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~ 1997 BMW Z3 ~



This "Princess" ain't no Trailer Queen!

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Enjoy the Ride!

~Crazy Jerry~

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This Editon's Bumper Music:

[Paula Cole - Where Have All the Cowboys Gone?](#)

from the album This Fire (1997)

Setting the Stage: History From 1997!

The U.S. national average price for a gallon of gas was just \$1.22 cents per gallon!

Princess Diana is killed in a car crash on August 31st in Paris, France.

Mike Tyson Bites Evander Holyfield's ear during a match and is suspended from boxing.

A civil jury panel finds OJ Simpson Guilty.

Roslin Institute in Edinburgh, Scotland announced that they had successfully cloned a sheep named Dolly!

1996-1999 GM EV-1

What happened to GM's electric car?????

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_Motors_EV1



GM, Chevron and CARB killed the sole NiMH EV once, will do so again:

<http://www.ev1.org/>



Average Cost of new house \$124,100.00

Average Income per year \$37,600.00

Average Monthly Rent \$576.00

Sources:

<http://www.thepeoplehistory.com/1965.html>

<http://www.ev1.org/>

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/General_Motors_EV1

- HIGH-OCTANE -
PRESENTS:

1997 BMW Z3



Hello folks and it's that time again when High-Octane brings to you another local spotlight!!

In this edition we take a look at Wendy Whinnery's 1997 BMW Z3 that has been named "Princess". The name "Princess" reflects Wendy by her husband William, and vicariously through the BMW. In his words, "It's a car fit for a Princess and my wife is a Princess".

For some, a 1997 doesn't seem very aged but as of 2020 this is a surviving original 23-year old automobile that has lived its life in the north country - outside in the elements - this ain't no garage queen!



The car is totally bone stock just the way it came out of assembly from the Manufacturing facility in Spartanburg County, South Carolina.

At roughly 144,000 miles (and adding) the car is showing patina: top clear coat is peeling in spots, the convertible top is very close to finally needing replacement, headlight plastics are hazing, and there's imperfections from stones and daily life. All-in-all, the car presents well and there's no evidence of rust!

At just 50.9 inches tall, and 158.5 inches long, it's a small, sporty 2-seater! Paint on the exterior is Alpine White and goes well with a beige interior! The heated bucket seats with built-in headrests, provide full support. Instrumentation is mostly analog and easy to see. Other controls for heat, air conditioner, stereo, lights, power windows/seats, wipers, etc are right at the driver's fingertips. The convertible top is manually lowered and raised but is very easy to do!

This Z3 has a very reliable 1.9 litre (116 CI) normally aspirated, fuel injected, inline 4-cylinder engine that has 4 valves per cylinder. It's rated at 138 hp at 6,000 rpm and 133 ft lbs at 4,300 rpm. Driving through the Adirondack mountains at 62-70 mph will return 28-29 mpg so it's cheap to feed!

The real fun of this car starts to be appreciated during the overall driving experience. In addition to being behind the wheel of a sleek little sportster with the top down, the driver is treated with the option of an automatic 4-speed GM 4L30-E transmission, or, by slap-shifting a big smile to their face by simply choosing "Sport Mode"!

BMW delivers all of this to the ground through a rear wheel drive, standard 4.44:1 final drive ratio and generous 225/50R16 92V tires.

The suspension is based on a previous model that's proven with the E36 3 Series platform, while using the rear semi-trailing arm suspension design of the older E30 3 Series.

Four-wheel discs make up the power brake system for excellent stopping power on this approx: 2,800lb car.

Although this Z3 is basically a base-model, there are some nice features present in this one such as power adjust door mirrors, stereo, and an 6 Cd Disc changer!

When the Whinnery's were shopping for an additional car, they found this one fit the bill, and speaking of which, the bill was only approx \$3,500! Because this Bimmer was very affordable, easy to feed, maintain, and is usable for work, play, or a car show, and, has a good track record, we felt compelled to spotlight her majesty!

This is another excellent example for those who are budget minded and looking to get into the auto-enthusiast market. Still looking good and performing great 23 years later, this Z3 is certainly is worthy of consideration. We'd drive it and we love your car Wendy!

Thanks to the Whinnery's for sharing it with us!

Please consider visiting the shows listed in the calendar section to meet the owners and their fine machines like this one, and lots more! Hope to see you there!

~CrazyJerry~





- 1997 BMW Z3 -

THIS MODEL FEATURES

- Power Steering
- Power 4-Wheel Disc Brakes
- Power Heated Bucket Seats
- Power Windows / Power Mirror Adjust
- Stereo w/CD Changer
- Air Conditioning
- Analog Instrumentation w/ In-Dash Tach

ENGINE STATS

- 1.9 Litre 4 cylinder Inline
- 10:1 Compression Ratio
- Indirect Fuel Injection
- DOHC Four Valves Per Cylinder
- Single Full-Length Exhaust

DRIVETRAIN

- 4-speed GM 4L30-E Automatic
- 4.44:1 Ratio Standard Open Differential



1997 BMW Z3

Still wearing her original paint and convertible top, "Princess" continues to drive the highways and byways.

A north country car, she has resisted the ravages of time and the harsh weather.

With 23 years of visible history on the drivetrain and exterior, we tip our hat to the degree at which this Z3 has held up! It is a testament to the engineering that went into this model as well as owner upkeep.

Shown is original Owner's Manual, 6-CD Changer, factory tool kit, Z3 Brochure, and air conditioning tag.



**SPUD'S RUN VI
BENEFIT ADDIE GREEN**

Sept. 12, 2020



LIVE MUSIC NO ONE FIGHTS ALONE

**Registration 10 to Noon, Kick Stands Up Noon
\$20/bike, \$10 passenger ...food, raffles, more**

**AT NORWOOD AMERICAN LEGION
/SPUDSRUN/**

Spud's Run VI - It's on!

Save the Date:

Saturday, September 12th 2020

Event:

sSpud's Run VI - Benefit Addie Green
Motorcycle Ride - Several Stops

Location:

American Legion, 10 Maple St, Norwood, NY 13668
([Google Map Location / Directions](#))

This is great bang-on event - don't miss it!

Please see event flyer in this newsletter and/or the
calendar entry for more info and we hope you can
attend!

2020 Calendar of Events !

(Events added as dates become available)

May

Twin-Leaf Cruise In - Every Wednesday Evening from 4pm-8pm!
Location: 18 State Route 37 Hogansburg, NY 13655
Website: <https://twinleafstores.com/>
Previous Event Photos: [Twin Leaf Grand Finale' 2019](#)

June

DAWN FIFIELD KIDNEY FUNDRAISER
THIS EVENT IS PENDING/ON-HOLD
Motorcycle/Classic Car Poker Run / Pierrepont NY Fire Department
[Event Facebook Page](#) or See Flyer in this edition for details!

July

POTSDAM SUMMERFEST CAR SHOW - Saturday July 10th, 2020
Location: Ives Park - 3 Riverview Dr, Potsdam, NY 13676
[Event Facebook Page](#)
Previous Event Photos: [2019](#), [2018](#)

41st Annual MALONE CAR SHOW - Saturday July 18th & Sunday July 20th, 2020
Location: Ives Park - 3 Riverview Dr, Potsdam, NY 13676
[Event Facebook Page](#) and [Event Website](#)
Previous Event Photos: [2019](#), [2018](#)

SYRACUSE NATIONALS - July 17th - July 19th, 2020
Location: 581 State Fair Blvd Syracuse, New York 13209
Website/Info: <https://www.syracusenationals.com>
2018 Event Photos: Volume [1](#), [2](#), [3](#), [4](#), [5](#), [6](#), [7](#), [8](#), [9](#), [10](#), [11](#)
2017 Event Photos: Volume [1](#)

August

**5th Annual HAPPY DAYS CAR & CYCLE SHOW - Saturday, August 15th, 2020
10am-3pm (Registration for cars in 10am-12pm)**

Location: St. Lawrence Centre Mall, 6100 Mall Rd, Massena, NY 13662

[Event Facebook Page](#)

Previous Event Photos: [2019](#), [2018](#), [2017](#)

MASSENA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT - August 29th, 2020 (10AM-3PM)

Location: Massena International Airport, 90 Aviation Rd, Massena, NY 13662

[Event Facebook Page](#)

Previous Event Photos: [2019](#), [2018](#)

September

Spud's Run VI - Saturday, September 12, 2020 at 9 AM – 10 PM

Hosted by [Spud's Run](#)

Location: American Legion, 10 Maple St, Norwood, New York 13668

[Event Facebook Page](#)

Previous Event Photos: [2019](#)

ROLLIN' STREET THUNDER - September 13, 2020

50's & 60's Themed Classic Car and Custom Bike Show

Location: Market Street in Alexandria Bay, NY

<https://www.visitalexbay.org/annual-alex-bay-events/rollin-street-thunder/>

Previous event photos: [2019](#)

**CLAYTON - VINTAGE CLASSIC STREET MEET - Saturday, September 19, 2020
(Rain Date Sunday, September 20, 2020)**

Riverside Drive, Clayton NY

<https://www.1000islands-clayton.com/carshow/>

Previous event photos: [2019](#), [2016](#)

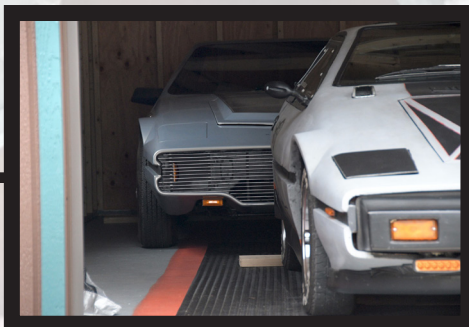
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Editor's note:

High-Octane celebrates / highlights St. Lawrence County's automobile & motorcyclist community. The newsletter is available online at:

<https://www.diesel-bike.com/High-Octane>

Enjoy the ride!

~ CRAZYJERRY ~



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**A vintage car that was used for drag racing
is revived for the street - and is better than
the original in every way!**

**427 cubic inch V8
4 Barrel Carburetor
4 -Speed Manual Transmission
Dual Exhaust
Mirror finished paint!**

**In the meantime, start getting your rides ready.
Once the shows/runs/cruise-in's are in full swing,
High-Octane's camera will be looking for future road
warriors!**

~CrazyJerry~

email: high-octane@diesel-bike.com

Newletter Archives:

<https://www.diesel-bike.com/High-Octane/>

Although Hi-Octane Newsletter is focusing locally within St Lawrence County, we offer the following huge resource for those outside of the area:

NorthEastWheelsEvents.com

[\(Click to visit website\)](#)

[NorthEastWheelsEvents - Facebook](#)

[\(Click to visit facebook page\)](#)

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

Love ya Pam!

~CrazyJerry~



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1997 BMW Z3

1.9L / 4-speed auto / 4-wheel disc brakes

**Right at home in any situation and still going strong 23-years later!
Thanks to owner Wendy Whinnery, and stunt driver William Whinnery!**

Crazy Jerry Editor / High-Octane

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