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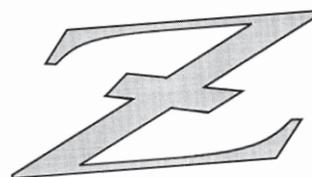
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“Cheers to 20 years of Ontario Z-Car!”



OZC's 20th year is off to a great start! We've already had 3 cruises, a show-and-shine and a drag racing event. Preparations for Z-Fest are well under way. We're request-

ing participants register in advance this year as we're including limited edition, custom labeled, 20th anniversary OZC bottles of wine as door prizes. The artwork for these looks spectacular, thanks to Rajinda Gunasena's creative talents.

Fortunately, Rajinda has been able to renew his commitment to the club as newsletter editor, and I guess we can add artistic director to his title as well. He's also come up with an outstanding Z-Fest poster and club banner. As is this case every year, Z-Fest wouldn't be possible without the support of numerous volunteers. So, I'm going to take this opportunity now to ask that anyone interested in volunteering please contact myself or any other member of the executive. We all appreciate that you want to enjoy the show, so your involvement will not be required for the



entire day. The more volunteers we have, the less of a time commitment for everyone helping out.

As a special feature in ZEDLINE, we're including retrospectives written by past presidents of OZC.

I'm sure you'll enjoy reading about how the club has evolved as described from their perspective. These hardworking and dedicated individuals are the ones responsible for overseeing the building of our club into a successful organization and maintaining it for two decades. And we're still going strong! I'm really encouraged by the enthusiasm I see from our members, and the great ideas coming from our executive. We also now have 5 Nissan dealership sponsors spreading the word about OZC and introducing new generations to the Z Car legacy. Twenty years, and no signs of slowing down.

Congratulations OZC!

Nigel White
PRESIDENT - Ontario Z-Car Owners Association



Been there. Done what?



Three issues ago I introduced myself with a story about my long hiatus from the OZC for many years. All of you who read it probably expected something new & exciting, which I talked about at the time. So I think it's unfair for me to give you another story for the reasons for my short absence during the last few months, and why the ZEDLINE got delayed. Yes, I missed the mark, again! But I think you'll agree that it's time to move on and do what needs to be done, rather than give excuses. However it's safe to say my Z-car brethren were concerned about me, and Howie stepped in and rolled out a great ZEDLINE. Thanks Howie and to the rest of you who inquired, called and even gave me a bit of a hard time.. Safe to say I deserved some of it.

Seems I missed out on a great start with the Halton tour, where a record number of Z-cars had taken part of an amazing tour. Jason has captured it beautifully and has written about it for this issue. Also included is the Picton Wine tour that I was part of, as well as the Show &

Shine held for the first time at Scarborough Nissan. Venessa Malison has some exciting news about the social media we've ventured on to. This is something NEW to OZC, but this is the future, as we start looking forward with new technology in the media.

The future looks great, mostly due to our past. As any great structure, the foundation of OZC has been strong with some amazing people involved in it from the inception. That's why on this 20th Anniversary of the club we included a special section with thoughts and experiences from some of our past presidents..

It's been fun developing new promotional material and ideas for this year, starting with a 20th Annivesray logo and a Z-FEST Flyer. There will be more, which you will see in the future, as we continue to expand!

Rajinda Gunasena
ZEDLINE EDITOR - 1990 300ZX Non-Turbo (CREATV)

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Vanessa lafrate

OZC Social Media & Events Co-Ordinator

Hey, just because we drive cars from the 70's and 80's doesn't mean we're stuck in them!

The Ontario Z-Car Club has taken a couple of big steps forward in terms of connecting with fellow Z and Nissan fans, along with many other kinds of car guys and gals. (Yeah, yeah... they can come too...)

First, we've created a presence for ourselves on Twitter, the popular social filter that requires users to spill their hearts in 140 characters or less. You follow us, we follow you -- along with some other really cool people, such as Nissan Canada, Road and Track Magazine, and even those fellas from the popular BBC Program "Top Gear." Twitter allows users to post "tweets" in the form of words, photos and even videos; keeping us all connected. It's easy enough, just go to twitter.com and sign-up with your email address. Once you're settled in, come find us at twitter.com/@OntarioZCar.

Second, we also have a page on Facebook, where we also share photo albums, videos and links. You can also stay up to date with our Events pages, where all of our Tours/Meetings are also posted. If you're already on Facebook, come on over to facebook.com/OntarioZCar and hit the Like button to connect with us. If you're not, you can still access our Events pages, but consider



joining the 1.06 billion other users on Facebook in order to reap the full benefits of our club's page.

Both Twitter and Facebook are supported on all three platforms (Android, Apple and Blackberry) for easy access on the go. We'll be posting from all Z-related events, so you don't miss a beat!

Hope to see you on the streets... and online!



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- JP Matte
- Dieter Roth
- Scott Taras
- George Kolosowski
- Steve Culliford
- Rick Scott

Welcome NEW Members!

On behalf of the Ontario Z-Car Owners Association, I'm pleased to welcome the following new members:

Cary Gatchell, Harry Wells, Bob Lyle, Alex Suttar, Rygel Ragbar

I'd like to extend a cordial invitation to you to participate in club events, meetings, our website forum and the newsletter. Past members are also welcome re-join OZC and be part of the largest, most exciting Z-Club in Canada!

Bob Chwalyk - Membership Director



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The Run to the Hills...

The ever popular Halton Hills tour sets a new attendance record for an OZC driving event!

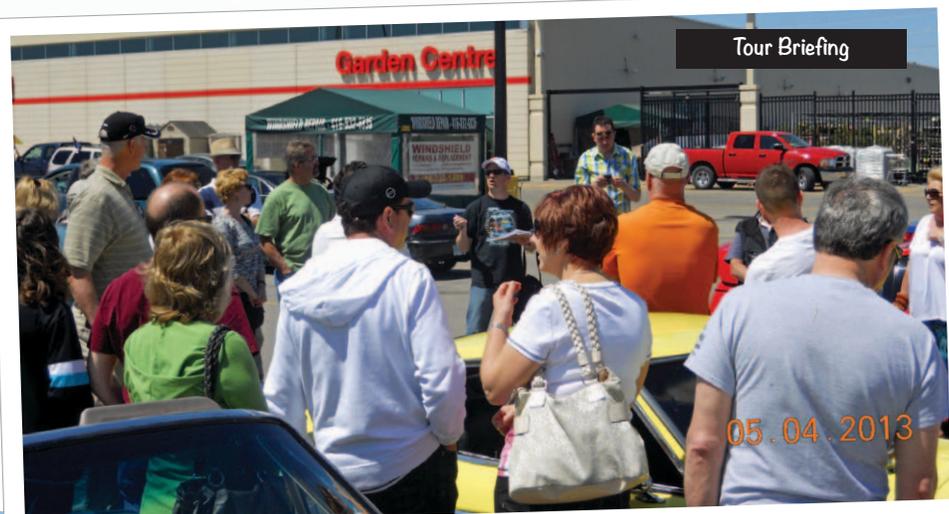


Tour Z

Jason Okolisian

Thank you to everyone who participated in our first tour of 2013 - Halton Hills - on Saturday May 4. We had perfect weather which made for a really enjoyable day. All the feedback I've received indicated that everyone had a great time and the event went smooth, without any issues, which is remarkable considering the number of cars. This was the biggest tour we've ever had, with 34 cars: 29 Zeds, a Porsche, Corvette, Thunderbird, Mercedes and an Integra.

The route was fun and most of the roads were in good condition. Thank-you to Wes and Erle for mapping the route and to the other group leaders: Mauricio, Eric, Brian, Ed and Terry.



Tour Briefing

05.04.2013

Ready and raring to go..



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A special thanks to Nigel for being my navigator. Splitting into three groups worked well as we had a good gap between each and managed to keep everyone together and on-course (for the most part).

This fun and relatively short cruise was centrally located to bring together members from the East and West. Most of the participants were from the GTA and we had some guys come from as far away as St. Thomas, London, St. Catharines and Port Perry.

The tour departed at 1pm after the joint East/West meeting at Montana's in Milton. The route took us through Norval, Glen Williams, Limehouse, Speyside, Campbellville, Twiss Road, Rattlesnake Point, Cedar Springs Road, Snake Road, Dundas and the Hamilton Escarpment. The tour finished at the Wendy's/Tim Horton's service centre at Clappison's Corners in Waterdown at 4:30pm. About 20 of us went to Boston Pizza in Waterdown after the tour to have a cold beer and reflect on a fantastic day of driving.

The route was approximately 130 km from the starting point in Milton to the last stop in Waterdown. These secondary biker roads were all paved, very windy with lots of elevation changes to provide driving excitement. We had one break on the tour; the Legion parking lot in Campbellville.

This provided an opportunity for us to plan a special photo shoot since we had so many great Z-Cars on this cruise.

The photo was staged with the six Z generations represented in the front row: 240Z, 280ZX, 300ZX Z31, 300ZX Z32, 350Z and 370Z. Special edition models were showcased in the front row - an '88 300ZX Shiro, '96 300ZX SMZ and a '09 370Z Nismo. The rest of the cars parked behind the front six in two rows making for a spectacular display! We certainly drew a lot of attention and good looks.

Six generations of Z cars...



It was a great group out for this afternoon tour. A mix of long standing OZC members and new members excited to get involved in the club. This afternoon cruise was the first of nine OZC tours planned for 2013 and a great way to kick-off the driving season!

...with lots more that accompanied them



The tour group getting ready for dinner...

Event Z



Scarborough NISSAN Show & Shine

Howie Yoshida

Saturday June 15 turned out to be a great day weather wise, for Scarborough Nissan to hold a Show 'n Shine event for Ontario Z-Car at their dealership. It was our first time at their facility and we were hosted by Bala Munirajakumar, a new club member who is the Parts Manager at Scarborough Nissan. This dealership, located on the south side of Eglinton, east of Warden Avenue in Toronto, is one of 5 Nissan dealerships that have partnered with Ontario Z-Car and they are offering a very generous 25% discount on parts and a 20% discount on service to all club members.



During the course of the day, there were about 25 to 30 cars that showed up, not all of them were Zeds but there were lots of Nissans there anyway. One notable car that was there was a mint condition Datsun 1600 Roadster, a bright red one. A number of us checked it out as this guy wasn't an OZC member. Edmarc had the lone GTR there too and it sure didn't lack for any attention. All the various generations of Zeds from the 240Z to the 370Z were parked throughout the display area during the day.



There was a BBQ tent serving up hamburgers and refreshments with proceeds going to benefit Mary Shadd Public School and there was another one set up too, selling Nissan car care products. Everyone at the show was well looked after and all in all, it was a very enjoyable and relaxing day. Right at the end, we took the opportunity to roll out and display our new OZC club banner designed by our design specialist and reigning Zedline Editor Raji Gunasena. Looks great doesn't it?

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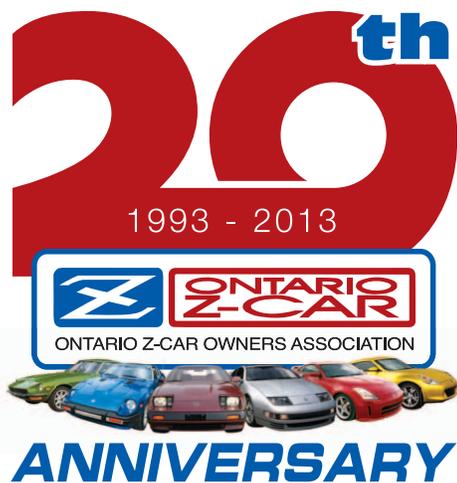
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Two decades



Dieter Roth

a.k.a "The Zcar Meister"

Being called the founder of OZC is an honor and a privilege. It was really just an idea on my part to help all the Z customers that had come to my shop over the past 4 years. JP was my official first and I believe Scott was second and Steve Tustin was third and George K was fourth when I was still operating out of my first shop at 90 Russett Av. in Oshawa. After moving to 10 Russett Ave. to a bigger shop I experienced an increase in Z clientele beyond my best expectations. Time after time I experienced a recurring nightmare at around this time. I would order parts from Nissan at ridiculous prices or from the US at even more expense and a few days or weeks later another Z client would come in and ask me if I knew anyone that was looking for a "fibrillated SU composite actuated bit" for a 1965 280 Z? "I'm asking \$150 for it". Well I had just sold one of those 2 weeks earlier to one of my clients, ordered from the US, for \$310. It was time to get together. So I suggested to Scott and JP that we start our own club just for the reason of finding parts to swap and sharing information among members. We called all of my Z clients at the time, of which there were 7 (Scott correct me if I'm wrong) and called them to my shop at a certain time to attend. And not to be long winded, that is basically how the club started.

Most important were the following 2 years. Scott Tarras and JP Matte deserve all the credit for making this club a reality. JP won the contest in naming the club "Ontario Z Car". In hind sight, that was actually a brilliant name, as it is now the only Province wide Z club in Canada. JP's computer art came up with the torn checkered flag (which I loved). Scott became our first president, news letter writer, do it all member. I became the go between sellers and buyers. Over

the next several years the meetings in my shop were getting out of hand as we were now getting Z owners from all over Ontario to attend. It was a sight to behold, me borrowing chairs from the shops next door to accommodate all who attended. My contributions to the club were, at the beginning, more of ideas than actions. Around this time along came George K. What a man to take the bull by the horns. He became our second president, I think, and he is the one that made this club legal with all sanctioning bodies of the Ontario automobile club and racing club organizations. I have to give all credit to guys like JP, Scott and George K that did all the hard work for many years.

I am so proud to be a member of this club and I hope that all the little things I did 20 years ago will continue to benefit all our members for many years to come. Let the Z live forever.

Scott Taras

Ontario Z Car member #002

The club is turning 20 this year. As I say this, I think to myself, wow how time flies. When I was asked to help contribute my thoughts of how the club got to where it is today, I thought it would be pretty easy, but as I sit and think about the early days of the club, so many people and events rush into my mind. I started out knowing no one with a Z car, to meeting literally thousands of fellow Z owners from all corners of the globe no less!

Having had the honour of being the first president of the club, I intended to start with the formation of the club. But I cannot. I held many executive positions over the years, some I even created myself, but my earliest thoughts of founding the club go back much further in time. 1989. It all started one day on my way to college, driving my shiny red 280Z, when I began spotting a white 240Z in the same parking lot, sporting a large collection of stickers. This persisted for some time until one day after searching for a local mechanic that would work on an older Datsun, I was pointed down the street by another shop owner who knew a guy who worked on Z cars. I slowly drove up the street looking for this shop and jammed the brakes when I spotted a wild looking blue 240Z race-car on a trailer. I pulled up to the shop, and saw a familiar stickered 240 sitting in the shop too! I knew I was in the right shop. That is when I met Dieter Roth. No other Z owners were present that day, and he was alone tinkering in the shop. It was through Dieter that I was introduced to JP Matte, and many track dedicated Z car owners.

I spent the next few years going out of my way, driving all across Ontario, to meet other owners, share

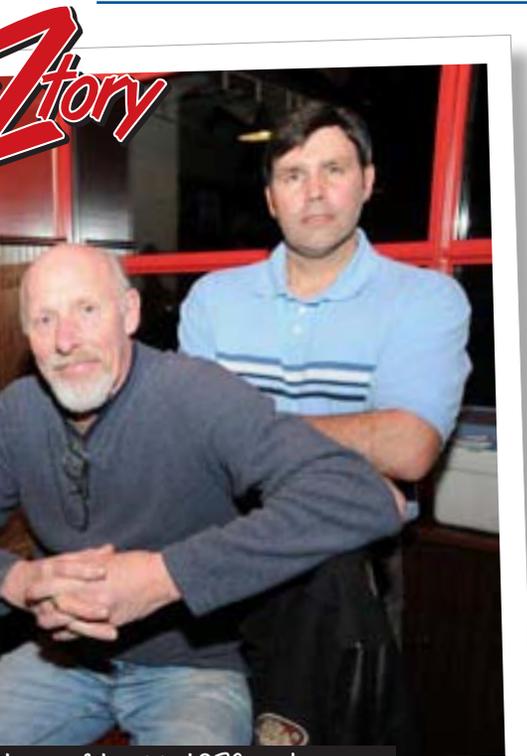
and learn all that I could about fixing and more importantly modifying Datsuns, as well as buying and selling parts. The best part of not racing in a series is that I was only limited by money and knowledge. I didn't have to follow any rule book stating the maximum size of carburetion venturis I could use. I began helping other owners source parts, and directed people to Dieter's shop when they needed more help than I could provide. The "shop" became a meeting point, and any given day, you could spot at least one Z on a hoist. This got Dieter and I to talking about getting people together to swap parts, share information, and pool our resources to maybe one day rent a race track for a day just for Datsuns. Remember, this was the pre-dawn



of the internet days, so organizing people was not as simple as a post on an internet forum. We came up with a "form" that described what we were trying to do and I began calling all of the Z owners that I knew, left these forms on people's windshields, and stopped/flagged down every single Z driving on the streets, parked in driveways, peaking out of garages or slowly rusting sitting out in someone's field. Dieter would field the phone calls during the day, and I would call them back in the evening. There were even times when Dieter would call me at home to quickly stop by the shop when new Z owners stopped by. We set up a few pre-meeting dates and waited for Z owners to stop by to chat in the shop after hours to discuss our ideas and plans for a car club.

of PreZiding...

I felt that we were finally ready to start the club and organized a final meet to hold elections, decide on a name and what we were going to do first. We did hold several events and had monthly meetings, but most of the year I spent my free time spreading my enthusiasm for the club and convincing complete strangers to fork over 25 dollars for a membership number, a couple of hand typed newsletters, and some handouts for spotting other prospective members. Though renting Mosport for a Datsun day would have to wait a few years, we did get the OZC club on the track at Mosport for a spirited lap during the Mosport Vintage Festival. And...it just got better every year.



Some of the original OZC members; presidents, Scott Taras and JP Matte.

George Kolosowski

Ontario Z Car member #008

Ok, been a long 20 yrs folks....so November 1994.....a rogue JP Matte nominates me for President while we all sit in a nice earthy Z car garage at Dieter's in Oshawa...on crates and 5 gal buckets. I accept only if he accepts my nomination for VP....It worked! I took the Pres helm from Scott and became OZC Pres #2...and it was a 10 year ride for me on and off as Pres and various other exec jobs. Dieter, the quiet inspiration....never charged for his garage use for meetings....and really was the guy who founded OZC as member #001.

We found out...to be LEGAL...we needed to join CASC for insurance....yup that \$16.05 charge on your membership....to pay the nickel-a-day for millions in liability at club and track events. Mark MacKew, lawyer....finally got us legally incorporated....to further reduce the liability to execs and membership. We grew to over 240 members at one point...and monthly newsletters came hot off the presses as my credit card sorta kinda ran the club one early yr...money came and went fast....when our total operating budget was only \$300 with no advertisers back then.

Folks...we would race to the Flying Scot from the printer (1st mtg place after Dieter's) with newsletters still warm from the laser printer....it was close. We started having events...real events...our first Z-Fest at NISSAN HQ....and drag event at Sparta. Even had the pleasure to meet, and drive, the first 12 sec normally aspirated 1971 Z car in North Carolina. The owner's name was/is Norm Simpser. And during my travels, I met some great folks at Z car Club Colorado including some track days there.

We were the largest of the 6 Z clubs in Canada...and rivaled those 40+ in the US. The Chicago club laughed when we said we could grow over 200 members within 3-5 yrs when it took them over 10. Well...Hah! We did it...but we've leveled off to a more sustainable norm.

I also had the pleasure to go to 2 ZCCA international Z car conventions and met Mr. Yutaka Katayama...the designer of our Z's. What a man...and still going at like 103 yrs. He signed my glove box in gold ink one morning....something I will cherish forever. Those who have met Mad Mike Taylor...unforgettable pinnacle of the ZCCA from Texas, never let go of that guy!

So we were on a roll until life events took me down and kindly Nigel White took over for me when I stepped down in 2003. I am glad he is the new current president...he will lead you all well and check out his white turbo 240Z! Although my Z car mechanic Chris K. passed away a bunch of yrs ago....I appreciate the ongoing support from those like Dieter and Greg Whitehead. Greg, whose initially skeptical-sounding exhaust fix...bought me 0.5 secs on the drag strip....I'm not a skeptic anymore! Many know my previous trail of sad stories from the drag strip.

So never argue with experience....and never forget the unwritten club rules:

1. Take care of the membership.
2. Take care of the money.
3. Keep a good slate of events to cover membership.
4. Have fun as per rule 3.
5. Publish a decent newsletter.
6. Never forget the first 5 rules

Jean-Pierre "JP" Matte

Co-Founder, Ex-President

Years ago, at our second club election in 1994, I was nominated to be President. I declined and instead nominated George Kolosowski and in turn accepted his nomination for me to be Vice President. Persuading G.K. to be our President and having him apply his organizational skills to what turned out to be the club's biggest period of growth, was one of the best things I ever did for the club. Those early years, before and after the creation of the Western Chapter were really exciting and a bit chaotic. As VP I helped out as Newsletter Editor and even worked in a certain capacity as Treasurer. Treasurer duties, actually Collections were "interesting", and duties in that field were mercifully brief. Years later after a turn as Eastern VP, and in response to a power vacuum which I had a hand in creating, I presided over the club starting in 2009 through to the end of 2012.

I was fortunate enough to have a great executive working with me and together we held the club on a steady course. Prior Presidents and their executives had encountered some rough seas and had taken steps to improve club operations and streamline some processes which went a long way in creating the solid foundation the club currently enjoys. Looking back on it, it was my pleasure and an honour to work with some great people over those 4 years. I have enjoyed Ontario Z-Car tremendously since its creation in 1993 and have met and continue to meet wonderful people that I would not have had the pleasure to know otherwise. I am certain that my experience is not unique. Please join me and the rest of the membership in celebrating 20 great years!

Steve Culliford

Past -President

My involvement with OZC started just before the first Z Fest. I was at that time working with Nissan Canada, was a Z owner, and heard about a small Z Car "club" through Rick Scott. Many working with Nissan at that time would have rather forgotten the rusty old "Datsuns" of the 70's. Most of you may recall the company had dropped the name Datsun in favor of the corporate name Nissan in an effort to re-market itself in North America in 1984. I however felt the company should embrace it's past with more enthusiasm. After close to a year of my requests for Head Office to host a club show on our then nearly new facilities, I was given the go ahead. There was no budget provided, only some new product to be displayed and access to our tech center for bathrooms and inside displays.

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The Sun, The Rain & The Ferry!

Water, water, everywhere around the Z cars!



Tour Z

Rajinda Gunasena

1990 300ZX Non-Turbo (CREATV)

For me this was a first in many ways. Most of all this was the first time I had been on a tour with a co-pilot or a partner. It's been 8 long years of enjoying the Z by my self, but to find Kisa who also enjoys them was quite a stroke of luck for me. Not only did she love cars in general but she also knew what a Z was as many do not recognize the Z32.

Personal status apart, this was my first wine tour on the east side of the city. Before the tour I had no idea that Picton, Ontario even had any kind of Wineries. To make it even better, there was the FERRY ride that was going to happen. All that was exciting since it would be a first for my Z as well.

The weather looked a bit ominous at the start, when we met at the 401 and Waverly Road Truck stop. There were lot of folks with their wives and significant others, some with cars other than their Z. Roy had his Vette, with new Carbon Fiber side skirts and other toys added. There was Anthony Giancola, whom I met for the first time, but had known from the Forum. He had such high enthusiasm from the time he signed up on the web. Tour planner, Mauricio greeted everyone, was on the phone to check with others who were either late or was going to join us at the Winery.

The first stop was off the 401 for the usual Photo



Going our way?

opportunity, by the Lakeshore. Some got out of the cars while others stayed in, as it was still a bit chilly outside. Off we went through the country side and I was quite impressed by the view on the route.

Next stop was at Sandbanks Estate Winery, where a few other Z cars joined us. The larger park like area allowed us to take some great pictures. Seemed as we had all the generations of Z cars represented, Jason wanted them lined up on the front, with

another couple of rows of all the Z cars lining up behind them. It looked great with Edmarc's Godzilla also joining in the front row. We tried taking shots from every angle, and I wished I had a ladder to go up and capture them all at once.

The wine was good too. I am no connoisseur but according to Mauricio who swears by his Chilian wines, the ones we tasted were not bad at all. The sun was out by then so out came the tops, and off we went to Prince Edward County where Waupoos Estate Winery was waiting for us. Or was it us who had to wait in the end?



Mauricio checking on his list...



Waiting to chug them down...

If the previous stop went smoothly, this one was far from it. Waupoos guys & gals were not ready for us at all, as they seemed deeply involved with a wedding that was happening on their premises by the Lake. Some of the ladies in our group were interested in seeing what the Bride wore, however the boys were only interested in seeing some kind of food on the plate in front of them. The lunch order took forever to complete. Luckily I was sitting with Edmarc and Ray, both of whom kept the whole table cracking up. We were the loudest by far, and Ray was the hungriest. To make things worse poor guy wasn't too thrilled by the size of his order. Though it tasted great, the quantity was too small even by my standards... Ray is a big guy compared to almost everyone there. I am sure he had stop at a burger joint on his way back.

On the other hand, Edmarc had many great stories about his Z cars. How he got his very first one unintentionally and his crazy speeding numbers, bust ups and his new addition, the GTR. So much so that I am now inclined to do a profile of him on an upcoming issue. He is such an interesting guy and I am sure many who know him will fully agree with me.

In the end, the delay with the lunch service changed things as tour organizers decided to make the rest of the tour an

optional one, with many deciding to turn back and head home. Mauricio rushed to set up a draw that made some lucky Zedders happy to grab some wine bottles, before they called the end to the tour. A few, including some newbies like Anthony and my self were itching to continue. Thankfully there was Dave Buttle, a veteran who was willing to guide us through to the

Ferry and beyond. Turns out Dave had worked on the Ferry sometime back, when he lived around Napanee.

So off we went with the tops still down as I watched the clouds get darker by the minute. Both Kisa and my self wondered how far we could push it, before the rain gods decided to let us have it. Finally with about 1km to go, it happened. I quickly honked & flashed Dave, who was leading ahead of us. According to Anthony who was behind me, had his top on, had never seen anyone put up a set of T-tops that fast. That was with me mixing

up the T-tops once! Wish he'd video taped it for me, as it had been one funny scene to watch according to him!



Lunch, that almost became the supper

As we lined up for the Ferry, the rain was still coming down in buckets. But our worry was, how many of us could the Ferry take at one time. We counted 18 vehicles coming out, and felt safe that at least half of us could be on the first run. 4 of the 7 Zeds got on the first try. To our surprise the rain stopped and sun came out, allowing us the opportunity to get out, take some pictures and videos. We were like a bunch of kids, running around, up the stairs grinning from ear to ear. I am sure the locals must have been amused as we were the ONLY ones to get out of the vehicles. The Ferry ride itself was a short one, and once across we were all smiles as we waited for our other 3 Z cars to join us.



Lucky winners of Wine Bottles...

Finally we reached Napanee, where we thanked Dave and said good byes to each other & got on the 401 to head home. Once again I had been a part of an exciting Z-car tour. It seems

something always happens that makes each tour a memorable one for me. So I am hoping to add a lot more to my collection, as long as I can remember!

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Okay, so who's in & who's out?



Tour Z

Picton Wine Tour

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Mauricio Gomez

As the weather starts to warm up and flowers start to bloom, it all means the start of another touring season for the OZC club and our Annual Wine Tour. This year I wanted to go somewhere different, we needed a change of scenery from the Niagara Area thus I decided to go to Prince Edward County and see some of the great wineries there. It's a little bit of a drive out there but well worth it.

We had a very large group of people register to this tour, 50 people and 32 cars but as always Mother Nature changed our plans and in the forecast were thunderstorms and clouds. So by the start of the tour we only had 19 cars and 33 people. As we started touring through the back roads of Bowmanville, Cobourg and Brighton, we met up with 5 more cars and 7 more people bringing our new number to 24 cars and 40 people.

Our first stop was Sandbanks Estate Winery in Wellington and we got a treat from Sarah and Joanna, they also gave us a huge area on the property to park our cars thus all the Z's were together, the group picture was amazing. Sarah a very charismatic lady gave us the actual tour of the winery and Joanna then gave us a selection of 6 wines to taste. They were very great ladies and did a great job in hosting our large group. Everyone had a good time. As we left the winery, the weather cleared up and the sun came out, thus T-Tops came off and Ragtops went down!!! As we were leaving the winery, there

was another tour starting out but they all stopped to gawk at our Z's and just smile at us.

From there we continued our tour through Prince Edward County and to Waupoos Estate Winery in Picton where we were greeted for lunch at a very nice restaurant overlooking the lake. We were surprised to see a wedding going on and as we were eating our lunch, we got a first eye view of the ceremony. As lunch took forever and after we finally finished, we had our second wine tasting and touring at the Estate. Needless to say that we tasted pretty much everything on the menu. Waupoos makes great wines and is a very beautiful place to visit if in Picton. I was very surprised by the taste of the Baco Noir Reserve wine has it has a very smoky, full taste, something I rarely find in an Ontario Red wine (I am biased to red wine as I am from Chile). Also a Happy Birthday went out to Brian Gracie who's birthday was the next day, we all chipped in and gave him a bottle of wine, a Baco Noir Reserve.

Since our lunch stop took longer than expected, only some of the members continued with the tour to get a

ride on the Glenora Ferry and continue to Shannonville. The majority of people just made their way home, as for some it was over a 3 hour drive to get home. But as luck would have it, the moment we left the winery, the skies opened up and poured most of the way home. So no one really got wet and everyone got home safe. I can say that Picton is home to some great wineries and wines and we are glad to be only a few hours from there. I want to thank Erle and Wes for coming up with great mapping and also Jason and Raji for all the pictures they took. Also for all who attended, a great many Thank You's for coming out and taking part of our great wine tour. Now what to plan for next year!

Jason Okolisan

The annual wine tour was a change from the norm - instead of going to Niagara-on-the-Lake, we ventured through the picturesque countryside of Prince Edward County. This was a nice change of scenery and being an east tour, brought out some different members out who we don't usually see. A handful of cars backed out because of the iffy forecast but we still ended up with 24 cars which is a large group for an ambitious tour of this magnitude. Weather turned out better than expected with mostly clear skies and the rain held off until the drive home.

Thank you to Mauricio for organizing the event and Wes and Erle for mapping a fantastic route. I didn't do the entire tour as my wife and I needed to get home to the kids so we left after the second winery, as did many others. Overall, I found the first wine tour at Sandbanks to be a better presentation than the second winery (Waupoos). Unfortunately lunch service was slow at Waupoos and put us behind schedule. They were also not really organized with the wine sampling. Regardless, it was a wonderful day and a great bunch of friends and cars to cruise with.

Sarah explaining why their wine is the best in the area.



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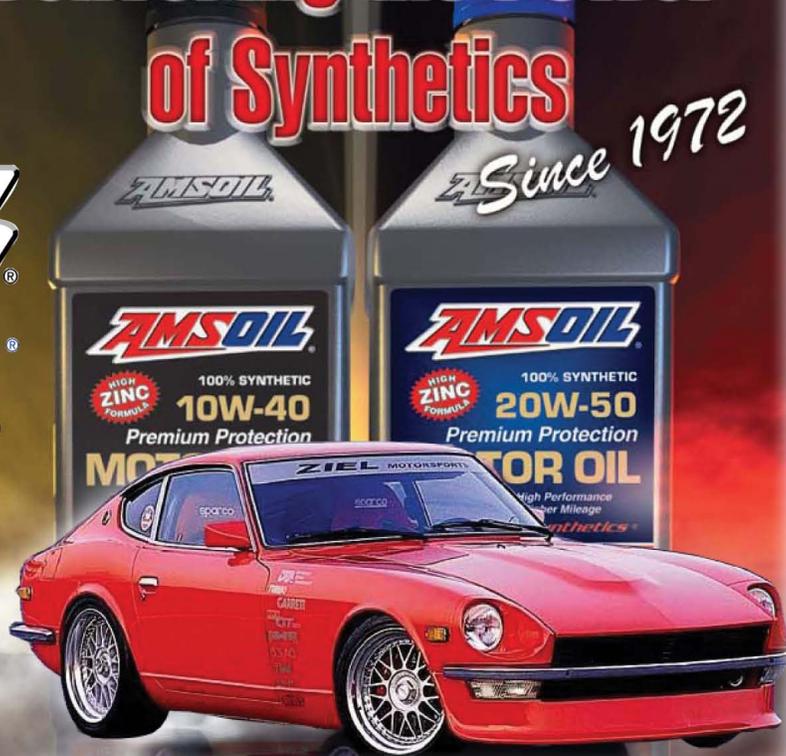
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I arranged for the kitchen staff to come in for the day to provide burgers etc for participants. A few members volunteered their time and we had awards created and a rudimentary method of collecting votes for class winners. We placed a few ads in the Toronto Star wheels section to promote the show and other than that word was spread by the few members we had and through local dealers via flyers.

The morning started sunny and warm with a few familiar cars/owners rolling in. After a while we noticed cars and owners we did not know...potential new members! I forget the actual number of cars we had that day but it turned out to be a success and membership grew substantially as a result. The club was now well on its way from humble beginnings with a few fans and a garage home base.

I was president for a few years in the mid 90's and through that time continued to encourage Nissan's involvement in the club. They provided club banners and also continued to host Z Fest for a number of years with it's eventual move to our regional office in the late 90's. It was a great time of growth for the club as we created a more involved website, promo-

tional items such as window stickers, license frames, shirts, and an awesome newsletter.

My time with the club was great. I found the member's were extremely enthused with their cars and had a lot of pride in their rides and in the club as a whole. The executive group that I worked with made the job easy and I thank all of them for their time and effort. We had an east and west chapter which worked well...however I must say the west side were the racers! After owning a number of Z's I have moved on to other models of automobiles, but I still miss the fun, friendship and pure enjoyment Z owners have for their cars. All the best for another 20 years and who knows, I might buy another Z one day!

Rick Scott

Past -President

Congrats to ONTARIO ZED CAR for 20 years as a club. That's really saying something about the members and the executive!

As a past president from 1999 – 2000 I know first hand what the responsibilities of the executive consisted of. I dealt with CASC getting mildly upset

with an insurance issue. Apparently we were paying for three members (for years) and the actual number was in the hundreds! The club was experiencing rapid growth at this time and the executive was spending most of it's time dealing with these issues. We incorporated the club with help from Mr. MacKew (that took a few twist and turns) and somehow I ended up running Z-Fest 2000 all by myself! I could not have done it without the help of my wife, oh and by the way that was her first and last Z-Fest. That being said we had a great core of dedicated members that were turning out in droves for the meetings. I remember counts in the 30's for western meetings. Through out that time the quality of Zed's kept improving as the knowledge base was expanding.

I think the main reason this club has stayed together so long is the friendships that has started from having the same interest. Some of these relationships have turned into best friends. I can personally attest to two such acquaintances. We all started out with a common interest in the Zed and now have more friends because of it.

I'm especially looking forward to the festivities at this years Z-Fest.

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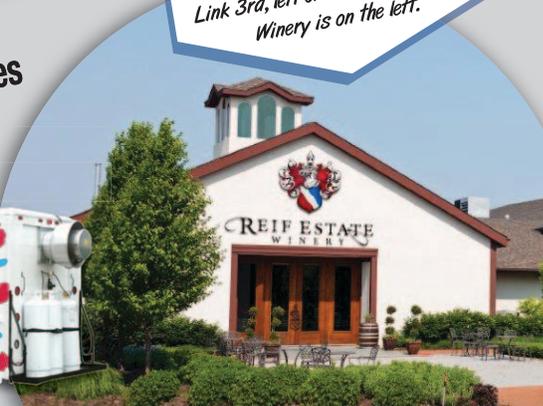
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