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My Z will be back!



PreZ

2016. This is the year it happens! It's been over 10 years in the making, but the Ontario Z Car Club will finally be hosting a Z Car Convention. We're only 7 months away at this point, and I'm sure it will be here before we know it. This is no simple undertaking. It requires a lot of hard work from a dedicated group of people. Hosting a convention has pushed some clubs over the edge, and knowing this, we've been biding our time, waiting for the right opportunity to step forward with our bid. Key to making this momentous event happen was the offer by our Eastern VP, Mauricio Gomez, to lead the organizing committee. That's really what set the wheels in motion, and we owe him a big debt of gratitude. We'd also like to thank the Z Car Club of America. Without their guidance and financial backing, none of this could happen. As a whole, I'm extremely impressed with the efforts and contributions of all of those involved.

At this stage, most of the ground work has been laid and we're well on our way to hosting an outstanding event.

The beautiful Westin Prince Hotel has been booked, as has the Canadian Tire Motorsport track (Mosport), Bruce Mills Conservation Area for the People's Choice car show, a Toronto Harbourfront Dinner Cruise and other activities for the week. Hotel reservations have been available for a while, and the Convention registration site is now up and running. You can follow the link through our www.ontariozcar.com site, or go direct to zcon.org. Register early so you don't miss your chance. With the low Canadian dollar and cheap gas, we expect to attract a lot of American participants.

For those that have been following along with my travails getting my Z back on the road, you'll know that the last two years have been a disaster for me. I've got to turn it around in 2016. No new projects for the Z, just finishing what I started last year. MY Z WILL BE AT ZCON 2016!!!

Nigel White

PRESIDENT - Ontario Z-Car Owners Association

Recently launched NEW ZCON Toronto 2016 web site. Visit www.zcon.org

Spoiler alert!

*Editor
Note* **Z**

Rajinda Gunasena

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

Well, it's another end to a jam packed season of driving, car shows, 2 swap meets and getting to know more NEW members! It's safe to say OZC is doing well, growing bigger and going places!

Personally, I missed the last few tours. Few I have always taken part in, simply because the driving roads are the best in Ontario. It's the second time I missed the 2 day adventure of the Calabogie tour. I was envious seeing 3 pearl yellow Z32s on that tour alone, now that Jason has acquired a TT in mint condition. If I had joined the tour, it would have made 4 of the same colour and model. There are at least another 3 other similar cars I know of. One being Scarborough Nissan Parts Manager Bala Munirajakumar's and Rochester Z club Mike Noonan's 2 beauties. Here we thought that colour was quite rare as 1990 was the only year it was offered on a Z32.

Then there's my nephew, who I heard through my family grapevine, went out & purchased the same car as mine. He has been a true fanatic ever since he saw my car as a 3 year old. Whenever he came over to my place, he would go straight to the garage, drool over the car, ask me tons of questions. He couldn't even keep his hands off my 1:18 scale model car of the same colour, and eventually broke the rear spoiler off it. His parents would call me, to get him a promisory ride in my Z, if he behaved! His smile got bigger everytime I added a mod. So it was apparent to all of us in the family that he would eventually get one when he grew up. He is yet to tell me about his purchase. Seems he wants to surprize me next year, when the car is fully done. Being just 20 or so, I am sure there will be tons of "mods" on it. Maybe he will be ready for ZCON in August!

The second tour I missed this year was Eric's treasure hunt! Well, not really the hunt it self, but the Southwood road which is one of my favourite roads to let lose (a wee bit of a lead foot issue here). It's a real roller coaster ride. At least I got to quench my thirst for excitement earlier in the year during ZdayZ, taking on Tail of the Dragon. The main reason for missing most of these was work. The work I actually missed or had to catch up due to my heavy involvement in the OZC activities. Adding to the regular club duties, I decided to be the back up to my buddy Mauricio as the Vice Chair for ZCON. Along with that came all the creative work, web site and social media. I know people think I already have too much on my plate, but I don't really mind it. Honestly, the committee members I work with and all you crazy Z car guys enjoy and appreciate my efforts, which is all I need. I love doing what I do, and I get to do it for a car love! Hmmm I guess I am a fanatic just as my nephew.

With regards to my Z, I think the time has come for me to do what I always wanted to do with it for the past 15 years. Make it a TT! I have no choice really, because 2 of my best buds in the club are already going that route. Mauricio

already bought a freaking 800hp TT convertible while Lou is busy working on his turbo engine at home and hopes to be around 400hp. Add my nephew I just mentioned into the mix and you see what I mean... I have no choice!

So what am I going to do the Z? The list of things I want to do is very long. In a perfect world where I can afford anything, it's going to have the following. 500hp TT engine, which is more than enough for me. Z32 already has beautiful lines, so the body mods will be subtle. No crazy stuff that would destroy the lines of the car. That's just me and in my eyes the Z32 is already a beauty. Mine will be a stealth car. Fast but subtle changes that are not immediately visible (TwinZ Designs). Add a good sound system and change the cloth door panels to leather. That's pretty much it!



It all sounds good and easy, but we all know what comes next... Cha ching! Yeah the funds! Not so much for the parts, (although the current US \$ is killing us) but the labour fees! This is where I wish I learned motor mechanics instead of graphic design! Half of the budget is going to be for the labour! I can do some small things by my self, but nothing major. Not like my bud Lou, who has almost finished building his motor. Oh, by the way did I say that I want all these done before ZCON 2016 in August? Yeah right!

So, that leaves me only one thing left to do. Anyone know whats this week's Lotto jackpot is?



NewbieZ

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



ZCON Chair Mauricio Gomez is elated, working with an enthusiastic team of volunteers to make ZCON Toronto 2016 a huge success. The team has been meeting once a month for the past 6 months at Woodbine Nissan, who have generously supported OZC by allowing us the use of their boardroom.

Thank You!



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The notorious Calabogie Boogie Woogie tour does not disappoint!

TourZ

Jason Okolisan

This was my first time driving the infamous Calabogie Boogie Woogie mega marathon tour. I was a tag along passenger in 2013 and enjoyed riding shotgun in a variety of Zeds but this year Erle urged me to drive my Twin Turbo to appreciate the full experience. I reluctantly agreed as it is more driving than I'm comfortable with. I tire easily but knowing there were backup drivers in our group made me feel better.

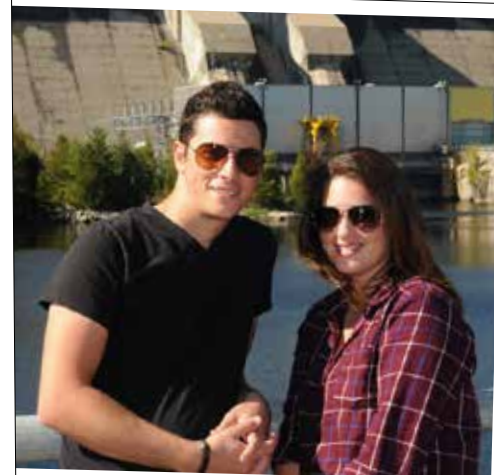
We departed at 8am in Whitby on Saturday September 26 and put in about 6 hours of driving ending at Ash Grove Inn late afternoon. While others did the additional mini tour of the

area, I stayed back and relaxed. We had a nice social dinner at the Inn restaurant. After that we socialized on the motel property and took advantage of our bonus deluxe suite thanks to Mauricio forgetting to cancel his reservation. We didn't let the room go to waste as it was the party room and Erle and I each had our own suite for the night.

Day two started with a group breakfast and getting organized for the long day ahead. We said goodbye to Randall's 300ZX which was going home on a flatbed. The rest of the group took off to experience the best roads of the tour. Stops included a huge hydro dam, Calabogie gas station and a restaurant on highway 7 for lunch. A few members departed after lunch while

the rest of our intrepid group carried on. With so many fantastic roads and nice scenery plus perfect weather, I was in a state of bliss which gave me the energy to complete the tour.

The tour ended at the 401 onroute near Kingston where Randall joined me for the rest of the drive home to Mississauga. In total I did 1100 km over two days and didn't get home until 8:30pm Sunday night - day 2 was really long. This was iron butt driving at it's finest. I'm happy that my recently acquired 1990 300ZX Twin Turbo ran so well and I had the endurance to complete the tour. We had a fantastic group. Thank you to Erle and Wes for putting this event together.





Boogie Woogie?

Calabogie, its the "Tour of Duty" I was told. Everyone please mind the speed limits. We all agreed to keep it safe but despite that, I could barely keep up and as exhilarating as it was, there was a definite hiccup with my car as we all rounded just another amazing set of turns and elevations.

Erle has always said that this is not just a drive but "THE DRIVE" and as I completed the 1st half before, you all know, the dreaded white smoke, well he is right. I have never driven on such fantastic roads in Ontario as I had experienced that weekend. My saving grace as my engine me-thinks is in trouble, is that I was with an amazing, caring and family oriented bunch of guys and gals.

I love being part of this club, the camaraderie and connectivity blows me away. Thanks OZC, Erle, Sean, Jason, Eric and the rest of you "Z" nuts. BTW, new turbos are looming in my future, can anyone say "Hey" can you say INJECTORS TOO...wait I think RBC is on the other line...until...regards

Randall Maeda

Event **Z**

NISSAN

Fall swap meet at BRANTFORD NISSAN

Most of you club members have come to expect the opening event of the year to be our Spring swap meet and it's been a number of years since we've held a second swap meet in the same year. We'd thought we would try it again and so with a push from Rick Scott, Parts Manager at Brantford Nissan, Rick hosted the OZC Fall swap meet at the dealership on October 25th.

Despite the time of the year, the weather conditions that day were really good. The temperature was up and the roads were dry, resulting in a number of Zeds showing up in the parking lot. Things were kind of quiet inside the shop as there were

only about six guys set up with tables selling their parts. As usual, the OZC club table was set up inside too and we were taking in new members and encouraging the regulars to renew for 2016. Terry Weston, our Merchandise Director had some stuff on display, namely hats, samples of OZC branded golf shirts and other miscellaneous items. Mauricio also dropped off some of our autographed Randy Rodriguez 370Z posters too.

Again there was no shortage of action outside in the parking lot as there were actually more guys outside selling parts from their trucks and vehicles. Anyone hungry could buy their lunch from the BBQ that

was organized that day by Why Not City Missions (WNCM) who we were happy to partner with us once again. WNCM has been actively reaching out to support the at-risk youth and the homeless population since 2002.

It was a short day as things wound up in the early afternoon. The club signed up three newbies and renewed eight others and sold a couple of golf shirts and some posters. There wasn't much action on the sales of the 50/50 cash draw tickets so we gave all the proceeds to the WNCM group.

Howie Yoshida





Event Z



2015 YEAR END DINNER & ZOCIAL

The Brazilian Connection!

The 2015 dinner and social was held a bit later this year on Saturday December 5th at the Copacabana Brazilian Steak House and for a change of location, it's right in Toronto. For those that attended, it was a challenge, first of all to navigate the busy traffic conditions in the city, secondly to find a parking space that didn't cost you the equivalent of a tank of gas and finally, to find the front entrance to the restaurant, that was hiding behind the hoarding up in place along Eglinton Avenue due to the ongoing construction associated with the Eglinton LRT transit line. Luckily for all, the weather conditions were just fantastic as the roads were completely dry and the temperature was unusually balmy for the season.

The Copacabana featured a Brazilian style All You Can Eat Rodizio Barbeque, a meat lover's dream. The walk up buffet counter featured the salads, bread, pasta, starch options and desserts. All the different types of meat, hot off the BBQ were carved from skewers that were brought to each table by the servers. As long as the "hockey puck" on your table was turned the right way up, the servers

were eating and the particular seasoning or coating that was applied. No matter, all the meat was simply delicious and very tender. If anyone did not enjoy the food, they were in a very small number based on the feedback that evening. If the food

wasn't enough, entertainment in the form of singers, samba dancers and break dancing added to the festivities. After the performance, a number of members and their guests took the opportunity to take pictures and selfies with the entertainers, to top off the evening.

It was anything but a quiet and leisurely evening. The dinner and service was fast paced as we had a two hour window for our seating. You could see the next group of people ganging up at the bar and in the doorway area so there was no lingering. Attendance this time was fifty of us, just one less than last year. A quick few words by our Prez, Nigel and then a very hurried draw for our door prizes, consisting of a number of wine

bottles ended the evening and we were out the door. Merry Christmas to All was heard more than once!

Howie Yoshida



kept the meat coming until you had your fill and then you flipped the puck over to call it a night. It was hard to keep track of what type of meat (prime rib, ribeye, sirloin, skirt steak, chicken, lamb, salmon) you



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It's finally 2016, and we have less than 7 months to an event we have all been waiting to host for a very long time. Preparations for ZCON Toronto 2016 are underway and the organizing committee is determined to make this a historic event in the Z car world.

To do that we need the support of each and everyone of you, the members of the OZC. We would like to see all our members take part in ZCON Toronto, and experience this once in a life time opportunity presented to our club. Make sure you tell everyone you know, who have had or has a Z, been a member before or waiting to be one. We need you all!

Since most of the information is out there online and not all our members use social media to keep updated, we are going to take this opportunity via ZEDLINE, to bring you all the details for updates of ZCON Toronto 2016. From registration, to events and hotel reservation details you will be able to read and share with all who are looking to take part in all ZCON activities!

The Schedule

Day 1

Registration & Z-Store: 1 pm - 5 pm (closed for lunch 12 - 1pm)

Suds & Shine: 10 am - 4 pm

Enjoy the company of your fellow Z friends while cleaning your car. Car wash stations and supplies will be available in the back parking lot of the Westin Prince Hotel.

Tech Inspections: 1 - 4 pm

Opening Reception: 6:30 - 10 pm

Welcome Reception for ZCON 2016 - at Westin Prince Banquet Hall, includes appetizers & water. Cash bar available. Find out about the convention week's event schedule and listen to the opening speeches.

Texas Chili Party: 10 pm onwards

Sponsored by Courtesy Nissan and Z Club of Texas. Kick off your convention week by spicing it up a notch by enjoying the traditional chili and margaritas.



Day 2

Registration & Z-Store: 8:30 pm - 5 pm (closed for lunch 12 - 1pm)

ZCCA Judged Car Show: 9 am - 3 pm

A team of judges will scrutinize and inspect your Z and tally up your point score. It's your big chance to win a cherished ZCON car show award. Show takes place in the FRONT parking lot of the Westin Prince Hotel.

Tech Inspections: 3 - 5 pm

Dinner Cruise:



5:30 pm - Coach bus service leaves the Hotel

6:30 pm - Board the "Nothern Spirits"

7:00 pm - Enjoy Dinner Cruise with fellow Z enthusiasts along the Toronto Harbourfront and islands.

10:30 pm - Disembark from the boat

11 pm - Coach bus service return back to the Hotel.

Day 3

Registration & Z-Store: 8:30 pm - 5 pm (closed for lunch 12 - 1pm)

HPDE Track Day at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park: 8 am - 5 pm

Instructed Track Day at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (formerly known as Mosport), world famous Grand Prix road course. NOTE: There is NO food available at the track. If you want lunch, you will have to pre-purchase a lunch ticket.

Pace-car led "warm" laps on track with benefits (fees) going to Sick Kids Hospital. We will line up cars for a GROUP PHOTO afterward.

ZCCA Business Meeting: 6 - 7 pm

At Westin Prince Hotel. See Registration room for exact location. Any/all ZCCA member clubs are welcome to attend (1-2 club representatives/club, recommended)

Z Pub Night at Distillery District: 8:00 pm - 2 am

Enjoy a coach-bus ride to and from the Distillery District where you can enjoy micro-brewed beers and wines with friends!



Day 4

Registration & Z-Store: 8:30 pm - 5 pm (closed for lunch 12 - 1pm)

Autocross: 8 am - 3 pm

At the Brampton Powerade Centre - test your skills (and patience) driving against the clock while avoiding all the cones that will lay out the course around the parking lot.

Road Rally: 12 pm - 4 pm

Enjoy an area drive - ONLY opt-in one fee per car (do not need to pay per person). Pick up your instructions at Registration.

Day 5

Registration & Z-Store: CLOSED

Z-FEST People's Choice Car Show: 10 am - 3 pm

Join us for the Z-FEST People's Choice car show at Bruce's Mill Conservation Park. Park your car on the grass and enjoy a picnic setting with many activities and a variety of food trucks. Awards will be given out at the end of the car show.

Closing Banquet and Awards Ceremony: 6:30 pm

At the Westin Prince Banquet Facility- most awards will be given out at the closing banquet. Enjoy dinner, speeches, auctions/raffles and more.

Registration

What is ZCON Toronto 2016 offering? What will it cost me? Find out all the details below. Once you are ready to proceed please visit www.zcon.org and click on the REGISTER button. **All costs are in US \$**, unless noted otherwise.

Early Registration Fee - \$ 110.00

Last Day For Early Discount - Saturday, April 30, 2016

Guest Adult Fee - \$ 80.00, Guest Child Fee - \$ 40.00

Normal Registration Fee - \$ 120.00

Last Day For Registration - Wednesday, July 27, 2016

Your registration includes the following:

Opening Reception - (appetizers, water/iced tea), guest presentations, raffles/auctions, Goodie bag with event T-shirt (for primary registrant only), Texas Chili Party, Suds and shine access, access to motorsports activities as spectator (optional cost to drive/participate), Closing Awards Banquet - (served 3-course meal, coffee/tea – cash bar available), silent and live auctions.

ZCCA Judged Car Show - \$ 55

A team of judges will scrutinize and inspect your Z and tally up your point score. It's your big chance to win a cherished ZCON car show award. Show takes place in the FRONT parking lot of the Westin Prince Hotel.

Dinner Cruise - \$ 95 per person

Enjoy Dinner Cruise with fellow Z enthusiasts along Toronto Harbourfront and islands. 3-hour cruise...allow 30 minutes to board! Coach bus service from the Hotel to Harbourfront and return included.

Track Day - \$ 200 - free to spectate

Instructed Track Day at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park (formerly known as Mosport), world famous Grand Prix road course. Price includes a long sleeve T-shirt printed with the track layout for your memories!

Lunch Ticket - \$ 20

There is NO food available at the track unless you PRE-PURCHASE a lunch ticket. For those GOING to the Track - whether driving or NOT, you may buy a lunch ticket. Catered at the track Event Centre.

Parade Laps - \$ 15

Pace-car led "warm" laps on the track with proceeds (fees) going to Sick Kids Hospital. We will line up cars for a GROUP PHOTO afterwards.

Z-Pub Nite at Distillery District - \$ 10

Enjoy a coach-bus ride to and from the Distillery District where you can enjoy micro-brewed beers and wines with friends!

Autocross - \$ 45 - free to spectate.

Ride alongs available at driver's discretion.

At the Brampton Powerade Centre - test your skills (and patience) driving against the clock while avoiding all the cones that will lay out the course around the parking lot.

Depending on availability, walk-ups for autocross may register for the event for **\$ 60 (CAN)**

Road Rally - \$ 10

Enjoy an area drive - ONLY opt-in one fee per car (do not need to pay per person). Pick up your instructions at Registration.

Z-FEST People's Choice Car Show - \$ 25

Join us for the Z-FEST People's Choice car show at Bruce's Mill Conservation Area. Be part of what is certain to be the largest collection of Z cars in Canada for 2016. You do not want to miss the opportunity to take in the stock & modified Z cars. Park your car on the grass and enjoy a picnic setting with many activities and feast on a variety of food trucks. Awards will be given out at the end of the car show.

IMPORTANT!

Registration for the Z-FEST People's Choice Car Show will also be open (to walk-ups who do not register for the convention) at Bruce's Mill for **\$ 35 (CAN)** per car plus their park admission fee **\$ 7 (CAN)** per person.

The Hotel

The Westin Prince, Toronto



We have chosen The Westin Prince, Toronto as the event hotel for ZCON 2016. The hotel features 15 acres of inspiring parkland while maintaining easy access to all Toronto has to offer. Our exquisite north Toronto hotel has been a CAA/AAA Four Diamond Award winner for 39 consecutive years and is ideal for business or pleasure with our convenient location near North York, Markham, Richmond Hill and Scarborough.

EARLY BIRD RATE \$ 146 (CDN) (US \$ 112 approx. until June 30th 2016)

To make a reservation visit www.zcon.org and click on the RESERVATION button which will open the online reservation portal of the Hotel with the above rate already included.

Events - Car Shows

ZCCA Judged Car Show at Westin Prince Hotel



The Z Car Club Association car show rules will be utilized for the judged car show. If you have not attended a previous Z Car Convention, it is recommended that you read the ZCCA Judging Rules document (download from www.zcon.org) which will help explain categories and judging criteria.

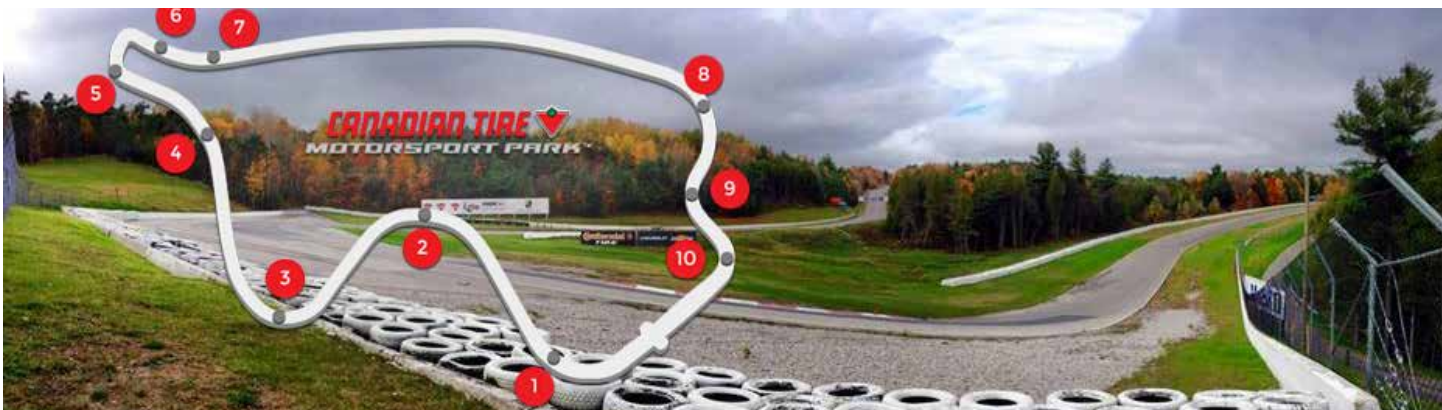
Z-FEST People's Choice Car Show at Bruce's Mill



Z-FEST, the 22 year running annual car show organized by the Ontario Z Car Club will be incorporated with this year's ZCON activities as the people's choice car show. Each registered participant receives a voting ballot to tally up their "Choice" for each generation of Z car.

Events - Motorsports

Track Day at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park



Recognized as Canada's Home of Motorsports, the facility has hosted just about every class of road racing on its famed 3.957 km circuit, including Formula 1, IndyCar, sports cars, stock cars, endurance racing, motorcycles, motocross, showroom stock, historic vintage racers, "Big Rig" trucks and karts. Canadian Tire Motorsport Park is a multi-track facility located north of Bowmanville, Ontario, Canada. The facility features a 3.957 km 10-turn road course; a 2.88 km advance driver and race driver training facility with a skid pad and a newly reconfigured 1.5 km go-kart track.

Autocross at Brampton Powerade Centre



An autocross (or an autoslalom as we call it in Canada, eh!) event consists of competitors driving through a defined course laid out by using traffic pylons on a parking lot. This is a grassroots motorsport discipline that allows almost anyone to enjoy the thrill of automotive competition in a safe and controlled environment. Vehicles race independently of each other, at no time can there be contact with another competitor. This reduces the risks considerably, so you can concentrate on driving the course, brake where necessary and do some precision cornering thus emphasizing driver skill and vehicle handling rather than just speed. The corners are tight, and there are lots of pylons to navigate around. The driving is exciting and challenging. Each run is electronically timed, and only your quickest lap time of all your runs, counts towards your final standing. Depending on how the day goes, you can expect to have 4 to 6 runs.

Hosted Events

Texas Chili & Margarita Party

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Toronto Harbourfront Dinner Cruise



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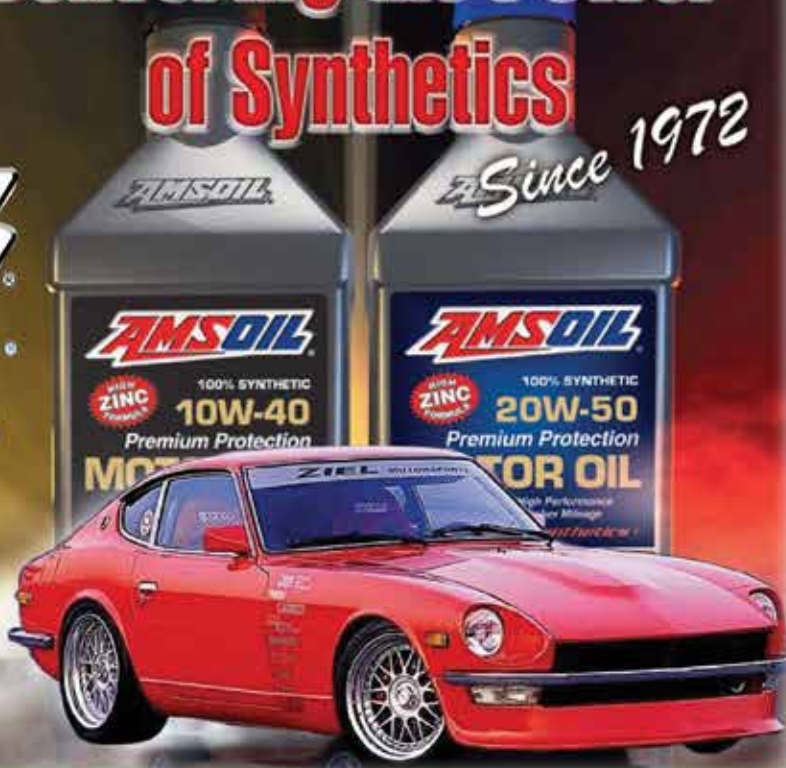
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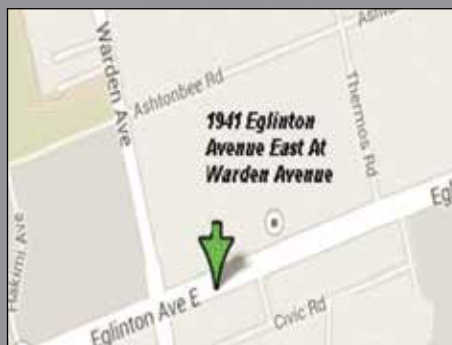


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