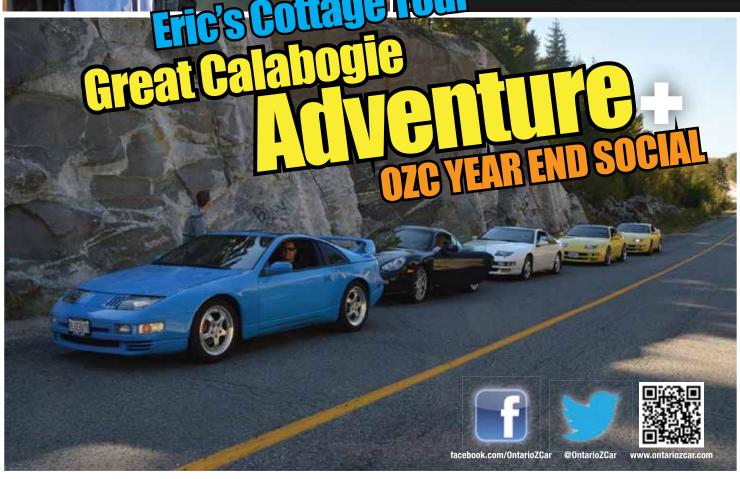


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Hot & Cold!

It's currently -17C as I write this. I wish I could hibernate until the warm weather comes! No time for that though. The next few months are likely going to fly by, so planning will have to start soon for OZC's 2014 events schedule. Last year will be a tough act to follow. But, with a dedicated executive and an enthusiastic membership, I'm sure we'll make it a success. Expect to see our tried and true events again, like the swap meet, drag events, and Z-Fest. Of course, I'm sure there will be no shortage of cruises, and I know that organization team will be anxious to start planning soon. If you have ideas for some other types of events, don't hesitate to let us know about them.

In the mean time, all we can do is dream about warm summer weather, and if you're brave enough, venture out into a cold garage every now and then to admire your sleeping beauty. If you're really determined, you might even do some work on her. I've been out tinkering a few times when it wasn't too cold. With a 240V construction heater, I can get my garage up to a reasonable temperature. I really need to get the plumbing hooked up for my in-floor heating though. That will be paradise! After 20 years, I've had enough of crawling around on a cold garage floor.

After 20 years, I'm also finally considering strategies to work more efficiently. Every time I embark on a major project, it always seems to turn into a game of

beat the clock, and my garage looks like a bomb went by the time I'm done. There are always tools and parts scattered from one end of my garage to the other! I don't have room in my garage for a lift, so I'm working on a low profile tool chest on wheels

that I can keep all my com-

mon tools in. I'll roll that around with me under the car, rather than trying to guess what tools I'll need and dumping them on the floor. We'll see how it goes.

If you have any Z related projects you're working on over the winter, let us know about them. We're always looking for content for Zedline.

Keep warm!

Nigel White PRESIDENT - Ontario Z-Car Owners Association

WATT'S up with YELLOW?



For starters the Eastern Chapter meetings are now moved to a new location. We found that the ROUTE 66 was shut down. Someone said this was the third location that the OZC has been, and later closed for business. Think we should keep that to our selves and not tell the folks at the NEW location.

So the new location is WATT'S restaurant on Eglinton Square, just a hop and a step away from the ROUTE 66. No! contrary to having the last name, ROY has got nothing to do with the ownership or us moving to this new location. Actually it was a last minute find by JP, after arriving at Route 66 to find a CLOSED sign on it.

The new place is actually quite nice, with a separate area in the lower level where we can actually hear our selves talk without shouting out loud. The food isn't bad either & it even has a small dance floor. Watts is like a corporate meeting room as opposed to the previous location, where the road signs, juke boxes & loud music & chatter made you feel like you were at a stop on a road trip. At least we will still be parking our Z cars in the same lot in the summer, where the Cruisers show off their cars.

At home front, my daughter had been bugging me to teach her to drive a stick shift, mostly with the idea of owning and driving my Z one day in the future. Not wanting to put my Nissan through the misery, I decided to find her a cheap car that she could use for couple of years, till she gets comfortable with gear changes. We found a cute WV Beetle, with a little bit of milage, but in great condition. The colour? If you guessed Yellow, you are correct. Although not the 3 stage pearl on the Z, it does look like the younger sibling to it.

This has left everyone one of my friends and family to wonder if my stable of cars would become all Yellow. Not a bad idea, except finding a Family Sedan in Yellow would mean looking at a NY Cab. Mauricio on the other hand has promised to find me a Yellow flower for the Bug. Now that would be too much. All this has only left me wanting to get back on my Z as soon as possible. I walk past it everyday through the garage, which is not easy. The way the weather has been this winter, spring sure looks a long way!

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2013 Calabogie Tour

Lots of pictures and the story of this legendary two day tour through Ottawa valley that's always a highlight of the season.



Eric's Cottage Tour

Is it time to change the date for this great tour that has rain pitting Z-Cars against the Southwood Road?



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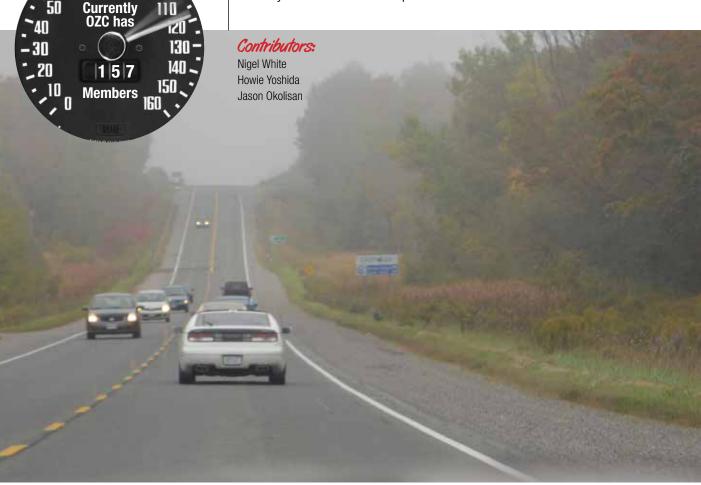
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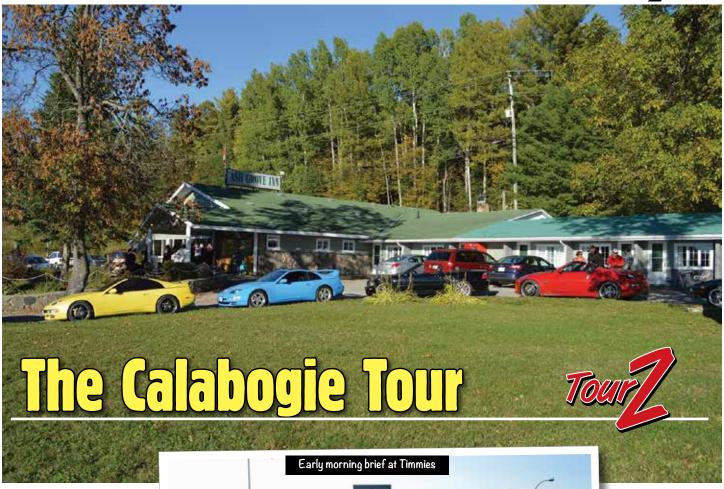
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Rajinda Gunasena 1990 3002X Non-Turbo (CREATV)

As far as tours go, it's a given that the Calabogie tour is a special one. Not because it's a 2 day trip, but also because it has some of the best roads to drive our Zs on and planned or not, we do find new adventures every year. This time was no different, as it started off from the meeting point on the east, at a Tim Hortons in Whitby. We had 13 cars registered, almost the same number as last time, but with a few new faces joining us.

It was a first for Jason, who is a regular on almost every other Z tour. He was there, minus his Z, which we all know he takes care of like his 3rd baby. We all do, except that some of us are crazy enough to drive that baby 1400+ kms, & put it through some major handling stress! He was the copilot for Wes, who ironically was the copilot for Mauricio last year. This year Mauricio was with his new wife, Shima who was on her first Z-tour of any kind. What an experience this was going to be for her!

Then there was Peter Paumier, who



Wes & Mauricio surveying the first stop for road repair



doesn't mind driving through many US states to enjoy his 350Z. For some reason, the Calabogie Tour had never been on his map before. Ray Tyghter was there too, in his white hard top Z32, the only one I have seen around. Finally, there was Lou Pereira eagerly waiting for his first crack at Desert Lake Road. He was with his wife Kim, who like my fiancée, Kisa,

had been on tours but joined Calabogie for the first time. Missing were Daniel & Vanessa while regulars like Eric, Bogdan & Lilliana, Ed & Marion, Gerry & Sharon, Anand & Judy joined tour chief Earl Straus.

The early stretch of the tour was foggy, which did set the tone for the day, as the sun battled the clouds in order to give us some good driving conditions. By the time we reached Kwartha Country Winery, the weather turned great, barring a road closure and getting lost, which was normal for any of our tours. We left the winery to

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find that Lou had accidentally scraped his passenger side rocker panel and part of the door while pulling out of the parking lot. Those of you who have visited the location, keep a mental note when parking in between the "rocks" around the driveway. When we got to Buckhorn for lunch, Lou also felt his car wasn't handling its usual tight self. To be safe he decided to get the car checked by a nearby Canadian Tire shop, while the rest of us drove to Barry's Bay. We also lost Ray & Mellisa after lunch as they found out they had no lodging room at Ash Grove Inn, and drove back to Toronto.

The Inn was a much better place to stay compared to last year's accommodations. It was in front of the Lake, with plenty of space to park and possibly have a bonfire if one wanted to.





Everyone checked in and was ready to settle for the evening, except for few of us who decided to do the rest of the planned tour for the day. However, that plan was stalled as we found the roads were covered in gravel and under some construction. It was also the first time I had my GoPro camera suction cup fall, dropping the camera on to the road... luckily I was driving slow on gravel, so no damage was done to it. Back at the Inn, Pereiras had joined us as they found

no issues with the car's handling. Maybe it was just in Lou's mind, after what happened at the winery earlier.. and who can blame him for that? Soon the party got started on the lawn, but as the evening got colder it quickly got moved into the newlyweds, Gomez's upgraded suite. As usual the banter and the spirits were high as some of us left a bit woozy and sleepy while others continued late into the morning.

Next day the tour continued, going through familiar areas like Matawatchan Road and the stop at Black Donald Dam as we drove towards the Desert Lake Road, the fabled stretch of driving we all look forward to on this tour. It was a bit later in the day than we had expected and by then, a few of the participants had to leave the tour, heading back home for various reasons.

After we stopped for a late lunch, we went to Desert Lake Road. Leading the way was Wes, then Mauricio, myself, followed by Lou, Earl and Peter. The year before I was alone, with couple of cameras to play with. This time I had Kisa trying her best to hold on to the camera and her seat while screaming on the stretch that felt like a roller coaster ride. It was exciting. We followed Wes for a while before he let Mauricio take the lead. I did the same

by allowing Lou to go ahead of me, to follow Mauricio's 350Z. By the time we finished the stretch and stopped, the boys were all smiles while the girls were holding their breath. We waited for the others to catch up, who were not adrenaline junkies like us. From there, we said our good byes and headed to the nearby exit on to highway 401, that took us back home "safely".

Check out more pics from Calabogie on page 12-13



Eric's Cottage Tour

Rain Rain Go Away!



Rajinda Gunasena

1990 300ZX Non-Turbo (CREATV)

Ever since I re-joined the OZC, one of the things I had always wanted to do was to get my daughter, Eranga, involved in it. After all my Z32 will one day be hers, and in fact, she calls it hers already. I wanted her to enjoy not just the car, but the culture, the history

and fellow Z car owners. But being a teenager turned young adult, hanging out with the old man and his friends, no matter how young at heart we were, this was not in her cards. She passed on all the tours, which was disappointing but Kisa was there to keep me company. But ever since I told her about Eric's idea of creating a different tour, with some sort of a treasure hunt, I had her attention. Mystery and solving things are her forte and with Kisa having to study for an exam, she was finally ready to join.

We met at our usual hangout on 400 exit, which is now turned into a big EnRoute stop. After introducing my daughter to the group we headed out to Eric's cottage. There were a couple of newcomers to the tour, Anthony and Boris, who I had previously met at the Z-Fest this year. I was especially

Edmarc's white R33 Skyline

Cars lined up on a cold, wet morning at Eric's cottage

ecstatic to see Edmarc's newest toy, an older righthand driven Skyline, obviously in white. That thing was so low to the ground, it had practically no clearance between the tire and fender even for my fingers! At the cottage, we also meet Terry & Sandra along with Dan & Vanessa. Dan was eager to test the much hyped Southwood Road after missing the Calabogie tour. Before the start, Eric briefed the navigators/copilots about the tour he had mapped out. Although the treasure hunting part was scrapped, he had planned to group a couple of cars, leaving the cottage at 5-minute intervals. While my daughter was initially disappointed by the lack of

a treasure hunt, she soon caught onto my excitement as I wanted to drive in a group. To me, there's nothing like following another Z, doing your best to keep up with the one in front of you. Last year I had a great time on Southwood road following Mauricio's Z32.





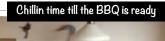
In the end, we decide to break into 2 groups, with one car leading each group as Eric decided to stay back and get ready for the BBQ. The weather was intermittent for this tour as usual, with rain always on the cards. I was in the first group with Vanessa & Daniel volunteering to be the leaders figuring out the route. I had Eranga track the route on our map as well, and it wasn't long before she figured we missed a turn. After turning around we found the second group led by Earl, in front of us and the tour became one big group as usual. The only exception was not having Eric, who mapped out the route and knew the area and roads. The first stop was a chocolate factory, and again Eranga was on the mark, pointing out that the leaders had taken the wrong turn. After the stop, I decided my daughter was doing a great job with the maps and volunteered to lead the rest of the way, much to her worry & nervousness.

One could say that the apple hadn't fallen far from its tree, as I realized Eranga had a great sense of direction. It also helped that I had her turn the map around continuously, pointing towards the direction we

drove. This took the confusion out of the turns that were hard to determine from a stationery map. In the end, we didn't miss a single turn, although we stopped couple of times, just to verify or find a road that was missing on the map and of course

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Southwood Road, the rain had not let up. It wasn't hard, but just enough to make us aware of the conditions. Without his track ready Z32, even Mauricio was not eager to push his 350Z roadster. Edmarc wasn't there, probably a good thing as the Skyline would have bottomed out on the Southwood road. Apart from the rain there was also lot of gravel, that had been put on some areas, not because of the construction, but I was sure it was to discourage some of the car enthusiasts who come to test this stretch. But it was still a lot of fun, as Anthony would tell you. Dan enjoyed it so much that him & Vanessa decided to turn back and do the Southwood road again, just by themselves. I would have joined them, except I had a dinner commitment back in Toronto. So we drove back to Eric's for the BBQ where my daughter and I bid goodbye to the rest. I was told that the food was great, and there was plenty of it to go around. Good thing too as I heard Eric had a few guys stay over night at his place!







The year end dinner and social event was held at the Milestones Heartland restaurant, located in Mississauga, just a short walk up the road from last year's venue, Tucker's Marketplace. It was held on Saturday November 16th and the weather and driving conditions could not have been better, given the time of the year. The roads were good and dry, no snow was to be seen and the temperature was cold but bearable. I drove my Zed to the event and was glad to see a few others in the parking lot too. The driving season was coming to an end but not just yet for some of us diehards.

After a search of a number of potential venues, Vanessa, our Events/Social Media Director settled on Milestones Restaurant as the place where we were going to host our year end event. Milestones prepared a set menu for our group that included a number of entrees to choose from. The cost was \$27 pp of which the club picked up most of that at \$20 pp. It was a great deal that a number of us took advantage of as there were 48 at the dinner. That number was up a few more than last year. The food was good but that wasn't the main reason to be there. It's normally just an opportunity to sit back and relax and enjoy the company of the members and their spouses/fam-

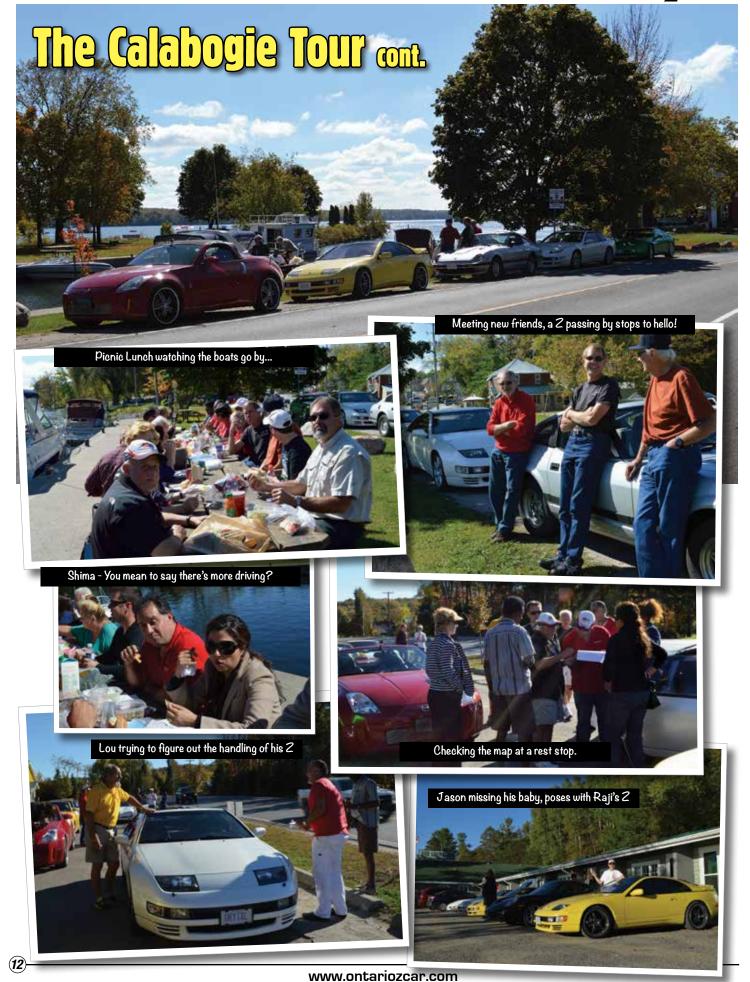
ily/friends. The only drawback was we didn't have a separate room for our group and we simply took over part of the restaurant with a long table set up and adjoining booths. It just meant you had to get up and wander around after the meal to do the meet and greet part. Most of those attending were repeat offenders but it was good to welcome a couple of new members Deb Coles and Shane Greenwood who came out with their significant others.

After dinner, there was no presidential state of the club address as our Prez Nigel had another commitment that evening and he was soon off. None the less, we had a draw for a number of door prizes which included a dozen bottles of Reif Estate wine that the club purchased at Z-Fest and a number of extra prizes left over from Z-Fest too.

It appeared everyone enjoyed the evening and hopefully we can continue to host this event next year. Maybe our numbers will even go up. It's a great deal and a quick way to recoup the cost of your membership dues! We'll be on the look out for a new location a bit earlier, for the 2014 event.











Rajinda Gunasena

If you are an active participant of the OZC forums, then you already know about "From Zero to Awesome". It's a video clip about the OZC and it's activities edited by our very own Will Hayward, with his sister Melanie. Few of us knew how enthusiastic Will was when he introduced himself to us via the Forum. I met him first during the Z-Fest last year, when he joined our Niagara Tour with his sister carrying a GoPro among other cameras.

Turns out his sister is a student, learning the art of professional video editing. We all saw him at the Z-Fest with his GoPro camera, panning and getting closer to action. He even got my clips I had recorded during the tour. While I was still fumbling about with my 2 years of clips, Will has done a short film

complete with voice-over and a music track. In it he talks about the history of the Z car, the beginning OZC and interviewed few of our members including Terry Weston. It's a great little video and I am sure the start of many.

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TERRY WESTON

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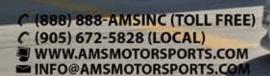


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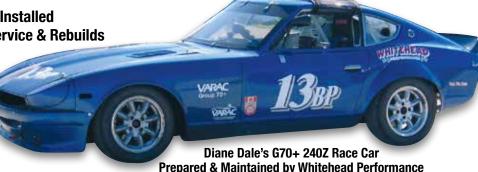
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