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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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I don't remember the last time we had 5 Z car events in one month. This was the case this year in July where Kwartha Lakes tour, ZCCR Motorfest in Rochester, OZC Wine Tour, Z-FEST and Eric's Cottage tour, all fell in the month of July. It was a busy month and add to that the rest of the events in August and September, meant lot of Content for this issue. I made it out to most of the events in July and helped Lou run the Wine tour in the absence of Mauricio. I also had a lot of fun during Eric's cottage Tour with Lou and Sanjiv on the Southwood Road. Lou was especially happy since he got his new 350Z set up perfectly with new tires and sorted out the alignment issues just in time for the winding roads.

He was thrilled that he could keep up with the fully customized Golf GTI (air shocks and all) that led us through this fast section. However our fun may have been viewed a bit differently by some members, as we heard some rumblings about our driving styles during the tour on regular roads, which I think was grossly unfair and needs to be addressed.

I realize that not everyone drives the same. However regardless of your style, you need to keep your speed up with the car that is leading you on the tour. In this case it was Eric, who drives at a really nice pace keeping up with the general traffic on the road. When the car following the leader, is "extra" slow and keeps a huge gap that allows regular traffic to get in between, then the whole convoy gets into trouble of getting lost. Couple of times in this tour I faced this dilemma, where we could not see the leader anymore and a huge train of local traffic in the area, also

got stuck behind us. I know how this affects as I had led the previous tour. No one got lost as we had bunched up nicely together, but we also did have Garmin units to assist us. However on this tour having no Garmin route maps to follow, a few of us decided to overtake the slower Z cars in front of us to catch up to the leader. However this move seems to have NOT gone well with few of the other drivers. I later explained to Eric (tour organizer) and we agreed that keeping such gaps and losing the leader was a common issue which needed to be addressed again, before each tour. With that said, the best part of Eric's cottage tour was climbing the Dorset Look Out Tower! This thing really shook with the wind as we got to the top and I spotted our Z cars which looked like little DIE-cast models from up there.

Apart from the driving tours, I was able to take part in the second annual OZC Golf tournament this year at the home club of Brian Gracie, Bridges at Tillsonburg. It was a great setting with plenty of room to park our Z cars on the grass in front of the club house. I was surprised by the 6-7

Z cars present at the venue, parked next to a fairway and got lot of attention from the other golfers at the club. In hindsight I wish I drove mine, but more importantly I wish more Z car members had joined us, either to play or to make a tour and support the event. We realized that the venue may be too far for the non golfers to join us, so may be next year we will look for something closer, with the help of a sponsor, simply because things closer to Toronto will be expensive! Still, it turned out to be a great day of golf, even with the last minute changes done by Howie. First he decided to really scramble the teams, by appointing 4 Captains and pick team mates randomly. However this rule was NOT applied to all teams, and therefore me as the Captain of my team figured the rules didn't matter! Hence the wrong count on the use of drives by my team "highlighted" by Howie at the end of the tournament, as well as in his article in this issue. To make it even more interesting Howie (along with Brian I'm told) decided to make one of the holes mandatory to be played by all 4 members of the team as alternative shots. For this he chose one of the hardest holes in all of Canada. The 17th hole 497yard par 5, was a dog leg left, downhill landing for the second shot, and water to carry on the 3rd shot. This was a near impossible task, even with regular golfers, let alone the part time hackers who drove Z cars. Thanks Mr. Treasurer! I think you should stick to setting up pylons for auto cross events, and not setting up golf tournaments!

Finally I also started designing my own T-shirts for Z cars. Over the years I have done many designs for the club as well as for the ZCON and since there had been a good response, I decided to come out with a line of T-shirts called GearZeds. It's a pun on the gear heads but with a design of a six gear shift knob. Each shift has a Z emblem to match the current 6 generations out in the market, printed in white on RED and BLACK T-shirts. Sold a bunch of them for \$ 20ea. at this year's Z-FEST and lot of interest was shown for some of my other designs. I am planning to get the word out through social media and may soon start selling online. Anyone interested can drop me a line on creatv@ontarioz-car.com and I will check the shipping costs and send them over... or I could bring them to a Z meet too!

On another personal note I decided to sell my Black 1995 300ZX TT Auto. Simply because of the space and making it to a track car seemed a far off dream. Especially when I first have to get my original Z, the yellow NA swapped to a Turbo, and that costs a lot. So I placed an ad on kijiji, along with a posting on the Forum and a few Z related social media sites. I am only asking for \$ 3500 which is not a lot, because the car needs some TLC from someone. As I write this I have had lot of interest and few coming down on the weekend to see it. One guy already said he'd only need the shell of the car. Which means I could sell the engine and interior separately. If only I had space to take it apart to sell.... Oh wait, if I had that kind of space I wouldn't be selling it anyway!

Rajinda Gunasena

Editor - Nothing but Z32



editor



Another OZC summer of events has come and gone, with fall around the corner, most of us are already thinking about putting the babies away for winter hibernation.

This year was a bad one for me and trying to attend any OZC events, with new career path I am taking (Real Estate Agent), to personal family vacations, I did not participate in any events at all this year. Missing Z-Fest was my first in about 6 or 7 years, but the Excom pulled through without me and did a fantastic job even though mother nature did not give us a helping hand. I took my first trip to visit my wife's home town of Tehran, Iran. This is a very interesting country to visit, the culture completely different, the customs are not what I was used to however the people were amazing, warm and caring. The city is robust with amazing architecture and also amazing food, however the transit and traffic was out of this world, I don't think I could ever drive my baby there as I don't think there are rules to drive, it's a fend for yourself mentality. Which I found absolutely crazy and fascinating to watch all at the same time

The one event I did managed to attend this year was the Wheels on the Danforth, which was a great event with lots of cars from all walks of life. American Muscle to Japanese Tuners all at one show. OZC did very well at this event and why not, we have the most dedicated members out there who put hours into their cars to show them off. Bianca Figuiera took home the Facebook People's Choice award, Brian Gracie took 3rd place for best import and I took home 1st place for best 80's to present modified division, so needless to say, OZC did very well at this great show. Looking forward for next year's show.

We had our second Z car coral in September but again the weather played a part in not getting a good turnout so hopefully Nissan Canada will bring back the Z car coral next year.

On a sad note, I had to make an executive decision and decided to sell my beloved 2005 350Z Roadster as I needed to free up valuable garage space for a new addition that would be more suited for my new career, thus I purchased a 2007 Mercedes Benz SL55 AMG to add to my stable of cars. I have not sold the 350Z as of yet but hopefully in the spring she will get a new home. I would love to keep her and I will if I cannot find a suitable new home.

With only 2 major events to finish off the year, ZCON Atlanta in October and our Year End Social in a few months. We still have 2 more times to get together and have some fun. ZCON Atlanta is from October 15-20, 2018 and it is looking to be a great event held by the 2 great organizations. Road Atlanta is going to be one great track day event. Our year end social is coming up on November 24, details are still being ironed out but it will be announced very soon.

So please keep alert to seeing the posts about ZCON and the Year End Social either on our social media sites or emails from our Membership director Bob. If you are not getting any emails from Bob, please send an email to rchwalyk@rogers.com to update your email address.

Zee you all out there at ZCON or the Year End Social.

Mauricio Gomez

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Hovering over Kawartha Lakes.

This year I volunteered to organize four tours, because Erle has backed off from Club activities. The first one which Earl had always organized, was the Kawartha Tour on July 1st. I wanted to do something different from anything Erle had organized previously, so I took one of the pre-arranged rallies that Northumberland County has prepared. I drove the route with a friend the week before and we answered as many questions as we could and found that we were able to stay on track, but not answer all the questions. The participants were given the choice of meeting at the Tim Hortons in Whitby at 8:30 in the morning or later at Primitive Designs in Port Hope. All I asked was that everyone be ready to leave Primitive Designs by 11, which was a popular choice since some had to come from quite a distance. At Primitive Designs I handed out the question sheet which you had to follow in order to find your way.

We were all to meet at Bill and Vanda's Cottage on Pigeon Lake anytime after 4:00. I drove the correct route a little after everyone left and found people going in the wrong

direction and obviously lost. We had a lot of fun discussing where we had gone and what the answers to the questions were supposed to be at the barbecue. Based on the answers to the questions, it was obvious some people were completely lost right from the beginning, whereas others were right on track and had pretty well all the correct answers throughout.

I think everyone had a good time and it certainly was much easier for me to organize because there was no fixed schedule, and everyone was on their own so we didn't have that problem of people abandoning the car behind them that we often have on a Follow the Leader type of tour. As always, Bill and Vanda put on a great barbecue, the sixth year in a row. One of the participants was there with a drone and got a nice shot of the cars in Bill's front yard which we printed and framed for him to hang with the ones from previous years.

Eric Zondervan

Forum Admin & Tour Organizer extraordinaire

Tour

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Wined up!



Rajinda Gunasena
Editor - Nothing but Z32

Wine Tour

This year's wine tour was organized back in the Niagara region, as we do every year switching between the east and west. Usually it's Mauricio who runs this tour, organizing the meets, route plan as well as any stops at wineries. This year he had alluded to us that he would not be around to make the tour, as he had planned an overseas trip with his wife. In fact he was going to also miss the Z-FEST. But he'd done all the ground work of booking the wineries and planning the tour route, including the .gpx file that was needed for our Garmin units. Just a week before the tour and couple of days before he left the country he e-mailed the final details to Lou asking him to be the tour organizer and to get my help on that day. Lou asked me if I could lead the second group of cars behind him and with Ike taking the rear end of my group I was happy to oblige.

With me was my nephew Sanjiv in his yellow Z32 and also his mom & dad who wanted to join in his Red 370Z. Since they live closer to me, we met up at my house and drove together to meet with Lou and a couple of others, ending up at the meeting point of Tim Hortons in Stoney Creek. When we got there quite a few cars were already there. In fact 19 or 20 Z cars and a couple of others including an



Acura NSX were ready to go. We did the usual meet and greet followed by the signing of waivers, tour rules and speech on driving etiquette by Lou while I took the chance to try my hand at flying the OZC Drone for the first time on a tour. It was a short flight just to make sure it worked and flew okay.

The 2 groups were divided based on the Z models. Since Lou was driving Mauricio's 350Z he took all the 370Zs along with a few 240Zs and the NSX. With me were all the Z32s, 280ZXs and other Z cars. Getting off the parking lot on to the route was always tricky as the regular traffic gets in the way. However we managed to keep the group together and I led the way using the route on my Garmin. We had a long way to drive to the first stop at Flat Rock Cellars which was a good one and a half hours away and for once we managed to not lose anyone even through the smaller towns with many traffic lights, or so I thought. First call of trouble came half an hour into the tour. It was Kim on the cell asking where we were and that Lou had missed a turn! Turns out his Garmin had messed up and his whole group was stranded somewhere. Usually the follow up group, would catch up to them as we'd be on the same route. However this time we did not, which only told us that Lou's group had completely gone off the map!

After a few calls back and forth Lou decided to head directly to the winery using the regular GPS and by skipping the





scenic route. We decided to keep going as our Garmin was working and the roads were awesome. Sanjiv who was doing the wine tour for the first time, was thrilled! First because the roads were great, but also because his dad was in the other group with Lou. He was left with me, the uncle with a lead foot and was on the right route! Our Garmin served us well except at the end when we missed the turn to the Flat Rock Cellar. A few of us noticed the signs to the winery and turned around without losing much time. Our first group was already there and had even done the wine tasting already.

From there the next stop was around the corner and both groups decided to drive together. Cave Springs was not your usual winery where you get to park the Z in the grass or in a parking lot next to their fields of grapes. In fact there were no grape vines to be seen, as the winery is located right in the heart of the city. We parked on a regular parking lot with regular traffic and walked to the winery. Turns out they do get their grapes delivered to the cellars there, and wine is actually produced there. After a quick tour it was time for Lunch. However this year we did not have any wineries offering us space to dine, or arrange food for us. So it was up to us to find a restaurant of our choice and meet up for the rest of the tour.

The options were to leave the cars parked, walk to nearby restaurants or drive to Niagara-on-the-Lake for lunch, which was closer to the next winery stop. There was a slight drizzle when we came out of the winery and after a little discussion, majority of us decided to have lunch at a nearby lodge/restaurant. We managed to secure a nice area in the upper level just for our group. The lunch was good, except it took a while for them to serve all of us, as they had not expected such a large group. Their service was also not up to some of our standards, especially Lou's who complained about a short serving of fries on his table. He noted that my table got a larger serving of fries despite having less people sitting there.

Last stop was at the Riverview Cellars, back at a winery with an actual field of grapes. I managed to fly the Drone again, much to the worrisome looks on fellow Z car owners, who weren't too assured of my flying abilities. Still I managed to get some nice video clips without dropping the Drone on any of the Z cars. After the wine tasting we did the usual draw for prizes and few of the couple's ended up winning more than one bottle of wine. Finally it was time to head home and a few of us followed Anthony Giancola towards the Falls for a short tour and then headed back home. All in all it was another great Wine tour, with a slight interruption of rain and one group missing some parts of the scenic routes.



A wet affair.



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24TH ANNUAL Z-FEST

Howie Yoshida

Treasurer - King of pylons

For some of our newer club members who may not be fully up to speed on this event, Z-Fest is our biggest event of the year. It's our annual show 'n shine and it goes ahead, rain or shine. A forecast for rain on the day of Z-Fest has knocked down our expected car show numbers in the past but for all the Z-Fest events that I have attended over these many years, I have never started the early morning drive to the event, in the rain. There's always a first time though.

Unfortunately this year, the weather forecast for Hamilton called for rain the weekend of our event which was held once again at the Hamilton Museum of Steam and Technology. We all crossed our fingers and hoped for the best as the day approached. I live in Mississauga and I woke to a steady rain that Sunday morning but still packed up the car and headed out to the site. Our Merchandise Director, Terry Weston who lives in Hamilton, called me on my way there and said it was raining very hard but as we were committed already, we pushed on.

I arrived at 7:30 a.m. to be met by more of the club Executives who were setting up for the car show despite the rain. Subbing in for our Prez Mauricio, our Eastern VP, Lou Pereira had transported a big load of stuff including the cooler bags, door prizes, the OZC tent and the car show class flags. Our Western VP, Brian Gracie started to put the flags together and then proceeded to place them on site to mark out where each generation of Zed car was to park. Having to walk out in the rain to do so, he got soaked pretty quickly so an umbrella was too late to be of any use. The museum site accommodates car parking on the grass but the field was getting soaked and puddles were forming in the low spots which was a real concern for us. Membership Director, Bob Chwalyk set up on the entrance road to the car show and



prepared to collect the entrance fees from all our hoped for customers. Social Media Director, Diane Dale trailered in her 240Z race car all the way from Bolton and set it up on display at the side of the main entrance road. Meanwhile, our Website Administrator and handy Contractor, Eric Zondervan was hanging up the club banners out by the main gate so everyone knew where the car show entrance was. There is a decent picnic table covered area beside one of the museum buildings, where I proceeded to set up the registration area and the equipment for vote tabulation while Terry and his wife Sandra, set up the area to display the door prizes, car show awards and the club merchandise. Why mention all these activities in so much detail? To let you know it takes a lot of preparatory work, time and effort to put on an event like Z-Fest. Many thanks also go out to the volunteers who were on site that morning to help out the Executives with what they were doing too.

Meanwhile, the rain kept coming down and site set up continued until we were ready to open about 9:00 a.m. A much bigger problem other than the rain had to be dealt with. The museum building was supposed to be opened at

Car Show





8:00 a.m. to provide access to the washrooms for everyone. Nobody from the museum staff was on site to open up for us, much to our concern. Phone calls to the office and our main contact person were not returned. Every single building was still locked up. Depending on your point of view, we were lucky to find a port-a-potty on the museum site. The line-up commenced as our numbers were up to 30 or so people on site and growing, despite the rain as the car show was open for business.

A good thing happened next as our music DJ arrived and was all ready to set up his sound system. Normally we put him outside away from the Registration area but there was no way he could work with all his electronic equipment in the rain so we had him set up under cover of the roof over the picnic tables. Meanwhile, more and more people were asking about the availability of the building washrooms. How worse could it get? Well, we then received a call from our food truck vendor. He decided to cancel out on us due to the rain as he expected it would result in a poor day, sales wise. We had to guarantee him a hefty minimum cash amount to make it worthwhile to show up. Thanks but no thanks. It was now well past 11:00 a.m., with the rain still stopping and starting again, no indoor washrooms and now no food or drinks either. Things were looking pretty grim as the club Executives huddled to decide if we should just shut things down and call it a day. Luckily, things started to turn for the better.

A trickle of cars kept coming in. Finally, one of the museum staff showed up just before noon and opened up the

building with the washrooms, much to the relief of the ladies present. We then decided to order in some pizzas for everyone present to thank them for hanging in with us, despite all the difficult conditions. We sure didn't expect anyone to be out walking in the rain, getting soaked looking at cars to vote for the car show awards. What we decided to do was to have a number of the club Executives go out and have them judge the cars and decide on all the car class winners. So off we went. We were going to call it a short day for sure.

In the end, we ended up with about 50 cars that showed up. We had 34 awards made up for all the various car classes too. People were told that having showed up today, chances were good you would be taking home an award. In any case, we gave out every award we could except for the uncontested categories. Lots of door prizes were given out too as almost everyone went home with something to remember this Z-Fest by. Just to add insult to injury as they say, it was about 2:00 p.m., the rain stopped, the sun came out and the temperature started to rise as we cleaned up the site and everyone had left.

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24TH ANNUAL Z FEST



AWARDS and WINNERS



CLASS	CATEGORY	1st	2nd
S30 (240Z – 280Z)	Stock Modified	Brian Gracie Diane Dale	Deoraj Sookdeo Jeff Farkas
S130 (280ZX)	Stock Modified	David Buttle Howie Yoshida	John Taffe Gabriel Dimarco
Z31 (300ZX)	Stock Modified	Haley Wells Christien Veilleux	Mitchell Gerrits Jack Melo
Z32 (300ZX)	Stock Modified	Sanjiv Kalutantiri Kevin Hague	Shannon Thusaska Kyle Muir
Z33 (350Z)	Stock Modified	Lorna Peters Tasha Guibeault	Terry Peters Harry Wells
Z34 (370Z)	Stock Modified	Paulo Conceicao Eric Wells	John Bettencourt Jeffrey Armstrong
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Eric Zondervan

Forum Admin & Tour Organizer extraordinaire

CONTINUED FROM KAWARTHA LAKES TOUR

The next tour, my Cottage Tour on July 28th. This has become a tradition, with my daughter putting on a wonderful barbecue at the end of the tour. We started as we have in the past several times by having a picnic lunch at lock 42 near Washago. It got off to a bit of a rocky start because, although it was announced that there would be a picnic lunch at the lock, most participants showed up without any food. We also had a few who could not keep up to the flow of traffic on the 400 and we're let down by their GPS's so arrived a bit late.

When it came time to leave I had quite a time gathering everyone up because they were all having a great visit. This seems to be a problem for all tour organizers, because people haven't seen each other since the last tour and they want to visit, which makes it hard for the organizer to keep the tour on schedule. Because people hadn't brought a lunch I pulled in at a pizza place thinking that those who were hungry could grab a quick pizza. It turned out it was a

Tour



gourmet stone oven place where it took 45 minutes to get a slice of pizza. To add insult to injury they had no washroom and we had several people who didn't use the washroom at the locks and were now getting desperate.

We finally made it to the Dorset lookout tower which everyone seemed to quite enjoy and once again I had a difficult time gathering everyone up to get on our way, which was even more important now that we had lost almost an hour at the pizza joint. We didn't get too far down the road before we lost a member of the group and all had to pull over and wait for him because he needed gas. That got several others thinking they needed, gas including one who insisted they had to have 94 octane. We went on a quest for 94 octane which we never did find so we pulled into an Esso for anyone who would settle for their gas. Again, when we went to leave a few people had disappeared into the convenience store and even though we'd been there more than 20 minutes not everyone was ready to leave. By now we were so far behind schedule I had no choice but to go straight to the cottage to help with the barbecue. Several others joined me





since they wanted to enjoy the barbecue without having to rush. That worked out well, because some wanted to drive Southwood Road, so that spread the crowd out arriving at the barbecue so that we were able to keep up with the corn boiling and rib cooking.

A big shout-out to Peter Paumier for barbecuing, and Vince Santoro for boiling the corn. And of course all the other help that I had especially my daughter, Noelle. Although it was a stressful day for me, I think in the end it was a success.

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Driving the links



Golf Tournament

After we resurrected the OZC golf tournament last year and the few people that did attend had an enjoyable time, it wasn't a hard sell to try it again on the 2018 event calendar. We looked around at a few other golf courses but most of the venues required a minimum number of golfers to hold a tournament and dinner than we could reasonably guarantee. With that constraint in mind, and the great quote we received from the golf pro at The Bridges of Tillsonburg, we simply decided to make the drive back there and hold the tournament at the same course as in 2017.

After emailing out the flyer a number of times and posting the event on our social media websites, we still ended up with only 16 golfers. Bummer...at least this number gave us 4 complete foursomes so that was something we could call a plus. As usual at The Bridges, our Western Chapter VP Brian Gracie, coordinated things at the golf course. We were encouraged to drive our Zeds to the course where we were allowed to park our cars out on the grass along the main entrance road to the clubhouse. Maybe the guys at the course wouldn't be too impressed with our golfing ability but the Zeds sure made a good impression all lined up on the grass.

After we had our lunch which was included in the greens fee, we had a draw to make up the golf foursomes. Well almost, Terry didn't want to break up his ready made foursome so that was that. Anyway, the remaining three foursomes were led by Brian, Raji and Mauricio. We reviewed



the golfing rules of play we set up to make it a fun day, not too serious after all. There were a few special holes that were to be played under some unique rules of play too. Everyone received a complimentary sleeve of golf balls and we were all set to tee off.

After we all finished playing our round of golf, score cards were turned in to determine who won the holes where we were giving away prizes and which foursome ended up with the lowest score. Local knowledge must have helped as Brian's foursome of himself, Dieter Roth, Rick Scott and Sanjiv Kalutantiri (Raji's nephew) had the lowest score of 68, two strokes under par.

Terry and Raji's foursomes were tied at 70 even par but those scores were set aside by the committee. Terry remember has his set foursome so it was expected to be a ringer group of golfers. One of the rules we set up to ensure each golfer made a contribution to their foursome's score was that a minimum of 3 and a maximum of 6 drives for each golfer were to be adhered to when scoring the holes. Looking at Raji's score card that he turned in, his initial for their drives, was entered on 9 holes, 3 more than allowable. Somebody couldn't count in that group.



Now the most honest foursome was Mauricio's as we scored a whopping 78, eight over. I say we because I was in his foursome. It didn't matter in the end as no prizes were given out for the scoring but it made for a lot of trash talking.

In the end, we did give out some legitimate prizes. Repeating again from last year, Brett Weston won the prize for the longest drive. We gave away 4 prizes, for hitting closest to the pin on the par 3 holes, won by Brian, Raji, Terry and me too. We had enough prizes that everyone was able to take home something from the prize table which worked out well.

Howie Yoshida

Treasurer - King of pylons





Taking over a tour

CONTINUED FROM ERIC'S COTTAGE TOUR

The big tour was August 25th and 26th to Calabogie. This is one which Erle had been organizing for 10 years so I had big shoes to fill. I had Erle help me do some of the organizing since he knows the roads in that area so well. We started as always at Tim Horton's in Whitby. I had announced and told everyone that we would leave sharp at 8:30 because we had a lot of driving to do to get to the good roads up in the Ottawa Valley. I left the parking lot sharp at 8:30 and when I pulled over on the 401 to make sure everyone was there, only two cars had followed me. All the rest were visiting and having coffee. Finally we got everyone together and next thing I know they're all racing each other up Highway 115 and eventually all but one car even passed me, the leader. There is a Corvette club I know of where a member was thrown out of the club on the spot just for passing one of his own, never mind passing the leader. I'm not sure what got into everyone but we had a little discussion about that at lunch.

Our first stop was the lift locks in Peterborough, where we have stopped before on tours, but most people had not seen before. From the lift locks we went for a late breakfast/early lunch at Square Plates restaurant. The owner, Goran, cooked for 22 of us plus about 10 of his other customers and did all the cash completely by himself in just over an hour. We caused him some grief by ordering lunches and breakfasts, when he thought we were only going to be ordering breakfast. Anyway, he did a fine job and we all left there with full stomachs ready for the rest of the drive to Barry's Bay.

I had a couple of stops in mind on the way to Barry's Bay, including some interesting driving, but it poured rain just as

we got to the Ash Grove Inn. The original plan was to check in and then anyone who wanted to could go on a nice driving loop of about an hour in the area. Because it was pouring rain, we decided just to hang out at the motel. The motel was hosting a wedding so they were not able to accommodate us for dinner until 7:30. That didn't seem to bother anyone because we had a lot of visiting to catch up on. We sat around in the rain, which was fine, because it was warm, until they called us for dinner. They put on a fine meal even though it was getting past their normal serving time.

The next morning I was surprised to come into the dining room and find everyone wolfing down a gigantic breakfast after eating a big dinner so late. We certainly do have some good appetites in the club. After breakfast we made one of the stops that I had planned for the day before, the Polish Museum in Wilno. It was a beautiful day and just an ideal place to browse around and check it out. I had hoped to get to Calabogie in time to participate in a car show that they were holding prior to going on the track for parade laps, but we needed a bathroom break and a gas stop, so I detoured slightly through Eganville, one of my favorite little Ontario towns. Leaving Eganville, one of the participants didn't follow the cardinal rule of watching out for the fellow behind him, and it wasn't until about 10 km later on a big hill that I realized we were missing several cars. Cell phone reception is not very good in that area, so by the time I found the rest of the group I had to have them go on regular roads while the rest of us went on winding back roads. By the time we got to the Calabogie track, just about everyone had been lost at some point, but everyone found the track and we all got back together just in time to get staged and do the parade laps. We all owe Diane Dale a huge thank you for organizing the parade laps at Calabogie. She also was on hand to take a group photo after the parade laps.

I had planned on anyone who needed a snack to do so at Calabogie, but the track doesn't have a concession stand, and the food truck didn't show up that day. I didn't think it was a big deal because we had had such a big breakfast, but as I said before, we have some big appetites in our club and we absolutely had to stop for lunch. I asked everyone to please





not eat too much because I made a reservation on a patio at a nice restaurant on the river in Smith's Falls for 22 people.

After lunch we still had time to make a scheduled stop at the Balderson Cheese factory, an impressively well-stocked and large facility. When we came out of the cheese factory, I took a poll as to how many were coming for dinner and I guess because of the big lunch we were down from 22 to 4. A small group of us carried on to Smiths Falls, another very pretty Ontario town on the Rideau canal. We drove by Tweed, an enormous marijuana grow op, and also took pictures under the water tower. Some of the group had never seen a conventional lift lock before, and were quite fascinated by it. After a pleasant dinner, with perfect weather on the patio, I went East to Kemptville to spend the night with my cousin and the other three headed for home.

We have one more tour which I'm in charge of, but it will be easy for me because it is organized by the United Church in Washago. I will do a write-up in the next Zedline since as of writing this article we had not had that tour yet.

In summary, I don't think the tour participants always appreciate how much stress and work it is for those of us who organize these tours. It would really be appreciated if people would follow our directions a little more closely. We probably seem like ogres always trying to get you moving, but it's

disappointing to have to drop items from the agenda which I'm sure would have been more interesting than drinking coffee at Tim's. The other bone of contention is that people don't seem to want to look out for the person behind them. It is essential for a satisfying tour that as long as it's meant to be a Follow the Leader type of tour, the most important person in the tour is the one behind you. The leader may have 20 cars behind him but can only see three or four of them, so can't tell when someone is in trouble. It is also very important that we drive at reasonable speeds. Public roads are not a good place to see how fast your car can pass somebody else. Just as important is for you to keep up to the group. We had a case on one of the tours where a couple of the participants weren't even keeping up to local traffic and created a certain amount of road rage by holding up the locals.

In closing I will say that I enjoyed organizing these tours, and always welcome input and help. If anyone in the club would like to take over one of these tours, or organize a tour of their own, please let me know, and I will help you in any way I can.

Eric Zondervan

Forum Admin & Tour Organizer extraordinaire





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Cruise Night...

OZC has been invited to participate in this cruise night for a good number of years and we've normally had a good showing. Mauricio received an invite from the Thornhill Cruisers' Club, for us to show up as a featured club to their event, when we were available. He set it up for their June 11 meeting and we got the word out to the members. This is one I've gone to in the past so I planned to be there.

The cruise night was held at the Canadian Tire lot, north of Major Mackenzie and Hwy 404. I arrived there just past 6:30 pm and was surprised to be the first Zed there. Actually, all the cars were squeezed into a very small area of the parking lot for whatever reason. Our number soon doubled with the arrival of Raji in his 300ZX. He said this event was so close to home so it was a convenient one to attend. I didn't know it at the time but our final member to show up was Glenn Walker in his very fine 510. That got a lot of looks. So that was the OZC lot that evening. Not a very exciting night anyway, don't know why the turn out was so bad. We'll have to rethink this event next year maybe?

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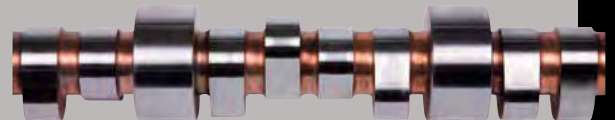
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