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This Editon's Bumper Music:

[Hurricane Smith - Oh Babe, What Would You Say](#)

From the album - Me To You - 1972

# Setting the Stage - 1972 Honda Z600!

The Honda Z600 Coupe was only sold from 1970-72 in the US. These cars used Honda's two-cylinder 600cc air cooled motorcycle engine. A belt driven fan and shroud assisted with cylinder cooling. Cars sold in Japan would see a 360cc two cylinder version categorized as a [Kei car](#).

A 4-speed manual transmission delivered all 36 horsepower to the front wheel drive transaxle. A less popular two-speed Honda-matic transmission was also available.

At just 1300 pounds it was a very light car and although it was small, it had a fair amount of front cabin legroom. Had the steering wheel been smaller it would have actually felt even more spacious!

These little cars were advertised to get 40mpg and they were capable of around 80mph! Zing!!



**Check out these vintage ads that were used to promote the new 1972 Honda Coupe!**

**The car was small by US standards but it made a big splash.**

**After decades of hard work Honda made it "Big Time!"**



**1972**  
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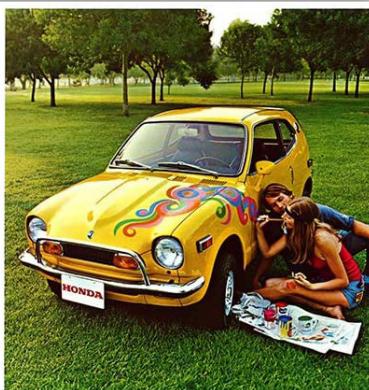
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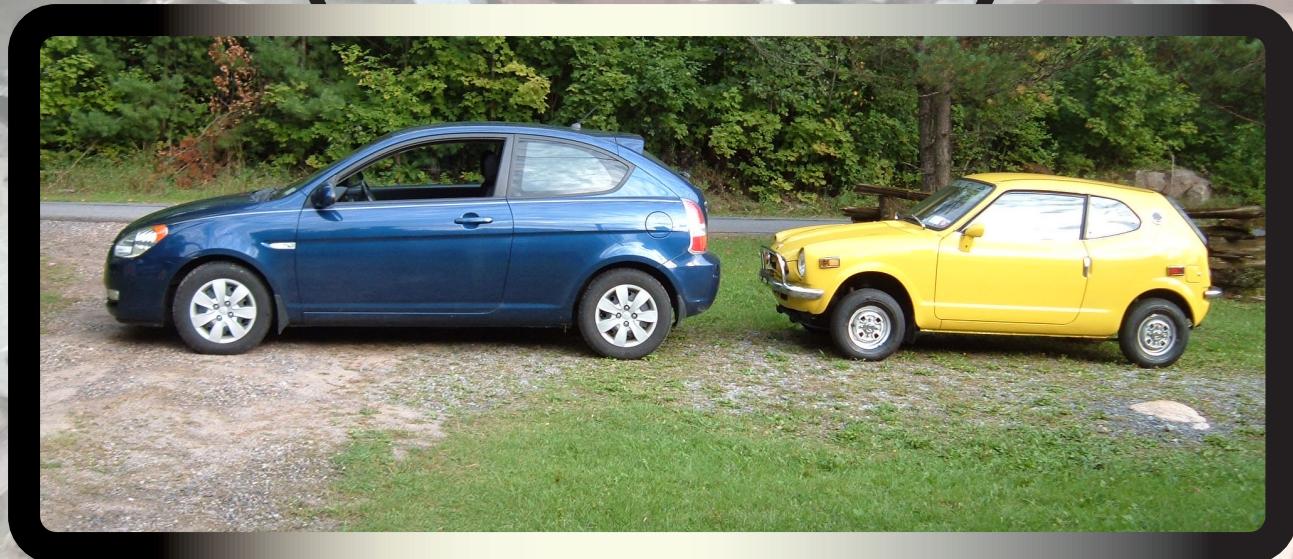
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PRESENTS:

# Honda Z600!



And just like that, March is here! For this edition of High-Octane, we're checking out a neat little car that some have never heard of; it's the Honda AZ600. In this feature a 1972 Coupe is center-stage!



The Honda AZ600, or sometimes called the Z600, is a small car that precedes the well-known Honda Civic. Built in Japan, there was a 360cc model, which allowed it to be in the kei class under the following rules: a maximum of 3 meters long, 1.3 meters wide and 2 meters high; and the engine could have no more than 360 cc of displacement (no cap on power); and capacity was limited to a maximum of four passengers and 350 kg of payload. This made them eligible for tax incentives which in turn promoted sales.

For exported models, the Z600 engine was an all alloy, SOHC air-cooled, iron-cylinder-lined version of the 444cc twin introduced in the 1965 Honda CB450 motorcycle. Really? Yup - really! The 444cc twin was opened up a bit to displace 598cc and was fitted with a belt driven fan to assist with cylinder cooling due to it being in an engine bay.

The little mill was rated at 36hp @ 6,000 rpm and 31.8-lb.ft. @ 4,000 rpm. With a Curb weight of approx 1,312 pounds, Car and Driver magazine (April 1972) reported performance figures of; 0-60 MPH in 20.8 seconds and a top speed of 75 MPH.

A 4-speed manual transmission/front wheel drive transaxle gets the power to the asphalt! Note the interesting 4 speed shifter that protrudes from under the dash. Braking is power disc in front/drum rear.

The suspension up front are McPherson struts along



with an anti-roll bar. The rear uses leaf springs attached to a dead axle. The wheelbase was a short 78.7 inches, and the stock wheels are a whopping 10 inches in diameter so, hold on tight when you go down a lumpy backroad at speed - yeehaww!

The rear hatchback was plastic and framed a real glass window. Over the years the plastic was prone to cracking and it's hard to find one that's not been repaired.

The interior is fairly-well laid out and takes advantage of the limited room. The steering wheel is large to assist with the manual steering, and like many cars, can make entry an event for those with long legs.

Owners of these no-frills cars could expect about 40mpg which is still respectable in today's world, and Z600 collectors continue to see these rise in price!

Be sure to [follow CrazyJerry on facebook](#) for updates with this newsletter series and post-event photos!

~CrazyJerry~



**1972 Honda Coupe does have a rear seat  
and if it looks small it's because it is!**



**The engine bay sports Honda's 598cc twin-cylinder air-cooled motorcycle engine w/4speed transaxle and it does have a reverse gear!**



**The 4-Speed shifter routes through the firewall and actually works quite well!**



**Like a motorcycle, the AZ600 also came with a handy space-saving tool-kit!**



## 2021 Calendar of Events

**There are currently  
no more events.  
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the current edition.**



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**High-Octane celebrates / highlights St. Lawrence County's  
Automobile & Motorcyclist community!**

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**For April, we'd like a warm-up to help melt  
the snow and ice !**

**With a shift in the weather expect rodents to  
be on the move - check your rides!**

**Let us know your thoughts!**

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The above website and facebook page are continually updated with out-of-the-area show info, photos, and exclusive youtube videos.

I had the privilege of personally meeting:

**"Pam Hirschhorn, Proud Site Manager and Gearhead"**  
at the 2015 Green Grand Prix.

Pam is seen in the photo below (red jacket) and was a passenger in the Kubota Turbo Diesel MG Midget that is parked alongside Centurion. Pam covered that event and so much more! You wanna talk cars - be ready - she's really, really, good, and a fantastic person too! Post your events on the calendar at [NorthEastWheelsEvents.com](http://NorthEastWheelsEvents.com)

Love ya Pam!

~CrazyJerry~

**Pam Will Get That Photo!!!!**



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**As we say goodbye to the Z600, High-Octane salutes the Engineers at Honda who have walked-the-walk through the ranks to be a force to be reckoned with !**

**Enjoy the ride!**

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