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IT'S OZC TOURING SEASON!

Welcome to summer and tour season. Over the past few years, since Earl took up cycling and left the club, I have been organizing many of the tours. (BTW, the Green Machine is for sale) I thoroughly enjoyed the tours that someone else organized, especially Bill and Vandra's Kawartha tour. The shopping tour they organized last summer was a particular hit, especially with the women.

The past 12 months has been a whirlwind of personal events for me, starting with my wife of 53 years dying after a long battle with cancer. I then set up three new households, fully retired from my renovation business and moved in with a new partner, an interesting story involving travel.

Speaking of travel, on November 2nd, Ed Muth, my daughter and I drove his new F150 and trailer to Saskatchewan and brought back my sister's '54 Chevy pickup. It was meant to be a winter project, but I met my new partner the day after we got back, so not much has been done.

April 11 about 50 OZC members and guests got invited to the Nissan Z reveal at Nissan Headquarters on Orbitor Dr. Arnya and I fell in love with the blue one, but I will order it with the stick shift since we both would enjoy it more.

The first traditional OZC event of the year was the swap meet, held at Cyrious Garage in Oakville, April 23. It was a very interesting and well attended event. Thank you for hosting, Pat Cyr.

Our next event was what we used to call Halton Hills, on May 15. We have decided to rename this the OZC Spring Tour. This year, Ike Lawrence and Manolo DeLeon organized a fabulous tour in the Niagara region. A highlight was parking our cars in a cul de sac in Grimsby and taking photos of the painted ladies. We ended a delightful day with dinner on an outdoor patio in Port Colborne. Great job, guys.

June 11 was the ever popular Kawartha tour, hosted by Bill and Vandra Husar. All I can tell you about this tour is that I missed it because my girlfriend and I returned from a spectacular tour of London, Scotland, Norway and Iceland with covid. From what I heard, it was well attended and a success as always.

July brings us to ZCon in Birmingham, Alabama 25-29. For those who are not going to ZCon, Canal Days in Port Huron runs from the 29th to August 1st. Harry Wells has offered to host an event one of those days. The last time he organized this, we had about 20 cars at the car show. And thank you, Harry for the amazing barbecue at your home.

August 7 is ZFest at Nissan Headquarters. Details elsewhere in this issue. Don't miss it. On Saturday, the 20th I will host another Muskoka tour. I will probably run it on a week day around then as well, since I have had equal attendance on both days in the past.

September has a couple of high profile events we have been invited to. First is the Drive Festival at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Sept 9-11. Last year we had 10 cars in a group. We are looking for someone to volunteer to coordinate this event.

Later in the month, a Blue Mountain Resort Area Z tour is being organized for the 17th in Collingwood and on the 18th, a group of Z's will be attending Cobble Beach Concours d'Elegance near Owen Sound. These events are being organized by Scott Robertson.

October 15-16, Jeffrey and Debby Armstrong are hosting a two day leaf tour originating in North Bay and dipping into Quebec. Also, I may re-run my Muskoka tour since I only had one couple attend each day last year. Actually, that was kind of nice, we got to really know each other that way.

Nothing scheduled for November, but who knows, if the weather is nice, someone may organize a "pop-up" tour. Actually, anyone is welcome at any time to organize a tour. Contact me for help with this.

December 3rd is the OZC social. A venue hasn't been picked as of yet. Any suggestions?

Have a great touring season, try not to let the cost of gas restrict your enjoyment.

Eric Zondervan

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OZC 2022 MEMBERS

On behalf of the Ontario Z-Car Owners Association, I'm pleased to welcome the following new members:

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Andrew McKenzie
Josh Hopkins
Jeff Pieczewski
Candido Moniz

Chris Robinson
Evan Ezewski
Cruz Recomanta
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Dennis Vermeulen



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

Well folks it is exciting to be writing this to all the members! The weather is nice and with everything starting to open and restrictions being dropped, it looks like nothing but good times ahead!

I'm sure all of you have gotten your Z's out of storage by now or at least the driveable ones that aren't under construction like mine. Here's to looking forward to some fun and wonderful future memories we are all gonna make this summer with our Z's, and the members taking part in all the club events.

I want to welcome all our new members that have joined the club and hope that you all try and participate in many of the events we have posted on the club events calendar.

I also want to remind all members, old and new, that OZC encourages any content that members can provide and would like to share for publication in our Zedline. This issue features a member profile that is a great way to introduce yourself as a member and discuss the Z car(s) you own and some history behind your vehicle(s) and your Z.

As some of you may or may not know, our Z-Fest event has had a change of venue from the Hamilton Warplane Museum to the Nissan Headquarters in Mississauga. This was due to some unavoidable circumstances. Big thank you to Nissan Canada who has graciously offered to host us again as they did last year, and it turned out to be a great success. One of the main reasons for the switch is that the new Z will be on display for everyone to see.

Speaking of the new Z, Nissan Canada invited OZC members for their very own private viewing of not one, not two, but three New Z cars at the Nissan HQ back in April. It was a great event and if you missed it you can read about it in this issue of Zedline.

Members of OZC were also invited to the Canadian Tire Motorsports Park on the Victoria Day weekend to attend the Nissan Sentra Cup and watch all the other races on the schedule for the day. The rain certainly made for some exciting racing, that was for sure.

There have also been a couple of club tours that have taken place, the Halton tour (renamed the Spring Tour, since it was not in Halton Hills as in past years), organised and run by club members like Lawrence and Manolo DeLeon and the Kawartha tour by Bill Husar. On behalf of the OZC executive committee and the rest of the club members, thank you so much for doing such an awesome job with these two tours.

Is anyone going to ZCON this year? Yours truly will be going and I am definitely looking forward to attending! ZCON is a six day event taking place in Birmingham, Alabama from July 25th to the 30th . If you are up for a week of Z related stuff to do then this is a must.

Also - we just started up a new private facebook group so you can connect with each other on a more casual basis - you can find it at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ontariozcar>

I hope to see some new faces out at some of the upcoming events. Check out the event calendar and see what you can find that you would like to join with other OZC members for some great Z fun!

Until then, keep both hands on the wheel and we'll ZEE you later! .

Lou Periera
OZC President

On behalf of the OZC Executive

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THE NEW Z



**THE LONG ROAD TO GETTING
UP CLOSE & PERSONAL**



Photos: Edmarc Arendoque

It's difficult to remember when our first chance to see Nissan's new Fairlady Z was.

It was way back in September 2020 when OZC members were online via Zoom to participate in the worldwide reveal of the Z Proto from Tokyo, Japan. The presentation started with a fabulous video of all the previous Zed generations followed by the reveal of the Z Proto. What a great-looking Z! There was a Q&A session after the reveal and as this was going on, pictures of the Zoom participants were being shown on the background wall made up of multiple TV screens. I saw shots of Diane Dale, Terry Weston & Laverne Burkhart to name a few of our members! One great thing that happened was the start of our online relationship with the Zed Car Club of Queensland, Australia (ZCCQ). Prior to the start of the presentation, all the Zoom participants were free to converse among themselves and we were intrigued to hear the word Zed being used as opposed to Zee. Who are these guys? After the exchange of a few emails, Zoom meetings were soon convened between OZC & ZCCQ with new friendships being struck.

Fast forward through all of 2021 as the Z Proto began to make the rounds at various car shows, providing enthusiasts with the opportunity to see it in person. OZC even asked Nissan Canada about the chances of the Z Proto making an appearance at our 2021 Z-Fest car show. No chance as it was busy making the rounds in the US.

Eventually, in February 2022, Nissan Canada made it known that the Fairlady Z Proto would be making an appearance at their showroom in Yorkdale Plaza. Diane Dale said that she had already been there to see it. Edmarc Arendoque had also been there and posted some photos on FB. Not wanting to miss my chance to see it, I drove up to Yorkdale. What a disappointment when I arrived. Due to Covid19 restrictions at that time, the showroom was only open on select days and to a limited number of people. You also had to book a time slot to actually get inside to see it. My visit ended up with being stuck behind a set of glass doors and windows, about 20 ft away, great view, oh well.



Photos: Nissan Canada and Diane Dale

Next month in March, when emailing Nathalie Quesnel, Events & Sponsorship Director at Nissan Canada concerning our upcoming swap meet, I asked about the possibility of having a small group of OZC members being allowed into the Nissan Yorkdale showroom for a private viewing of the new Z. No-go as it had left Yorkdale already.

Our Prez, Lou Pereira made a few inquiries, and thanks to Thibault Pialat who manages the Zed portfolio at Nissan Canada, OZC was invited to a showing of the new Z at Nissan Canada's head office. Not only would the Proto Z be available but two production models would be too. They were about to go out on a Canada-wide dealers' tour and we only had a week to organize our viewing night. We quickly got the word out to the members and signed up our limit of 50 attendees.

A few days before the viewing I received an email from Sharp magazine. They were working on the history of the Z car with Nissan Canada. They

were given access to the new Z and wanted to get some shots with it beside each Zed car generation and asked OZC if we could supply them. The shoot was to take place in Hamilton inside a warehouse. Nissan Canada was providing a 240Z & a 350Z and being in Hamilton, Terry Weston's 350Z, Bob Chwalyk's 280ZX, and Bob Burnham's 300ZX agreed to be part of the photo shoot. In the end, their Zeds were not required but they were invited to drop by the day of the shoot. Terry showed up and had his own private viewing of a blue Fairlady Z!

The OZC event took place on a Tuesday night at Nissan's HQ in their garage. We were treated to a viewing of the Z Proto, a red Fairlady Z production model with an automatic transmission and another blue one with a manual transmission. In addition, a restored 240Z, a Z32, and a 50th anniversary 370Z were also made available. The cars were not roped off to restrict access. We were free to sit inside each one, check out the seats, steering wheel, and





interiors, and even pop the hood to check out the engine. It was quite the experience and everyone was so excited and impressed seeing the new Z models for real.

Thanks to Diane Dale, our Social Media Director, OZC members who couldn't attend the event in person were still able to participate as she set up a Zoom connection to stream the event to them live. I ended up walking around, holding Diane's laptop while she held her camera connected to the laptop to provide the video feed and a speaker as she described what was happening.

We even had a good number of our Auzzie friends from ZCCQ participating in the Zoom feed too. Our 7:00 pm start time meant a 10:00 am start time on their end so it worked out just fine for them. Nissan Canada even provided pizza and drinks for everyone attending to cap off the evening.

Thank you Nissan Canada for providing OZC with the opportunity to experience the new Fairlady Z in person! Yes, a few members wanted to place

a deposit for the new Z then & there, even with no idea of how long the wait would be, let alone the cost.

Howie Yoshida **OZC Treasurer**





OZC SWAP MEET



CYRIOUS
GARAGEWORKS



The OZC Spring Swap Meet was going to be a big deal for us this year. With the loosening of the Covid19 restrictions on social gatherings, we were really looking forward to the opportunity of kicking off our 2022 events calendar with a bang.

The club is always on the lookout for new suppliers and vendors that can provide the goods and services beneficial to our members and their Zeds, both the classic models and the newer more complicated ones.



The name of Cyrious Garageworks came up as a place to hold our swap meet. One of our members, Quentin Yarie has had a ton of work done to his 240Z by Cyrious Garageworks, along with a lot of other vehicles that he owns. Many of us have seen Quentin's Zed with all the fabulous modifications to it. It's a track day and autoslalom monster, a hill-climbing racer, and a Z-Fest award winner too, due in no small way to the modifications and work done on it at Cyrious Garageworks. A call was made to Quentin and he agreed to approach Pat Cyr, the owner of Cyrious Garageworks. Quentin soon came back with the good news, Pat was willing to host the swap meet. Not only that, but to convince Pat to do this, Quentin said he would be there to help him out on the day of the event. Quentin would be bringing out his hot dog grilling set up and taking care of the food sales and service for anyone hungry that day. More on Quentin later.



Pat's garage is located in Oakville, just south of the QEW, and due east of Third Line. I drove out to the shop to go over all the details involved with hosting the swap meet, and for a tour around his place. I met with Pat and his brother Dan, who runs the office, leaving Pat to look after the shop. His setup was very impressive, with lots of working space & storage, plenty of car hoists, well organized, and very clean. After finding out what he was getting into, Pat was quite happy to host the swap meet and we had a deal. With help from our new member Rick Miron, who has volunteered to be our graphics designer, an eye-catching event flyer was created to get the word out.



As part of OZC's benefits to members, rented tables were provided free of charge this year to



Photo: Rick Miron at Z-Fest 2021

those who were bringing parts to sell or swap. They just had to send in a reservation request for a vendor's table to keep things organized. Finally, I met with Diane Dale who had all kinds of good ideas to work out a program for the event and keep up the interest level of all attending. We were all set and looking forward to a great opening event for 2022.

About a week before the swap meet was to take place, not hearing anything from Quentin about his plans for the food and drinks part of the event, I tried to contact him. He got back to me and said that he had a change in plans, he would be at a race event in Kentucky that weekend and Pat now knew about it. Not wanting Pat to take on the food and refreshment workload, we decided to leave it out. An email was quickly sent out to let people know about the change in plans. Having an OZC event and providing food and drinks for the attendees hasn't been working well for us lately. Think back to Z-Fest 2021 and now the swap meet. It's not for lack of trying

anyway.

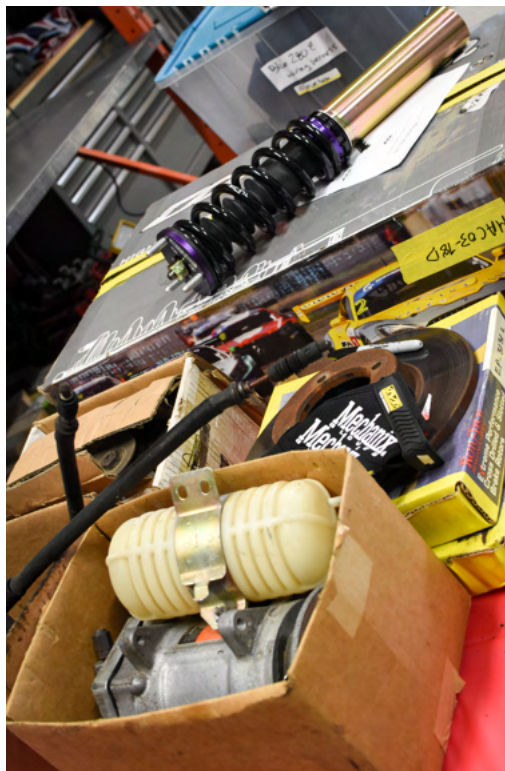
The morning of the swap meet, Diane was there early and brought out her AV equipment (speaker set up, microphone & monitor). This allowed us to stream live the Autobacs Super GT Series race from Japan where 4 teams are running the new Z car – fantastic racing! The microphone set up would save a lot of voice straining for the speakers that day. I received about 14 requests for tables from sellers bringing out parts so the tables were set up next. We had more members selling parts for the first time than our usual repeat offenders so that was a good thing as it meant more inventory on display for people to pick over. The weatherman cooperated this year as we had no rain even though nobody was selling parts outside from their car trunks or pickup beds. Grabbing the microphone, our Prez, Lou Pereira, welcomed everyone to the event and did a sales pitch on behalf of OZC, highlighting our full calendar of events for the year and encouraged lots of

participation. Then it was Pat's turn.

Pat Cyr has been a gearhead for many years, a drift car competitor, rally car driver and along with his brother Dan, owns and operates Cyrious Garageworks. It has been in business now for 10 years, constantly growing and expanding the range of services provided. In Pat's words, this includes major builds, tear downs, custom fabrications, restorations, roll cages and modifications of all kinds. With a desire to keep

most of the major work done in-house, Pat also added a body shop complete with a paint shop and a down draft paint booth. This ensures that he can provide quality control, scheduling and timely completion of his work, thereby keeping customers happy. The swap meet was actually set up in the body shop, so we had plenty of room. Pat provided access to his shop and allowed us to have a look at the numerous cars that were being worked on.





The OZC table had a good day too. We signed up 2 new members and renewed 8 more members. Our Merchandise Director, Terry Weston, sold some club wear, both old and new, for good measure. It's always hard to say how many were in attendance as people come and go during the event. Traffic was busy though when we started and continued that way through the morning and early afternoon. Swap meets don't last very long as shown by past ones we've had and we were soon packed up and ready to leave by mid-afternoon.

Many of us are looking for a new shop to take our Zeds too. OZC is always looking to establish new relationships with good vendors that our members need. We hope you will consider Cyrious Garageworks for your future project requirements. Thank you to Pat and Dan for hosting our event and taking the time to come in and open up your place on your normal day off.

Howie Yoshida
OZC Treasurer



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2022 EVENTS CALENDAR

Watch our website & social media for pop-up events & tours!

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION and DETAILS
APR	April 6 OZC Eastern Chapter Meetup (Online and In Person) April 13 OZC Western Chapter Meeting (In Person) April 23 OZC Swap Meet (9:00am to 3:00pm) April 30 Motorama Meetup	Watt's Restaurant, 1 Eglinton Square, Scarborough, ON Cambridge Pickle Barrel, 510 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON Cyrious Garageworks, 1393 Wallace Road, #1, Oakville, ON The International Centre, Toronto, ON
MAY	May 4 OZC Easter Chapter Meetup (Online and In Person) May 15 OZC Halton Tour May 11 OZC Western Chapter Meeting (In Person) May 18-21 ZDAYZ 2022 May 22 TENTATIVE - Nissan Sentra Cup at Victoria Day SpeedFest May 26 St. Lac Lapping Night (5:45pm to 8:45pm) May 29 Erie Shore Ice Cream Run with the Toronto Mini Club	Watt's Restaurant, 1 Eglinton Square, Scarborough, ON Details To Be Confirmed Cambridge Pickle Barrel, 510 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON Blowing Rock, NC Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Bowmanville, ON Shannonville Motorsport Park, ON Toronto Motorsports Park, Cayuga, ON
JUN	June 1 OZC Eastern Chapter Meetup (Online and In Person) Jun 8 OZC Western Chapter Meeting (In Person) June 11 OZC Kawartha Lakes Tour - New Route! June 16 VARAC Lapping Day at CTMP June 19 VARAC Field of Dreams Car Show at CTMP (Vintage Grand Prix) June 23 St. Lac Lapping Night (5:45pm to 8:45pm)	Watt's Restaurant, 1 Eglinton Square, Scarborough, ON Cambridge Pickle Barrel, 510 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON Details To Be Confirmed Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Bowmanville, ON Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Bowmanville, ON Shannonville Motorsport Park, Belleville, ON
JUL	July 6 OZC Eastern Chapter Meetup (Online and In Person) July 13 OZC Western Chapter Meeting (In Person) 13-Jul St. Lac Lapping Day (9am to 5pm) Jul 25-30 35th Annual ZCON July 28 St. Lac Lapping Night (5:45pm to 8:45pm) July 30 Canal Days Annual Car Show	Watt's Restaurant, 30 Eglinton Square, Scarborough, ON Cambridge Pickle Barrel, 510 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON Shannonville Motorsport Park, Belleville, ON Birmingham, AL Shannonville Motorsport Park, Belleville, ON Details To Be Confirmed
AUG	Aug 3 OZC Eastern Chapter Meetup (Online and In Person) Aug 6 Old Autos Bothwell Car Show Aug 7 OZC 27th Annual ZedFest Aug 10 OZC Western Chapter Meeting (In Person) Aug 13 Wheels on the Danforth Aug 20 OZC Muskoka Tour Aug 25 St. Lac Lapping Night (5:45pm to 8:45pm)	Watt's Restaurant, 1 Eglinton Square, Scarborough, ON Victoria Park, Bothwell, ON Nissan Canada Headquarters Cambridge Pickle Barrel, 510 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON Toronto, ON Details To Be Confirmed Shannonville Motorsport Park, Belleville, ON
SEP	Sep 7 OZC Eastern Chapter Meetup (Online and In Person) Sep 8 St. Lac Lapping Night (5:45pm to 8:45pm) Sep 10 Drive Festival Sep 14 OZC Western Chapter Meeting (In Person) Sep 17 Blue Mountain Resort Area Tour - New Tour! Sep 18 Cobble Beach Concourse d'Elegance	Watt's Restaurant, 1 Eglinton Square, Scarborough, ON Shannonville Motorsport Park, Belleville, ON Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Bowmanville, ON Cambridge Pickle Barrel, 510 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON Collingwood, Ontario Cobble Beach Golf Resort, Kemble, ON
OCT	Oct 5 OZC Eastern Chapter Meetup (Online and In Person) Oct 12 OZC Western Chapter Meeting (In Person) Oct 15/16 OZC Fall Leaf Tour - New Route! Oct 22 OZC Kawartha Lakes Tour	Watt's Restaurant, 1 Eglinton Square, Scarborough, ON Cambridge Pickle Barrel, 510 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON North Bay, ON dipping into Quebec Details To Be Confirmed
NOV	Nov 2 OZC Meetup (Online and In Person)	Watt's Restaurant, 1 Eglinton Square, Scarborough, ON
DEC	Dec 3 OZC Year End Social	Details To Be Confirmed

For more details checkout the events calendar on www.ontariozcar.com closer to the event
 Have an idea for an OZC event? Contact us at info@ontariozcar.com

THE OZC SPRING TOUR





On Sunday May 15 OZC embarked on the newly renamed "Spring Tour". This used to be the "Halton Tour", but since the route was new we thought it best to give it a fresh new name!

It was my pleasure to see our members and non club members again after two years. The weather was absolutely perfect for a Sunday Drive. Thanks again to Manolo and Lee for making sure we did not lose anyone on the tour.

This year's tour took a new route - over 170km and 5 hours we covered a number of spots including:

- starting in Grimsby travelling along Ridge Road and back up to lake Ontario
- travelling all the way south to lake Erie
- stopping for lunch in Port Colborne
- back up past Welland, through Fonthill
- west through Jordan, Beamsville

Some of our members wanted to know more about the painted houses on her first stop.

Grimsby Beach is an historic neighbourhood comprised of a number of unique historical landmarks and homes, commonly referred to as "gingerbread cottages" or "painted ladies". Apart from the local homes, the area consists of parks and greenspace, including waterfront access to Lake Ontario. The area is connected by a unique street network as well, formed by narrow cul-de-sacs and dead end streets .

Grimsby Beach was used by Euro-Canadian settlers as a religious gathering place in the mid-19th century, which became known as a "Methodist Campground."

By the 1870s, canvas and post tents were being replaced with wood-frame cottages, known as permanent tents.

Many of the historic homes predate 1945. Several have been protected as significantly cultural heritage resources under the Ontario Heritage Act.

We hope you enjoyed the tour, thanks to everyone who joined in!

Ike Lawrence
OZC Member & Tour Director





Photos: Ike Lawrence, Terry Peters



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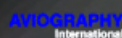
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more to come!

NISSAN SENTRA CUP

A high-angle photograph of a Nissan Sentra Cup race on a wet track. Several cars, including a white and red Mobil 1 car in the foreground, are racing towards the viewer. The wet pavement reflects the headlights and taillights of the cars. A concrete barrier and a grassy area are visible on the left side of the track.

**VICTORIA DAY SPEEDFEST
CANADIAN TIRE MOTORSPORT PARK**



Photos: Nissan Canada (previous page), Diane Dale

On Sunday May 22 OZC members bravely donned their raincoats and slickers to cheer on their favourite Sentra Cup drivers at the annual Castrol Victoria Day SpeedFest event at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park.

Sponsored by Nissan Canada, the Sentra Cup Series has picked up where the Micra Cup Series has in the past. (Half the field is actually still Micra Cup Cars). Nissan deserves huge recognition and credit for backing semi-pro racing in Canada, currently there are no other car manufacturers doing this in Canada.

As part of the weekend events, Nissan Canada has been kind enough to invite us each year to their VIP Corral - which involves free entry, reserved parking, a food voucher AND great racing. (Oh yeah and a lap around the track at lunch to show off our great cars!) This is really spectacular, and OZC has really enjoyed this event over the past few years - so thank you Nissan Canada!

Exciting to see this year, was the new Z car as the pace car for the Sentra Cup Series (and our leader on the parade laps!)

While the weather wasn't great - we still had a good turnout. CTMP experienced violent winds the day before we arrived - and many (if not all) of the race awnings in the paddock were destroyed the day before). In fact, so much damage was done to the FEL Sports Car Championship series paddock, they didn't compete on Sunday.

Racing in the rain however has never been better - and all the race series put on a fantastic show. In addition to the Nissan Sentra Cup series we were able to watch super competitive racing in the Super Production Challenge Race (with five of Xtreme Motorsports' 370Z's racing!) and of course the feature of the weekend - the NASCAR Pinty's Series Race.

A great time was had by all! - Check out the parade lap video on our Facebook page!

Diane Dale
OZC Member





ZCCQ MEMBER PROFILE



LEONIE LLOYD

OZC's New Feature!

This month we're excited to start introducing you to some of our new friends from ZCCQ. It really is amazing to learn how similar our backgrounds and passions are - especially when it comes to Z cars.

We all love a great Z story (we really should write a book on this). We're hoping you'll be willing to share your story in coming issues - contact Eric (zedfoot@rogers.com) if you need help in crafting your story!

In 1980, when I was just 18 years old, I married my childhood sweetheart Owen Lloyd (aka Lloyd) who was six years my senior. Wow, he seemed so mature and experienced. He loved fast cars and to double clutch between gears. Everyone knew when he was coming. Lloyd came from a family that loved horses. His mother, Joyce Lloyd, won The Australian Lady Camp Drafter in her late 50s. Apparently, she would frequently tell how as a young boy, Lloyd would have sticks in his saddle for 'changing gears'.

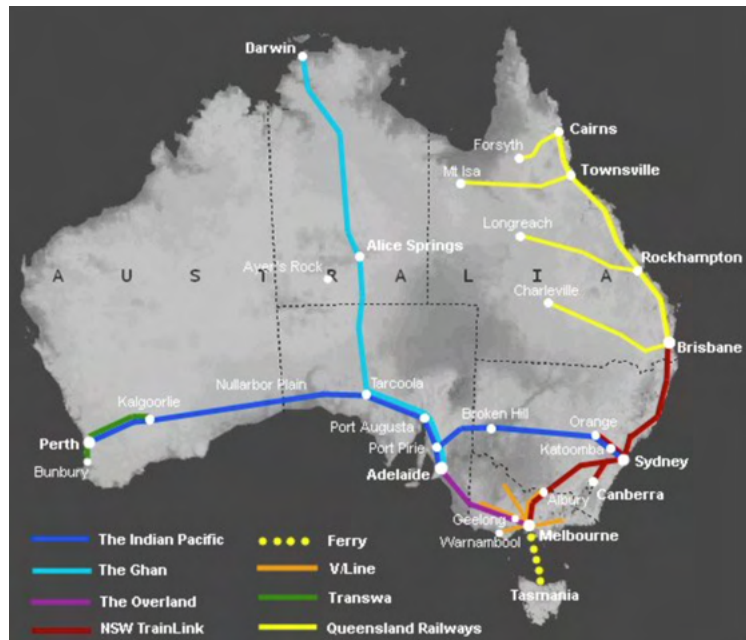


Photos: Leonie Lloyd



In 1978 Lloyd bought what I think was a blue 1971 Datsun 240Z. Sadly, he loved to drive fast on dirt roads and with just a little bit of alcohol in the mix one night, he wrapped it around a tree. My younger brother was passenger and luckily, they both walked away without a scratch, but the love of his life - his first Z- was written off.

Lloyd loved his Zs and he soon wanted another. In May 1981 we drove 6 hours from Rockhampton to Deception Bay, just outside



Brisbane, and bought a 1971 Datsun 240Z (00874). It was Safari Gold - not our favourite colour.

Lloyd's mother gave him a horseshoe that he put on the front of the car to keep him safe. In 1982 he changed the colour to British Racing Green.

In 1983 we drove from Rockhampton to Perth across the Nullabor Plain (2892miles/4650km 51 hours) which was our last holiday before having children. Lloyd drove at 100 miles per hour for hours on end with the throttle pulled full on as a cruise control! This was while he explained to me the workings of an engine from go to whoa! Not that I remember very much.

In July 1984 we had our first child, Brendan. The Z was not really an ideal family car but that didn't stop us from taking Brendan with us in a wicker baby bassinet my sister had gifted us. Lloyd put a harness over the bassinet in the back seat and tied it down so tight, the harness nearly touched Brendan. That bassinet wasn't going anywhere!

As it didn't suit our growing family, the Z was sadly sold on 21 November 1984 to B. T Coe. He had it for 10 years, then sold it in October 1994 to the next owner who had it for 2 years. Then Brian Dunn, a member of the Z Car Club, bought it in May 1996. Brian raced it and owned it for 11 years. He sold it in September 2007 to Greg Holgate who I bought it back from in June 2021.

How did I know where it was? Well sadly Lloyd passed away in September 2017 in Brisbane, where we were living. He had some 1980s Z Car magazines which I had been carrying around in a box. Thinking I didn't need them, I asked one of Lloyd's previous work mates, Glen, who was in a Classic Car group in Rockhampton if he knew someone who might want them. He gave them to the then owner of our original Z, who lived in the street next to my mother. He said, "If ever you would like to see it, it is covered up with a blanket." I wasn't really interested.

So, what made me decide to buy it? I currently cycle around Brisbane for fitness and on Wednesdays, I ride with a group called RPM

(Retired Persons Meander). Each week early in 2021 we would ride past a house that had a car covered up by a blanket. It looked like a Z and it made me think of our car. So, trying to impress the old fellows in the group (mostly 70+) I told them about the Z. Then one day I thought how cool it would be to buy it back if the owner ever wanted to sell. I mentioned this to my eldest son Brendan, who said "Mum why do you do this to





me?" So, he rang Glen who gave him the owner's number. The owner (Greg) wasn't intending to sell but as he knew my husband and they had worked together back in the 80s, he thought it would be nice for us to have it. He may have thought we had it from new, which we didn't. Regardless, he and his wife kindly sold it to us for a good price.

Greg and Denise had owned our Z for 14 years and in that time, they had it repainted red (not a Datsun colour) after cutting out a small amount of rust. Greg hadn't been driving it as it was low, and he had trouble getting in and out. He also owns two other classic cars. After getting it road worthy, which only needed four new tyres and a tune up, the Z was back in our family. Greg and the previous owners even kept an old exercise book, that Lloyd started, updated with work completed. There are a couple of speedo readings in my handwriting from the 80s. Very special.

Now I have a kind friend that loves to work on the Z. The carbies have been pulled down and it is running well with an electronic ignition and some other improvements. I sourced and installed the original seats that were in the car during our 1983 Perth trip. This April the engine will be removed to fix a couple of oil leaks and enable a repaint of the engine bay which is the British Racing Green that Lloyd had it painted.

The Z is now a family heirloom for our two sons, our daughter and our two grandsons. Brendan and I have enjoyed some lovely drives in it together, though now (37 years later) Brendan prefers to sit in the front.

Thank you to all the previous owners who looked after the Z so well for us. Special thanks to Greg and Denise Holgate for their kindness in allowing me to buy it for a second time. The Z is treasured for so many reasons.

Leonie Lloyd
ZCCQ Member

OZC MEMBER PROFILE

CHRIS VIEIRA & FAMILY



We're pleased to bring you the profile of another OZC member.

In 2019, we welcomed Chris Vieira and his family to Ontario Z-Car. Residing in the city of Brampton for the past 6 years, Chris and his wife Sarah have been raising their family of 3 which includes their sons, Landon (4), Owen (1.5) and their dog Molson (5).

A Zed wasn't the first car that Chris started to "play" around with.

"The first car that I drove for some motorsports

fun was a Honda Civic. It was modified to the extent of a roll cage for driving at the track. I participated in the Canadian Sport Compact Series Time Attack competitions which were a lot of fun for sure. Over time my tastes had changed, so the Civic was sold and the hunt for a classic car began."

How did you happen to find out about OZC?

"I loved the look of classic cars especially Zeds and started a search online, looking to pick up one. I came across the OZC website and the club



Photos: Chris Vieira



really grabbed my interest. After I bought my 280ZX, I showed up at a bunch of OZC events, like the Micra Cup race at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, a swap meet and a number of the road tours. I found the members very welcoming and enjoyed the social aspects of the club."

It was great to see another S130 brought into the club. What's the background story on how you found yours?

"After selling the Civic, I had a couple of cars in mind for my next purchase. A 280ZX was at the top of my list. I already had my eye on one that looked to be in great shape; however, it was out of my price range. Instead I went to go check out a cheaper one in Ottawa that needed some TLC. After seeing it in person, I wasn't sold on it and made my way back home empty handed. I then decided to check out the higher priced 280ZX for the hell of it. I made the trip to Brantford on a rainy Saturday and instantly fell in love as soon as the garage door opened. I knew I had to have it and a deal was made."

When I first saw your Zed, I was amazed how good it looked especially as it was locally owned and driven. The paint finish looked great and the interior was good too, a classic stock look.

"I loved that Zed, such a fun car to drive, and it grew on Landon too. He would see me working on it and would just watch me at first, then he wanted to go for a ride in it and help me wash it and shine it up."

So what happened? Despite winning an award at Z-Fest last year, I was quite surprised to see it posted for sale on FB.

"I enjoyed driving my S130 but the 50th anniversary edition 300ZX was always a dream car of mine and I happened to be in Gilford near our family cottage. I couldn't believe my luck. There was a 1984 300ZX turbo on sale, a 50th anniversary edition one. The owner was a retired gentleman and after checking out the car,

I bargained long and hard but in the end, I pretty well paid what he was asking.”

Here’s a bit of background history on this particular Zed, thanks to Google. The 1984 300ZX was badged as a 50th anniversary car because it celebrated the 5-decade anniversary of Nissan’s founding in December 1933. Over 5000 units were manufactured for the US and only 300 were built for Canada. It is indeed a rare car.

Chris mentioned that he wasn’t really in the market for another Zed but he just couldn’t pass up the opportunity to own a 50th anniversary edition. He posted his 280ZX for sale in the Fall of 2021 but only received low ball offers, nothing serious and the car was pulled off the market. In the end, Chris found a guy interested in picking up classic Japanese cars. Next this guy shipped all the cars purchased to the Middle East, to buyers that were lined up for them. He met Chris’ price and the Zed was sold and driven away earlier in January this year, on a nice snow free day and on a dry salt free road!

I asked Chris if he was now content and happy with his 50th anniversary ZX and got a big “YES” in response. It wouldn’t surprise me though to see him driving the new Fairlady Z in the future, with or without retaining ownership of his 300ZX.

**as told in his own words by Chris Vieira
with some assistance by Howie Yoshida
OZC Members**





KAWARTHA TOUR





This year was our tenth year hosting the OZC Kawartha tour.

We started the cruise on Lake Ontario at Bondhead park with a total of ten cars. We traveled along the lake shore to the Port Hope Tim Hortons for breakfast, where we picked up two more cars. After breakfast we headed north to Fowlers Corners, CraftWorks and we picked up two more cars.

This stop was hard to leave as it is one of the stops on the Kawartha shopping cruise. There are a lot of great things to see in the store. Next stop was Lakefield for lunch via river road which follows the Trent River. A very scenic winding road, one of the high lights of the cruise.

Lunch in Lakefield was a BBQ at the Foodland. Very good value, only \$5.00 for a burger. At this stop we lost two cars that wanted to end their drive. The next fun drive was around Stony Lake on Birchview road. When we reached the North East corner of stony lake, Northeys Bay road was closed due to a biker accident earlier that morning. We had to miss the ride on Northeys Bay Road, which is a great windy road, so backtracked on Birchview rd.

On the way to our next stop, Flynn's Store, (start of hwy 507), we had an unplanned stop at Lockside Trading Company, which is one of our stops on the Kawartha shopping cruise. At Flynn's Store we picked up one car and one car headed home. Now it was time to conquer the 507. Faster cars went first, only problem we hit some gravel road resurfacing, but it was still a great drive.

Next stop was Skyline Park overlooking the town of Haliburton. A very scenic look out (great view for fall colours on the fall cruise). Then we headed to Minden for Kawartha Ice cream, some of the best ice cream around. At this stop a few people had their ice cream and headed home. Our last stop was Panorama Park overlooking Minden. A total of five cars completed the entire cruise. At this point we all set our GPS's for home. It was a long day, starting at eight in the morning ending at five in Minden!

Bill Husar

OZC Member and Tour Director







Photos: Bill and Vandra Husar



MONTHLY IN PERSON OZC MEETINGS ARE BACK ON! (& VIRTUAL STILL SUPPORTED)

After a real long absence, we're back to holding our monthly chapter meetings again. Come on out to hear the latest club news, events updates, both past and upcoming ones and catch up with old and new friends. If it's still too far - you can join us virtually on Zoom for the Eastern Meetings.

Eastern Meetings

Meet up with us on the first Wednesday of each month, returning to Watt's Restaurant. We start the meeting at 7:30 PM but come earlier to join us for a bite to eat at 6:00 PM.

Watts Restaurant

(In the Eglinton Square Shopping Centre, on the south side of Eglinton, between Victoria Park and Pharmacy)

Contact: Nigel White, Eastern VP

Western Meetings

Meet up with us on the second Wednesday of each month. We'll be hosting you from a new location. We start the meeting at 7:30 PM but come earlier to join us for a bite to eat at 6:00 PM.

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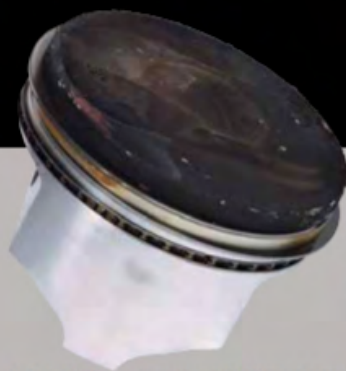
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