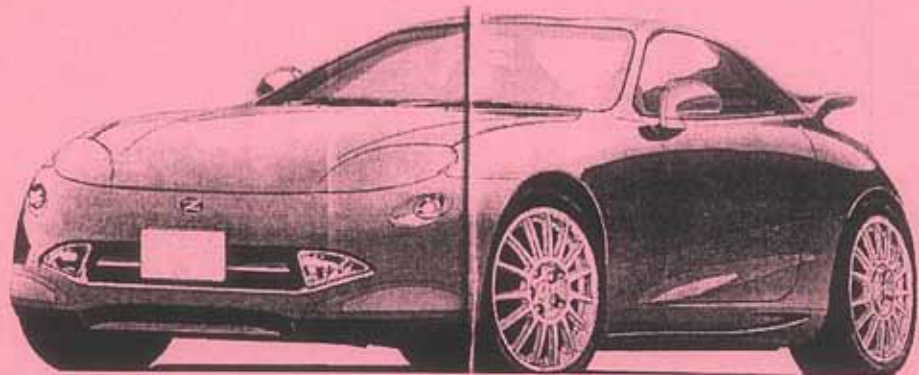


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Front Cover:

The new Z replacement possibly? Rumours have it that this picture out of Japan was accompanied with reports of the throbbing heart being an RB30DETT (twin turbo inline 6 3.0L)

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REDLINE!

Hi, err ...Sorry this is late, but as I'm doing this in my spare time and I haven't had much of it lately, better late than never applies.

So what do we have in store for you this month? Well some pictures of my trip to America where I got a (drum roll please) passenger seat ride in the fastest 300ZX in America (if not the world). 10.83 down the standing quarter is bloody quick in anyones language for a full bodied, full interior road driven (every day to work and back) car.

We also have some stories on events over the past couple of months, which given the winter season, has been a bit sparse on the ground – yay for the upcoming summer!

In this issue also find heaps of entry forms and info forms for upcoming events, please get these in ASAP if you are entering any events.



198kw at the wheels and counting ☺ The Eds trusty steed is in for a turbo rebuild/upgrade over the next month or so...stay tuned.

THE NEW COMMITTEE

Julie's grand plan of mug shots for all of us committee members was foiled by Hugh's sudden lack of memory "Oh the camera, what's that doing there, I'm sure Julie said we were meant to do something with it"

So here we all are

Julie Pepper: President

Paul Hansen: Vice President & Deputy Editor

Hugh Pepper: Club Captain

Rob Chubb: Treasurer

Steve Chong: Secretary

Jonathan Cameron: Social Events Co-Ordinator

Rowan Hick: Editor / 300ZX Rep

Dee Collins: Z Challenge Co-Ordinator

Letters to the Editor

This is YOUR magazine have YOUR say.

Either email them to me (rowanh@ihug.co.nz) or post your letters to the Z Club post box. I would love to see some comments on this issue seeing as I spent HOURS on it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDER

Sunday 5th December **30th Birthday Celebration** **Mangere Yacht Club**

At Conclusion of Concours 240Z

Wednesday 2nd February

7.30pm

Nosh Nog n Natter

bookings to Jonathan by

Tuesday 1st Feb

Ph 021 734 860

Moderately Priced Licensed or BYOW

Garibaldi's

328-330 Broadway

Newmarket

No further reminders will be sent about the above functions so mark your calendar now.

It would assist our Social Co-Ordinator with reservations if you indicated your attendance prior to the function.

----- *Keep an eye on the webpage <http://www.zclub.org.nz/> for upcoming events* -----

Z CHALLENGE RACE SERIES

2000

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?

- Concourse 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)

etc. (Also may include club duty)

WHO CAN ENTER?

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

IF I WANT A MANZ LICENSE, HOW DO I GET ONE?

Easy - It's not needed for the Challenge series, but we encourage you to get one anyway. Fill out a License application form (available from Challenge coordinator) and send it to MANZ with the \$33.75 fee (approx). 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 (changes of car permitted in exceptional circumstances only)

- You must abide by the set rules of each event as outlined on the day of the said event (these are designed for your safety and the safety of others)
- 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	1st	you may receive	20 points	
	2nd	" "	" "	15 points
	3rd	" "	" "	10 points
	4th	" "	" "	5 points
	5th	" "	" "	4 points
	6th	" "	" "	3 points
	7th	" "	" "	2 points
	8th	" "	" "	1 point

plus 3 points for having completed the event

- i.e. If you come 7th 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?

Series will kick off in December, so register your interest as soon as possible by completing the necessary forms and posting to PO Box 24-176 Royal Oak, Auckland. Enquiries to:

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Challenge Co-ordinator
(09) 636-5443 hm

or

Julie Pepper
President
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(025) 854-406 mob

PRIZE WINNERS 1999

1. BOOB BOOB OF THE YEAR GREG GILLESPIE

For the reverse of last year where Anthony received this prestigious award for lending Greg Gillespie twice and both times Greg destroyed it. This year Greg receives the award for lending his car to Anthony at the Drags – good buy rear diff mount, damaged tunnel etc etc and at Taupo – good buy clutch, UJ, ½ shaft, wipers, trailer tie downs

2. BENT ROD AWARD ROB CHUBB

This award is for Mechanical misadventure of which this year it was Rob's turn to circum to this misfortune.

3. BLACK HELMET AWARD MERYN DAVIES

This is for pure Bad Luck, of which Meryn this year had plenty, topped off by rolling at Taupo. Just who nudged who is still being debated!

4. CARL SIEVERS MEMORIAL TROPHY HOWARD BATH

Overall best at Taupo Gymkhana events There were 3 events Howard placed 1st and 3rd.

5. GOLDEN SHEARS TROPHY BRETT CAMPBELL

Trophy for cutting through the bull shit and racing a 2+2

6. MEADOWS PERFORMANCE TROPHY GREG GILLESPIE

Goes to the most successful (best/fastest) Race competitor, this year Greg got a run for his money though as Mr Hansen is hot on his heels and catching. Greg competed in Whenuapai and the GT Touring Car Series and has a fastest lap time at Pukekohe of 1.06 ...

7. COMPETITOR OF THE YEAR TROPHY PAUL HANSEN

The award goes to an all rounder, a person who has not necessarily won, but has competed in a variety (and regularly) of events throughout the year.

Paul competed in a variety of events including Z Race Day, several Pukekohe Race Meets, Hill Climb in the Domain – which he placed 2nd overall, Waitara Street Race, and Manfield.

8. TRIALS CHAMPION BRUCE FENSOM

There were 2 trials this year, Cooper Car Club Economy Run, and Salty Dog Trial all strongly contested.

1st place was extremely close with Michael Gray having placed 3rd in both events, but on count back was pipped at the post by the eventual winner Bruce Fensom. Bruce placed 1st in Economy run and 5th in the Salty Dog Trial.

9. MOTORKHANA CHAMPION KELVIN HEALY

Only one event this year – Sealed khana hosted by the Cooper Car Club, which saw Kelvin bring Quick Silver out of storage for an impressive come back. We look forward to a rematch next season.

10. Z CHALLENGE SERIES

As usual a well contested series, with 12 entrants this year. Points have been accumulated over a series of four events (Motor khana in November, Con course in January, Cooper Economy Run in May, and the Salty Dog Trial in August). From the first event the 2 competitors were neck n neck, the final placing's again not being decided until the last event.

2 nd Runner Up	Bruce Fensom	44 points
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(Certificate)

1st Runner Up

Ken Brough

48 points

(Certificate+Cup)

and the WINNER with 68 points (runner up the past 2 years)
JULIE PEPPER

11. CLUB SUPPORT TROPHY MARK THOMPSON

Mark has as always showed dedication to the club again this year, organizing the Salty Dog Trial, Concourse and a number of Social Events. When not participating or organizing Mark is often see spectating and supporting other members.

12. CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR JULIE PEPPER

This is award is for a person who has contributed to the Club in many areas not only this year but over the past few years.

Julie this year has filled the role of Secretary as well as organizing the odd event. She initiated and actioned the move to welcome the 300zx Owners Club to become a division of the Z Club which has resulted in boosting membership numbers, increased participants at events and moving the club into the 21st century with a website. She has also found time to participate in most events going.

13. SPECIAL AWARD – LIFE MEMBERSHIP ROB CHUBB

Rob has been the Treasurer of the Club for the past 7 years and will be again this coming year. Rob is an enthusiastic competitor in both Race and Non Race events and when not competing is more often than not seen spectating and supporting other members (often providing them with nibbles)

Rob dedication to the role of Treasurer, (an often thank less task) has been a fantastic contribution for the club for which we honor him with a Life Membership.

Getting ready for Concours

Come December, it will be time again to give your undivided attention, focus your every waking moment, eat, sleep and breath with your car. That's right, it's our club's annual concours, our once a year opportunity to display the best our club has to offer.

Dating back to the late 1800's, the Concours D'Elegance is an event in which owners of restored and, highly maintained vehicles compete to see which entry is the cleanest and most original.

This year, to ensure these coveted trophies are within everyone's reach I've done some research, gathered advice from Zed owners, and even got some hot tips from a professional valet. So no more excuses - let's get to work!

On our club day you will have the choice of entering one (or more) of the following categories:

1) FULL CONCOURS:

This is the big one, for those of you who really treasure your car. The cars will be examined in great detail in search of the perfect Zed. They will be judged on *everything*. Panel and paint, interior, engine bay, underbody and of course authenticity (originality). The age of your car will also gain you additional points.

2) SHOW AND SHINE:

Similar to the full concours, this is a great test of 'elbow grease'. Your car may not look original but it should dazzle the judges with its cleanliness. The bonnets and toolboxes are closed for this category so the attention is focused on panel, paint, glass, exterior trim, wheels and interior.

3) RACE CAR CATEGORY

This is a very popular category for many members who race on a regular basis and who like to keep their cars looking sharp. To be eligible you need to have competed in your car twice in the last 12 months. Things to have in ship-shape condition are: interior, engine bay, underbody, glass, panel and paint. Only in this category, are graphics and/or logos (sponsorship etc) taken into account for the overall impression of a racing zed.

There is a trophy available for **Members Choice**, which encompasses all three categories together - you will have the opportunity to vote on the day for the car you like the look of the best.

Of special note is the prize "**Waldren Trophy for Best New Member**", which will be given to the winner of the best car entered by a first-time concours competitor.

Where do I start? What do I clean first?

OK, so you've chosen a category and now it's time to get to work on your Zed. I've managed to gather some useful information to save you time and effort in getting your car ready for our annual day out.

A practical place to start is the engine bay and underbody. Having access to a waterblaster can be very useful at this stage. An easier option can be taking a tri to your p local "Washworld". Go prepared - take a jack, stands and a wheel brace as the best results are obtained by taking the wheels off to really clean wheel arches and suspension thoroughly. Don't forget to give some attention to the transmission, drive train and tunnel - great dirt collection areas.

What cleaners and chemicals are effective and safe to use?

The foaming engine degreaser available at 'Washworld' does a good job in the engine bay if things aren't too dirty. Many people have suggested

various alternatives: Kerosene, Mobilsol, Simple Green and other non-abrasive detergents. All these products if "worked in" with a paint brush, (trim the bristles an inch to give you a firmer brush) will successfully remove most built-up or ingrained dirt from those difficult areas in your engine bay and underbody. More than one application can often give better results. Remember to rinse thoroughly. Don't forget to protect the paint on your guards while cleaning the engine bay with old bath towels.

How do I get my wheels looking really sharp?

Let's face it, there are many mag wheel cleaning products on the market, most containing acids and bleaches, which, if used incorrectly, could permanently damage the finish of your wheels. One of the most recommended and effective all-purpose products that you can use safely is "Simple Green".

Past experience has shown that a bucket of suds, a selection of brushes (including a toothbrush) and a hose is the only way to get wheels really clean. Tedious, but true! Don't forget to clean the inside of your mags and give the tyre rubber a good scrub. Some people use a nylon pot-scrub on their aluminium mags to assist in the removal of dirt. All wheels are different so test a small area before getting too carried away.

TIP:

Scrubbing your mags with used dish-brush will prevent you from knocking all the skin off your knuckles (ouch!).

"Autosol" is a good product for polishing the wheels once they are cleaned. A carefully applied coating of wax on wheels can give added protection from brake-dust deposits. Use a "dressing" on the tyre-rubber such as Armor All and work into the grooves with a soft brush or cloth. Avoid spraying on - it can make a big mess!

Any pointers on cleaning the Interior?

Start off with a really thorough vacuum. Pay attention to those hard to reach (but not hard to see) places like down the sides of your seats.

Most of the vinyl (and plastic) in your interior should be cleaned with a solution of mild detergent and water. If it's really grubby try using "Multi" (general purpose foam cleanser) - Note: keep this stuff off your paintwork. After cleaning, apply a vinyl conditioner. There are many products available, most people use Armor All. There is some controversy surrounding the use of this product on interior surfaces as it has a white spirit base which is absorbed into the vinyl and can make it brittle.

An upholsterer I talked to suggested the use of Silicon (XL brand, NZ product) applied with a cloth for dash, upholstery and plastic surfaces. Excessive shine can be a problem and can be minimised with buffing.

Velour upholstery, if it's looking a bit grubby, can be cleaned successfully by spraying with Multi and massaging the product in with a fine nail brush if necessary. Use a damp chamois to wipe off/sponge out the dirt and residue detergent.

What Wax or Polish should I use on the bodywork?

There are two ways of dealing with paintwork, you can either "seal" it by using a glaze or "nourish it" and let it breathe with a wax. If you use wax you will need to reapply every three months depending on conditions. Like most things in life, you get what you pay for - good quality waxes can be expensive, but are worth it for the protection it can provide. Cannuba wax (smells like coconut oil) is supposed to be the best there is, so if you use any product containing this, you're on the right track.

TIP:

A small soft paint brush is a handy tool to assist in removing dust from crevices while you vacuum.

"3M Hand Glaze" is a useful product for reducing swirl marks and scratches in your paint. Remember to apply these products in the shade, or when the body panels are cold, or you may stain the paint work. It may be of interest that in your regular cleaning schedule, wash your car in the shade or again, when the panels are cool (spray water on them for a few minutes if you must wash in the sun). Use a natural sponge, available from

the Body Shop, not a carwash brush as they all scratch your paint. Turtle Wax "Wash and Wax" is a good product for regular use. Chamois the car dry, using a back-and-forth motion (i.e. not circular!).

So what's left?

Glass: The secret to clean, streak-free glass is to use two (lint free) cloths. The first one cleans and the second is used to polish the glass.

Chrome: "Autoso!" metal polish or "Silvo" works well (this can be followed by a coating of wax to protect if you wish). Make sure badges don't have a build up of wax on them - clean with a soft toothbrush

Brightwork: Aluminium kick strips on 240/260Z can be cleaned successfully using "Jif" and a stiff scrubbing brush. The result will be semi matt, but very bright.

There is a lot to be gained by giving your car this once-a-year going over. Besides making your car look awesome it's an ideal time to check for any fluid leaks and (dare I say it) underbody rust. Happy cleaning!

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These quality items have been embroidered with the clubs emblem and are great value. We've done a limited run so you'll have to be quick! Send a cheque (please add \$2.50 for postage). Make cheque payable to Datsun Z Club Inc:

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Royal Oak
Auckland

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Contact Editor – Rowan

RACE DAY 99

**Datsun Z Club Race Day - "Is Back!!"
and we haven't got your entry yet!!**

LAST REMINDER

SUNDAY 9TH JANUARY 2000, PUKEKOHE PARK RACEWAY
Drivers Briefing 9.00am – all drivers must attend

Lots of Races with lots of cars doing YOUR lap times. "How can that be?" I hear you ask. Very simple, we ignore all conventions and simply put all the cars at the meeting into grids based on the lap times they do. We can run through the entire field in four or five races then, and this means that we can give every one more races.

Because of the Holiday Season, we need entries by Friday December 24th so don't wait mail it off today!

Entry fee \$120.00 – entries close 24th December 1999

(Late entry is entirely at the discretion of the race committee a fee of \$150.00 will apply if entry is accepted)

Inquiries can be made to any member of the Race Committee and correspondence mailed to: Datsun Z Club, PO Box 24-176, Royal Oak, Auckland.

Note: To ensure maximum race time, Documentation and Scruiteneering will take place on **Saturday 8th January** at 23a Andromeda Crescent, East Tamaki starting at 2.00pm through to 5.00pm. You will be advised by phone during the week prior if you need to bring your car to scruteneering.

Everyone must complete documentation unless prior approval is obtained from the Race Committee. (ie you live out of the greater Auckland Region)

Datsun Z Club Race Committee
Hugh Pepper (274-6557wk), Julie or Hugh Pepper (483-7477ah),
Paul Hansen (298-5919ah), Anthony Baker (410-2929ah)

PUKEKOHE PARK RACEWAY CONTROLLED TESTING DATES

November 1999

Thursday	04cars only **
Friday	05cars only **
Friday	12
Thursday	18
Sunday	21bikes only (12 on onwards)
Friday	26
Saturday	27 cars only

December 1999

Thursday	02
Thursday	09
Saturday	11 cars only
Friday	17
Thursday	23

January 2000

Friday	07
Saturday	08cars only
Thursday	13cars only **
Friday	14cars only **
Friday	21
Friday	28cars only **
Saturday	29bikes only **

February 2000

Thursday	03
Friday	11
Saturday	12 cars only **
Friday	18
Friday	25

\$70.00 per vehicle (cash or cheque with I.D.) Driver and passenger must have a helmet & overalls Bikes must have full leathers

Testing from 10.30am to 4.30pm

**** Race Vehicles Only**

Call Circuit Line for monthly test updates - 09 238-0553

For Commercial, Private Hires, Film Shoots, Launches, Company Functions etc, contact the
Manager - Paula Ireland - 025 745 255

Note: That NO vehicle or machine may exceed a noise level of 95 dBA at any time either on the circuit or grounds of Pukekohe Park Raceway. Offending vehicles will be excluded immediately.

Dates are subject to change

Club Events Calendar – Non Racing

<p>Sunday 5th December Club 10.00am</p>	<p>Concours de Elegance *Z Challenge 2000, Event 1</p>	<p>Mangere Yacht</p>
<p>Sunday 19th December 9.30am</p>	<p>Driver Training & Raceway Practice Day</p>	<p>Pukekohe</p>
<p>Sunday 9th January 2000 Raceway 9.00am</p>	<p>Helper @ Z Race Day *Z Challenge 2000, Event 2</p>	<p>Pukekohe</p>
<p>Sunday 5th March 2000[^] Raceway 10.00am</p>	<p>Drags *Z Challenge 2000, Event 3</p>	<p>Champion Meremere</p>
<p>Sunday 16th April 2000[^] 12.00pm</p>	<p>Grass Gymkhana *Z Challenge 2000, Event 4</p>	<p>TBA</p>
<p>Sunday 28th May 2000[^] 9.00am</p>	<p>Economy Run *Z Challenge 2000, Event 5</p>	<p>Community Hall Kapa Rd</p>
<p>Sunday 23rd July 2000[^] 9.00am South of</p>	<p>Trial *Z Challenge 2000, Event 6</p>	<p>Kohimarama TBA But somewhere Auckland</p>

[^] = Date to be confirmed

Events Calendar – Racing

5 Dec	Taupo Car Club	National	Race	Centennial Park
12 Dec	Northern Sports Car Club	National	Race	Pukekohe
18 Dec	Capri Car Club	Club Sport	Sprint	Pukekohe
28 Dec	Taupo Car Club	National	Race	Centennial Park
9 Jan	Datsun Z Club	National	Race	Pukekohe
16 Jan	Truck & Car Racing	Qual/Prelim	Race	Pukekohe
29/30 Jan	TACCOC/MG Car Club	Classic Street	Race	Whangarei
30 Jan	Bears Motorcycle Club	National	Race	Pukekohe
13 Feb	Auckland/Northern	Clubmans	Race	Pukekohe
26 Feb	Capri Car Club	Club Sport	Sprint	Pukekohe
5 Mar	Northern Sports Car Club	Clubmans	Race	Pukekohe
9 Apr	Auckland Car Club	Clubmans	Race	Pukekohe
24 Apr	Capri Car Club	Club Sport	Sprint	Pukekohe
29 Apr	Northern Sports Car Club	6 hr Endurance	Race	Pukekohe

RACING HIGHLIGHTS

Well there has been a bit of activity on the racing/sprinting front since the last magazine. Most of the serious racing comes to a bit of a halt but the sprinting is thick and fast. With Meryn and Rob out of action, hopefully not for too much longer, there has just been myself and Howard 'the terror of TeKuiti' Bath in the trusty 260Z 2+2 (more commonly referred to as the 'hearse' now!).

Howard shot up from Te Kuiti for the last Capri Car Club meeting at Pukekohe we had. Also present, from memory, was Steve Newenham, David Long and new member Andrew Leach. Again plenty of racing with both Steve and Howard running in the low 1.15's. David put the 260Z back on the trailer early due to rear brake problems. They had not had a decent thrashing in a while no doubt. Steve and Howard just kept on keeping on all day - one day Howard will learn what the arrows on the side of directional tyres are there for.

Next the road show was off to Taupo. Only Howard and I there to support the Zed Club this time (there is racing south of the Bombays people!). Howard still had not learnt what the arrows mean - but he is getting much quicker now at changing all four tyres... again! I think Howard had a First place in his class and I had one in my class. It was another superb meeting and lap times are coming down all the time.

Labour Weekend provided racing in Taupo with the first round of the 'Super Car' series and the De Haviland Drive street sprints in New Plymouth. Hugh Pepper had decided to give the HP Automotive 240Z a make over a while back and it turned into nearly a complete rebuild. With new engine, twin plate clutch, new suspension and the bonnet from hell, Hugh had also put the car on a severe diet. After a few weeks of Jenny Craig's the 240 came out ready to race. Hugh put many late nights into finishing the car for this event, and to his credit he made it. Taupo was to be the running in and shake down for the car... pity they forgot to put fuel in the B*#@*#! Thing. Ask Hugh about it sometime. After that the car and driver ran fine. I'm not to sure what position Hugh finished in but being a Zed it would have been well up there.

At least the weather was good in New Plymouth for the street sprints. Must say a big thanks again to Rod & Karen Brown for letting the wife and I stay with them. The entry was full at 53 cars and my practise time was already quicker than my best time last year, despite not having the limited slip diff in. We ended up second in class and fourth overall so I was pretty damn pleased.

Well now it was Julie Peppers turn to race the 240Z at Pukekohe in a Auckland car club event. With the car sporting its new signwriting... 'Driver : Julie, Repairer : Hugh'

Julie was ready to go... and then stop. Gearbox problems seemed to be the order of the day. 1st, 2nd, 3rd... er 4th?-No... ah 5th. So after that Julie had a four speed g/box. No sweat, Julie cleaned up both the handicap races and did her fastest time yet on Pukekohe. I wonder how fast she would go with only three gears...?

That's all for this magazine so we will see you all at the Capri Car Club Pukekohe sprints on 18th of December and /or the Z club Driver training day on the 19 th of December.

Cheers...

Paul Hansen

INTERVIEW

JEREMY GUY

Tell us about your Zed

Mine is a 1989 300ZX Twin Turbo. It is a rare manual 2 seater hardtop, which was featured in NZ performance car Jan/Feb 99 issue. (I can sign you a copy if you like, I have plenty) I have now owned it for just under 3 years.

History of Car?

It was the 220th off the production line and a Nissan show car in Japan, which has been in the country for 6 years. During which time it has been modified far from it's original factory specification.

When did you join the Z Club, how did you hear about us?

Earlier this year, I have known about the club for a few years and even came along to a couple of events, but until recently I was not motivated enough to join.

Is your car purpose built, street raced, daily transport, business vehicle?

Daily transport, used by Gillian every day – she loves it, not many cars leave the lights before Gillian does!!

Future Plans?

All of the above. It is purpose built for the following activities: Street racing (I drive it to work everyday), high speed runs (283 km/h is my record on the north western), Drag racing (13.0 @ 112 mph), motorkanas (OK, not the most suited vehicle, but still a lot of fun) Circuit racing (Pukekohe 1:12, on standard brakes which definitely aren't up to the job) ...

Worst moment in your Zed?

Too much right boot, not enough traction, scenic drive raceway in the wet and an armco barrier ...not a good combination, but a good \$6,000.00 learning experience. Note for all 300ZX owners: There are \$3,000.00 worth of lights up front and it doesn't take a bit hit to break them all.

Best time you have had with your Zed/s?

Getting the quickest ET of the day on my first try at Drag racing and beating a \$700,000.00 Twin Supercharged V8 Aston Martin Vantage.

What sort of events have you been involved with in your Zed/s?

Economy runs, Driver training days, Drag racing, motorkanas, Show and shine Displays and Dyno shootouts (238.1 kW @ the wheels).

What car would you buy if you won lotto?

I would buy the following

Weekend cars	=	300ZX TT (modified)
	=	Ferrari 355 F1
Work cars	=	BMW M5
	=	Skyline R34 GTR
Circuit cars	=	260Z coupe powered by a RB26 DETT
	=	Skyline R32 GTR (Bathurst spec)

I should probably stop here, after all it's only lotto.

CLASSIFIEDS

To advertise in this section please contact Rowan, ph 021 468 300 or email rowanh@ihug.co.nz

Free for any text ads - \$10 for ad with photos

FOR SALE

1976 260Z 2+2

Forest Green, 2.8, 5spd - otherwise original and very tidy, won concours (260 Class) last 3 years in a row!

\$6,300 Phone Julie 483-7477 or 025 854-406

FOR SALE

280Z RACE CAR

My 280Z coupe is up for sale. This car has been extensively modified over many years and has all the best parts. The car has some slight "race incident" damage (panel). Mechanically excellent and extremely quick. Set up for serious racing, hillclimbs, sprints etc. Comes with trailer and full list of spares including wheels and tyres. Would separate if I had to.

You need to ring me to get all the details (0.44.00's around Taupo and 1.11.00's around Pukekohe). The 3 litre engine has had a recent rebuild and the side exit exhaust is new.

Lets start to haggle at....\$8990.00 for the lot!!!

Phone Meryn at (09) 576-3701 or leave a message on the answerphone thingy if I'm not in.

*****DRIVER EDUCATION DAY*****

SUNDAY 19TH DECEMBER 1999

PUKEKOHE PARK RACEWAY

9.30AM SHARP

The cost is \$50 per driver to go towards track hire. You are welcome to bring your friends, but they will pay \$60 per driver. Space will be limited so a first in first served basis will apply.

WHAT IS IT?

This is for ANYONE who has a current civil driver's license. You will benefit regardless of your driving experience, ranging from "still learning" to "back road hoon". The day is divided up into 4 types of sessions.

The driver training sessions are all low speed. You will be driving your car through a series of tests, each one designed to simulate a different type of road hazard, and give you the opportunity of developing your skill at dealing with it. There is no pass level, the level you reach in each test is entirely up to you.

An instructor will go with you around the course of tests the first few times. All the instructors are seasoned race drivers or similar. After a few times around, you come in and queue up for another go with a different instructor.

Every instructor has a different point of view, make sure you ride with several, you'll get a better range of ideas. When confident - Try on your own.

Please DO NOT bring unlicensed learner drivers, this is not a learn to drive course.

DO bring your cocky teenager, we will quickly point out they don't know it all, and send them home hopefully a more competent driver.

DO bring yourself, your partner, friend - any interested party.

The speed Instruction is also a popular session. You MUST have an instructor with you for this session. We open up the track, and you will be given instruction on cornering and braking techniques at open road speeds (100kph). Cones will show you the correct lines to approach and exit corners. Objective is smooth, safe cornering. (Safest way around a corner is also the fastest!).

There will be time for high speed race instruction for the keen ones. For over 100kph helmets must be worn. An excellent time to see what all those race drivers get all buzzed up about, and to see if it's for you. You will be taught correct racing lines, braking and techniques to achieve quicker lap times.

The final section is a favourite and is open to anyone. We close the track and put out the race cars. The cars will be queuing up in the pit road, and will take you out for rides around the track at near race speeds.

You'll get 3 laps then back to the pits, you must have your Helmet and belts securely fastened. You will gain a whole new appreciation of what's going on inside a race car when you've been around a corner at speeds you thought impossible!

It's a thrill you won't want to miss! (remember the ride can be just as spectacular in a slower car as the faster, the slower car driver is usually trying harder).

WHAT NOW?

Confirm your entry by forwarding your entry form and appropriate fee by 10th December 1999 to:

*Driver Training
Datsun Z Club
PO Box 24-176
Royal Oak
Auckland 1030*

*Enquiries to: Julie
Ph (09) 483-7477*

Your entry will be acknowledged with an information pack

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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.

Holders of M.A.N.Z licenses (see below) qualify for a very extensive list of discount items.

Competition Licenses

You do not require a competition license for Motorkhanas, 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:

Clubsport License

This is required for participation in club events such as dual drags and sprints. There is no formal testing to obtain this class of license. Simply get a form from the Secretary and send along with \$33.75 to MANZ.

National B

This license is the minimum requirement for all "Regional" MANZ permitted competitions, as well as being required for all closed-club racing or rallying. This License is issued by MANZ. Application forms are available from Club Secretary.

National A

Those who wish to participate in RACING will need to obtain a National A license, study up on the rules, then sit the test. 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 you will get your license, then you will be able to enter race events.

Pocket Patches

The Z-Club has embroidered pocket patches available to members at \$10.00 (inc post and GST). Send payment to our postbox.

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 that every motoracing 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 Licenses.

Talk to a Committee Member for more info.

International

Planning a trip overseas? 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!) [Ed ... does that mean there's one in inner Mongolia?] with a list of contact names and addresses. Visiting these clubs often proves to be the very best way of seeing another country, as well as letting you see first hand how its done (Z-wise) elsewhere.

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 events co-ordinator about it's feasibility and scheduling.

Address Change

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

Parting Shot

SGP Racing of Houston, Texas in America now holds the fastest road-legal road-tyred record of a 300ZX Twin Turbo – Achieving a officially recorded 10.82 @ 126.6mph at Texas MotorPlex in August of this year



I can tell you that this machine is extremely quick, on a recent trip to Texas I was lucky enough to visit SGP racing and have a number of passenger seat rides in this machine. The “mods” list reads like a revheads dream shopping list, it has been dynoed at “somewhere between 500-600hp at the rear wheels”. Rowan.

Next Issue:

All those articles that I missed out of this issue (quite a few unfortunately)

I did receive LOTS of letters and a few articles, but they are in the bottom of a Packing box somewhere (I've been moving house), a closing deadline meant I couldn't include it. Next time.. Ed.

