck problems and all...anyway, I think you lose a bit of class don't you, in a four door - frankly it gives me the shudders!

The third car in the household is a Eunos Roadster (sounds fast?), but no, it's otherwise known as an MX-5. I don't really know how to explain how we ended up with a toy, but we did. The only great feature about it is that the top comes off giving you full show off potential to anything slightly masculine that takes your eye. The car is red of course - it makes it go faster you know. Sue, also another ex pit-cat, has a white MX-5, with the number plate 4MYEGO which just goes to show she doesn't have much of an ego then does she, but she would like us to think so. I took the toy out to Pukekohe last Z Club Race day and one of the porker boys (no names, but he was cute) yelled out in horror "That's not a Zed". I felt a momentary loss of words and acute embarrassment (unusual for me). I managed to regain a semblance of dignity and say sweetly "Of course not, it's just my fashion accessory" which is where we will leave the MX-5.

Back to the years rolling off, I was sitting through some old Orient Express mags and got very nostalgic about the early '80s in the Zed Club when Zeds were Datsuns.

Baypark weekend, at the end of race day. I was fed up with stopwatches so I decided to take

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Harrison's 240 around the track. I was enjoying myself, singing away (something I only do alone - I have consideration for others). I was surprised when I lined up on the home straight to see Alan waving and gesturing, quite rudely I thought, at me to come in. After rolling to a gentle stop, only losing half the brake pads and what was left of anything black on the pretty rims, to find Allan muttering and looking very dark and red around the eyes. "What's up Harry?" I said with a bright smile.

It was quite hard to understand everything he said, but I caught something about never going to have a pee and leave the keys in the car again and I was some sort of crazy female dog that sped up for the corners and slowed down for the straights, but let me tell you I had to remind him that he always told me to DRIVE into the corners!

Graham was standing to one side with a cold compress and a commiserating giggle for Alan, ecstatically happy that his Zed had got away with not feeling my body behind the wheel that day, and of course Graham was busy telling everyone that he DIDN'T teach me to driver and Dee was trying to look as though she had never seen me before let alone give birth to me. I don't know what all the fuss was about.

The next day was the trial and anyone who knew Harrison, knows full well what closed eyes and a sigh could mean when it came from him. Needless to say we finished the trial in the bar back at the hotel. Only because I made a couple of little mistakes:

INSTRUCTION: Turn left into ... street, make your way ...

"Oh look Alan. There goes Maxwell to the right. Follow him ... Oh no, turn around their stopping for a quick.... never mind, turn around."

INSTRUCTION: What do you see outside red phone box on the corner of ...

Sometimes Alan had no humour. I thought writing down "Dr Who" wasn't too bad seeing as we didn't even find the bloody phone box. Anyway, as I told him "It's all Graham's fault. Take it out of him. He set the damn trial." But because I'm related to the Prez I was guilty by association.

I could go on, but time rolls on and new memories are made thanks to you all. I still miss my Dad, Graham, and my friend, Alan, but I think they would be happy and proud of the club and the Orient Express as it continues to grow from strength to strength. Thanks guys for keeping it alive.

Jenny



The Great Z Club Magazine

Official Interview

(Z Club Member profile)


Name: Steve Newenham
Date: May 1998
Occupation: Financial Planner


- 1. Tell us about your Zed.**
It's a tidy 260Z, bronze in colour with standard mags.
- 2. History of car?**
I purchased the car four years ago. It had two owners before me but it was pretty original.
- 3. When did you join the Z Club, how did you hear about us?**
I joined the club about four years ago when I bought the car. I signed up for the club at the annual concours that was held that year at the Sunken Gardens.
- 4. Is your car purpose built, street raced, daily transport, business vehicle?**
Nearly all of the above with the exception of not being purpose built.
- 5. Future plans?**
Go faster and faster.....continuing racing.
- 6. Worst moment in your Zed?**
My worst moment would have to be experiencing brake fade at Taupo Race Circuit and running into the sand trap back in 1995. Also backing into a concrete pillar in a car park. Ouch.
- 7. Best time you have had with your Zed?**
Everytime I go racing, but especially breaking the 1min 20sec barrier at Pukekohe Park Raceway.
- 8. What sort of events have you been involved with in your Zed?**
Taupo (racing), trials, grass gymkhanas, drags, Pukekohe - whatever's going.
- 9. What car would you buy if you won lotto?**
Restored E-type, early 4.2.

Z CLUB QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

Club Racing	74%
Gymkhanas	74%
Trials	58%
Technical Evenings	65%
Indoor Karting	71%
Video Games (Sega Rally etc)	26%
Wine Tasting	67%
Restaurant outings	61%
Picnics	55%
Mystery Weekends	45%
Movie Nights (motorsport)	65%
Movie Nights (other)	42%
Organised drives	32%

53 members in Auckland did not respond

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FOUND IN DITCH BY COWS

Here's some gems from drivers' explanations of accidents on insurance claim forms:

- ✱ I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.
- ✱ Coming home, I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.
- ✱ I thought my window was down, but I found out it was up when I put my head through it.
- ✱ A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face.
- ✱ The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.
- ✱ In an attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.
- ✱ I had been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.
- ✱ To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front of me, I struck the pedestrian.
- ✱ An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished.
- ✱ I was not sure the old fellow would ever make to the other side of the road when I struck him.
- ✱ I saw a slow-moving, sad-faced old gentleman as he bounced off the roof of my car.
- ✱ The other car collided with mine without giving warning of his intentions.
- ✱ I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.
- ✱ A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.
- ✱ I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment..
- ✱ I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection, a hedge sprang up, obscuring my vision, and I did not see the other car.
- ✱ I was on my way to the doctor with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way, causing me to have an accident.
- ✱ My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.
- ✱ I told the police that I was not injured but on removing my hat, I found that I had a fractured skull.
- ✱ The pedestrian had no idea which direction to run, so I ran over him.

1998 CONTINENTAL CARS PORSCHE LE MANS RELAY RACE

For those of you who missed it the club had three teams entered in the recent Porsche Le Mans relay race. Here are some results:

The **DATSUN Z** team who consisted of Greg Gillespie, Anthony Baker and Peter Campbell placed 7th overall in the 'straight line placing' and were 4th on the 'index of performance'. Laps completed was 92. The boys must have been on the pace if you consider that the team that was first on 'straight line placing', the RS Motorsport team finished the race having completed 97 laps in total.

The next Zed team was the **SAMURAI Z** team

who consisted of Hugh Pepper, Brett Campbell, Kevin Harrison and Steve Newenham. They placed 13th overall in the 'straight line placing' and were 8th on the 'index of performance'. Laps completed was 85.9.

Our third team was the one and only **NAGANO SKI** team (who chose this team name?!) who consisted of John Arkley, David Long, Rob Chubb and Steve Newenham. They placed 18th overall (OK, so they were actually last but at least they finished!) in the 'straight line placing' and were 17th on the 'index of performance'. Laps completed was 78.6. I understand Steve volunteered himself to be the reserve driver for the Samurai Z and Nagano Ski teams, but due to mechanical failures ended up doing a lot of laps!

WANTED
ARTICLES OR ANY INCRIMINATING PHOTOS
FOR THIS MAG
(Yes, they will be published!)

SEND TO: The Editor
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AUCKLAND 1030

Many thanks to those who contributed to this issue.
Deadline for next issue: 15 July 1998



CONGRATULATIONS!

A few of our club members have been somewhat busy over the last six months:

- ❖ Congratulations to Ana Pincevich and Steve on their marriage during Easter.
- ❖ Congratulations to Paul Clemens and Diana on their recent marriage – I understand Paul spent his last day of freedom on the race track at Driver Training day and was spotted at the entrance to the pits looking rather green, suffering from motion sickness...need I elaborate any further!
- ❖ Congratulations to Brett Campbell and Julie on their marriage earlier in the year...
- ❖ Dave and Jan Long on their purchase of their new house

COOPER CAR CLUB ECONORUN CHALLENGE!

*What's cheaper than milk,
1/3 the price of Coke,
The base element for all car clubs
More vital to us than race tracks,
Most important to the whole fabric of our society,
In fact, without it we would not have this event
No, not me you fuels.....P E T R O L*

So on the 31st of May the Cooper Car Club are holding a petrol economy run and fun trial, to pay homage to this vital commodity. (Economy runs should be one of Motorsport's most important events if you were to believe all this).

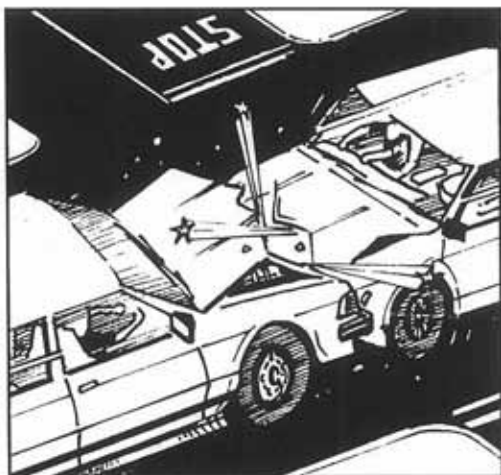
The trail starts at 9:00am from the Community Centre in Kapa Road, then it's through Mission Bay, along the waterfront, along the North Western Motorway to Helensville, over to Silverdale, through Orewa and finishes at Waiwera Lodge Motel for lunch, a hot swim and prizegiving. (An entry fee of \$10 per car is charged and you pay for your own fuel). You may even want to stay on for the night as it is a holiday weekend.

A computer is used to analyse the results and print out the prize cards. Fletcher Wood Panels weigh bridge at Kumeu is used to include the weight of the car with the fuel consumption to give everyone a chance to win on a weight to per kilometre basis.

There are prizes for the best navigator, least amount of fuel used, most fuel used (a well contested category), best performance by weight, and the best team of three cars from each club.

For any further information contact Julie Pepper

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MAG WHEELS:

4 X 14 X 7 Hotwire mags with Bridgestone Potenza RE71Rs and wheel nuts \$600. 4 x 15 x 7 Trucker Mags with usable race tyres and wheel nuts. \$700.00

RACING OVERALLS:

One Race Suit, Spacetime brand, size XOS \$100 phone Meryn Davies Ph (09) 576-3619

PHASE INVERSION MUFFLER:

Includes pipe from rear axle back. HPC coated inside and out. Will not wear out, good for single or twin system \$200. Also available, Tuned length electromotive extractors, HPC coated. Many other numerous parts. Phone Neil Stanford (09) 266-8540.

PERSONALISED PLATE:

*1 240Z 1" Offers. Phone Neil Stanford (09) 266-8540.

PERSONALISED PLATE:

RED ZED \$400.00. Phone Tony (07) 855-5596.

PARTS WANTED

CARB PARTS:

Wanted, one or two dashpots for 72 three screw SU carbs (someone polished the interior of one so I can't balance my carbs). Phone Glenn Martin (09) 478-3401 evenings.

CARS FOR SALE

1971 DATSUN 240Z COUPE

Silver. Original motor, street standard. Daily driver for past three years. All receipts and travel log. Excellent black interior, very good body, always garaged. Displayed at Intermarque 1995. Current WOF and Reg. \$10,000. Phone Ana or Steve (09) 479-5807 or (025) 350-641

1972 DATSUN 240Z Fully restored 240Z in original and tidy condition. Phone Jackie Davies (07) 827-8822 work.

DATSUN 260Z 2+2

2.8 litre 5-speed. 20,000km since engine reconditioned. Extractors 2 inch pipe. Red. Mags good condition \$6000. Phone Stephen ah (09) 266-2345.

1974 DATSUN 260Z COUPE:

Half roll cage, 4 point harness. 2.8 litre engine, triple carbs. Phone Warren (09) 426-2221, (025) 545-291 \$6500 ono.

SPECIAL OFFERS TO 'Z' CLUB MEMBERS

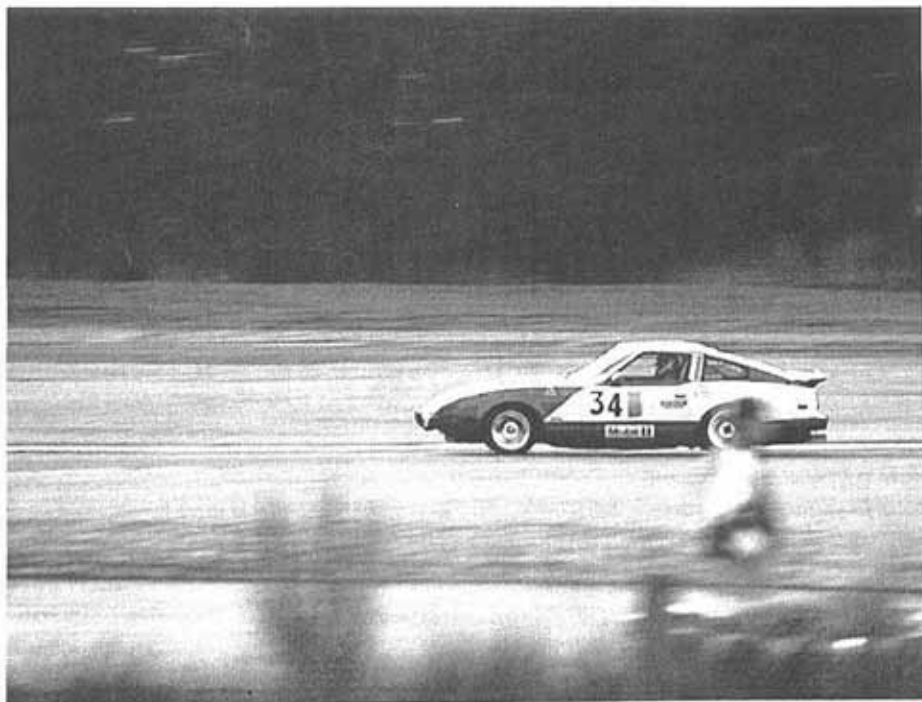
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Above: Merryn Davies at Taupo last year – doing what Zeds do best.



Datsun Z Club inc.

Executive Committee Nomination Form.

Nomination for position of

I / We hereby nominate

for the position of on the Datsun Z Club inc. executive committee.

Acceptance of nomination:

Signed:

Dated:

THE FINE PRINT PAGE

MEMBERSHIP DISCOUNTS

Members of this Club are able to avail themselves of discounts on quite a number of products and services. The list is ever-changing and at times complex, making it difficult to publish here. The best way is to ask someone of the Committee before you buy.

Genuine Nissan Spares can be purchased on indent through our Purchasing Officer, Greg Gillespie, Phone (09) 410-9689

Some parts, including air and oil filters are stocked by Greg.

Holders of MANZ licences (see below) qualify for a very extensive list of discounted items.

COMPETITION LICENCES

You do not require a Competition Licence for Motorhomas, Trials Hill-climbs or Sprints, provided these aren't interclub competitions.

Members interested in more serious competition will need to go through a few formalities in order to participate. This is just a brief explanation of what it all means.

Regional Licence:

This licence is the minimum requirement for all "Regional" MANZ, permitted competitions, as well as being required for all closed-club Racing or Rallying. This Licence is issued by the MANZ. The cost is \$28.13.

National Competition Licence:

This Licence is required for "National" status non-racing competitions. The cost is \$56.25, includes the N.Z. Motorsport Manual, plus your inclusion on the Motorsport News mailing list.

National Racing Licence:

We recommend to those who wish to participate in RACING that you obtain a National Competition Licence in the first place, study-up on the Rules, then have it upgraded by an Approved Examiner. This involves calling on an examiner listed in the front of the MANZ book, passing a test on your knowledge of the racing flags and other rules, whereupon your licence will be endorsed "Racing".

POCKET PATCHES

The Z-Club has embroidered Pocket Patches available to members at \$7.50 (inc. Post & G.S.T.). Send payment to our postbox.

TRIALING BOOK

If you're one of those Trials Enthusiasts, our reproduced Trialing Book will be of great interest and value. Order through our postbox at \$4.00 - Trust me, it will help!

THE POSTCARD

When you first joined the Z-Club, included with your New Member's Pack were some of those printed-blue postcards. We know - you filed them, didn't you? These cards are our main membership-drive tool, and they work real well when they're used.

The system works like this: you write your membership number on the top-right corner of the card (no, not in the space for the stamp), go out and find a "Z" and place the card under its wiper blade. A club-points system for an annual prize is calculated on the cards returned. If each member was to do this just once a week, our membership would double in a year.

FLAG MARSHAL'S CLUB

Many of our members who are sports car enthusiasts, though not keen on racing their own cars, find much pleasure and enjoyment in getting involved in the Sport

as Flag Marshals. Very few people would be aware of the fact the every motoracing event employs as many helpers as there are drivers out enjoying. You could well be one of those helpers, and you may find it to be great fun.

A stint on the flags is also highly recommended for those of you intending to take out Competition Licences.

Ring Maureen or Geoff Rolle-Smith, (09) 483-9878 for further information.

INTERNATIONAL

Planning an overseas trip? This Club keeps contact with dozens of Z-Clubs throughout the world, therefore we are able to supply any member tripping off to anywhere (apart from Outer-Mongolia!) with a list of contact names & addresses. Visiting with these Clubs often proves to be the very best way of seeing another country, as well as letting you see first-hand how it's done (Z-wise) elsewhere.

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Committee are charged with organising most of the events promoted by the Club. This does not mean that you are precluded from setting something up for the rest to enjoy.

If planning an event your way looks like a fun-thing to do, start setting it up, and talk to the Vice-Prez about its feasibility and scheduling.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Keeping up with the Gipsy characteristics of a couple-of-hundred Club-Members can be quite a battle. If you're planning to move your caravan, why not let us know? It surely makes things a lot easier. Please check that we have your current address, post-code, and phone number.

