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# OZC 2021 MEMBERS

On behalf of the Ontario Z-Car Owners Association, I'm pleased to announce that we topped out at 140 members in 2021!

That's pretty amazing for a pandemic year - and we look forward to welcoming more new members in 2022 and beyond.

I'd like to extend a cordial invitation for all members to participate in club events, meetings, our website forum and the newsletter.

If you're an existing member and haven't had a chance to renew for 2022 yet - we welcome you to re-join OZC and be part of the largest, most exciting Z-Club in Canada!

**Bob Chwalyk**

OZC Membership Director





# NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Is anybody wondering what happened to the usual Prez Sez column from the current OZC President? What we are trying to do is spread out some of the writing workload for Zedline. Since we are taking a group (Diane, Eric & Howie) approach to producing Zedline, we are doing the same for the President's column. We have a good number of us serving on the Executive Committee and one of us will be provided the opportunity to write the introductory column for future newsletters. That's why the heading above will now be titled "Notes from the Executive". You can stop cheering now Lou.

Let's get you all you up to date now. This Zedline is our 2021 Winter issue which makes it the last copy all of our 2021 dues paying members (140 of you) will receive. Going forward for this year 2022, Zedline will be published every 3 months, namely as the Spring, Summer, Fall and Winter issues. Our Spring issue will be distributed in April, in digital format for sure. A decision to return to the practice of printing and mailing hard (colour) copies will be made by the OZC Executive Committee in the next few months.

This brings us to the topic of club memberships. One of the benefits of being a dues paying club member is that you receive a copy of each Zedline produced for your dues year. To date, first time members and renewals stand at 71, a good start to the year. Our membership target this year is to reach 150+ so to those who have yet to renew, please do that now. Print out the membership form in this issue of Zedline, fill it in and submit your dues of \$45 by

mailing in a cheque or pay us by PayPal or an e-transfer to [info@ontariozcar.com](mailto:info@ontariozcar.com).

How are we doing financially? A heck of a lot better than we initially budgeted for. Giving all the members a dues holiday in 2021 meant a sizeable budget deficit was expected. Two things turned our year end result from a big red number to a small surplus. The first savings was to eliminate our Zedline printing and postage expenses by going to a digital format only and sending it out electronically. Secondly despite the pandemic, we managed to hold our annual Z-Fest show 'n shine and the funds generated from the car show entries and sponsorship from Nissan Canada completed the financial comeback. Moving on, we are on solid footing.

We have all put our Zeds away for a good few months now and there's not much new event news to report on. However, in this Zedline you'll find reporting on events that took place much earlier last year, notably FotoZed. Hopefully, winter and the pandemic will be gone and Spring will be here if we just hang in there!

**Howie Yoshida**  
**OZC Treasurer**

**On behalf of the OZC Executive**

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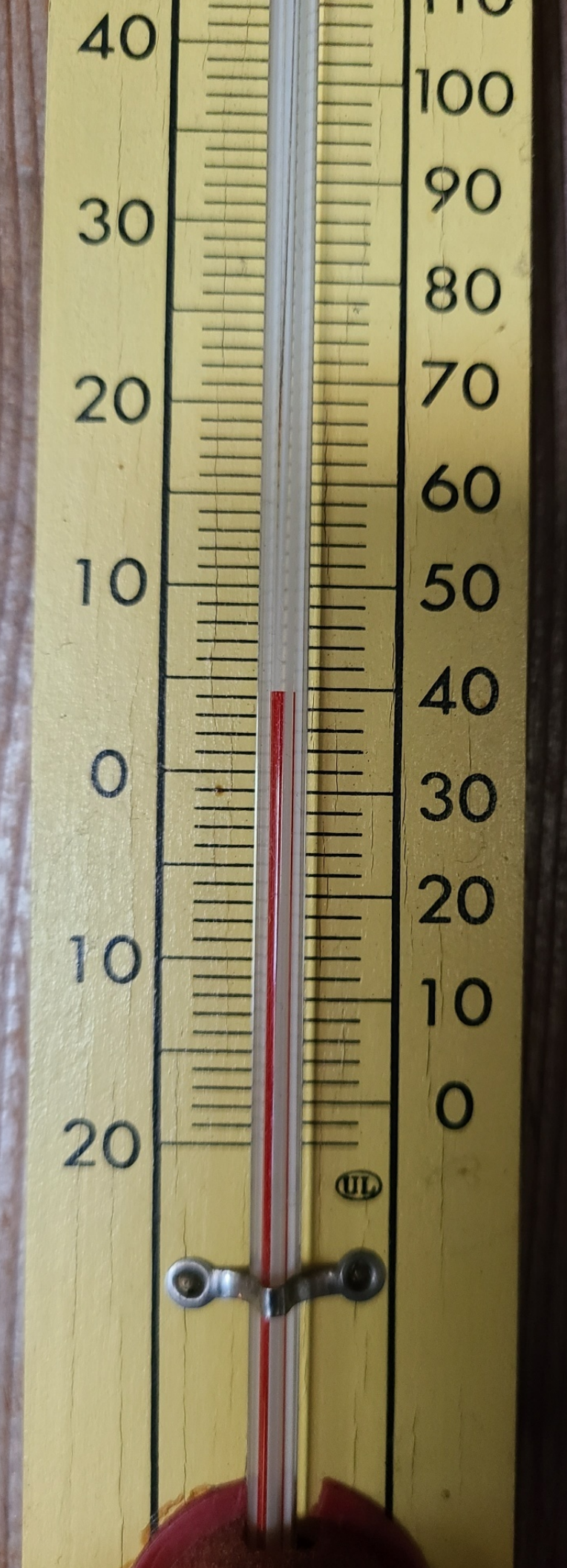




**OCTOBER 2021**

**OZC  
MUSKOKA  
FALL LEAF TOUR**





In the last few issues of Z Line, Shelagh wrote a great article about the Kawartha tour which Bill and Vandra Hussar organized and Keith Corby wrote about the tour of tobacco country he and his wife Glenda put together for us. Fortunately, the weather was great for both of those tours, and the turnout was excellent.

I always try to have a Muskoka tour, usually in October, to take advantage of the fall colours. Last year the weather cooperated and I had 7 cars on the Wednesday and 7 cars on the Saturday. This year, I wanted to change the route somewhat, so I invited anyone who wanted to join me to come on a scouting trip on September 16. Bill Hussar drove over from Omemee and Jeffrey Armstrong came all the way down from North Bay to meet at Casino Rama for a 10:00 AM start. We covered a lot of nice roads, but decided it was too much driving, as it didn't leave time to meet at my cottage as planned.

When the time came, October 16, to have the cruise, the weather was pretty raw. Not surprisingly, the turnout was very small. Only Edmarc and Nadia joined Noelle and me, and in their Nissan Titan at that. We drove the route, stopped for lunch in Gravenhurst, made several stops for photos, and generally had a casual time of it. The weather turned out much better than expected, to the point where we walked in and explored the tree museum for 1-1/2 hours, finding a whole new section I had never seen before.

We were able to wrap up the driving by around 3:00 PM, so went back to the cottage where we had a good visit and dinner. A very pleasant day overall.

I had offered the cruise on the following Wednesday as well, since that was a popular option the year before. Not one person confirmed, so I drove the Z up to a cottage near Kearney, an hour and forty-five minutes North of my cottage to start a kitchen renovation. I got there and it was 4 degrees inside, but 17 and a beautiful sunny day outside. It wasn't long before I packed up the tools, jumped in the Z, and started aimlessly driving back roads. I ended up driving 380 km. I was in Sprucedale, on Hwy 518 when I got a text from Roger and Gail Dey wondering where they could meet the "group". Since I was about two hours from my cottage and they were near Orillia, we agreed that they would kill some time in Orillia and we would meet at my cottage at about 3:00.

The timing was perfect, and it was a beautiful day, so we got the boat out and toured around the lake. We had dinner and a great visit.

While Noelle and I were disappointed that we had so little participation, we all agreed that getting to know two couples in the club one on one was well worth it. We will try again next year, and if we only have one couple each day, we won't be upset.





## What's in a Tour?

In case you've never joined us for a tour - they are fantastic!

OZC Members put a lot of thought and imagination into tour planning. Not only do they seek out the best driving routes for our Z cars - they also try to find fun and exciting spots to stop at.

Interested in organizing a tour of your own - reach out and we can help. Tours are super popular with our members and we're always looking for new adventures.







## The Fall Leaf Tour

- Start at **Casino Rama**
- Stop at the **Tree Museum**
- Lunch at the **Old Mill Restaurant**
- Visit the **Dark-Sky Preserve**
- Drop in to **Hewitts Farm Market**
- Sip a pint at **Quayle's Brewery**
- Admire the **Spirit Tree Carvings**
- Wander around **Hillsdale Mill**
- Relax at **Eric's cottage**

Photos and Story:

**Eric Zondervan**  
OZC Member



# FOTOZED 2021

## OZC & ZCCQ ONLINE VIRTUAL CAR SHOW

What would COVID-19 be without virtual meetups, virtual shows and well - virtual everything! Primarily out of sheer boredom, the OZC executive thought it'd be real fun to put on a virtual car show last spring - right in the thick of the third wave. Luckily our friends from ZCCQ in Queensland Australia were extremely supportive - despite NOT being under lockdown at the time (and having amazing weather where they could have easily pursued many other fun things to do outside). What better way than virtually to be able to co-host an event with a fabulous crew on the complete opposite end of the planet and in a completely different time zone!

First off - I need to say how amazing this whole experience was. We share so much in common with our Aussie mates - we had quite a number of fun calls for the planning of the whole event, facilitating & approving entries, hosting an international judges panel and awards ceremony - it just makes me wish we were able to get together in real life and co-host live events. (For those who weren't able to join us for the final awards show - the Aussies have a wicked sense of humour and are super fun to be around!) COVID-19 wasn't all bad - we've made some amazing friends for life. AND proved that the virtual platform helps even some of our own members that live further apart stay more connected. We look forward to continuing to explore online connections in the future.

A special call out to all those who donated the time, energy and enthusiasm that helped make this event possible (in addition to all the participants!):

- **Idea/Inception/Planning/Logistics:** Lou Periera, Scott Robertson, Brian Gracie, Diane Dale, Paul Clemens, Judy O'Connor, Dave Robertson, Jason Cheshire
- **Entries/Advisory:** Howie Yoshida, Bob Chwalyk, Paul Clemens, Jason Cheshire
- **Judges:** (see the sidebar for a special thanks!)
- **Emcee extraordinaire for the awards night:** Lou Periera





## FOTOZED JUDGES



**Travis Maher**  
Nissan Australia



**Steven Barry**  
ZCCQ



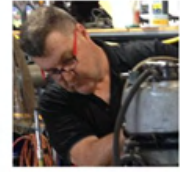
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Nissan Canada



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**Chris Karl**  
ZCCA



**Jack MacDonnell**  
OZC, restoshop.com



**Rick Scott**  
OZC



**Laverne Burkhardt**  
OZC

We started out with a few objectives, and I feel like we were pretty successful with it (certainly from the participation and feedback we received):

- Create a bit of fun for our club members during COVID-19 and while we can't meet in person
- Attract new members in Ontario/Australia that might not know about us
- Build our relationship with another club (OZC/ZCCQ)
- Raise awareness to the global Z community that we're still active and do cool things
- Have pictures of a lot of our club cars on our website
- Obtain content for OZC Zedline

Entry for photos started on March 22nd and continued until April 5th. People's choice voting was opened up to the whole world between April 6th and April 14th while the FotoZed Judges Panel contemplated their favourites. There was a combined Australia/Canada judges night hosted by our very own Brian Gracie where the volunteer judges very quickly reached consensus on their top picks. I have to tell you – what a professional, congenial, wonderful group of people! The judges really aligned on the spirit of FotoZed and how it was really about representing our cars, our people and our culture. I think you'll see that the winning photos really represent the spirit of both of our clubs. I got a lot of feedback from participants who expressed how much fun it was to have to sift

through their old photos to find appropriate submissions. We always take a lot of photos – but who ever asks to see them.

April 16th we hosted a live awards presentation where we were joined by many of the participants from both ZCCQ and OZC. What a fun night! A huge, huge thank you to all of the participants, volunteers and organizers who made this event possible – such fun and it really lifted our spirits during COVID-19.

In the meantime, we have a wonderful library of FotoZed entries on our website. Check all of them out at <https://ontariozcar.com/fotozed-2021-spring/>

**Diane Dale**  
OZC Member

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# FOTOZED 2021: PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Anyone from the general public was able to vote... and they chose their favourites!



**1st place 132 votes**

**Bianca Figueira**  
**Scarborough, Ontario**  
1981 Datsun 280ZX

*Autobots, Roll Out! My best and most favorite mod is the custom grill Richie (OptionJDM) made for me from scratch! It took a lot of time and patience but we did it! Equipped with 2 quick release behind the grill so I can open my hood.*

**Photo:** Bianca Figueira

**2nd place – 80 votes**

**Bianca Figueira**  
**Scarborough, Ontario**  
1981 Datsun 280ZX

*Photo by Adam "sgt duracell" @shotbysgt*



**3rd place – 37 votes**

**Allan Kelly**  
**Georgetown, Ontario**  
1974 Datsun 260Z

**Photo:** unknown



# FOTOZED 2021: BEST LOOKING CAR

Every Datsun/Nissan is the best looking car! This is the category that everyone should enter – send us the best shot you've got of your car (stock, modified or whatever!)



## 1st place

**Jack MacDonnell**  
**Brockton, Ontario**  
1976 Datsun 280Z

*Sitting pretty while awaiting track duty, and street duty, and autocross, and cruises, and so on...*

**Photo:** Jack MacDonnell

## 2nd Place

**Bernie Dousi**  
**Bald Hills, Queensland**  
1968 Datsun 2000

*Model SR311. The predecessor of the 240z.*

**Photo:** Tim Miller Dreamcoat Photography



## 3rd Place

**Tony Browne**  
**Sippy Downs, Queensland**  
1975 Datsun 280Z

*Taken at Joe's Dinner Car Show, Eagle Farm, QLD, Australia on the 19 Dec 2020.*

**Photo:** Wazasi Shotz



# FOTOZED 2021: BEST LOOKING MODIFICATION

Do you have a special modification that you love (either your entire car or maybe a specific part in the interior or on the exterior or maybe even the engine bay)? Take a snapshot and tell us about it!



## 1st place

**Glenn Walker**  
**Scarborough, Ontario**  
1971 Datsun 510

*SR20DET motor swap into a 510. What a hoot!*

**Photo:** Glenn Walker



## 2nd place

**Laverne Burkhart**  
**Kitchener, Ontario**  
1973 Datsun 240Z

*SC grunt*

**Photo:** Laverne Burkhart



## 3rd place

**Terry Weston**  
**Pickering, Ontario**  
2003 Nissan 350Z

*Custom milled Z logo sub cover to go along with custom fiberglass stereo enclosure.*



# FOTOZED 2021: BEST PHOTOSHOPPED SHOT

Ever played around with filters or photoshop and made anything about your car or its background awesome? Send us your most creative attempts!



## 1st Place - TIE!

**Edmarc Arendoque**  
**Pickering, Ontario**  
1986 Nissan 300ZX

*Shorty*

**Photo:** Heel & Toe Photography



## 1st place - TIE!

**Jason Cheshire**  
**Aspley, Queensland**  
1977 Datsun 260Z

*"Take me home, country road" - the road out of Hill End, New South Wales*

**Photo:** Jason Cheshire



## 2nd Place

**Liandro de Leon**  
**Georgetown, Ontario**  
1972 Datsun 240Z

*When my Dad bought the silver 240Z in the 90's, the headlamps where two different shades, so he nicknamed it Ziggy. As in David Bowie's Ziggy's Stardust album.*

**Photo:** Manolo de Leon



## 3rd Place

**Quentin Yarie**  
**North York, Ontario**  
1972 Datsun 240Z

**Photo:** Daniel



# FOTOZED 2021: MOST UNFORGETTABLE INCIDENT

We know sometimes incidents can happen – some are unfortunate (I leant my car to my neighbour who didn't drive standard) and some are fortunate (Mr. K signed my car). Tell us the story!



## 1st place - TIE!

**Harry Wells**  
**Port Colborne, Ontario**  
1970 Datsun 240Z

*Getting this drawing and thank you from my grand daughters after taking them to the Zfest.*

**Photo:** Harry Wells



## 1st Place - TIE!

**Gary Lambert**  
**Brisbane, Queensland**  
1976 Datsun 260Z

*'Honey! Someone (in this photo) reversed into your Datsun'*

**Photo:** Gary Lambert



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## 2nd Place - TIE!

**David Robertson**  
**East Brisbane, Queensland**  
1970 Datsun 240Z

*Having Tamar-san drive my white 240Z around the track, and being apart of the Australian media release of the 50th anniversary 370Z and GTR at Norwell Motorplex*

**Photo:** Paul Clemens



## 2nd Place - TIE!

**Warren Skimmings**  
**Townsville, North Queensland**  
1970 Datsun 240Z

*Having a crack at winning the 2012 Australian Hill Climb Sports Car section at the famous Bathurst track. Missed out - came second to a Nissan R34 800hp full race car by 0.54 of a second. The highest speed for that class was officially recorded at 195kph for my car at the famous Reid Park corner. That event will live with me right at the top of all my 60 years of motor sport memories.*

**Photo:** Bathurst Track Photographer



## 3rd Place

**David Robertson**  
**East Brisbane, Queensland**  
1971 Datsun 240Z

*Result from spin in the rain after mechanical breakage coming out of the Dipper, Mount Panorama Bathurst*

**Photo:** David Robertson



# FOTOZED 2021: BEST PHOTO IN ITS ERA

We know many of you have stored pictures of your dad in his blue satin disco suit standing proud next to your brand new 1971 Datsun... in 1971! Or many of you wish you had your car back then and want to "pretend" by recreating that historical shot. (Or maybe it's just that random 90's shot of your 1992 300zx). Go for it! (oh please do...)



## 1st Place

**Steve Jonjev**  
**Toronto, Ontario**  
1972 Datsun 240Z

*1972 Datsun 240Z, and a former acquaintance. Photo taken in summer of 1974.*

**Photo:** Steve Jonjev

## 2nd Place

**Daniel Griffiths**  
**Brisbane, Queensland**  
1971 Datsun 240Z

*Many afternoons spent finding backroads around the Adelaide Hills with my mate Devin and his Ford XB Coupe. Pre-digital photo of the 90's - taken by setting the timer and running across the road ready to pose!*

**Photo:** unknown



## 3rd Place

**Geoff Lobb**  
**Coffs Harbour, New South Wales**  
1973 Datsun 240Z

*Our first and favourite Z, a 73 240 that we did some epic road trips in and used as our everyday driver for years to come.*

**Photo:** Geoff Lobb





# FOTOZED 2021: FASTEST LOOKING RACECAR

Maybe your race prepped Datsun/Nissan only has 180 HP at the wheels – but how will we know? As long as it “looks” fast!



## 1st Place

**Allan Fielding**  
**Highland Park, Queensland**  
1971 Datsun 240Z

*Using the kerbs at Morgan Park*

**Photo:** Trapnell Photography  
Creations

## 2nd Place

**Quentin Yarie**  
**North York, Ontario**  
1972 Datsun 240Z

**Photo:** Quentin Yarie



## 3rd Place

**Geoff Lobb**  
**Coffs Harbour, New South Wales**  
1974 Datsun 260Z

*A wet day at the Qld Super Sprint series, crossing the finish looking for a dry line.... none found !!!*

**Photo:** Susan Lobb





# FOTOZED 2021: SYMPOZIUM

Well... the official description of a Symposium is “a drinking party or convivial discussion, especially as held in ancient Greece after a banquet (and notable as the title of a work by Plato)”. Very fitting for this category – give us your best photo of a collection of Z cars – preferably at an OZC or ZCCQ club event.



## 1st Place

**Scott Robertson**  
**Markham, Ontario**

*OZC Fall Tour 2019*

**Photo:** Scott Robertson

## 2nd Place

**Bob Chwalyk**  
**Hamilton, Ontario**

*ZCON Atlanta*

**Photo:** ZCCA ZCON  
Photographer



## 3rd Place

**Paul Clemens**  
**Tamborine Mountain, Queensland**

*2019 Festival of Z Bathurst Symposium – for the cars a diet of 98 Octane & Nanking rubber, & for the people beer, wine & good tucker at the National Motor Museum*

**Photo:** Nathan – Rhys Speedshots





# 2022 MEMBERSHIP

**RENEW NOW TO BE PART OF OUR  
EXCITING 2022 EVENTS AND UPDATES!**

The "COVID-19" free ride for your 2020 OZC membership is about to end and we hope you've enjoyed your membership benefits for the past year. We are really looking forward to 2022 with all of our regular meetings, events and cruises being put back onto our calendar!

To get us back on a solid financial footing, we are kicking off our 2022 membership drive now. Find the 2022 membership renewal form for you to fill in at <https://ontariozcar.com/membership/>. Return to us with your membership dues payment of \$45. By doing so, not only are you supporting The Ontario Z-Car club but you will continue to enjoy the benefits of an OZC membership.

**Note:** for those who have signed up during the month of August 2021 or afterwards, please ignore this message as your membership will continue to the end of 2022. No further payment is required.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support and let's all look forward to a fantastic fun filled calendar of events next year!

**Renew Now!**





# SHANNONVILLE TRACK DAY

## WITH ST. LAC

Having missed my opportunity to go lapping at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park on the VARAC test day in June last year, I was determined more than ever, to find another track day with one of the local motorsport clubs. My Zed was finally back on the road after an extended stay in the shop but my rebuilt engine wasn't broken in nor track ready until I put some more kilometers on it. Autoslalom events are a lot of fun for sure but I always like to get in at least one track day each driving season whether it's part of a ZCON trip or a stand alone lapping day.

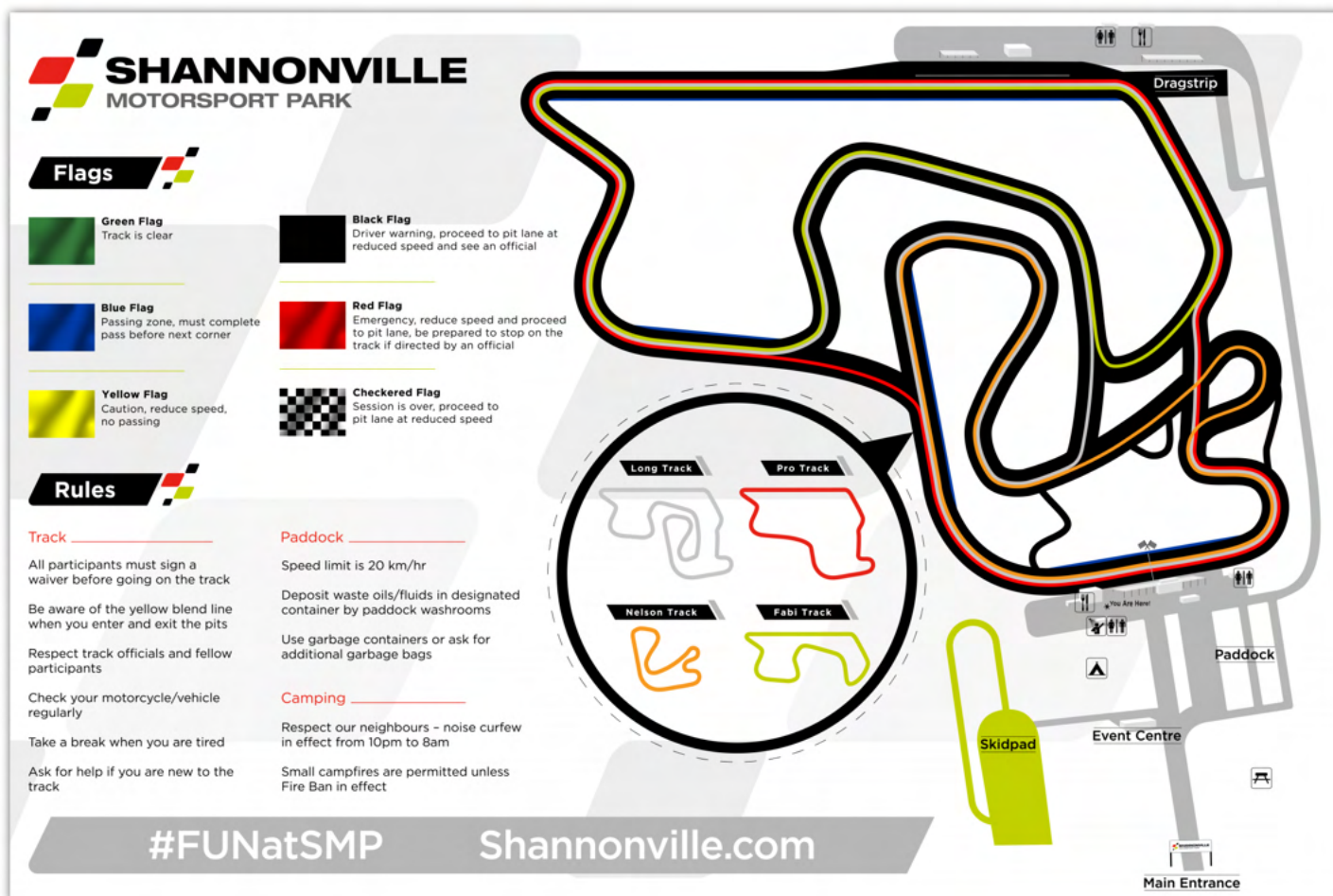
I didn't have much of a wait. Danby Crowder of the St. Lawrence Automobile Club in Kingston, invited OZC to participate in a lapping day in July at Shannonville Motorsports Park. It was being sponsored in part by the Ottawa Mini Group and

there were still plenty of spots available. We invited Danby to promote the event at our monthly July Zoom meeting at the time.

Unfortunately, other than myself, there were no other Zeds on the track that day. Shannonville is a great track to go lapping, especially for a beginner as it has little if any, elevation changes. If you miss a turn and end up going off the asphalt, as long as you continue to steer straight and resist the urge to correct and turn the wheels quickly, you should safely end up stopped and in an upright position! On the other hand, the track has multiple configurations for the organizer to select from. There are 4 layouts (named Nelson, Long, Pro, and Fabi) and St.Lac's initial plan was to have 2 separate run groups, running simultaneously on 2 separate layouts. Given







the limited resources (marshals, volunteers) and operational demands, this approach didn't cut it and we all ended up running on the Long track layout all day. The cost was an inviting \$250 for the day. Drivers were slotted into 1 of 3 run groups, depending on driving experience. The day's schedule called for each group to be on track for 7 sessions of 20 minutes each. That is lots of seat time for sure and few of us ended up running in every session.

I've been to Shannonville for lapping days a number of times over the past 10 years or more and have enjoyed my track days there. I'm getting older now as I used to think nothing of getting up real early, driving to the track, spending the day out in the sun and lap in a non-air conditioned car, packing everything up and making the long drive home, all in a day's work. This time, the day before the track day, I drove out to Belleville and spent the night at a Comfort Inn, then got up the next day to arrive at Shannonville at 8:00 a.m. to register, prep the Zed and attend the driver's meeting. Darby reviewed the day's schedule, rules of engagement, location of the marshalling stations, use of flags and shared his words of wisdom. I was slotted into the intermediate group and was soon out for my first session of the morning. I was nervous for my newly rebuilt engine and my driving too as it had been over 18 months

since I had driven at any speed on a track. I slowly eased into it and my first session ended without incident. It was coming back to me and I started to remember some of the finer points concerning the track layout. I was having a blast, keeping up with my peer group and not backing up a train of cars behind me. Driving a 40 year old car flat out for extended minutes in repeated sessions in the middle of summer can make for uneasy feelings. I've had more than my share of track day misadventures as some of you know. Among them are, a blown head gasket at Shannonville (managed to drive home), over-heated cooling system at Mosport DDT (needed a tow truck half way home) and a catastrophic engine problem at CTMP big track (flatbed ride home CTMP). This day turned out just great for a change. I completed my scheduled sessions without any "offs" and no mechanical issues at all. Any motorsport event that you can drive home from, unassisted after a ton of seat time, is a good one.

I'm sure OZC will be looking for lapping days for our members to sign up for this year. It would be nice to have the company of some Zeds instead of having fun all by myself. If you decide to participate, here are a few suggestions for your To Do list. Look up your track on the Internet to familiarize yourself with the overall site plan layout, turns and straights.



Watch YouTube videos to get the driver's view and tips. Service and check out your brakes, tires, drive belts, cooling system and all fluids. Track day technical inspection check lists abound out there. Arrive early to prep your car and attend the driver's meeting. It's a long day outside, could be hot and sunny so bring a chair, drinks, snacks, basic tools. If not, don't be shy to beg or borrow as required!

If we're talking about an autoslalom event, most of the same things apply. Main difference is they are of shorter duration, less wear on the car, less cost to participate, still a blast to try. It's more likely that I'll see more Zeds at those events though.

Although there were a lot of Minis on track that day, I didn't end up running with any of them. Just watched them from the grandstand during my down

time. They gave away a bunch of door prizes from the Mini car dealer at the end of event driver's meeting. I managed to win a neat Mini ball cap that I don't really need. See pic in this write up. If anyone has a Mini, you got it, no charge. Just email or text me to arrange pick up.

**Howie Yoshida**  
OZC Treasurer







## Test Day - June 16, 2022

### Street Lapping Sessions for \$350

Every year as part of the annual VARAC Vintage Grand Prix weekend at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, VARAC runs a lapping/test day on the Thursday of the event. And every year, a handful of Z cars from OZC join them!

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This is not an aggressive track day - it's a well organized, well run, good people kind of event. Only one group is available for street cars (so a diversity of cars is vast) - but everyone who has attended in the past has expressed what great value it is, and what a fantastic day they had with lots of run time.

Registration is available [here](#).





# NISSAN REPLACES R35 GT-R ENTRY WITH THE NEW Z IN JAPAN'S SUPER GT SERIES

I've got to admit something. I'm not completely over the moon with the new Z car. (I know... I'm saying that out loud to my fellow club members... sorry!) I really love its lines and the design intention – but it just doesn't hit my soul the way the 240Z, 300ZX and the 370Z models do.

That was... until I saw the release of the Nissan Fairlady Z GT500. Now you have my attention! That profile – so sleek, so smooth, so... incredibly SEXY! I'll be honest – it completely took my breath away when I saw the pre-release drawings and even more so when I saw pictures of the real car testing at the Fuji circuit in December.

Nissan has not been very successful the last few years of competing in the Super GT Series in Japan. The GT-R NISMO GT3 didn't have the speed that it needed to be competitive on the longer and faster circuits of the series (high downforce, high drag). The last championship title was in 2015 with Tsugio Matsuda and Ronnie Quintarelli at the wheel.

Now that Nissan has announced that the all new Z car will replace the GT-R as the base model for Nissan's entry into the GT500 class in 2022 – we can all be hopeful. The Z will still be based on the same standard Toray Carbon Magic tub as its predecessor – but aerodynamically it will be completely different. After a one-year freeze the series is going to allow aerodynamic development again – and this means the Z will be low and sleek – more like it's street rival the Toyota GR supra.

For those of you not familiar with what is now called the "Autobacs Super GT Series" – it is basically Japan's premiere series for grand touring cars. It's been around since 1993 – originating as the All Japan Grand Touring Car Championship (JGTC) until 2005 when it took on the Super GT series name.

The manufacturers for the GT500 class are only Toyota with its GR Supra, Honda with their new for 2022 NSX Type S, and Nissan. Nissan ran the 350z from 2004 to 2007 and the GT-R since 2008, so it's about time they got some fresh life. The GT-R NISMO GT3 will still be seen in the GT300 class where they hope it will still be a very competitive car.

At least three teams look to run the new Z car this year – and as I write this, they still haven't named



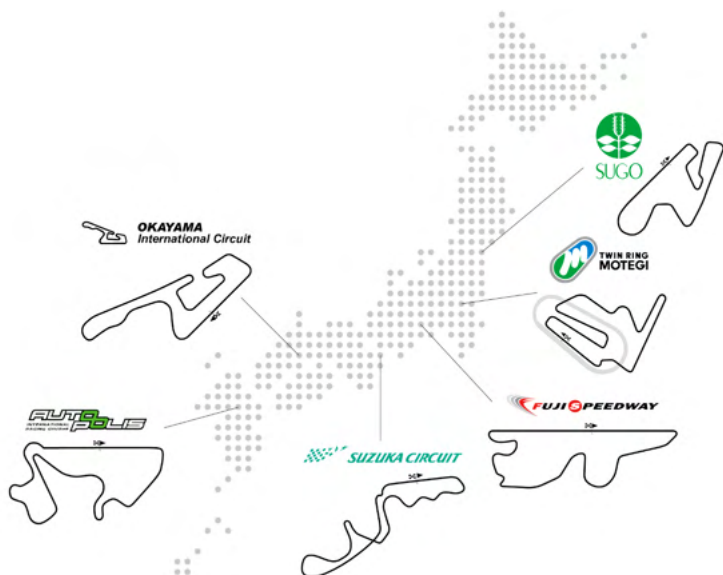


their drivers. They do have some amazing new and seasoned talent to choose from.

Nissan won the Super GT championships in their first years with both the 350Z and the GT-R – lets hope they can do it again in 2022 with the new Z!

For a couple of bucks a month you can subscribe to the races live with English commentary... <https://motorsport.tv/program/super-gt-live-racing/1616>. Enjoy!

**Diane Dale**  
OZC Member



## Rounds

4/10-11 Round1 OKAYAMA

5/03-04 Round2 FUJI

7/17-18 Round4 MOTEGI

8/21-22 Round3 SUZUKA

9/11-12 Round5 SUGO

10/23-24 Round6 AUTOPOLIS

11/06-07 Round7 MOTEGI

11/27-28 Round8 FUJI



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