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It's that time again to put the babies away for winter and endure another Canadian winter. OZC's 24th year is coming to a close and we had another great year of events and tours in 2017 and we hope to have as many or more for 2018.

This year was a quieter one, without the hustle and bustle of hosting ZCON 2016, which was one of the most successful events ever held, by the way. We still managed to get our annual Z-Fest show in and our many tours throughout the year. To be honest, the weather this summer was not the greatest with lots and lots of rain; however, we did manage to get to as many shows as possible.

To recap on some of the events this year, bad weather was a factor in delaying the start of our touring season but the Halton Hills tour finally got the season started in late May. A few of OZC members took the trip down to Austin, TX in June to attend ZCON 2017 and we had a blast, it was way too hot for comfort but still managed to enjoy a wonderful city and actually enjoy a

ZCON this year and do no work! We had a great time at the Hamilton Steam and Technology Museum for our Z-Fest 2017 in July and we had great memories from having GaleForce 370Z on display to a having a wonderful lady who was in her mid 80's who had just purchased her first 370Z... We made her an honorary member of Ontario Z Car. We restarted our Golf Tournament for 2017 in Sept and had about 16 people sign up and partake in a day of golf, next year we hope to have larger numbers. Our members had lots of fun and I hope they come out again next year to enjoy the tours and events. We also had our ZCRAZIES tour of Japan in late November (hosted by ZCCA and our Japanese friends) 3 members of our club attended, Brian Gracie, Edmarc Arendoque and myself. We will give you more details of this once in a life time tour, in the next issue. Finally, our year end social was held on Dec 9, 2017 at Dave and Busters in Oakville to close out the year.

As president of this great club, I want to thank all of our execs and members who work tirelessly to make events and tours happen. To Diane, Terry, Howie, Bob, Raji, Eric, Brian and Lou, I want to thank all of you for all of your hard work throughout the year to make my life easier. Also special thanks to Wes and Erle who stepped up again and organizing some of our tours and again Brian for organizing the golf tournament. I also want to thank Nissan Canada for again being a big supporter of our club.

From my personal side, I finally had both of my Z's out this year at various events and next year you will see more of them. My 300ZX vert is finally finished and the 350Z is getting some final touches before the winter hibernation takes place. They will be roaring to come out again in the springtime of 2018 and have another wonderful year full of events.

**Mauricio Gomez**

PRESIDENT - Ontario Z-Car Owners Association

# No car to 3 cars in no time!

**Editor  
Note Z**

**Rajinda Gunasena**

ZEDLINE EDITOR - 1990 300ZX Twin-Turbo (CREATV)



## This was another crazy year, for me personally!

Started the year with no working Z, as my 300ZX was parked due to that dreaded sound I encountered in the engine, after my heroics at the track day, ZCON Toronto 2016. Knowing that I had to spend a good amount of cash to get the car to the level I wanted, including the TT swap and body mods, I knew it wasn't going to be fixed any time soon. Then my friend Sean Fletcher posted about a 1995 TT (Auto) that was up for sale for a fairly decent price in Michigan. As I wrote in the previous issue, I had to jump through few hurdles to get it back home and found it had a problem.

Turns out that the black TT had some sensor issues as well as one turbo wasn't that good. Due to all this, the computer makes sure the car goes into a limp mode. The gears would not change beyond second. Now I had 2 cars that needed fixing! In the meantime, the OZC season had started and a few tours and events were already taking place. It was at this point that I came across a clean red Z32 TT listed for sale on Kijiji. Turns out it was my friend and fellow member Anthony Giancola's car. He was selling it to buy a new 370Z. He was happy to sell it to me, knowing that it was going to be in the family, or so to speak!

This time there were no issues with the car, and I was able to happily join the rest of the gang zedding across the country side. My first tour back was the Wine Tour, which I have written about in this issue. Secondly, was Eric's cottage tour, which is also covered in this issue. Also included are all the details about our annual Z-FEST back in a familiar city, which is reported on by Howie, with lots of pictures of cars and the car class winners. Erle writes about the Kawartha Lakes tour which I couldn't make. Speaking of missing out, I couldn't believe I didn't make it to the OZC Golf Tournament. As someone who golfs at least once or twice a week, I was

so looking forward to it; however, a family wedding of a friend's daughter on the same day made it impossible for me to take part. The tournament was a great success and Howie also has the full details and pictures in this issue. Finally, there's the ever popular Calabogie tour which once again has had a great turn out according to Erle's write up.

Back to my personal saga, I finally managed to get my nephew Sanjiv into the club this

year. He is 21 years old and had been a huge admirer of my Yellow Z since he was a toddler. Whenever he visited my place he'd be staring at the Z in my garage, and later on, used to bring his friends to show the car. It is had become his dream car as well and I knew it was only a matter of time before he bought one. Two years or so ago he found a really well kept 1990 300ZX non-turbo, and yes it was also a pearl yellow just like mine. I was hoping he'd join the club right away but he never did, although he'd met a few of our fellow members during this time, when he was looking for parts for the car. He missed ZCON Toronto, where he could have gotten Yama-san to sign his car. After all he already has a very rare Mr. K's signature on the car thanks to the previous owner who got it when the legendary father of the Z came to Canada for ZCON 2001 in Kingston. This year Sanjiv came on one of the tours as well as the Z-FEST and walked away with the second place in the Z32 Stock category. Not bad for the guy eh!

Having started the year with one Z32 that barely drove, I now have 3 in my possession. A Yellow, a Black and a Red that matches the colours of the German flag! My plan is to sell or part out the black one and keep the red TT for me and give the soon to be yellow TT to my daughter one day! However if I really had the space and the money, I'd keep the black one as a track car, so that next time at a track event, if my lead foot gets too heavy, I won't have to worry about busting the engines of my babies!

# Newbie Z

Peter Patterson

Dianne Usher

Bobby Naidu

Sanjiv Kalutantiri

Aina Barbaks

Vlad Loutchenok

William Knapp

John Finch

Fawaz Mohamed

Ian McArdle

On behalf of the Ontario Z-Car Owners Association, I'm pleased to welcome all our NEW members: 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 to re-join OZC and be part of the largest, most exciting Z-Club in Canada!

*Bob Chwalyk*

Membership Director



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# 2017 Kawartha Lakes tour



We normally have no problem with attendance on this tour, but 1 week prior I only had 4 cars registered. By the date we had 14 cars registered. Reason being the weather has been so poor & unpredictable with rain, most people waited till last minute to commit. Weather that day was sunny & DRY!!

It's always a hassle to get out of the GTA, but this year there were many roads under construction, serious holes dug out for main sewer drains + some roads were gravel. We had to figure out new routes many times.

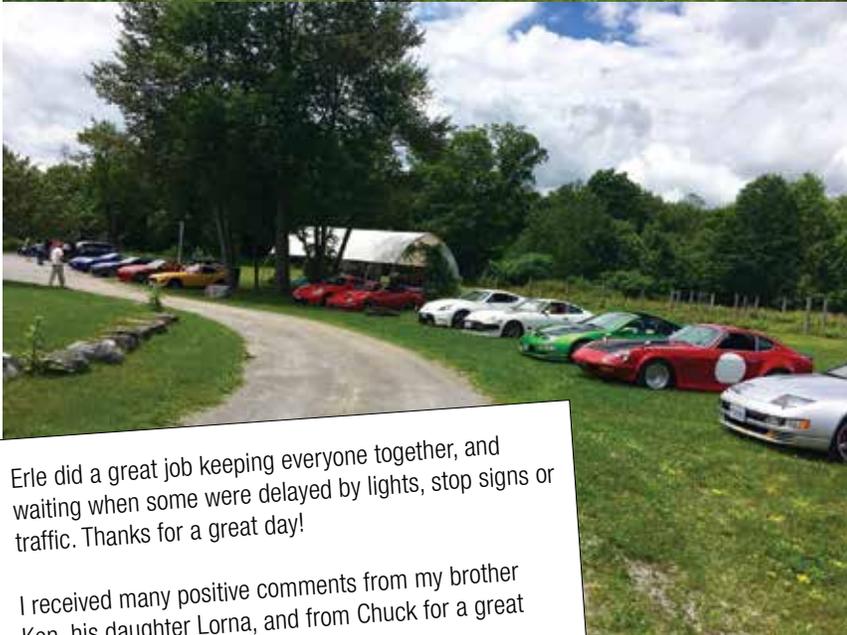
Lunch in Buckhorn lift locks was quite nice, but VERY, VERY populated! Once we got to Kawartha Winery, which is always a nice stop with free wine tasting. There was a great photo by Kim of Lou trying to kick the rock that he hit 2 years ago as he was turning out of the gravel driveway. This was a "hard" memory for Lou! (photo sent on another email).

We had ice cream in Bobcaygeon at a Kawartha Dairy retail store. They have GREAT ice cream & everyone who lives & visits comes here. The lineup is always 30 + people. We then drove to Bill/Vanda's cottage where they always have a nice barbeque & food spread. Lots of stories were told. Overall, everyone on this tour was very satisfied & would come out for next year's tour. It was nice to have new members come. ie. Lori/Eric who are Bill/Vanda's daughter & son-in-law. Also Lorna Peters(new OZC member) with her husband Chuck.

All in all, a good tour with great people!

*Erle Straus*



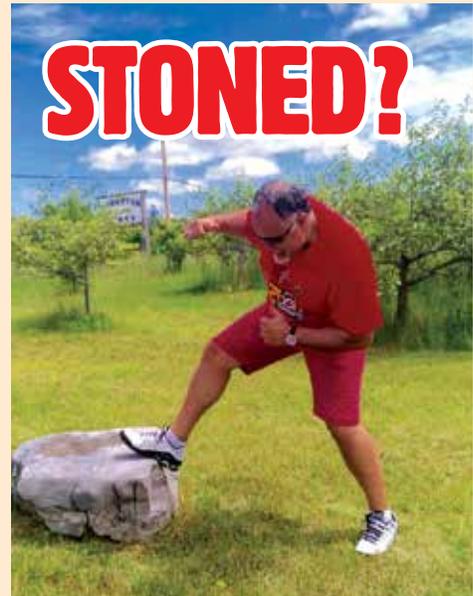


Erle did a great job keeping everyone together, and waiting when some were delayed by lights, stop signs or traffic. Thanks for a great day!

I received many positive comments from my brother Ken, his daughter Lorna, and from Chuck for a great day, and great participants.

Thanks to Bill and Vandra for providing a great venue, food and refreshments for the group. Looking forward to the next outing.....

*Terry Peters*



It was a perfect day for a Z cruise! The weather was hot and sunny. We were even able to put the top down! (Thanks Mauricio for the loaner!) With about 14 cars and Erle at the lead we were off to a good start until we kept running into roads that were closed and we had to regroup. That's probably why we lost people along the way.

We all met up for lunch by the boat Locks and then after some more cruising went to my favourite spot, The Kawartha Winery where you can taste and purchase many types of great fruity wines! Unfortunately not one of Lou's favourite's spots, hence the kicking of the rock outside!

This was a great time for some ice cream which we had at Kawartha Dairy after waiting in line for 15 minutes but well worth the wait. One of the best tasting ice creams you'll ever have!!

The last stop was Bill's cottage where all the cars were lined up for some great shots. This cottage is more like a mansion, never mind a big house. The hosts generously prepared a great BBQ spread and even some home made butter tarts. Thank you so much Bill and Vanda.

All in all it was a great time with great people and I can't wait till the next one!

*Lou Pereira*



**Rajinda Gunasena**

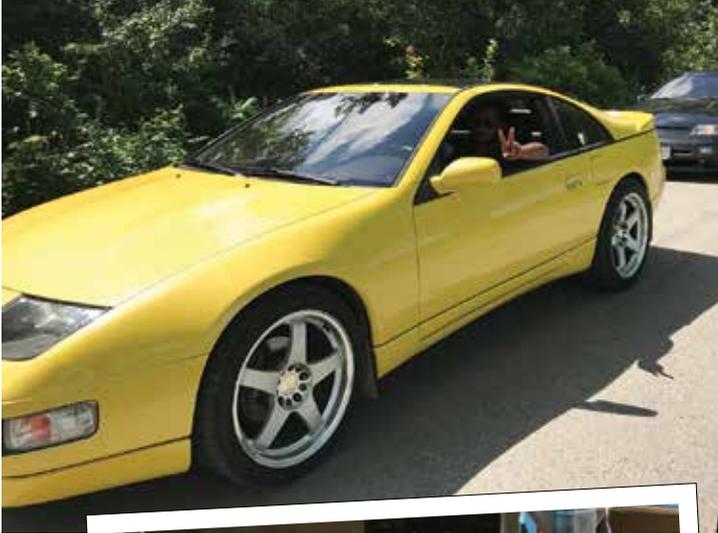
This years Wine Tour was the first time I participated on a tour in a very long time. Main reason was that I had no “drivable” car till I got the Red 300ZX TT. It was the first time I was taking it on tour, and it was also the first time for my nephew Sanjiv Kalutantiri, who finally made the tour in his Yellow 300ZX. I have been trying to get him to join the club, and finally managed to convince him to make the trip.

Along with him was my good friend Bobby Naidu. Few months before he’d completely stripped down his 240 Z, build it from ground up, paint and finish it in few weeks, just in time to make the trip to ZCON in Texas with JP and others. Bobby is the owner of a body shop, IDEAL AUTO based in Markham and I got to know him through Edmarc, who swears by him to paint all his Z cars in that special white! Bobby loves all things Z and has a few of models of his own and decided join the club this year.

Back to the tour... First stop was the Grange of Prince Edward County Winery. From there we reached The Waring House winery in time for lunch. After lunch we did more wine tasting at the Three Dog Winery, where we got a great opportunity to park our cars in their huge grassy back yard, take some great pictures. There was also a small band at the venue playing some good tunes. Some of us even got a frisbee out, playing catch just to stretch our legs from the long drives.

Next stop was the infamous Glenora Ferry Ride. We reached ferry quite late in the evening and the line up was pretty long. Many of us including my self, decided to cut short the tour and head back home. Bobby, Sanjiv and my self headed out together, enjoying a good drive back, while only a handful of the tour group had stayed back for the ferry ride and continued to Shoeless Joes for dinner. Even though I have no pictures or details about the ferry ride or the dinner, it was still a fantastic tour, well organized by Mauricio, with lots of great driving and many glasses of wine to taste!





# Z-FEST GOES BACK TO HAMILTON



## *Howie Yoshida*

When the club Executive Committee was planning out the events calendar early in the year, we decided to move Z-Fest up a month to take advantage of better weather conditions and to encourage a better turnout. Our intentions were good at the time but as the year progressed and things got busy, we had to scramble to book a venue as we were used to working with an August event schedule. Thanks to Terry Weston's efforts, we were able to book the Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology National Heritage Site. Terry mentioned this site was a possibility of hosting Z-Fest so a bunch of us arranged to meet at the site to check it out. Having met with the site co-ordinator, we decided it met all of our requirements (availability of green parking spaces, shaded areas, washrooms, power supply, food vendors allowed, highway access, rental cost) so we signed the contract.

Z-Fest was scheduled for Sunday July 23. Remember the reason we picked July was for a favourable weather forecast. Well too bad but it didn't happen. The forecast called for showers that day and sure enough, I drove through the rain early that morning, to get to the site and hoped for the best during the day. The rain did not hit the site and it actually turned out to be a pretty good day overall, weather wise. The damage was done though as our numbers were down for the event but more on that later.

The best thing about the site layout was that it allowed us to park each of the separate car classes in different areas of the venue rather than our traditional row by row layout. As the morning progressed, we started to fill up but it was at a slower pace as the Zeds rolled in. As usual, Bob Chwalyk manned the front gate to collect the entrance fees from the participants. When we shut down the entrance gates around 12:30 pm, the registration count recorded was 104 cars. The car show breakdown was as follows: 27 -S30s, 4 -S130s, 11 -Z31s, 15 -Z32s, 16 -Z33s, 21 -Z34s, 3 -Other Nissans, 5 -Infinitis and 2 Retired Zeds. Once again, we encouraged everyone to pre-register for Z-Fest and those that did (55 of them) and paid early, received a large thermal cooler bag, like the ones we gave out at ZCON last year. Pre-registration really cuts down on the paperwork required at the event and going forward, we may consider implementing that system while offering an incentive to do so.

Something very special and unusual to say the least happened too. I received an email very late, just before Z-Fest from a lady asking about the status of her registration and whether I had received it in the mail. I contacted her and indicated nothing had arrived in the mail but that she could still pre-register and pay at the event. Turns out her name was Aina Barbaks and she was the proud new owner of a red 370Z. I couldn't believe it when she told me her age, 86 years young! Once the word got out, all of us couldn't wait to meet her and check out her ride. It was really something to talk with her and hear her story, quite the lady for sure. We were very happy to welcome her as an honorary OZC member for 2018 and hope to see Aina at some of our events next year. She won first place by the way, in Stock Z34 too.

The usual added features were around again: our DJ was there playing oldies music and handling the announcements; in addition to taking care of parking the cars in their designated areas, Brian lined up a food truck to go along with an ice cream truck; picnic tables were available to sit down and eat; earlier in the morning, Eric, Lou and Raji hung up our club banners and took care of signage to make sure nobody missed the entrance; Terry with his wife Sandra and son Brett handled the sale of club merchandise; they also took care of drawing the tickets and handing out the door prizes during the day; 50/50 cash draw tickets were being sold and the eventual winner's share came to \$130; Diane was busy in the morning taking pictures for our social media pages; our Prez Mauricio sat down with me through the morning and the two of us handled the registration duties; when voting ended, Mauricio and Diane took care of all the data entry and vote tabulation for the awards. It was a great joint effort to take care of the workload for the day and we were ably assisted by a good number of club volunteers too. Thanks to all of you.

For those not so interested in looking at the same old cars once again, the Museum buildings were open for viewing and a big feature that day were the free rides on real miniature steamer trains, offered up to kids and adults too. Nigel went for a ride

and the train he was on took a corner too fast or it was overloaded but it ran off the tracks. The passengers got off, lifted it back onto the tracks and were soon back on their merry way.

Special thanks go out to Nissan Canada for their ongoing financial support of Ontario Z-Car and Z-Fest. They also brought out a number of cars from their 2018 line up including a 370 Nismo. It was good to see Nathalie Quesnel, Nissan Canada's Events and Sponsorship Manager out for the day to take the event in. Another local car dealer, Parkway Nissan in Hamilton also drove out and displayed some of their Zed line up. Rick Scott from Brantford Nissan donated some car care products and parts for our door prize draws, thanks again Rick.

The day ended on schedule as Mauricio handed out all the awards for the various car classes. Awards were given out for both first and second places in all the categories that had entries. Since we received and heard a lot of compliments from those attending the event concerning the Museum site, the car show layout and the added attractions, we may consider returning to the site again next year. Hopefully the weather will cooperate and we end up with the number of Zeds we are used to.





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# ZEDLINE WINNERS

**S30 Stock (240Z – 280Z)**

- 1st – Brian Gracie
- 2nd – Harry Wells

- Z31 Stock (300ZX)**
- 1st – Bob Burnham
  - 2nd – Haley Wells

**S30 Modified (240Z – 280Z)**

- 1st – Jas Bajwa
- 2nd – Rick Scott

- Z31 Modified (300ZX)**
- 1st – Edmarc Arendoque
  - 2nd – Chuck Gould

**S130 Stock (280ZX)**

- 1st – Bianca Figueira
- 2nd – Bill Husar

**Z32 Stock (300ZX)**

- 1st – Frank McGinley
- 2nd – Sanjiv Kalutantiri

**S130 Modified (280ZX)**

- 1st – not contested
- 2nd – not contested

**Z32 Modified (300ZX)**

- 1st – Kevin Hague
- 2nd – Erle Strauss



# ONTARIO ZCR RACERS ASSOCIATION 2019 ANNUAL MEET WINNERS

**Z33 Stock (350Z)**

1st – Vince Santoro  
2nd – Lorna Peters

**Z33 Modified (350Z)**

1st – Mauricio Gomez  
2nd – Corrado

**Z34 Stock (370Z)**

1st – Aina Barbaks  
2nd – Paulo Conceicao

**Z34 Modified (370Z)**

1st – Jason Gale  
2nd – Liam MacNaughton

**Top Vote Getter:** Kevin Hague

**Other Nissan Stock**

1st – Ron Ragbar  
2nd – not contested

**Other Nissan Modified**

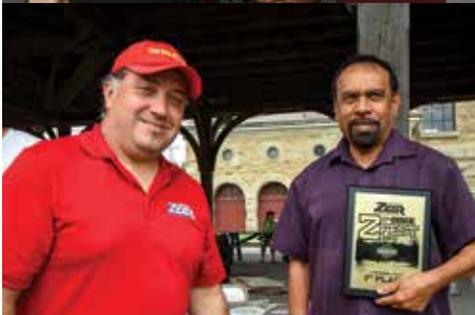
1st – Paul Mann  
2nd – Glen Walker

**Infiniti Stock**

1st – Shane Cote  
2nd – not contested

**Infiniti Modified**

1st – Victor Lee  
2nd – Nitish Katyal



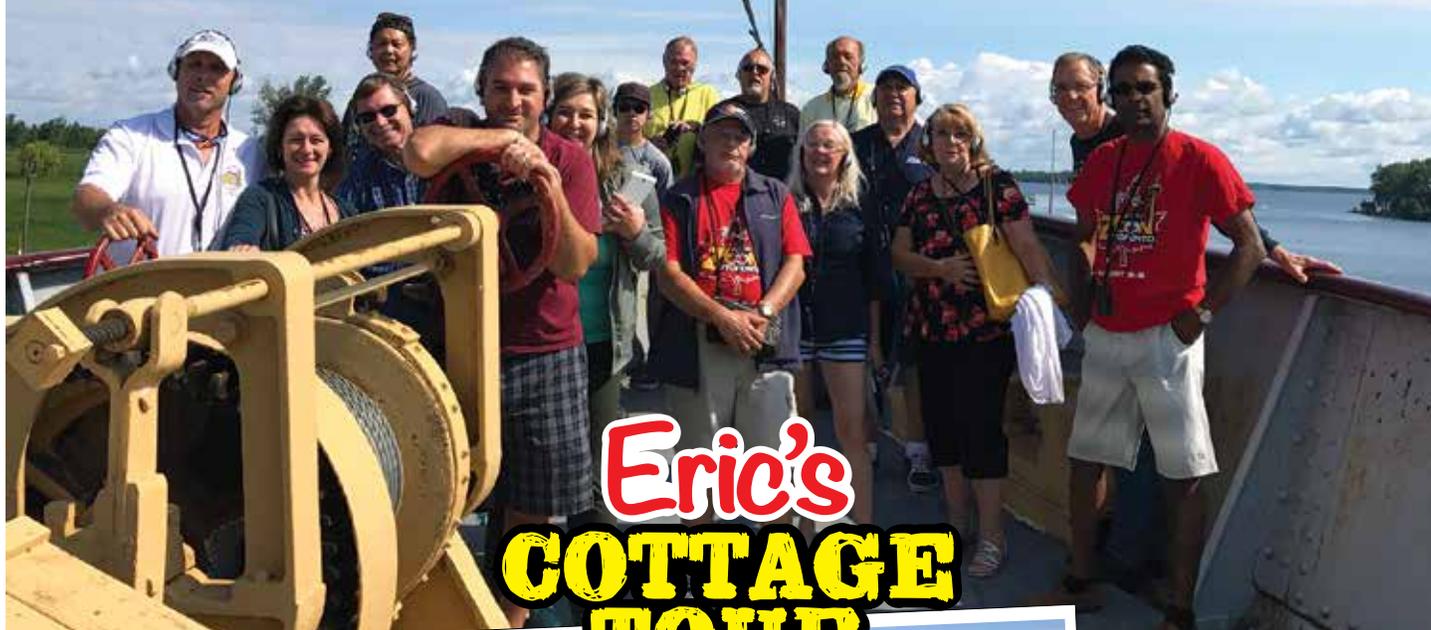


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# Ship Ahoy, Mateys!



## Eric's COTTAGE TOUR

*Rajinda Gunasena*

Every year Eric Zondervan makes sure he has something up his sleeve when he put together his annual Cottage Tour for our members. I have been on a Treasure hunt, Zombie tour (scavenging through a local cemetery looking for headstones with names that had a Z in it) to name a few. It's the reason this tour is always well attended, not to mention the chance to ZIP through Southwood Road. This year was no exception, as he'd planned to take us to see SS Keewatin, a ship built in 1886, almost 5 years before the infamous Titanic. After it's interesting tours around Canada and USA, its now docked at Port McNicoll, Ontario.



Lou, Erle, Ken, Peter, Anthony in his new 370Z and my self met up at our usual Enroute location on highway 400 north of Teston Road and headed out in a convoy to Port McNicoll to meet the rest of the group. The tour of the ship was quite fun and interesting. The ship was like a time lock, with most of it kept just as it was during it's hay day. They even had the period correct uniforms and dresses laid out in the rooms of different class passengers, worker etc. The guide was pretty good taking time to explain everything to us, while the headphones that were given to us, described even more details about the ship. It took a good hour and more to cover the different levels of the ship, and the lower deck with the massive engines were a treat to some of the gear heads in the group.

After disembarking the SS Keewatin we headed for lunch at Yannis, a family run restaurant that Eric had made reservations for us. They had an extended brunch

menu which we all enjoyed and took some time to line up the cars in front of the restaurant for a photo opportunity.

From there we headed towards Bala to watch the Big Chute Marine Railway. It is a patent slip at lock 44 of the Trent-Severn Waterway in Ontario, Canada. It works on an inclined plane to carry boats in individual cradles over a change of height of about 60 feet. It is the only marine railway (or canal inclined plane) of its kind in North America still in use, something to watch in operation. We spent another

hour or so there, watching the boats being loaded up stream and following them down the stairs as they carried it down to the lower level.

Next stop was to be the falls at Bala, which we avoided due to the heavy traffic that weekend and decided to drive straight back to Eric's cottage via Southwood road. When we reached the beginning of Southwood road, Eric stopped and allowed few of us with lead feet to go ahead. I took the lead along with Lou and Ken following me. It was an exciting drive as always, and my new TT did well with it's extra horsepower. However I did miss the lowered suspension set up I had on the yellow Z, which handled better through the winding roads. Lou kept up with me in Mauricio's 350Z, while Ken decided to take it easy in his newer 370Z.

Back at the cottage Eric and his daughter had prepared a Barbecue for us. Everyone was getting ready for a relaxing dinner at the lake, when I left as I had to get back home for a prior engagement. It's safe to say the Zondervans put on a great event, which everyone enjoyed and will sure to look forward to again!



# ANNUAL CALABOGIE TOUR



## Erle Straus

This year I booked the tour one month earlier at end of August. Previous years it was booked at the end of September. At the later time the weather was colder + possibly wet. Weather was great!! Roads were dry! This was the largest group of 17 cars.

We were fortunate this year to be invited to drive 2 parade laps on the Calabogie Motorsport Park. This is longest track in North America. Everyone there treated us well & a very special thank you to Diane Dale. She was to race her Datsun Z, but had to pull out of the event for personal reasons.

There was lots of fun with the people. MANY were teasing me the whole two days!! We got to make a lot of noise at Ash Grove Inn where we stayed at. Eating & drinking on their new outdoor patio was superb!

No cars broke down this year! Manolo & his son had a great time fishing wherever we stopped by a lake. This area is called "land of lakes" in Matawatchan River Valley.

Day #2 saw new roads to the race track. Many roads had extreme elevation changes with radicle turns. This is what the Z car was made for!! The best 2 roads were at the end of day #2 called South Lavant Rd. & Desert Lake Rd.

THIS DEFINITELY WAS THE BEST CALABOGIE TOUR! Hope the ones who attended felt the same!

Thank You All!!!





# OZC GOES BACK TO THE GOLF TOUR(NAMENT)



## *Howie Yoshida*

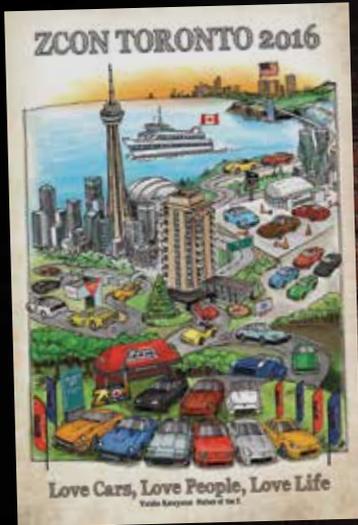
It's been a very long time, in fact 12 years have passed since OZC held their inaugural golf tournament for a bunch of eager participants. There has been talk in previous years about having a golf tournament again and it was with some satisfaction that a golfing event made it onto the 2017 events calendar. The Excom started to look into which golf courses would be agreeable to host a tournament.

Our Western VP, Brian Gracie mentioned that he was a regular at a course called The Bridges at Tillsonburg, located close to where he lived. After Brian talked things over with the golf pro there and looking at their prices and what they offered for a group tournament, we decided to hold our second ever OZC golf tournament at The Bridges of Tillsonburg. It was a very good deal. Your tournament fee included golf, power cart, lunch, dinner and prizes. We sent out a flyer and waited for everyone to sign up. As it came closer to the event date and the deadline for registrations, a funny thing happened. We ended up with 15 participants registered for the golf tournament which was exactly the same number of golfers we had for our first golf tournament in 2005. Hard to believe we couldn't generate more interest in a new type of club event, to break up the monotony. Take a close look at the picture posted of the 2005 golf participants. There are four of us that have played in both that tournament and the one just finished in 2017. Take a guess!

Anyway, back to the 2017 tournament. The weather was just great, not too hot and muggy and the course was in great shape. Play was not rushed at all as we put together 4 groups and played a scramble format which was a lot of fun. After everyone completed their round, we ended up back at the banquet room of the golf club. The place had been recently renovated and we had a delicious dinner as all had their fill of prime rib, pasta, veggies, salad and desserts. We gave away some prizes as follows: Longest Drive went to Brett Weston, Terry's son; Closest to the Pin for Hole #5 went to Rick Scott; Closest to the Pin for Hole #13 went to George Lirantis. The foursome with the lowest score at four under was par was captained by our Prez Mauricio, with Edmarc, Sweet Lou and their Ringer, George Lirantis. Everyone that played in the tournament received a sleeve of OZC branded golf balls and we had more than enough prizes to hand out to all the participants, thanks to donations from Rick Scott, Parts Manager at Brantford Nissan, our club merchandise inventory and even some ZCON leftovers. We all received a draw ticket when we registered for the tournament and the prizes were given out as the tickets were pulled. I still can't believe it, my ticket ended up being the last one pulled. Selection was sparse but I got a prize and we all went home with smiles on, having had a great day.

We plan to try this event again next year so here's hoping we have an increase in the number of participants.

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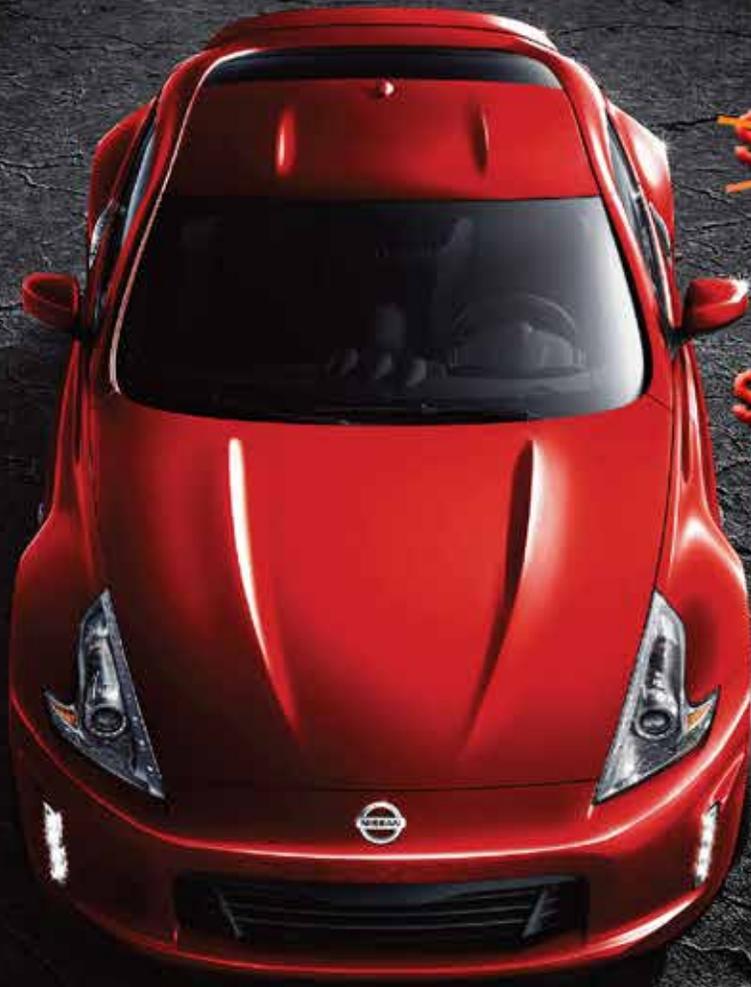
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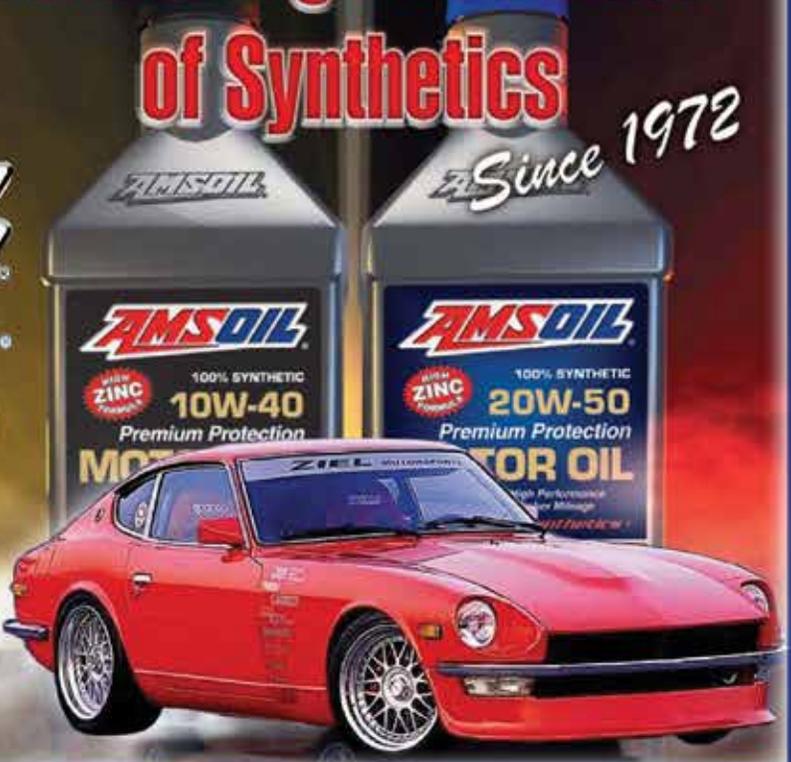
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