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### Z-Con, Z-Fest, Z-Gods!

OZC's 20th year is drawing to a close. By all accounts, the club is doing as well now as it ever has, if not better, which is a tremendous achievement. Club membership numbers are strong, website activity continues to grow, our social media initiatives are building steam, and there's a wide variety of well attended club activities. Interest from sponsors is even growing. I have to conclude that the Datsun/Nissan Z cars attract an outstanding class of people to make all of this possible. So, congratulations to all of you!

Of course, the OZC executive deserves special mention. As President, I can tell you it's been a tremendous relief to discover how hard working and dedicated the executive team is. I don't have to micromanage, or bust heads to make things happen, it just gets done! And these are people who don't get paid for their time. I wish I had it this easy at work. We really are fortunate to have these people on board. It's not just limited to the executive though. There are many regular members who pitch in to help too, providing not only their time, but in some cases even their homes.

One need look no further than our 19th annual Z-Fest as testament to the continuing success of this organization. The venue was outstanding thanks to the generosity of club member Klaus Reif for providing use of his gorgeous estate. Everything went smoothly throughout the day. And while I don't want to get

caught up on attendance numbers, because they are far from being the end all and be all for this event, this appeared to be a record breaking year!

Despite presiding over a successful OZC year, I apparently have somehow personally angered the Z Gods, as my Z has been



afflicted with a seemingly endless procession of problems this year. After running nearly flawlessly for 10+ years, I've spent this summer chasing one problem after another. I missed all of the driving tours and both drag events this year as a consequence. Even after thinking I finally had everything sorted out and that I could enjoy a few weeks of Fall Zedding, a terrible misfire has developed out of the blue, making the car nearly undriveable! And this was the year I said I was going to drive my Z as much as possible and just enjoy it. Next year. Next year!

Nigel White PRESIDENT - Ontario Z-Car Owners Association

### Technical Glitches.

I have come to expect technical glitches now and again, especially when one drives a 20+ year old car. It's a given on the more technically aspirated Z32, than the older Z cars which probably have other big issues. Mine started with the AC going off early this summer. At the same time, some lights popped up on the dash board, including the dreaded engine light! Yet, I wasn't worried as the car still ran fine, and with some creative wiring that by-passed the AC module, I even got the AC working fine for the summer tours with the boys.

Then came the other issue... Emissions! Yeah, I found out that the government had changed some rules on how the testing was done, especially on these older models, that my regular emission saviour wasn't able to help me. So in went the catalytic converter, along with other oxygen lines, valves and finally things are back in order, including the dash board issue that got sorted out, thanks to Amo of Woodbine Nissan. He definitely lived up to his NISMO tech guru hype and made my summer happen, and let me enjoy the tours, and events.

Speaking of events, I was glad to be a major part of one of the best, if not the largest attended Z-Fest. I was

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able to help with all the design & marketing material, as well as design the special Z-wine label & a great award plaque, that Edmarc helped us create!

On the forum, there were some doubts about the headline I chose for the Z-Fest poster ... "The biggest Car Show Ever". So this year's success made it even more sweet for me personally. All these creative work were done on my trusty MacBook Pro laptop, I use for my daily work as well. To me, the Mac rocks!

So imagine my shock, when the hard drive suddenly gave up, in the middle of doing this issue. It took me almost a month to recover, not just my work, but reinstalling all the software I use. Some programmes had issues with the new operating system I upgraded to. It's finally done. As much as this year was great for me driving the Z and enjoying the club's success, it also came with some tech pain.

Here's hoping next year will be a smoother ride!

### Rajinda Gunasena

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

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Welcome NEW Members!

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

> Will Hayward, Stanley Nicholls, Ozzie Zatka, Jim Passant, Nancy Marcov, Raymond Tyghter, Dieter Krone, Eric Kipling, Dave Nichols, Deb Coles, Amo Grazia, Dave Collins

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!





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### Z-CON 2013 New Hampshire

Jason Okolisan takes us through the adventures of travelling to this years Z-Con with fellow OZC guys.

### **Z-FEST Tour of Niagara**

Rajinda Gunasena's detail accounts of the Z-Fest tour. Getting lost, & finding the way around Niagara Escarpment.

### THE WINNERS OF Z-FEST 2013

Check out the complete list of the winners in their categories. Pictures of their cars & the trophies

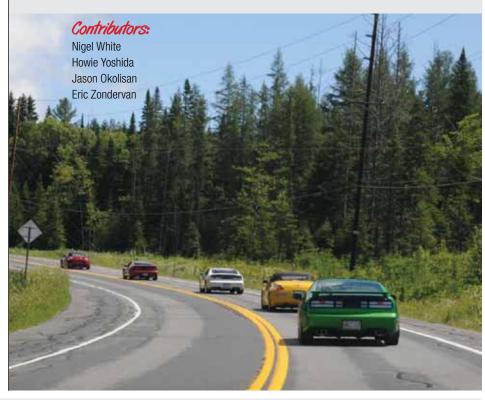
### THE Z-FEST

FALL 2013 ISSUE

More pics and details of the event that was hailed as one of the best and biggest in OZC history.

### **WOODBINE NISSAN Show & Shine**

Jason Okolisan's view point on the first ever show & shine at our NEW sponsor Woodbine Nissan



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# **Z-CON 2013**

### OZC represents big at Z Convention 2013, New Hampshire

Opening night reception



### Jason Okolisan

Z Convention 2013 was great fun and the highlight of my summer. The only other Z Convention that I've been t o was Nashville in 2010 which had a huge turn out - 700 Z Cars. Nashville was so big because it was the 40th anniversary of the Z Car, as such, the convention had extra support from Nissan. Nashville set the bar quite high and while the Nashua, New Hampshire convention was great, there were fewer Zeds by comparison (approximately 250).







I had fun and our OZC group was fantastic, the camaraderie was the best part of the trip. By my count, we had 23 club members there and 19 Zeds. Myself, Erle, Mauricio, Lou, Peter, Pete, Enrique, Eric, Howie, Nigel, Bob, Laverne, Anthony, Edmarc, Dave, Larry, Brian, Jorge, Bill plus JP, Roy, Rick and Clive with other cars. I wasn't there for the closing ceremony but I heard that our group got special recognition for attendance as I think we made up a significant part.



Most of us travelled to Nashua, New Hampshire on Sunday. I drove with the big tour group comprised of nine cars. We left Bowmanville at 7am, crossed the boarder at Thousand Islands Bridge and spent the bulk of the day in upper New York State driving

scenic Highway 3 through the Adirondack Mountains. We had lunch in Cranberry Lake, and drove through the bustling tourist haven Lake Placid. We stopped outside of Lake Placid for a photo shoot and continued with some very nice roads on our journey. The best roads were in Vermont.

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We stopped in Rochester Vermont at 6pm for a break, at which point, four of us decided to take the direct route to the hotel - still 2.5 hours away. The other five ambitious guys were up for more biker roads so they drove an extra hour more than we did - getting them to the Crowne Plaza Hotel at 10pm. We encountered some rain in the afternoon so our cars were quite dirty by the end of the journey, which was 950KM and 14 hours for me. So, the drive to Nashua was a big highlight for me but I was happy to get settled into my room and join the rest of the OZC members (who had arrived earlier) in the hotel bar.

Monday was a leisurely day spent washing the cars in preparation for the show the next day. Opening ceremony featured special guest speaker, Datsun racing legend Bob Sharp. After that was the Texas Chilli Party and mingling with the various clubs.

The car show was really good with around 200-250 cars. 70 or so judged who were parked on pavement



The OZC delegation, not all of us too. More missing!



and the rest/peoples choice on the grass. OZC garnered eight trophies plus Howie placed second (modified class) in the track event.

My third and last day (Wednesday) at the convention was quiet as I relaxed at the hotel instead of doing the Road Rally. We had two fun group outings to

downtown Nashua for dinner - first night with Bob Sharp and Yoshihiko Matsuo (designer of the 240Z) as our guests.

On Thursday I drove home with Erle and Roy taking the direct route 190. Left at 10am, got home at 10pm so still a full day on the road.



We had good weather for the three days I was there and I heard it didn't rain until the last day - Friday for the autoslalom event. I'm happy that I went to Z Convention 2013 and look forward to attending another convention when it comes within a days drive of the GTA.





Wannabe race car drivers at the High Performance Driving Event



# **Getting lost in record numbers!**

When the OZC executives started planning this years Z-Fest, the first priority was to find a great location. Something away from the city, where we could drive, and possibly make it into a two day event. This also meant one of the days would be a tour day. Since the location happened to be Niagara-on-the-lake, a wine tour around the escarpment area was a no brainer. Especially since the usual spring wine tour was moved this year from Niagara to Prince Edward County in the east.

Personally, Kisa and I wanted to make it a three day weekend getaway. We decided to get to Niagara a day earlier, on Friday night. However, in the rush to book a Hotel, I had completely forgotten where the tour meeting point was the next morning. Hamilton! So there we were driving back towards Toronto, to meet with the rest of the gang in Hamilton.

When we got there, I was surprised to see the amount of Z cars parked at the gas station/rest area. Going in we knew the interest was there and the list was long, but we always knew there were a few no shows. But not this time around. I believe we had thirty or more cars with some of them joining us for lunch at the winery. It was great to have so many cars, but it was also quite a task to keep them all together.

The groups were split into two, with Wes leading one group and Earl leading the other. But right out of the gate, a few cars went missing, getting caught to traffic or lost in many construction areas between Hamilton and Niagara.

Some of the newcomers probably had a hard time following, even after the lengthy briefing given by Earl, our tour master. The walkie-talkies didn't help much, especially if one had drifted far away from the tour, as they had limited range. After a couple of years of touring I have figured out a few tricks. First is not to fall back too far from the car in front you.









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Dillons Distillery



Second is to stay in touch with the car behind, and use the Walkie as much as possible, to inform the leader of any break ups on the chain, especially at lights and stop signs when going through small cities.

But we all managed to get to the first stop, Dillons Small Batch Distillery, who served us some of their special vodkas! A quick round of pit stops and the two groups were off and running again. We took both side roads as well as main roads a few times, mostly because the route to the next stop didn't have that many scenic roads. I was glad to see another fellow GoPro user in the group. Will Hawyard was touring with his sister who was a student of Video Editing. Together they had their camera hooked up on all places, on their 280ZX, just like I had last year. I wasn't alone anymore. We exchanged some of the video clips and I am dying to see his edited ones, and hope I can get mine up and running soon.

The second stop, Flat Rock Cellar Winery, was a beautiful location with an impressive view of their winery from the main building. They had prepared a picnic area for us, along with a lunch that was pre-ordered. I had forgotten to pre-order our lunch, so had to get my own on the way. The lunch time gave us time to get to know the new drivers, share some of our stories with them, and hear theirs.

After lunch the tour continued with Anthony, the local expert of the roads taking the lead. We drove on some dirt roads, as well as some winding roads before I found my self on the QEW, heading back towards.... Toronto? It was obvious that someone ahead had taken a wrong turn and some of us were following them blind. Thankfully a few cars realized this and took the next exit. It was time to get on the cell and call a couple of the leaders to figure out what went wrong. Turned out that one of the guys in the group driving a Porsche, was planning to leave the tour halfway, and head back to Toronto, which the cars behind him weren't aware of.

After some time, we met up with the group and headed to Syndicate Resturant for dinner. We all had a laugh about getting lost quite a few times. But everyone knew it was part of the fun. Getting lost, turning around and finding your way back... it's almost a normal activity on all our tours. I do not think any of us mind getting lost, as long as it was in our Z cars!

Rajinda Gunasena

1990 300ZX Non-Turbo (CREATV)

















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2nd : Laverne Burkhart

SI30 Stock 1st : Bill Husar 2nd : Mick & Jo Wildin

SI30 Modified 1st : Howie Yoshida 2nd : Not Contested

Z3I Stock

1st : Pete Radoja 2nd : Harry Wells

Z31 Modified

1st : Jorge Silva

Z32 Stock 1st : Mike Noonan 2nd: Raji Gunasena

Z32 Modified 1st : Jason Okolisan 2nd: Ron Lane

Z33 Stock 1st : Christopher Galluzzo 2nd: Larry Naylor

2nd : Nathan Braida н (10)





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*Z33 Modified* 1st : Harry Wells 2nd : Mauricio Gomez

*234 Stock* 1st : Harry Wells 2nd : Paulo Conceicao

*234 Modified* 1st : Jason Gale

2nd : Marc Benoit

*Othe Nissan Stock* 1st : Susan Howard 2nd :Ozzie Zatka

*Othe Nissan Modified* 1st : Marco Bifolchi 2nd : Paul Mann

Infinity Stock 1st : Not Contested 2nd : Not Contested



*Infinity Modified* 1st : Richard Wu 2nd : Daren Singh

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# **CHEERS!** to one of the Biggest Z-Fests



I think this year's Z-Fest lived up to the hype! We certainly did a lot to promote it. The weather was perfect for a car show and that brought out a large number of show cars from as far away as New York, Ohio and New Jersey.

This was my fifth Z-Fest and it seemed to be the most cars and best quality. I was especially pleased to see more 280ZX, Z31 and 370s plus the Infiniti's, other Nissan's and various other sports cars sprinkled through the show grounds.

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Reif Winery is a beautiful Estate, ideal for a car show. I think most prefer this park like setting to a paved parking lot. My only complaint was the lack of food choices. I would preferred cheaper options like burger, dogs and pizza.

It was great to meet some of the forum members and admire the cars. I wish I could have talked to more people at greater length but I was bouncing around selling 50/50 tickets and taking photos. I hardly hung out at my car after I got it wiped down. Thanks to everyone who voted for my 95 300ZX. This was my third first place win for Z32 modified so I'm now retired from peoples' choice voting. That's fine, I'm honoured to graduate to the judged competition for future Z-Fests.

Thank you to the organizers and volunteers for a wonderful day. We went out for dinner and drinks after the show at Cork's Restaurant in Niagara-on-the-Lake. A nice way to end the day.

Jason Okolisan

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## Woodbine Nissan Show & Shine

A sunny day to sit around and enjoy cars

### Jason Okolisan

It was a beautiful day for our Woodbine Nissan show n' shine. We had a good turn-out of about 50 cars throughout the day. Most guys got there between 11am-noon and others trickled in and out for the remainder of the afternoon. This was just a casual meet so there were no formal agenda or "meeting", just hanging around and talking cars.

The 240Zs dominated the show and for once, the Z32s were in the minority with more early Zeds and 350/370s. Regardless, we had a nice selection so it felt like a mini Z-Fest but without the registration and awards. Nissan had a booth selling merchandise and Fast Wheels was there. Service Manager Joe was working the barbeque and master technician Amo was hanging out answering technical questions.

Overall, a very nice show with some spectators coming by

to check out our cars. I think we would have had more Zeds come out if it wasn't for the Sherway Nissan Import Fest happening just 10KM away. This poor planning is not OZCs fault but the organizers of the Sherway show for not confering with us when setting their date. I hope that there is better communication in the future so that we don't have this competition/conflict happen again.







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