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**Marc Nevestuk;**  
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**Grant Iwasa.**

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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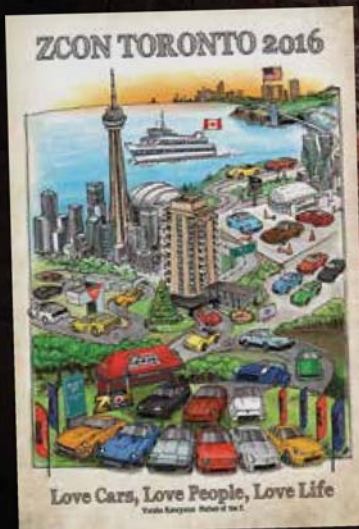
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**A**s our Z car season is coming to an end, please make sure to take advantage of our beautiful Fall weather and get some great shots of your Z with the changing colours of Autumn. You can get some amazing photos of your Z if you go and back track through the routes we have driven on a good number of our road tours. One of these tours, the Calabogie Tour was a multi-day event and over 20+ Zs showed up to enjoy a weekend in the Ottawa Valley. There is an article in this issue about that Calabogie Tour, take a look inside this Zedline.

Also as we prepare to store our Z's for the winter season, make sure to follow the best advice on "How to Store your Vehicle for the Winter Season" as this prolongs the life of our precious Z cars. There are lots of videos and articles on how to wash and prepare your Z, what fluids to replace, what to do about the battery, where to store your Z, how to store your Z, the list is endless. Find one that best suits your means and your vehicle.

We had a busy summer of events for sure, some of the more popular ones have been the road tours. The number of cars and people too that have been showing up to participate in the cruises have both become a challenge to the organizers in finding ways of keeping the group together, not getting cars lost, finding places to visit and even eating as a big group has become an issue in the restaurants.

Our main event Z-Fest was held again in Hamilton. The weather guy let us down again with some early morning rain that put a damper on the number of participants. We still managed to pull off a successful Z-Fest as you can read for yourself inside.

Looking to next year, inside this issue of your Zedline, you will find your 2020 membership renewal form so please fill it in and send us your dues payment right away. Your support is needed so we can continue to organize great events for you and publish our amazing Zedline. In 2019 we had over 25 new members sign up so word is getting out that OZC exists and is doing good things. Our overall membership number dropped a bit from 2018, which means over 25 existing members did not renew their memberships. Don't you be one of those members and walk away from OZC when the year ends, renew with us for 2020 and keep the faith!

Our Executive Committee is working hard on finding a venue for the Year End Social which is scheduled for Saturday November 23 so Save The Date. Keep a close watch on your emails for an announcement. If you don't see anything for whatever reason, please contact any one of the club Executives to find out the details.

Take care and Zee you all very soon.

**Mauricio Gomez**

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# Sticking to it

3 of the Window Sticker Decals designs on Peter Paumier's windscreen are done by yours truly

**F**or the first time in a very long time, I have had nothing much to do on the Zedline. Other than the design part of it, and of course coming up with something for the editor's note. But in reality it's Eric Zondervan who should be writing this column, as he did most of the writing, editing and collecting of the articles. Seems his appeal for contributions from the OZC members seems to have worked, and we got lots of contributions from people other than the usual suspects who write here. That's a great achievement by Eric!

Add to that the fact that I have not been to any of the OZC meets this year, leaves me desperately searching for things to write here. I have already written about my personal struggles with trying to keep two Z32s working, which is still a work in progress. Sold the house, but staying in it for another 6 months as a renter! Come April next year I will be looking for a place to rent, may be a bit north of me where the rental price won't be that high. Why? Because I still want to find a house with 2 car garage. My close friends think I am crazy. Being single, living by my self I could easily move to a Condo, with no issues or worries of maintaining a house by my self. But how can I park my 2 babies in an open garage of a Condo? I am possessive that way and stubborn to part with one of them just to ease my burden. That's being a car guy in love with Z32s!

One of the reasons for the sale of the house is for me to downsize, and may be find a way to spend time with my dad, who is 85 and lives by himself on the other side of the planet in Sri Lanka. I have been here in Canada for 30 years and that's how long I have been away from him. I figure I need to spend more time with him while he is alive and healthy. This was no more evident than the 2 sleepless nights I spent just a few days ago, when he fell sick and was rushed to emergency in an ambulance. Thankfully he is fine and now resting at home. But with my daughter now finished with her education my plan is to be with him at least half of the year. If it works out, it will be during December to April, the months I won't get to drive the Z anyway, or play

golf in Canada. As for my duties for the OZC and the Zedline during that time, I hope to do the magazine from there with Eric's help. If he and Howie can getting things together and send them to me through the cyber space, I could work on it and send the files back over here to be printed and delivered! That's the plan and we'll cross that bridge when we get there.

This year looks to be another amazing year for the club, with lots of tours, meets and other activities. Pictures tell the stories and in this issues we got lot of them as well as written words from participants. There's the Calabogie tour which is now organized by Eric with the help of Lou and few regular attendees. Seems this year's edition has turned out to be one of the best.

Then there's the HEMMINGS CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE write up by Brian Gracie. An unexpected invite they received to show off his immaculate Green 240Z, at a prestigious car show in Lake George, New York. Brian also writes about his regular event, Tobacco Roads tour which is now an event members really look forward to. Next there's the Church tour which is now a regular event in our schedule, which Eric takes care of and has written about.

There are also meets and tours that are new and come up when members meet and decide to make them happen. Once such tour is the Port Colborn tour that Eric writes about and Harry Wells initiated with an idea for a BBQ. Another similar tour is the Thanks Giving tour which happened with a conversation that happened between Eric and Bill H.

Finally we have 2 articles relating to tech. First by the newly retired Rick Scott, who explains the art of Marshalling at motorsport events. Second by Eric and Ray Taggart on Z car troubles, specifically on bad fuel and exploding batteries.

Now that should be some interesting reading for you!

**Rajinda Gunasena**

Editor - Nothing but Z32

# Calabogie Tour



Eric Zondervan

240 Z • Road Warrior

I was supposed to be in Amsterdam on the weekend of this tour, so I handed off most of the planning of it. Turned out my sister came up with a pre existing medical condition, so I ended up on the Calabogie tour instead. Lou P led a group from Toronto to the first meeting point, Flynn's corner. When Kim saw the sign for Kawartha Winery, the group had to stop, but they all made it to Flynn's on time. Bill H organized the first day, coming from his cottage nearby to meet the group, and I came from my Cottage near Orillia.

New to the group this year were my son's fiancé's family with a modified Golf and a modified Audi TT. They got to drive the 507 several times as they looked for us. They came across from Orillia on 60, through Algonquin park, whereas the rest of us met at the south end of 507. A group of 10 Zs was easy to find though.

After a pretty drive up 507, we all pulled into the lookout at Haliburton. Even though it was slightly overcast, The view over the town was very pretty. While we were there, Bill H introduced Kim to geocaching. From the lookout we drove through the town of Haliburton and found a Chinese restaurant for lunch. Even though there were 20 of us, they jumped into action and got us all fed and out of there in great time. They did such a good job that we planned our Thanksgiving tour to include a lunch stop there.

On the way through town, Peter S saw a car show underway. After lunch we went to check it out. Bill H went in and got us invited in, even though we couldn't stay very long. It was fun bringing a bunch of Zed cars in amongst the old American cars typical of a country car show. From the car show we drove around the lake to the Haliburton Sculpture Garden. There is a beautiful arts college out in the country there with a very nice outdoor sculpture display. It was a good chance to stretch our legs and absorb some culture.

From the sculpture garden we had a leisurely drive over to the Ashgrove Inn, where we had 10 rooms booked. We had time to relax and get settled in before our dinner reservation at 7. They gave us the private room, as always, and we ordered from a condensed menu. Everyone had a

great meal then some visiting and off to bed.

The next morning we got up in reasonable time to heavy fog. Sunday's tour was organized by Mike A. The fog cleared by the time we finished breakfast and we carried on to the Bonnechere caves. I passed on the caves since I have been through them several times and I had twisted my knee badly a few days before. The cave tour took longer than expected, leaving us very pressed for time to make our parade laps at Calabogie. This necessitated some very spirited driving, but we made it. We had three pretty lively laps, reaching 140 kph, nobody else on the track. I happened to check my odometer, and we did 13 km of parade laps. I made myself car sick trying to video a lap and drive at the same time.

Mike had made arrangements months ahead for 20 people at the Calabogie Brewery, a relatively new facility. Mike checked again a couple of days before and they assured him they were ready for us. When we got there, there were only two young people who had no idea we were coming. They did their best, and we finally did get fed, but it took almost three hours. We did get a 25% discount for our inconvenience. From there, the newbies in the VWs headed west, while Frank S led the rest of the group on a spirited drive down to the 401. I split off East to spend the night at my cousin's near Kemptville.

Monday I pressed on to visit a friend in Ottawa, then to Hudson, Q. C. for a couple of days with family. While there, I managed a quick visit with Mike A, who sold all his Zs and moved to Quebec a few years ago. He's hoping to get another S30 sometime.

Wednesday I had an effortless cruise back from Quebec, 5hrs 15 min. of sweet inline 6 drone, getting back in plenty of time for the Eastern meeting. Since we had 20 people with 12 cars, we may book the entire Ashgrove Inn for next year. Probably bump it up a bit, since Z Con will be taking several of us away in September.

A big thank you to Lou P, Bill H, and Mike A for sharing the organizing of this tour. Several said it was the best one yet.







# Hamilton again, Rain again!



**Howie Yoshida**  
Treasurer - King of pylons

To refresh your memory, last year's Z-Fest had plenty of miserable rain all morning of the event and it really put a damper on the turnout for the day. A good bunch of the cars that pre-registered and paid for the car show and even our food truck guy decided not to show up due to the rain.

The Hamilton Museum of Steam & Technology is a great venue for a car show so we decided to return there for Z-Fest 2019, fully expecting/hoping for better weather conditions. Well we were disappointed again! It rained really hard the night before Z-Fest but on the good side, the morning forecast did not call for the rain to continue. As I drove out early in the morning, the roads were still wet but the skies looked clear and promising signs were all around. As evidenced by last year's site conditions, the rain did not make the grassy areas off limits to park the cars so work started in earnest around 7:30 a.m. to set up the parking areas for each of the various Zed car classes. Members of the Club Executive and the many volunteers present went about doing their jobs of erecting the upright flags and our big pop-up tent, installing the club banners at the road entrance, setting up the car show entrance gate, registration desk, merchandise displays, door prizes and putting out all the car show awards too. Everything was pretty well done and ready to go as 9:00 a.m. rolled by to officially open Z-Fest.

The overnight rain had done the damage though as there was a slow but steady flow of cars showing up for Z-Fest. The front entrance road into the parking areas didn't have any of the normally long line up of cars arriving in bunches to register for the event. Some of us even went as far as to call or email the members to let them know the rain had stopped and the skies were bright and sunny out. With the mid-morning arrival of our DJ to supply the music and our food truck to feed everyone some delicious BBQ smoked meat sandwiches and the like, the morning passed by quite smoothly at a pace where nobody got stressed out over anything.

Ever since he became a member of Ontario Z-Car, Harry Wells from Port Colborne, has been our largest supporter of Z-Fest. He usually shows up with his family fleet of 5 to 6 Zeds, driven by himself, wife, son, daughter, and the in-laws. Harry's Zeds range from a 240Z all the way to the 370Z. He has taken home his share of Z-Fest awards too over the years. I couldn't believe he wasn't coming to Z-Fest due to the rain in his area and the drive up as I read his email sent to me early, the morning of the car show. That wasn't the case in Hamilton at the time and before I could send an email to inform him of that fact, I received his follow up email saying he changed his mind and they were all on their way. We were sure glad to see his fleet arrive for the show.

We closed the entrance off about 12:30 p.m. as little to no new arrivals showed. The car show registrants were then reminded to fill in their ballots and submit them for tabulation of the awards. Final count for the number of registered cars topped out at 94 this year. It was a bit disappointing but not unexpected due to the wet weather the night before and the forecast for more rain to come at the end of the day. Under the right weather conditions, Z-Fest numbers have historically been in the neighbourhood of 130+ cars. I have included a breakdown of the car show numbers for each generation of Zed this year, just for interest sake. The most populated individual class was still the S30 one by a small margin, with the Z32s, Z33s and the Z34s totalling up over half of the cars registered. We also had 67 cars pre-register for Z-Fest this year which was great for me as it reduces the paperwork and makes the registration line up, the day of the show a lot shorter. Much appreciated.

Ontario Z-Car would like to send out a big Thank-You to Nissan Canada for their ongoing support and sponsorship of Z-Fest over the many past years. In addition to providing us with some very generous financial support, they are also quite happy to bring out cars from both their past and current model line-up. This year we saw a heritage Z32





300ZX drive up and a 50th Anniversary special edition 370Z put on display at Z-Fest. Thanks go out to Nathalie Quesnel, Events and Sponsorship Manager, Marketing Department of Nissan Canada for attending our event along with some very enthusiastic Nissan employees too. They came with and gave out some Nissan swag, golf shirts, energy bars and bottles of water which were gladly scooped up by the attendees. The Nissan photographer re-positioned the special Anniversary 370Z by the exit from the field and individually photographed most of the Zeds as they passed by beside it. I have those pics if anyone is interested in finding their Zed too.

The hardest working person at Z-Fest that day was our Social Media Director, Diane Dale. She was looking for a way to identify or associate any driver in the show with their Zed, to post the pics on Facebook or Instagram. We added a couple of new data fields in the registration form but that info would not be easy for her to access the day of the car show. About noon hour, I saw Diane and asked how she was doing. She had figured it all out by taking pictures of every car in the show, their show card information and their licence plate. What a busy morning she must have had! The ballots started to come in after lunch which started her next big task. With me calling out the car number information on every ballot, Diane was madly keying in the data onto the PC, to compile all the ballot information. Each ballot had up to 14 entries to record and in the end, there were over 70 ballots tabulated, in just over an hour. A quick data sort of the spreadsheet info produced the award winners for each of the car classes. Around 3:00 p.m., thirty awards were announced and handed out to the first and second place finishers in each class, for both stock and modified categories. Was Diane taking a break during the award ceremony? Of course not, she was front and centre, taking pictures of every single award winner accepting their trophy. Pictures of the winners and their award winning cars were posted up by Diane on our social media sites later in the evening and

the next day. Thanks Diane for doing such a fantastic job of posting the car show results so quickly! It was amazing to see how fast all the cars vacated the field after the awards were finished. It was a good thing too as the skies were getting cloudy and the rain forecasted to start later in the afternoon looked like it wasn't far off.

We haven't lined up a venue yet for Z-Fest 2020 but with good weather, we will be aiming to get back to 130+ Zeds showing up. We will be counting on you. See you there with your Zee! (Zed didn't rhyme so had to go American spelling.)

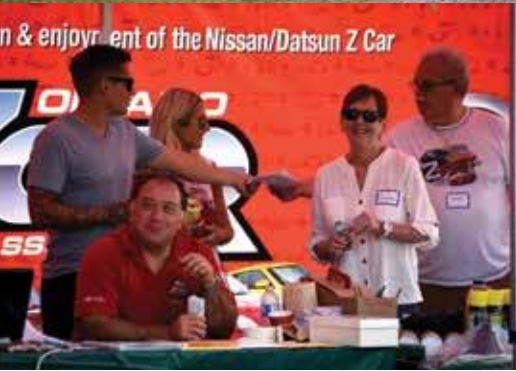
## 2019 AWARD WINNERS

CLASS	CATEGORY	1st	2nd
S30 (240Z – 280Z)	Stock Modified	Laverne Burkhart Bobby Naidu	Alfonso Mazzarella Edward Burkhart
S130 (280ZX)	Stock Modified	David Buttle Ross Hayward	Al Waxman Howie Yoshida
Z31 (300ZX)	Stock Modified	Bob Burnham Christien Veilleux	Haley Wells not contested
Z32 (300ZX)	Stock Modified	Ical Lawrence Mauricio Gomez	Brad Maurich Kevin Hague
Z33 (350Z)	Stock Modified	Devan Horsley Harry Wells	Ken Peters Kevin Logue
Z34 (370Z)	Stock Modified	Edmarc Arendoque Jeff Thususka	Paul Bennett Jeffrey Armstrong
Other Nissan	Stock Modified	Rob Jagatic Glenn Walker	Mike Borysenko Victor Lee
Top Vote Getter	David Buttle		



# 2019

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# Tobacco Roads



**Brian Gracie**

*Blast from the West*

What a perfect September day for the tobacco roads tour. We literally filled the parking lot at Dean Michael's Griddlehouse with 26 Z's, a Mustang, Subaru, Lotus and 49 people. Great to see first timers come out for a tour and new members participate as well. Karen and I would like to thank all of you at this time for joining us and being a part of our day. It is very rewarding.

Our tour was follow the leader with Brian leading in our orange 280Z. Karen followed at the rear in our Murano and during the entire tour we talked on speaker phones. After the first few minutes 7 cars missed a turn and Karen put the pedal to the metal. Passing at 142 Km/hr on a two lane highway she was able to get to the front Z. Everyone followed her and we met up with the others. A few more cars missed a turn and followed Ed Muth.

We were all together again and arrived at our first stop. A couple of people pointed out to Brian we were missing Paul Bennett and his wife in their blue 370Z. Contacting him by phone was helpful but Brian elected to go and rescue him. Paul got a big, big cheer when he pulled in!

Our first stop was an awesome garage and shop with Mustangs, a Bullet Mustang, Shelby GT and more with HP from everything to 295 - 750 Horse. Four post hoist's x2, shop cabinetry and a man-cave only most of us could dream of was great to see. As Lou said, this is a real man-cave, even with a urinal! The concrete pad out front was bigger than most people's houses. A great party place for sure.

Next we took our tour back to the farm! Brian Goossens, (a good friend), was terrific in talking about the fish farming operation he has been doing for the last 39 years. From

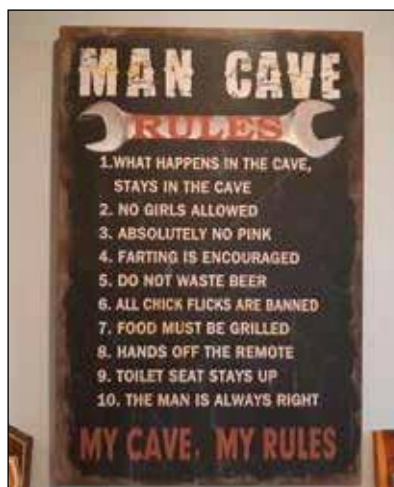
the embryo stage in one building to the little bigger fish in another and finally the outdoor raceway tank with 20 -30 lb. rainbow trout was really quite interesting. His trout is marketed to many high end restaurants in Toronto!!

Brian's wife Sue opened her private gallery of original art in their beautiful home as well. We also got a little educated with ginseng as several transient workers were working under the shades as we walked by them. They were picking seeds for next years crop. Brian Goossens shared just how much a ginseng farmer can make. They crunch out incredible income. On 100 acres their return is approximately 20 million dollars!

We continued on rural roads to our next stop for some sweet treats and refreshments. However, about 10 vehicles missed a turn and Karen rounded them up once more. We all arrived at the Windmill Market together. A few parties left at this point and the rest continued on to our final stop at the

Old Marina Restaurant.

It was a great adventure and fun day for everyone!





# Port Colborne

Back in the spring, Harry Wells offered to host a barbecue at his place following the car show which is a big part of Canal Days in Port Colborne. We sent out a mass email, posted it on the website, and put a link on Facebook. The very next day, Ike and Deb Lawrence responded that they were in. Then nothing. Closer to the event, specifically at Z Con, I started to promote it heavily.

By August 4, we had about 15 cars signed up. I set up a meeting place at McDonald's, Tim Hortons has had plenty of our business. 8 cars met at 7:00 am just south of Hamilton. Noelle and I left the cottage 15 minutes late, at 5:15 am, but with light traffic we made up 15 minutes and arrived at 1 minute to 7:00.

Harry had given me a scenic route to get to the show, but we soon abandoned that as we got away from McDonald's 20 minutes late. We rolled into the show grounds an hour later, where Harry had already reserved a whole row for us, using his six cars to make it pretty plain the kind of cars that belonged there. Within another hour, we had filled that space to overflowing with 25 cars at one point.

The venue and the weather were perfect. Cars of all description poured in all morning. Kudos to the organizers for accommodating at least 600 cars, trucks, hot rods, weird customs and even motor homes. Noelle and I spent hours wandering the show taking pictures.

When the show was over, about 4:00, we convoyed the 2 blocks to Harry and Donna's fabulous home. The guys congregated in the enormous shop complete with 3 hoists and room for 8 cars. The ladies hung around the pool. After a delicious barbecue, we left a bit early for the long drive through Toronto traffic back to the cottage, finally getting back almost 17 hours after leaving. That weekend put me over 10,000 km driven so far this summer.

A huge thank you to Harry, Donna and their family for hosting a super day. I hear they may do it again next year. I'm sure they will need room for 50 cars then.

**Eric Zondervan**

240 Z - Road Warrior





# Church Tour



**W**e have been tagging along with the Washago United Church tour for 3 years now. It is becoming more popular every year. They set up a rally format, where you answer questions and take pictures throughout the tour. At the end of the tour the church ladies put on a fantastic meal in the church and they put the photos that everyone took on a screen to watch while you eat. At the same time they go through your answers and pick winners. Three years ago my son's girlfriend and I got first place. This year Bill & Vandra cleaned up.

For anyone who feels put off by Church in the name of the tour, be assured that it is definitely a car lovers tour. Very casual with a lot of nice people.

We had four Zed's and three or four other cars representing OZC this year.

We meet at the church at 10:00 or so on Saturday morning where you sign up and pay \$20 for a Car and Driver and \$10 for each additional passenger. This gets you an extensive printed route with the questions and a great meal and prizes at the end of the day. Dinner is finished and prizes are handed out by 7:00, leaving lots of time to get back to the city.

Hopefully I can persuade them to delay the tour a week next year to give us time to regroup after Z Con.

**Eric Zondervan**

240 Z - Road Warrior





# Hemmings Concours D'Elegance

We had no idea going to Atlanta ZCON in October 2018 would give Karen and I an opportunity to be selected in a Concours car show!

At the Atlanta peoples choice show at Coors Field, Chris Brewer, Director of Communications for the Amelia Island Concours approached Karen when she was around our green 240Z. I was elsewhere talking to other people. He mentioned our car is what they are looking for in the Hemmings Concours in Lake George NY for September 2019. The DATSUN is being a featured marque class for the first time ever in a Concours D'Elegance show!!

Over the winter we decided to reach out to the organizers of the Lake George show. They wanted a write-up and specific pictures emailed to them and we would hear if we were selected or not. On April 2, 2019 we received an email from the president and senior editor of HEMMINGS MOTOR NEWS our vehicle was carefully chosen among hundreds of potential candidates.

Our ride on this journey had now begun. Thinking of what we needed to do to bring our 240 to its finest level is what the next several months brought. It was pampered and saw very, very few kilometers on the road. We did trailer it to Branson ZCON 2019 in July but never drove the car anywhere. Of course this also meant we should probably get an enclosed trailer for the Concours show and we rented a brand new 2020, 20 foot car hauler for the week of Sept 11- 18th.

Leaving at 7:00 am on Thursday morning, Sept 12th with light rain, Karen and I looked at each other and with a high five, decision well made. Actually, we had rain off and on for three quarters of the drive to Lake George. The trailer pulled very easily, and we arrived at the host hotel at 4:30pm.

The host hotel, Fort William Henry Conference Centre, was bustling with every colour of enclosed car trailer imaginable. We met Charlie and Cheryl Osborne of Kingston shortly after we arrived. He did drive his blue 240Z from Kingston and luckily did not encounter rain. We soon were making plans with them for drinks and dinner for the entire week end. Karen and I did not stay at the host hotel. We chose a lovely lakeside resort at the north end of the village. Lake George village is a beautiful area with many resorts and restaurants. It has a gorgeous waterfront with the Adirondack Mountains towering around the lake.

Thursday evening we had a great dinner with Charlie & Cheryl and Jeff Fox and his wife Bea of Albany. They lived an hour away and arranged to come in to have dinner with us. The week end kicks off on the Friday with a car rally in the Adirondack region. We chose to keep our car in the trailer but around 70 cars participated. Friday evening was an exceptional time on a 3 hour dinner cruise with all the participants. Wonderful live music and dancing as well. Saturday was a regular car show for non-concours cars. It started off a little damp so attendance was down somewhat but all in all a nice selection of cars. Great to see Datsun

Zoom Club of Montreal there with about 8 Z's!

Sunday morning the gods were smiling down on us as the sun was out with just a few patchy clouds. A perfect day. There were about 145 cars parked in their various classes with the DATSUN'S at centre field parked in an outward circle. What a beautiful sight!

Your sign for your car was delivered to you in person. A large host tent was set up for all the participants. Complimentary breakfast and lunch was fabulous with white linen table cloths. Towels were down at 10:00 and the waiting was on. The DATSUN class was large with 16 cars and very diverse. Everything from stock to modified to race from 1970Z - 1983ZX. Charlie Osborne showed his 1970 blue 240Z. John Taddonio from ZCCR showed his gold 240Z. Jeremy Stilwell from Nissan

North America Heritage had 2 cars in this class as well. Mr K's demo yellow(2+2) 260Z with a sunroof and a 10th anniversary 280ZX with less than 800 miles on it. A 1978 280Z from the AACA Museum in Hershey PA was also in this class as well as other immaculate Z's.

First place award was a 1970 240Z in dark blue from MA. Second place Bob Sharp's 1969 240Z race car from NY and third place a 1982 copper brown 280ZX from CT. Each winner from all the classes drove their car in front of the presentation stage and two keynote speakers spoke about each vehicle.

What a special day. The show started with both the Canadian and American National Anthems as well. To be part of some of the country's finest automobiles at a Concours D'Elegance show is something we will always remember. Many packed up and headed home, but we decided to have a leisurely evening in Lake George and head out the next day.

A new great life experience in the books!

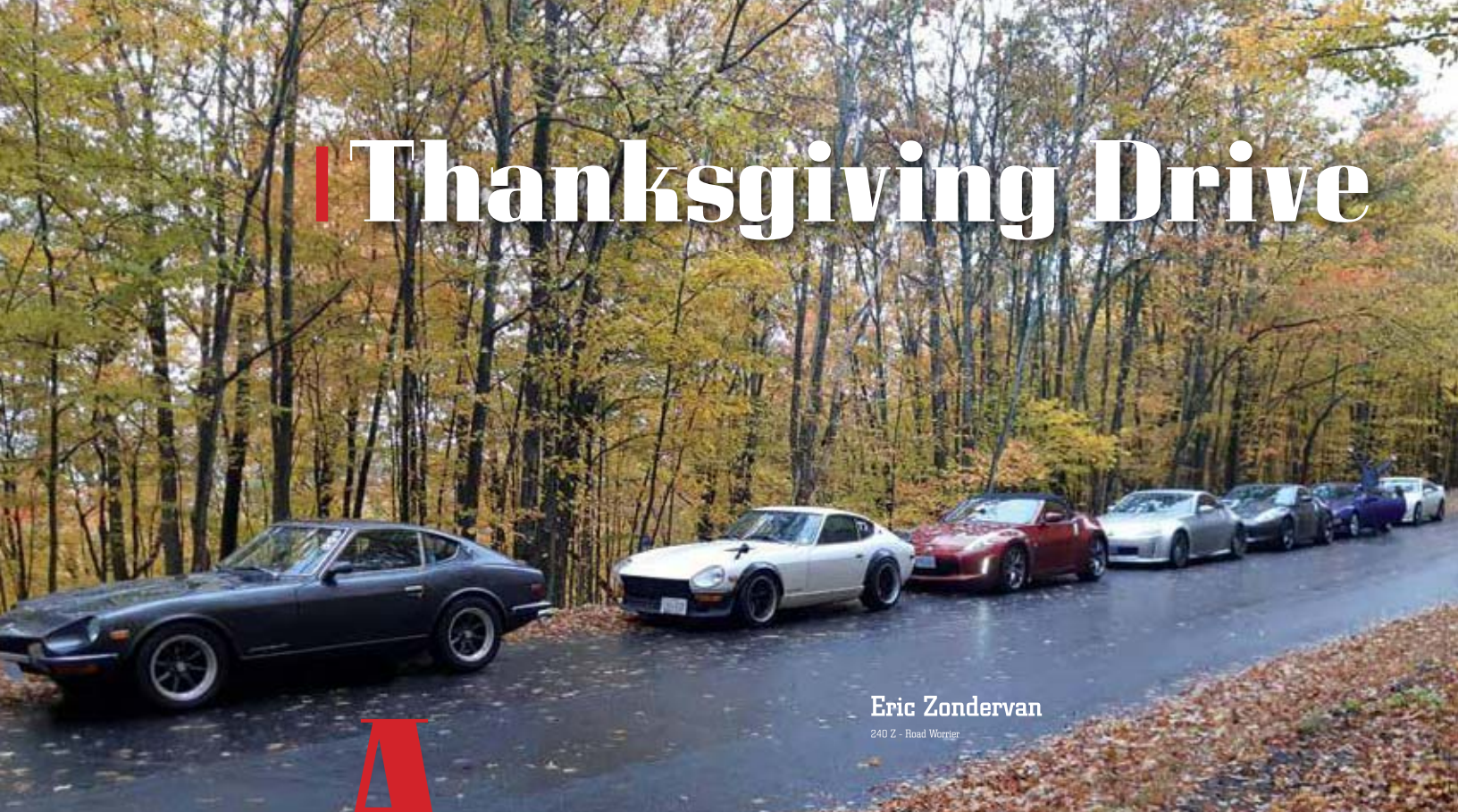
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Blasts from the West





# Thanksgiving Drive



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**A**t the October Eastern meeting, Bill H and I discussed the possibility of a final tour on Thanksgiving Saturday. A few people we spoke to showed interest, so we went ahead. Bill wanted to have it in his area, the Kawarthas, and I wanted it to have it in my area, the Muskokas. As a compromise, we did it in both areas. It made for a pretty long tour but the scenery was worth it. Unfortunately, in spite of beautiful weather all week long, it poured rain on Saturday. This was in the forecast and we were very surprised that we still got 7 cars. A tribute to the enthusiasm of some of our members.

As it turned out, that didn't really matter, as the weather improved as the day progressed. The overcast lighting was beautiful for photographing our cars. We set up several meeting points so that people could join in at their convenience. Our first meeting point was Kennedy Commons, the next one was Fowler's Corners near Peterborough, then we met at Flynn's turn, north of Buckhorn. From there we proceeded up County Rd. 507, ending up at a lookout in Minden. Just as we got there, the clouds cleared and the sun came out for a few minutes. The View was probably the best of the whole trip.



Interestingly, as we were pulling through Minden, I noticed a blue 350Z coming the opposite direction. I thought if that were me, I would turn around and follow the group. As it happened, a young fellow named Mike did just that, and joined us from Minden to Haliburton, where we had lunch at a Chinese restaurant. From there we went to the Haliburton lookout, then on to the Dorset lookout tower. It turned out

the Dorset lookout tower was hugely popular on a Thanksgiving weekend. They even had police directing traffic. There was a long wait to drive up, so several of our group gave up and headed for home while Scott and Angie and I elected to walk up. When we got there, there was hardly room to stand, and a gigantic lineup to go up the tower. We took a couple of photos and walked back down. From there Ike and Deb carried on with me for my part of

the tour, which took us around Bracebridge and down the Frank Miller Memorial Parkway to Gravenhurst. That was a beautiful drive, very similar to Southwood Road but with no traffic and new pavement. At this time of year the leaves were spectacular. At Gravenhurst, we went our own ways.

I suggested that because it's always quite busy on weekends, there are several of us who may like to tour during the week. I got a reasonably good reception to that idea, so I think next year we're going to give that a try.







# Mis-adventures of Z!



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**T**here must be several club members who have a story to tell about their Z car breaking down. I know this summer we had a few. Ross had to take his daily driver to Z Con when his 280 ZX had a big short the night before leaving. Manolo had a severe vibration on the way back from the Picton wine tour. Ray had a battery meltdown on the way back from the Kawartha tour. I had three incidents myself this summer. I will start with my own incidents, followed by Ray's. Hopefully anyone who has had a similar story would be willing to share it with the members in the next issue.

My first problem was on the way to Z Con when I picked up some dirty fuel just before getting to Branson. I was able to

limp into Branson mostly on three cylinders. The next tank of name-brand gas seemed to solve the problem. At the Kawartha tour I noticed my signal lights doing strange things, then on the way home I realized I was not getting any charge. I was going to go down to the city, but the cottage is closer and that's where I do all my repairs, so I just made it before the battery died. I jumped in the truck and took my passenger down to the city. When I got around to checking it a few days later, it was a coincidental combination of a signal light bulb making poor connection and a fuse blowing.

My next incident was the morning of the OZC golf tournament. I filled up at Costco early in the morning, pulled out onto Highway 11 and once again was running on 3 cylinders. I couldn't even get to a hundred kilometres an hour so I nursed it back to the cottage and jumped in the truck and still made it to the tournament on time. I looked into that a few days later, ran some fuel into a jug, fiddled around a bit, put everything back together and it ran fine. Never did find a cause. I drove about 1,500 kilometres before I did anything about it, a bit nervous all the way, especially going to Ottawa and Montreal because there had to be a reason, like dirt in the tank. Finally, on the weekend before Thanksgiving, I pulled the gas tank out and flushed it thoroughly. Put it back together with fresh gas, and it still ran poorly.

I picked up a new fuel filter but didn't get a chance to install it. On the way to the Western Meeting, in October, it got to running so badly I could hardly make it up a long hill. Finally I stopped in a parking lot just north of Guelph and put the new fuel filter on. As soon as I started the car it filled up with dirt. I took it off and shook the dirt out, and it's been running great ever since.







Following is Ray's saga of the exploding battery.

On the way back the car was handling well and running in prime condition. I live in South Mississauga and once I got into the city I noticed that the car was a bit dirty and needed a wash. I decided that I needed to clean the car prior to putting it away and headed to the local coin wash which is attached to a Petro Canada. I decided that I wouldn't get any gas and instead wait for the prices to drop, so I parked at the side of the gas bar. I went in for some loonies for the coin wash and some refreshments and came out ready to take care of my prized possession. I attempted to start my car but was surprised by the most feared sound when you turn a car key; the dreaded "click,click" and the dashboard flickering. Undaunted, and familiar with the temperamental behaviours associated with the Z32, I turned the key again and nothing. I got a similar response from the Z for which, in frustration, I dropped my head and cursed under my breath. At this point I looked up and noticed a number of onlookers unaware of my situation but enamored with an apparent "clean" Slicktop Fairlady. I said hello, took the compliments and kept it moving.

I popped the hood, stepped out of the car hoping to investigate and perhaps clean up the 'Gremlins'? First thing I checked of course was the battery connections, and it all looked well. No concerns except a hissing sound that I couldn't identify. I looked closely for steam, radiator fluid or perhaps fuel leaking and found nothing. I did a circle check of the engine bay and found nothing. I was brought right back to my Redtop battery that was the source of the hissing. I was now fearful and leaned cautiously forward to confirm what I thought. In the back of my head I recalled

Vuk of AMS telling me that a Redtop was the cause of his Corporate Z going up in flames while it was parked in his garage at home. I was entirely sure I didn't want that happening in my face so I took my time inspecting and looked for any signs indicating a possible explosion. The battery was hissing and looked like it was leaking with white liquid flowing over the sides. The battery was very hot to the touch and obviously dead. I now had a dead Z in a no parking area at a gas station. I needed to move it out of the way. My admirers were now gone and was left with the gas attendant or push it myself into a spot about 50 feet away. I decided to give it a go myself and pushed the Z into the spot. Thank God for gas stations with fairly level pavement.

I was now stuck on a weekend, all stores closed, hungry and tired. Who can I call who loves these cars as much as I do and has more patience than I do? CYRIL OF COURSE!!! I called Cyril who was at dinner with his family but offered his spare battery which was in his garage. Problem was how would I get it? No problem, Cyril offered to bring the battery to me. I was in South Mississauga and Cyril was in North Brampton a distance of over 30 kms. He arrived in approximately 40 minutes, we switched the batteries and started my Z on the first crank. It was a sigh of relief but now we had to deal with the Red top, which was less than 1 year old. I thanked Cyril, put the battery in the Z, and went home.

The next day I called in the battery as faulty and was told that I can come by to exchange it for a new battery. I exchanged the battery but have yet to replace the old Motomaster Cyril gave me for the new Redtop. I guess I'm a little nervous.



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