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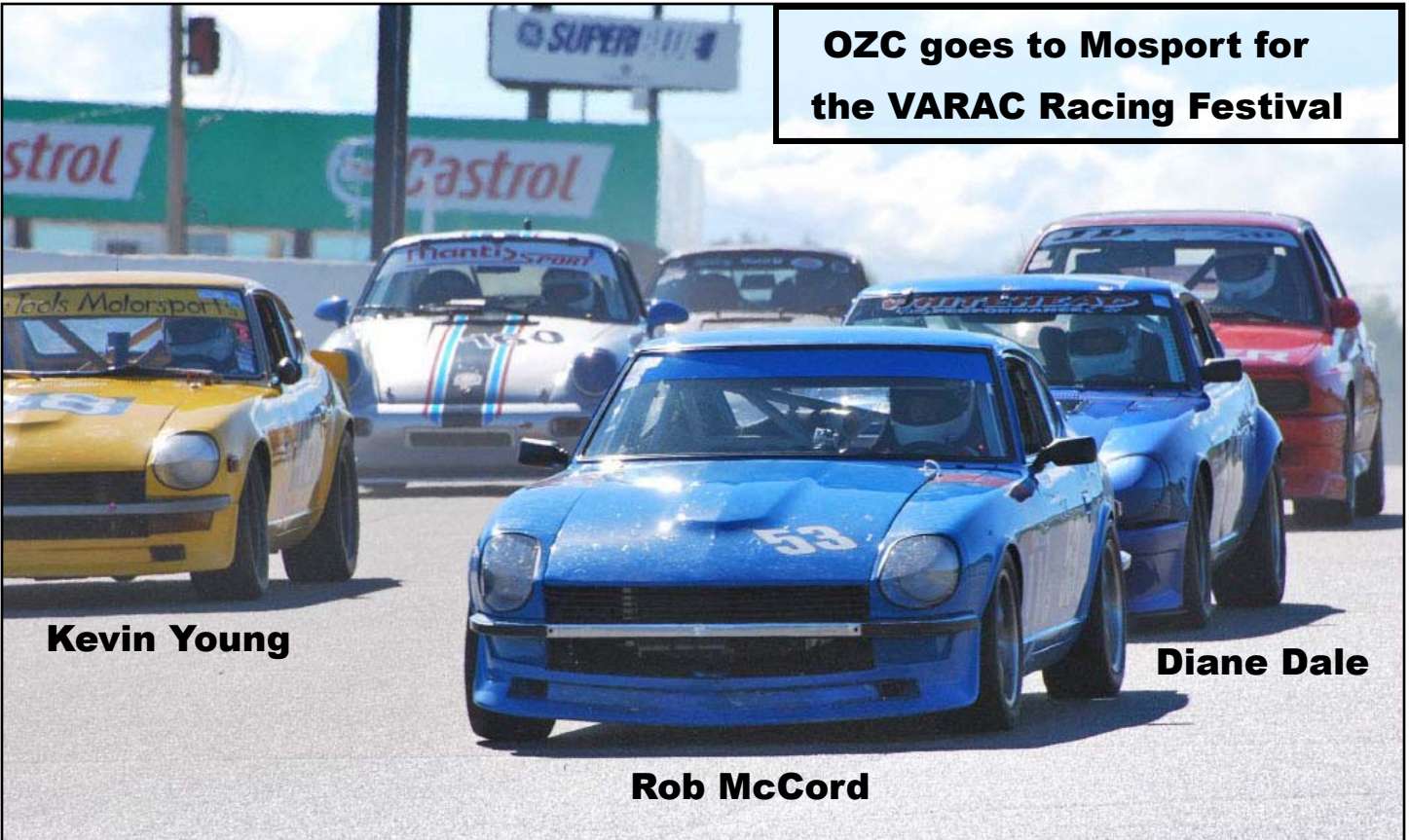
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## OZC goes to Mosport for the VARAC Racing Festival



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**Diane Dale**

**Rob McCord**

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# Prez Sez ...

## Now is what you have. Make the most of it.

The frost has long since disappeared. Birds are very likely leaving their calling cards on your vehicles and waking you up with their early morning chirping. These are all signs that summer is finally upon us. Many of us delude ourselves into believing that we love winter and that the cold and snow really aren't so bad, but let's be honest here. We really live for this time of the year. Where you can stumble out of bed and stagger outside to get the morning paper without any risk of frostbite. Where getting from one place to another doesn't involve worrying about the possibility of dangerous road conditions. Not having to shovel in order to get into or out of your own driveway. Yes summer, glorious summer, is finally here! And with the warm weather comes a great variety of club events.



We've already had a couple of very successful tours and a well attended event at the Mosport Vintage Festival. As I write this the 1st Drag Event beckons, the Rochester club's All Japanese Car Show and Watkin's Glen weekend are on the horizon and Nashville is not long after that. As if this weren't enough, we have our monthly meetings, which unless they are rained upon, now have a fun outdoor component attached to them. As well, there's also Z-Fest and a variety of other tours and events lined up for the rest of the year. The website is turning into a great electronic meeting place where Nissan car enthusiasts from all over are sharing information and keeping up with club news and events. Life is pretty good.

Sure we have some issues. A premier who promised he "wouldn't lower our taxes, but wouldn't raise them either" and then imposes a \$900.00 Healthcare surcharge on us, with no perceivable improvement in services delivered. He is now burdening overtaxed Ontarians with the HST which promises to deliver hundreds of dollars of extra expenses on a yearly basis. Next time you are filling up and paying much more than you had previously, stop to think of how good Dalton's smiling fork tongued face would look on your dashboard. It's small consolation, but it's all we've got. Then there's insurance. Many have encountered difficulty in getting reasonably priced insurance for their "modified" vehicles. The insurance company I am with has cancelled its specialty vehicle insurance program and it is only because of my having been "grandfathered in" that I am still covered. It's perfectly fine to buy a 500+ hp Camaro, Mustang or a number of other high powered vehicles, but God forbid you add a few extra horsepower to your vehicle or have the audacity to lower it or alter its appearance. As if that weren't enough there is the misguided Street Racing legislation which has been netting retired people, police officers and mothers with baby seats in the vehicle. This is yet another example of political grandstanding which completely misses its target. Young people continue to go out in their parent's vehicles wreaking havoc on the province's roads. There is speeding and there is street racing. You would think that an elected official would be able to tell the difference. They obviously can't and as a result punish everyone.

Like I said earlier, life is pretty good, but that doesn't mean that there aren't some drawbacks. Having said that, I think it is important to keep things in perspective. Our great lakes haven't been fouled with an ever spewing oily nightmare. We haven't been overrun with wild brushfires. We haven't been awakened from a peaceful sleep by an earthquake which has turned our life and possessions into a pile of rubble. Tornadoes are fortunately a fairly rare occurrence in these parts. We have been spared the devastating flooding in the U.S. and overseas. Our lives aren't torn asunder by civil war or an out of control dictatorship. Our economy has weathered the fiscal storm while so many other economies are in tatters. While our lives may not be perfect, we have in comparison been blessed beyond our wildest dreams compared to so many who by an accident of birth or unfortunate luck were born in the wrong place or country. Our lives are good. Even in bad times we are so much better off than so many. It really is so easy to forget how fortunate we are and to take what we have for granted.

Take the time to safely enjoy the coming months and to savour our families and the friendships we have built up over the years. May we all appreciate the things we have and if we know of someone who needs a little help, let's try and be there for them. I wish you all a great summer. Now let's get out there and create some lasting memories.

P.S. For what it's worth, later in the afternoon of the same day I wrote this article, Ontario was hit with a 5.0 earthquake and a tornado touched down in Midland. I'm just saying.....

JP Matte, President

Ontario Z-Car Owners Association

## **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!**

**Mauricio Gomez Brady Nelson Julian Norris  
Gord Olmstead Aaron Sivabalan**

We extend a cordial invitation to you to participate in club events, meetings and the newsletter.

Bob Chwalyk, Membership Director





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## From The Driver's Seat

Well it's been a great Summer so far, very hot, reasonably dry which makes for an even better driving season. The club has had a number of road tours that have been very well attended and from all the comments, it seems like those that have participated have had a great time of it. We have seen some new faces out at our events which is very encouraging for the club Executive.

OZC returned to Mosport raceway and took in the VARAC racing festival and car show. For an added bonus, we even had a chance to see some Zeds racing at the track with some excellent results as you'll read inside.

When you pull out your copy of Zedline, please take a second look inside the envelope if you don't notice the addition of a couple of club stickers. The Excom thought it would be a good idea to distribute them to the long standing members too as we have started to pass them along to the new sign-ups again. Thanks to our Merchandise Director, Terry Weston, who arranged to have them printed up. I still have a few left over from this mail out so let me know if you want more for your Zed or whatever, while they last.

ZCON has arrived and I'll be on the road soon, going to run the Tail of the Dragon on the way down to Nashville. There's about 9 of us doing that and I would say about 17 to 20 members going to ZCON. Highlights next issue!

Howie Yoshida, Zedline Editor

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## NIAGARA WINE TOUR

### with contributions from .....

The Niagara wine tour was a very enjoyable day for Joanna and I. It was an easy pace with plenty of time during the planned stops to socialize. We joined the group at lunch time so we missed the morning activities but the afternoon was perfect. Hot and sunny - great for a t-tops off cruise! What beautiful countryside. My favourite part was the drive along the Niagara Parkway into the Falls. Dinner at Betty's was a nice way to wrap up the day. Many thanks to the organizers Gerry, Sharon and Jillian Pancott whose efforts brought out 23 Zeds, the most I've ever seen on a tour!!

**Jason Okolisan**



Perhaps next spring we could do a couple of other wineries.

It was nice to see so many partners with the members. My wife, was unable to attend because of work. She enjoyed the wine I brought home though. The traffic was far lighter than I had expected, as it was such a glorious day.

It was surprising on three occasions, to see our leaders heading in the opposite direction but they couldn't lose the rest of us!! We caught them, I guess they didn't want to share the wine.

**Peter Paumier**



Great tour and a great turnout! (20+ cars in total) Perfect weather, perfect company, we had so much fun. Very interesting learning a bit about the wine making process and how to look and sample wine like a true wine-o! A special thanks again to Gerry and Sharon for organising the VIP tastings and donating 4 reidel wine glasses for the poker draw. Without their connections and persistency there probably wouldn't have been a Niagara wine tour. Some of the highlights for me were, free wine tastings, touring along the Niagara Parkway past the Falls, all in 1 big row of Zeds and having the opportunity to share a good time with other OZC members!

**Wes Hore**

What a great tour we had. Both my mother, Vivian and myself had a wonderful time with the group. The day could not have been more perfect to enjoy touring along the Hamilton and Niagara-on-the-Lake countryside. The wine tasting at both Fielding Estate and Inniskillin was both educational and enjoyable. This was my first time being on a wine tour and it will not be my last. The most enjoyable part is the amazing people that we met on this tour, Gerry and Sharron did an amazing job organizing this event along with Erle and Wes for their mapping and hard work. The drive from Inniskillin to Betty's restaurant was amazing as we had 20+ cars all in a row, as we passed the people on the road sides, they were just starrng at the cars as we passed by. Thanks again to the tour organizers Erle, Wes, Gerry and Sharon (if I missed someone, I am sorry) for a wonderful wine tour with Ontario Z-Car.

**Mauricio Gomez**

Many thanks to Sharon, Gerry & Jillian, Erle and Wes for the day out. Both winery tours were great, and informative. The ice wine tasting was especially interesting, the difference in the types of glasses for them was most illuminating.



Finally, a clear weather forecast leaving no doubt that the day would be a fine one. And fine it was. A beautiful May day, indeed much nicer than we are used to. By the time we got to the Tim Horton's at Clappison's Corner there were about 22 vehicles set to go cruising in the Niagara wine country. Most of those were Zeds. Unfortunately my 240 was still in the shop undergoing some upgrades. That was OK, my "civilian vehicle" a 2003 Mazda Protege 5 was up to the task. Moreover, not only was it built in Japan and does it share the same colour as my 240 but there is also a "Z" in the Manufacturer's name.

At least 3 vehicles were driven by organizers who attempted to keep this large group of vehicles together as we drove about the countryside. Despite their best efforts, a bit of chaos did break out, but all were ultimately reunited at points further down the road. In my opinion this should not reflect poorly on the organizers as I believe it to be a logistical reality having experienced this





same phenomenon on many different occasions. We were not alone on the roads and it sometimes becomes somewhat of a challenge. For those of us not finding ourselves on racetracks often, this might be as close as we come to living on the edge.



After winding through a variety of very twisty roads with some breathtaking elevation changes thrown in, we arrived at our first stop, the Fielding Winery. They gave us a tour and let us sample their wares. They were very friendly and informative. This was the first of two wineries scheduled that day. After all was through at this winery we made our way to a little tea house conveniently located but a few kilometres from there. This quaint little restaurant went from virtually zero occupancy to a full house in a matter of minutes once we streamed into their parking lot and into their dining area. The food I had was delicious and arrived in a timely fashion. All things considered they did a creditable job of getting everyone served as quickly as they could though some unfortunately did experience some delays. This can be expected when a large group of hungry tourers invades a restaurant.

It was close to 2:30 when I watched a very impressive group of vehicles, which had now grown to about 23, leave for the next leg of the tour. I had to get back home in order to help deal with grand kids and be there for a cable technician coming later that afternoon. I was impressed with the event as it was laid out and was thrilled to see such a huge turnout. In total, there must have been close to 40 or so people participating. Thanks to the primary organizers, Gerry and Sharon Pancott with help from their daughter Jillian. Great Event! Great Weather! Great People!

**JP Matte**





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## MORE TOURS - HALTON & CALABOGIE

### by Jason Okolisan

Our first tour of the season - the Halton Sydenham on May 15 was a success with 9 Zed cars and 2 Infinity G35's. It was a cool overcast day so not perfect but at least there was no rain.



Highlights of the tour were the beautiful views along Lakeshore, Snake Road, Twiss Road and seeing a lot of other nice cars out including the Lotus club. It was also nice having some of the group back to my place after to hang out. Overall a great afternoon of driving - 160 km from the starting point to my place. Thanks to Erle and Wes for putting this tour together.

### and here's Calabogie on June 26-27.....

I had a wonderful time with everyone and a great Zoom, Zoom time on the roads. The weather could of cooperated better on the way there and on the way back (couldn't see a dam thing on the way back into Toronto) but other than that a great weekend.

#### Mauricio Gomez

First of all GREAT TOUR. I know the weather started out poorly but the afternoon was OK and we got 99% of our Sunday tour in before the rain came down and boy did it come down on the 401 near Toronto. Thanks to Wes and Erle for all their efforts in creating a fantastic weekend event.

#### Gerry Pancott



Thanks very much for a great weekend. We enjoyed the tour as well as the company. The country side and road tour was fabulous. Our hats are off to the organizers. It takes a lot of work to organize these events and we commend you on a job well done.

#### Ed Muth



Well, I'm alive! What an adventure. Call me stupid, crazy, cinderella, whatever you like I had fun. That's what it's all about after all.

Again, I had a great time. Thank you all for joining us and helping to make this a very special tour.

#### Wes Hore



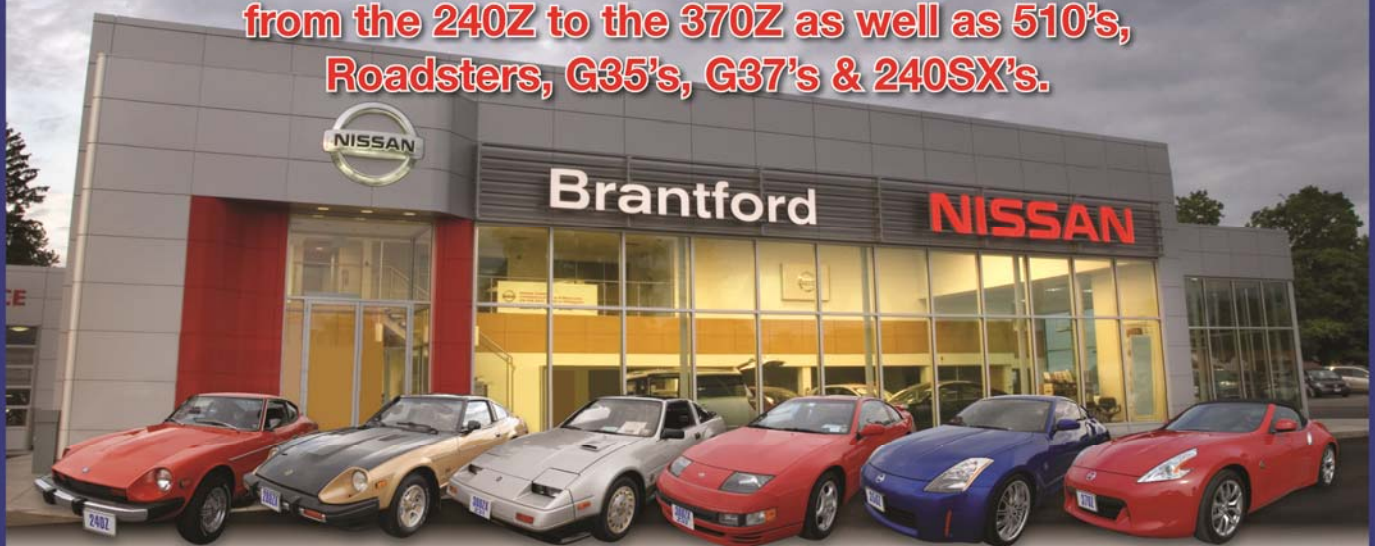


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## EVENTS!!! — 2010 OZC CALENDAR — EVENTS!!!!

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August 4 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66

**August 21 - Z-Fest at Brantford Nissan. (Fri & Sat event planning ongoing)**

September 8 - Joint East-West Meeting at Montana's in Milton, join us for dinner at 6:00 pm, meeting at 7:30 pm

September 18 - Drag Day #2 at St. Thomas Speedway, dinner, trophies, contact Jim Maw ([alfa@golden.net](mailto:alfa@golden.net))

October 6 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66

October 16 - Mosport Road Tour. Contact Tom Dickson ([zeeker260@hotmail.com](mailto:zeeker260@hotmail.com))

November 3 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66, main event, elections for 2011 Executive Committee

November 10 - Western Chapter Meeting, location TBD, elections for 2011 Executive Committee

November 20 - Year End Dinner & Social, restaurant location TBD

December 1 - Eastern Chapter Meeting at Route 66

## MONTHLY MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

**Our Spring Joint East-West meeting** was held as usual at Montana's Roadhouse in Milton on May 15. For once it didn't rain and we were able to enjoy the cars and socialize after dinner in the parking lot. The turn out was good with the highlight of a red 370Z, thanks to Rick Scott.



### Meeting Notes from the Jun 2 Eastern Chapter Meeting

It rained. We enjoyed a great turnout considering the weather, about 20 people.

Our Treasurer Gail advised all present that the club is solvent and on sound financial footing.

It rained harder.

Our Newsletter Editor and Webmaster were absent, presumably due to the monsoon like weather.

It rained even more.

Bob Chwalyck brought the club jackets with embroidered logos for those who had purchased them. They looked great!

Rain still coming down.

Erle Strauss spoke about the very successful Niagara Winery Cruise held on May 29th. Erle also discussed upcoming tour events all of which will be listed on the website Events Calendar.

Yes it is still raining.

New member Mauricio Gomez was in attendance. George Kolosowski, OZC's 5 term Ex President turned up after a 4 year absence. Members were thrilled to have him back. Bill Husar purchased a Sundae which was adorned with a candle and presented by Route 66 management to a surprised George.

Minutes by JP Matte

### Western Meeting June 9, East Side Mario's, Woodstock

It wasn't raining yet.

7 members gathered for some food & car talk. Four Zeds in the parking lot.

Welcome to Gord Olmstead from the London area, who owns an orange 240Z

Plunkett's car show had 4 or 5 Datsuns in attendance.

Michael L. gave a synopsis of his AC install.

Laverne had an interesting cross section, factory exhaust piece showing the blockage on a header pipe.

Mosport VARAC weekend details reviewed. They should be available on the web site by now. At least 4 Zeds are entered.

Flyers to the Rochester show were available

Door prizes to 2 lucky winners, Gord & Ed for being in attendance. The last of the Sunoco coupons!

Showing cars at National

and rules became a discussion.

Minutes by Laverne Burkhart





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## VARAC VINTAGE RACING FESTIVAL AT MOSPORT "BACK TO THE GRASS ROOTS"

by **Howie Yoshida**

Photos by **Malcolm Haylock**

This year Ontario Z-Car decided to organize an event to attend the VARAC (Vintage Automobile Racing Association of Canada) Vintage Racing Festival at Mosport International Raceway. It is Mosport's 50th Anniversary year and also VARAC's 31st Annual Festival so we were all looking forward to a great event. The 3-day weekend featured lots of on-track action, golden era autos, a "Field of Dreams" Car Show, a chance to drive some parade laps on the big track at Mosport and an opportunity to see some Zeds racing flat out and to come out and support our own member Diane Dale who races in the Group 70+ Division.

Race day and the car show were on Sunday June 20, so we met at the 5th Wheel Truck Stop on Waverly Road at Hwy 401, bright and early in the morning and drove in a



A row of Zeds as we get lined up for the car show

two of them from the former Thousand Islands Z Car Club, we had a good showing. We hooked up with Laverne (240Z) and his son who had arrived on Saturday and had camped out on the infield.

The weather was just great, maybe a bit too hot as it was sunny all day long. Racing was soon underway with practice sessions and qualifying in the morning and then the featured races took place in the afternoon, MG Feature, Monoposto, Vintage and Small Bore Cars, Wings and Slicks, Historic Cars and finally Group 70+. Some of the



Rick, JP & Dave at the 5th Wheel before we head out on our convoy to Mosport



Traffic jam on the back straight during the parade laps

convoy to the track. I wasn't sure how many were coming but was pleasantly surprised to find our "train" consisted of 8 Zeds as we pulled out. We arrived and selected a prime spot to park and participate in the car show. Eventually, there were another 4 or more Zeds that were also there,

races were very heavily populated and the action was non-stop, very entertaining.

At lunch time, all the car show participants were given the opportunity to drive out onto the track for a couple of parade laps. It was wild as we all piled out thru a small gate.



#57 Dan Rosewell, '70 Datsun 240Z



Laverne sitting & waiting too on the back straight





#240 Lee Good, '71 Datsun 240Z racing ahead of #71 1987 5L Mustang of Walt Mackay who raced in the first race held at Mosport in 1961, Walt is 72 years young!

#48 Kevin Young, '71 Datsun 240Z

Numbers I don't know, say about 150 cars but there were so many, the guys first out had to wait as they came around, for the last ones to make it out through the gate onto the track. We ran a few parade laps but there were gaps where you could step it up a notch and have some fun. That was until we came to a screeching halt on the straight-away and had to park for a while. We were soon off the track and the races began.



Podium sweep for the Zeds! (left to right) third, Kevin Young, first, Rob McCord & second, Diane Dale



The Field of Dreams Car Show on display, lots of them

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As the day wore on and the heat continued and due to other commitments, it was Father's Day after all, some of us departed before the last race which featured a number of Zeds. For those that hung in and watched the Group 70+ race, it was well worth it as the Zeds swept the podium with first place going to Rob McCord, second to Diane Dale and third to Kevin Young. Congratulations to all of you and to Whitehead Performance. They had a good day too as all three engines are under the care of Greg, Tony and Mike, along with a lot of other race related systems and parts.



#53 Rob McCord, '72 Datsun 240Z leads #113 Diane Dale, '71 Datsun 240Z to the finish



## CASC-OR MOBIL1 AUTOSLALOM CHAMPIONSHIP

by **Howie Yoshida**

Photos courtesy of Tanney Motorsports

The CASC-OR Mobil1 Autoslalom Championship is a series of 7 events hosted by a number of car clubs. Most of you know what autoslalom is all about but here's a quick tour.

A course is defined by a whole bunch of cones strategically placed all over a parking lot. Participants are provided the opportunity to drive the course as quick as then can, a day consists of about 6 runs with only your best time counting for your finishing order. Cars are classed according to a number of factors, such as car type, engine size, modifications and they are handicapped accordingly in an attempt to even out the timing field. Points are scored at each event with class champions declared at the end of the season. Events are usually held on mall, commuter or facility parking lots. This year the provincial series has been run on some fantastic venues so far.

The first event was held at the Mosport Driver Development Track by the Oshawa Motorsport Club. It was a rainy day and the track was very challenging to say the least. It's a good way to learn the limits of your car by driving in wet conditions, lots of fun too.

The second and third events are why I'm writing this article. They were held over a May weekend at the Picton Airport. The first day was hosted by SPDA and day two was hosted by St LAC. Parking lot courses have run times less than a minute and are not that long. You walk the course in the morning to familiarize yourself with the layout. Check out the Picton course map! It was about 2.4 km long and just an incredible course. Times were running around 2 minutes, driving flat out, it was a blast for sure.

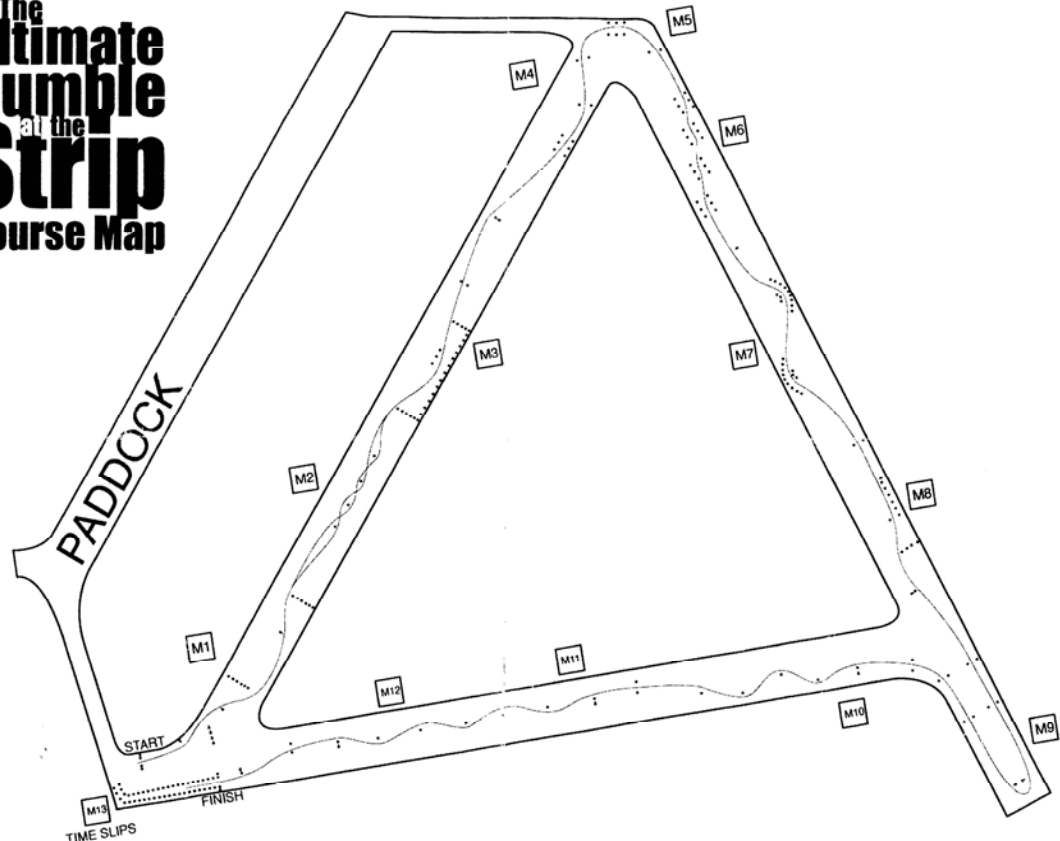
The slalom portion on the last leg was run in 3rd gear, pedal to the metal. Forget the course walk, we drove the course (at a slow parade lap pace) to get the layout. Day 2 was basically the same layout with a few subtle changes and we ran it in reverse direction as Day 1.

There were a number of Zeds participating but only 3 OZC members. #56 Quentin Yarie in DMOD was third and fifth in class over the weekend. #95 Steve Stockill in BSP and yours truly, #135 Howie Yoshida in BSS were, well we had lots of fun and have lots of room for improvement.

Our next event is going to be at Kawartha Downs Speedway, a banked stock car oval, I can hardly wait.



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