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Honda S2000 hits us with extreme carbon detailing and supercharged power



CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES

To mark Nissan's global success in GT racing, a special limited edition race-themed version of the 370Z went on sale at the beginning of June and was priced from £35,000. The limited run coupé comes in a choice of three special body colours – Pearl white, Kuro black and Black Rose (a unique colour for this model) – complete with race stripes, and a new dark anthracite finish for the 19" Rays alloys.

The 370Z GT Edition has also had its dampers re-tuned to better suit European roads while still striking the all-important balance between ride comfort and high-speed handling. Upgrades to the interior equipment and an updated automatic transmission round out the improvements on the 370Z GT Edition.



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LIFTING THE LID

Ask anyone in our office and they'd all agree that our man James looks much better with a lid on, so we were delighted when he started wearing the latest Snell SA2010-approved helmet from Black Cat Helmets. Manufactured to the newly-released safety standard, the Black Cat full- and open-face helmets are ideal for the occasional track day driver who needs decent protection for their noggin but doesn't want to shell out hundreds of pounds. Using a two-piece composite laminar construction with fully fireproof, replaceable linings, the lightweight helmets (just 1686g for the full-face version) are available in sizes S to XXL; a fitting guide can be found at www.blackcathelmets.com. The full-face and open-face Black Cat helmets cost £162.10 and £128.30 respectively, and *Banzai* readers who place an order will receive a free helmet bag worth £24!



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SHOW REPORT – JAPFEST

Below: Sometimes you just can't beat the simple wow factor of a lowered stance and quality alloys



It drew attention but I didn't quite get the combination of air brushed *itashi* graphics and Louis Vuitton branding



Below: Gavin Robert's Swift Sport is filled with the entire catalogue of M7 parts for this model. Yes, that includes the fluids too!



Below: When was the last time you saw so many NSXs in one place at the same time?



Above: Ben Broke Smith's blisteringly-quick JZX81 Toyota Chaser receives a few tweaks



Yes, aside from some secret engine tweaks that will be carried out by Jota Sport, the race team behind Mazda's current GT car, my MX-5 is now complete. Japfest was its first official outing (it was displayed on the Ohlins Suspension stand) and I must admit to being blown away by people's response to it. I was chuffed to bits



Above: That BMX gives you extra scene points, don't you know...

Below: New prototype Rota RB-WR wheel looks stunning but is not particularly accommodating of large brake callipers



A GATHERING STORM

After a blinding first year, the World Time Attack Challenge is back again in 2011 and Eastern Creek Raceway will be the place to be on the first weekend of August.

A number of high-profile Time Attack cars from around the world have already been announced as competing this year, including the Cyber Evo piloted by 'Tarzan' Yamada and Garage Revolution's über-fast wide-body RX-7 (it recently lapped Tsukuba within a tenth of the HKS CT230R's record time) representing Japan. Making the trip from the USA will be the Sierra Sierra Enterprises Evo (see our cover feature in issue 114) and GST Motorsport's roof-chopped Impreza L. The big news in the Australian camp is the Hankook Carbon



WRX which has been specifically built by Sydney's Ben Creswick to take on the big boys from the US and Japan.

This year also sees WTAC incorporate the Tectaloy International Drift Challenge and the big news is that the crazy four-rotor RX-7 of Mad Mike Whiddett will be coming across from New Zealand to unleash its normally-aspirated 600bhp on the competition. We can hardly wait! Keep abreast of all the WTAC developments at the official website: www.worldtimeattack.com.

BUT FIRST, ROUND TWO...

Due to the Japanese earthquake and tsunami, the first round of the 2011 Super GT series, scheduled to take place at Okayama over the first weekend of April, was postponed, meaning that round two at Fuji Speedway became the poignant season opener of Japan's leading GT series.

Qualifying in the GT500 class saw many of the front-running teams from last season progress to the Super Lap shoot-out, with the #39 Denso Sard SC430 of Hiroaki Ishiura and Takuto Iguchi taking pole ahead of a trio of GT-Rs. The GT300 qualifying was dominated by European manufacturers, the highest-placed Japanese car managing only seventh on the grid.

Torrential rain led to the first five laps being run behind the safety car and as the race got truly underway on lap six, the importance of tyre choice quickly became evident. The second-placed GT-R ran wide and the #39 SC430 quickly started falling back into the pack. A battle then broke out between the #12 Calsonic Impul GT-R and the #23 Motul Autech Nissan and raged on until De Oliveira in the #12 GT-R spun on lap 18. From there, the #23 Nissan led until the pit stops and regained the first position



after all the stops had been completed, pursued by the hard-charging #6 Eneos Lexus SC430. Running faster than the GT-R in front of him, Daisuke Ito in the #6 Lexus was reeling in the GT-R and was on course to challenge for the victory in the closing stages, but the rain closed in again and standing water on the race track was soon causing cars to spin out.

The race was red flagged at the end of lap 60, six laps short of the full 66 lap race distance, and consequently the #23 Motul Autech GT-R held on for the team's first race win in over a year. Super GT continues with the rescheduled Okayama round (confusingly still called round one!) which we'll bring you details of in the next issue.

