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# ZCON 2023



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# OZC 2023 MEMBERS

We are welcoming the following new members is 2023!

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Kim Gross  
Bill Halkiw  
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Keith Brett  
Glen Watson  
Ryan Stock  
Gary Meyer  
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## DID SOMEBODY ASK ABOUT MEMBERSHIP CARDS?

Why yes we do issue OZC membership cards to each and every new member as part of their Welcome Package, for the very first year they join the car club.

Yes, we used to issue OZC membership cards, each time returning members renewed their membership by paying their dues. The membership cards were normally included in your mailed copy of our newsletter, Zedline.

For a number of reasons, (rising postal costs, printing costs, the work associated with labelling envelopes, placing stamps on them, adding inserts, Covid-19 social distancing protocols), the Executive Committee decided to send Zedline out in digital format only. No more member mailings meant that it was hard to justify the expense of mailing out membership cards on their own.

What we have been doing is handing out membership cards at our early season events to those members in attendance. **We will be happy to mail out your 2023 membership card but on a request basis only.** Just send an email requesting one to me, [rchwalyk@rogers.com](mailto:rchwalyk@rogers.com).

## Here are a few reminders concerning the OZC membership policy:

- 1) The membership year starts on January 1 and ends on December 31 of the same year;
- 2) Dues are currently \$45 per year, regardless of what month of the current year they are paid;
- 3) Any OZC member who brings in a new first time applicant to join the club, will receive a 50% dues discount for the following membership year;
- 4) Anyone who joins the club with an out-of-province resident address, will receive a dues reduction from \$45 down to \$25;
- 5) Every OZC member is assigned a unique membership number for record purposes, regardless of your membership status, ie: current member, former member returning to the club.

Lastly, please ensure you notify me should you change your contact information or mailing address at any time.

**Bob Chwalyk**  
OZC Membership Director



# NOTES FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Unbelievable... it's finally spring!

We held off on releasing this issue of Zedline because we were so excited to provide coverage for our first big event of the year! The spring swap meet took place on April 29 at a new location and the turnout and social connections were fantastic. Many thanks to OZC Member Jack MacDonnell who hosted this year's event at his shop - Jack Mac's Resto Shop. Be sure to check out his website and we know you can trust him and his beautiful work for your own car. [www.restoshop.com](http://www.restoshop.com) And of course a big thank you to Scott Robertson for organizing and the other club members who so vigilantly help out to make these events possible.

On another exciting note - our 2023 calendar of events is published! You'll find it in this issue and on our website. The events can change throughout the year, so stay tuned to member emails and the website for up to date information. We hope you like the variety of new events, along with some of your regular favourites. Of course - no year would be complete without our Z-Fest car show! This year is the 28th annual, and it will be hosted at Nissan Head Office in Mississauga, Ontario. We pushed back the date in the hopes to avoid the heat stroke this year.

What is it about the west? Our western chapter meetings (the second Wednesday of each month) have grown in popularity - we had almost 20 people show up at our April meetup! Join us - super social and super fun now that the weather is z-drivable.

We're also very glad to be continuing our ongoing feature of coverage with ZCCQ - our "sister" club in Queensland, Australia - check out this issue's article on a very fun event they just had.

Have some ideas for a new event? Or would you like to volunteer to help make some events come to life? Please join us! [info@ontariozcar.com](mailto:info@ontariozcar.com)

Looking forward to seeing all of you soon!

**Diane Dale**  
**OZC Social Media Director**  
On behalf of the OZC Executive





## 2023 MEMBERSHIP FORM

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### MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- ◆ Quarterly digital copies of the OZC ZEDLINE publication
- ◆ Participate in our swap meets, car shows, tours, motorsport events, social gatherings and so much more
- ◆ Regular email updates and advance notice of all our events
- ◆ Attend monthly club meetings (eastern & western clubs, virtual meetups, annual winter social)
- ◆ Access to our online forum
- ◆ Discounted entry fees to club events (where public pays a premium)
- ◆ Parts and service discounts at participating Nissan dealerships
- ◆ Customized OZC brand merchandise available to members

FOR MORE INFORMATION: please contact OZC membership director Bob Chwalyk at [info@ontariozcar.com](mailto:info@ontariozcar.com)





## 2023 EVENTS CALENDAR

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

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION and DETAILS
APR	<p>April 5 OZC Eastern Chapter Meetup</p> <p>April 12 OZC Western Chapter Meeting</p> <p>April 29 OZC Spring Swap Meet (11:00am to 3:00pm)</p>	<p><a href="#">Watt's Restaurant, 1 Eglinton Square, Scarborough, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Cambridge Pickle Barrel, 510 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Jack Mac's Resto Shop, Brockton, ON</a></p>
MAY	<p>May 3 OZC Easter Chapter Meetup</p> <p>May 10 OZC Western Chapter Meeting</p> <p>May 17-21 ZDAYZ 2023</p>	<p><a href="#">Watt's Restaurant, 1 Eglinton Square, Scarborough, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Cambridge Pickle Barrel, 510 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Blowing Rock, NC</a></p>
JUN	<p>June 7 OZC Eastern Chapter Meetup</p> <p>June 14 OZC Western Chapter Meeting</p> <p>June 15 OZC at VARAC Lapping Day at CTMP</p> <p>June 18 OZC at VARAC Field of Dreams Car Show at CTMP (Vintage Grand Prix)</p> <p>June 24 OZC Bench Brewing Company Tour - New Route!</p>	<p><a href="#">Watt's Restaurant, 1 Eglinton Square, Scarborough, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Cambridge Pickle Barrel, 510 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Bowmanville, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Bowmanville, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Beamsville, ON</a></p>
JUL	<p>July 5 OZC Eastern Chapter Meetup</p> <p>July 8 OZC Muskoka Tour</p> <p>July 9 OZC at 26th Annual Transportation Day Car &amp; Motorcycle Show</p> <p>July 12 OZC Western Chapter Meeting</p> <p>July 15 OZC Kawartha Lakes Tour</p> <p>Jul 31- Aug 5 36th Annual ZCON</p>	<p><a href="#">Watt's Restaurant, 30 Eglinton Square, Scarborough, ON</a></p> <p>Muskoka, ON</p> <p><a href="#">Keene, ON (8am OZC meetup)</a></p> <p><a href="#">Cambridge Pickle Barrel, 510 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON</a></p> <p>Kawartha, ON</p> <p><a href="#">Ontario, California, USA</a></p>
AUG	<p>Jul 31 - Aug 5 36th Annual ZCON</p> <p>Aug 2 OZC Eastern Chapter Meetup</p> <p>Aug 5 OZC at 40th Fenelon Falls Car Show &amp; Flea Market</p> <p>Aug 7 OZC at Canal Days Annual Car Show (BBQ hosted by Harry Wells)</p> <p>Aug 9 OZC Western Chapter Meeting</p> <p>Aug 13 OZC at Whitchurch-Stouffville Antique &amp; Classic Car Show</p> <p>Aug 19 OZC at Wheels on the Danforth</p> <p>Aug 26 OZC Southwestern Tour</p>	<p><a href="#">Ontario, California, USA</a></p> <p><a href="#">Watt's Restaurant, 1 Eglinton Square, Scarborough, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Fenelon Falls, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Port Colborne, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Cambridge Pickle Barrel, 510 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Stouffville, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Toronto, ON</a></p> <p>Delhi, ON</p>
SEP	<p>Sep 3 OZC at Nissan Sentra Cup (Labour Day Weekend Sprints)</p> <p>Sep 6 OZC Eastern Chapter Meetup</p> <p>Sep 9 OZC at Drive Festival</p> <p>Sep 13 OZC Western Chapter Meeting</p> <p>Sep 23 OZC 28th Annual ZedFest</p> <p>Sep 30 OZC Lake Huron Tour and Georgian Bay Coastline Cruise</p>	<p><a href="#">Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Bowmanville, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Watt's Restaurant, 1 Eglinton Square, Scarborough, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Canadian Tire Motorsport Park, Bowmanville, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Cambridge Pickle Barrel, 510 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Nissan Canada Headquarters</a></p> <p>Georgian Bay, ON</p>
OCT	<p>Oct 4 OZC Eastern Chapter Meetup</p> <p>Oct 11 OZC Western Chapter Meeting</p> <p>Oct 14 OZC Kawartha Fall Colours Tour</p> <p>Oct 28 OZC Fall Swap Meet</p>	<p><a href="#">Watt's Restaurant, 1 Eglinton Square, Scarborough, ON</a></p> <p><a href="#">Cambridge Pickle Barrel, 510 Hespeler Road, Cambridge, ON</a></p> <p>Kawartha, ON</p> <p>Details To Be Confirmed</p>
NOV	<p>Nov 1 OZC Meetup</p>	<p><a href="#">Watt's Restaurant, 1 Eglinton Square, Scarborough, ON</a></p>
DEC	<p>Dec 2 OZC Year End Social</p>	<p>Details To Be Confirmed</p>

For more details checkout the events calendar on [www.ontariozcar.com](http://www.ontariozcar.com) closer to the event

Have an idea for an OZC event? Contact us at [info@ontariozcar.com](mailto:info@ontariozcar.com)

**Watch our website & member emails for up-to-date information and invites to our 2023 events!**

# OZC SPRING SWAP MEET



HOSTED AT  
JACK MAC'S RESTO SHOP



## 2023 Spring Swap Meet at Jack Mac's Resto Shop

Ontario Z-Car (OZC) hosted our annual Swap Meet on Saturday April 29 at our good friend, Jack Mac's [Resto Shop](#) in Hanover Ontario.

Jack MacDonnell has been a loyal OZC member for many years, and was very excited to host this event with us. His shop was the perfect venue. The Resto shop consists of 2 large service bays in the front with another bay at the side. This allowed our vendors to comfortably setup tables to display their Z parts for sale. Interestingly, on one side of Jack's shop, were his prized, **1967 Datsun Roadster 1600**, and a **2016 Nissan 370Z**. He also has a modified **1976 Datsun 280Z**, in his side shop, awaiting a VQ37VHR engine and Supercharger swap. Unfortunately, his **1972 Datsun 510**, was in his trailer, in mid-restoration and not available for viewing. On the other side wall, were some of his amazing "Hot Wheels" Datsun, Nissan and Skyline diecast cars on display!



Clearly, Jack loves the Datsun, Nissan heritage!! His shop was museum like, with his amazing cars, diecasts, memorabilia and his stories! Thanks again Jack for hosting us.

See more details at the end of this article, on Jack's cars and diecast collection.



It's been a while since the OZC Swap Meet was hosted outside the Greater Toronto Area. So, the drive to Hanover allowed some members to take their Zeds for a nice drive to the meet. Saturday was a drizzly wet day, but that did not dampen the enthusiasm and attendees from coming out! Members new and old came out which was great to see.

The Swap Meet had 6 vendor tables setup to buy and sell, mostly vintage Zed parts, and one to sign up new or existing OZC members. In addition, we also had some guests selling Z parts out of their car trunks too! Over 30 members and guests attended, to buy, sell, Zed Parts and socialize with one another after a long winter season.



Photos: Scott Robertson

OZC would like to thank members, Scott Robertson and Howie Yoshida, who assisted in



organizing this event. Also, thanks to all that attended and we're looking forward to our next OZC sponsored event, in June of this year. Please check our website and social calendars to see what is upcoming!

## Jack's facts on his Datsun's and his Diecast collection. Enjoy!

**1976 Datsun 280Z** owned for 39 years. He is

currently swapping in a new'ish VQ37VHR engine and 6spd CD0009 transmission into the S30 and fabricating the required parts for a swap kit to be sold. Installing a Vortech V3 Centrifugal Supercharger on this VQ37 engine and also developing the parts required to do so. The end goal is to compete in the Optima Ultimate Street Car Challenge in the US and take a shot at the Hot Wheels Legend Tour.



**1967 Datsun Roadster 1600.** Short windshield, flat dash model all original matching numbers. He has the 2L U20 engine with the Solex carbs, intake manifold, and 'B' cam 'factory hod rod' setup for near future swap when the engine is rebuilt. Street car for cruises and shows.

**2016 Nissan 370Z 6spd.** Owned since new. Full suspension mods, intake, exhaust and ECU tune. Primarily for lapping days and occasional cruise nights.

**1972 Datsun 510, 2Dr 1.8L 4spd.** Restomod, with a special theme, build also planned for the 510 in the near future.

**Jack's Diecast collection.** He believes his Datsun/Nissan die-cast / toy collection is one of the largest in Canada.

Most models and years are represented. Brands include Hot Wheels, Matchbox, Corgi, Dinky Toy, Johnny Lightning, Solido, Greenlight, Burago, M2, Kyosho, Tonka, Transformers (Hasbro), Scalextric etc.





**Notable collectables include:**

A mint condition 240Z Tonka toy released back in the mid 70's.

An extremely rare mint condition 240Z slot car (1/32 scale) released by Rigger Model Racing. Its in pristine condition.

He has a Hot Wheels Gold Edition 1976 Datsun 280Z released in 1978.

A very rare, mint condition Black issue 1976 Datsun 280Z, only released in France back in the late 70's.

Two mint condition variations of '81 280ZX Transformers toys released in the early 80's.

One of his favorite collectables is a pristine 1973 Datsun 240Z in BRE livery Corgi diecast that is still in the original box and never been removed. It was purchased in the UK in 1973 from a lady living in Turkey who traveled to Britain to purchase several new Corgi diecast models for her son's birthday. Apparently, he was only allowed to open one of 25+ pieces she purchased (he opened a farm tractor - go figure?). Jack acquired the 240Z BRE from this Turkish lady, and also acquired a brand new, never opened Batmobile and Bat Boat on Bring A Trailer (BAT) from the original TV show, also released by Corgi in the early 70's.

Of honorable mention is Jack's 1/64 scale AFX BRE Datsun 240Z and BRE Datsun 510 slot cars that he received in 1973 for his 12th Birthday from his mom! They are still in good working condition 50 years later.



**Scott Robertson**  
**OZC Instagram Director**



Photos: Scott Robertson



# Z-FEST CAR SHOW

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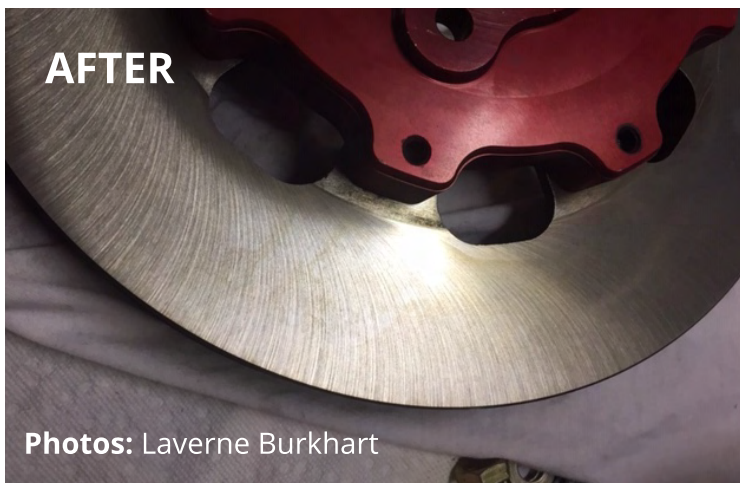
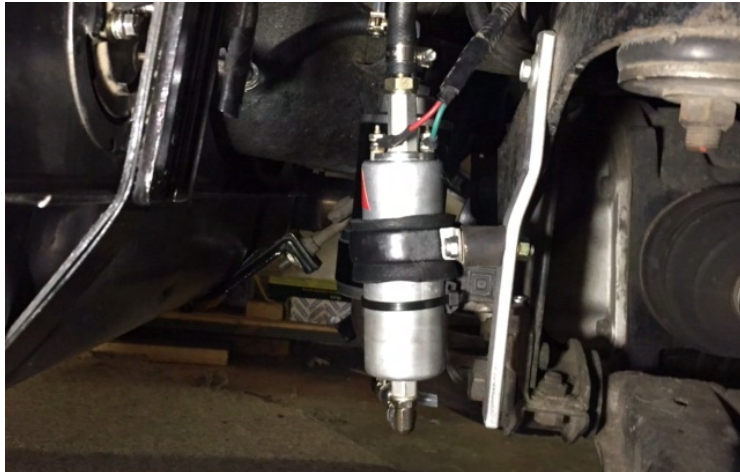


# WHEN IS THE BEST TIME...?



**OZC MEMBER TIPS ON  
Z CAR MAINTENANCE**





Photos: Laverne Burkhart

There has been lots of discussion over the years as to the best time to change your oil, put your snow tires on, how to store a vehicle for the winter.... and the list goes on. Some may say, if it's not broke don't fix it. Well in my opinion preventive maintenance can benefit in the long run, catching a small deficiency before it becomes a catastrophic failure or catches you off guard at the most inopportune time

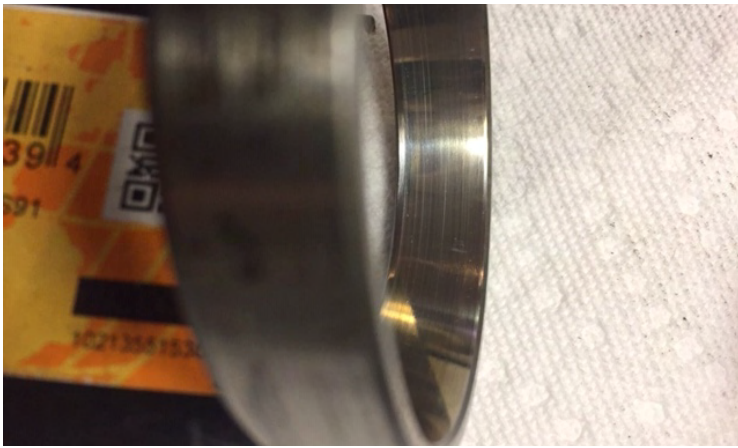
Maintaining four family vehicles 2005 - 2009 starts with snow tire change overs in late October along with brake inspection/lubrication. Then out comes "Trusty" multi-meter to check the charging system and a visual check of all visible belts. What better time to clean the battery & terminals with baking soda in warm water, ensuring a good connection. Oil changes, using synthetic oil, are based on mileage which often falls in September or February..

Projects of smaller magnitude for me often take place during the winter months, with no set time schedule. Datsun "240" is due for new vent hoses on the fuel tank. Belmetric.com is a good source of original style hose. "Handy Jack" and a hair dryer aid with the tank removal. Inspection of the sender unit follows, including contacts and resistance even though the gauge was working. Just because! Installation goes well with the copper U bend installed years ago on the main vent.

Since I was working at the rear of the car and two of the interior panels were removed, the addition of parking lights on a switch entertained some creative juices. Why not entertain an improvement on sound deadening since my car's Db is significant. Google and compare specs and pricing, I end up with Kilmat, yet to be installed in warmer weather.

Moving forward it's time to get to the bottom of an annoying pulsation under heavy higher speed braking. Rotors look good but are they really? They have been on the car since 2008 with multiple track days included. Out come the dial gauge and "Vernier". Not surprising there is a low area. Decision time, new or resurface?

In this day and age of throw new parts at it mentality, I chose to go old school and source a



reputable machine shop and have them stone ground. Apart come the front hub/rotor assemblies, and being old school, the inner and outer bearings are replaceable.

Let's take a look at their condition. As we can see the bearing cup shows a little wear after 180,000 miles. Punch out the old preferably with a brass punch, then freeze and tap in new.

Brake pads got a block sanding to create a new flat surface. Hubs were cleaned, and new Amsoil synthetic grease applied ready for reassembly and torqueing.

So glad its finally spring!



**Laverne Burkhart**  
**OZC Member**



# NISSAN CANADA



**NISSAN Z OWNERS SERIES**



***Howie Yoshida, Mississauga ON - 1981 280zx***

## **HOWIE YOSHIDA**

It all started with an email in late July 2022, to OZC from Douaa Jazouli, the PR manager for Nissan Canada. Nissan Canada was interested in talking to Zed owners in Canada with passionate stories to tell about different generations of Nissan Zed vehicles. Initially, they were looking to talk to 280ZX (second-generation S130) owners.

The Executive identified a number of long-time S130 OZC owners and we sent out emails asking if they were interested. Nissan requested these Zed owners to submit a short story in writing about the history of their ZX and how much they enjoyed it.

Having no responses sent back to us, and owning an S130 of course, I sent in a write-up and lo and behold I was selected! What did I get myself into? Turns out, Nissan was sending out a production crew to shoot a video and a host to conduct an interview with an S130 owner, me in this case. The completed video was going to be part of a video series talking to a passionate owner of every single Zed generation, all 6 of them, from the S30 to the Z34. The stories were

going to be posted to Nissan's social media accounts including Instagram.

Having received my story already, Douaa requested a bunch of pictures too. A date was booked for the production crew to show up at my house on September 27. I couldn't believe it, that morning, I received a text message at 7:00 AM, from the production lead. saying they were outside my house, setting up the shoot in the driveway. It was like mini-Hollywood, with a big van and an SUV offloading equipment, tables being set up, portable lights, tripod-mounted video cameras and handheld cameras too, and lots of fancy equipment. A few of my neighbours stopped by on their way to work to ask what was going on. I gladly replied, "Nissan Canada is making a video of my ZED!"

I met with Brandon the interview guy and he was just great to work with. He got me through the talking parts, put me at ease under the camera and he said they got what they needed. Oh yeah, they catered in food for both breakfast and lunch for everyone on set, about 6 of us. What a feast we had. They were all done shooting and talking and were packed up around noon or so.

They said they were off to the next shoot to see a Zed guy that owned a whole fleet of different Zeds. It didn't take long to find out he was going down to Port Colborne to shoot the next video with fellow OZC member, Harry Wells with his 370Z Nismo model.

Eventually, I found out another OZC member was selected for her 350Z Roadster, none other than Lorna Peters from Windsor. The S30 owner was from BC and the Z31 and Z32 guys were both from Quebec. We all got a chance to preview our own videos on the promise of not distributing any of the viewing links until Nissan announced the launch of the Nissan Zed Owner Series.

Thanks to Nissan Canada for making celebrities of the lucky Zed owners who had a great opportunity to talk about and show off their Zeds too!

**Howie Yoshida**  
**OZC Member**



## Lorna Peters

I received an email in July 2022 asking me if I would be interested in a interview by Nissan Canada about my Z car. Nissan Canada was doing a multi-media series on the generations of the Z, their passionate owners and their stories of falling in love with the Z car.

I will admit I was a little nervous at first but also excited to show off my Z and tell my story of how I came to own and love my car. Through communications with Douaa Jazouli (PR Manager from Nissan Canada) I learned of their thoughts on the series and what they were looking for. I was honoured to be part of the Z car culture.

Not ever having done anything quite like this before, I grew more excited. Through our talks, the interview was setup for August 3, 2022. I spent the day before the interview prepping my 2004 350Z convertible roadster (Z33).

The day of the interview, we met at the Windsor City Marina. It was a bit windy, but a beautiful warm day. You will see in the pictures how beautiful of a setting the water front was for the shoot. We met about 8:30 am and when I pulled up into the marina I realized how big of a deal it

was. Camera crews, tents set up, a big Nissan van full of equipment and a Nissan truck for travel. There were tables full of cameras and other equipment. There was also a special tented area for my car Blu to be photographed. Even a very cool drone!!! Swweet!!

After I parked I went to talk with Douaa Jazouli and Yohan Leduc (Yohan was in charge of the filming crew). The crews were very busy setting up. You had to be there to see how amazing it all was. They all made me feel very much at home. Awesome crew!! We even had an amazing breakfast and lunch delivered to us. I was feeling like a star.

Through our conversations over breakfast they learnt how the Z cars were a family event for me. My dad and my uncle also both own 350Z convertibles. Nissan asked if they lived near by and I explained no but that my dad was in town visiting with his car and planned on popping down to watch a bit later. They asked if I could call and ask him to join us and he joined a few minutes later with his grey 350Z. My dad loved watching the interview happen and in my video you will see some pictures of him and I together with our cars.

### *Lorna Peters, Windsor ON - Nissan 350Z*



A few minutes before the shooting started I got to meet Brandon Gonez, the host of the video segments. Brandon immediately made me feel very at ease and relaxed. He is definitely a PRO at what he does. Very open and easy to talk to. THANK YOU Brandon for making it so easy. After we shot a few tapings of the interview and my car, we moved on to taking lots of pictures and videos. So cool right???

Then we set up to go for a cruise with filming crew in tow. Drones above, van with the filming crew in front and behind. I have never seen so many cameras attached to all sides of a van. Just like in the movies. The last step was that the crew setup a camera along a windy section of road where they could get moving pictures of my car.

As things wound down and we started to pack it up for the day I realized it was already 4:30 pm. Time sure flies when your having fun.

The whole experience was so FUN and AMAZING. Now we had to wait to see the finished product and all the other video interviews as well. It was well worth the wait!!!!

I want to thank all the folks that helped to make this happen. I will never forget this amazing opportunity.

**Lorna Peters**  
**OZC Member**





### ***Harry Wells, Port Colborne ON - Nissan 370Z Nismo***

## **Harry Wells**

Unknown to me, my involvement with the Generation Z Episodes began last August.

Attending Z Fest has been a family tradition of ours for years and August 7, 2022, was no different. While at Z Fest my daughter met Douaa Jazouli, the PR manager for Nissan Canada and her colleague, Rayan Hamouda. Shannon learned Nissan Canada was developing a social media video series about all the generations of the Nissan Z; however, they were still looking for an owner of a 370 Nissan Z. My daughter mentioned my Nissan Z collection, including my limited edition 370Z Nismo. At Douaa's and Ray's request my daughter emailed pictures and background information about my Nissan Z collection and I. The next thing I knew I was included in the series and corresponding with Douaa.

When responding to Douaa, I encountered problems with my internet provider and satellite service so thankfully my daughter jumped in and got Douaa everything she needed, and filming was tentatively scheduled for September 13th. Well wouldn't you know it, the weather was not going to cooperate for the 13th, so Plan B was

established to shoot the video in my garage conditional on the producer Yohan approval.

Change happens and the film date was changed to the afternoon of September 27th but unfortunately Douaa would not be attending due to other commitments out of the Country. On the 27th Yohan Leduc and his Production Team along with Brandon Gonez host of the Nissan social media video series arrived as scheduled.

With the looming prediction of rain for the day there was uncertainty if Plan B for the filming would have to be implemented; however, Brandon, and Yohan's Team were determined to complete the filming of my Nissan Z story. All of my Zs were staged, the scene was set, and filming began. Brandon made me feel at home and made the conversations about me and my Zs really easy. Yohan and his Production Team were so professional and good, filming went without a hitch, and we were able to complete all the filming of the final episode of the generation of the Nissan Z series and my story prior to any rain. As you can see the results were great.

My home is on the main highway entering Port Colborne and everyone on the highway could see the filming and it spiked the interest of



individuals driving past my house causing them to slow down or honk their horns. It was also with interest as well as excitement that my granddaughter's school bus unexpectedly stopped in front of my place on their way home and they were dropped off to observe the conclusion of the filming process. My granddaughters were full of questions and curiosity about the process. Although, there was still the filming of me driving my car along the lake to be recorded and the ominous rain clouds were quickly creeping in above us.

After the filming my wife Donna and I were invited to dinner with Brandon, Yohan and the Production Team where we had a great time, good food and conversations bringing a fantastic day to a close. This was an experience I will remember for a lifetime and thanks to Nissan Canada, Douaa and Yohan and his Team I have a video to share with family and friends forever. The video of my Zs and I is an extraordinary addition to my Nissan Z collection that my family and I can watch for years to come. Thanks Nissan Canada for making my passion for the Nissan Z a special memory and giving me the opportunity to share my passion and story of my Nissan Z collection with so many other people.

Thank You!

**Harry Wells**  
**OZC Member**



# ZCCQ CLUB PROFILE



## THE LOFTY LUNCH - MARCH 18/19, 2023

### ZCCQ's Continuing Feature!

We are so excited to continue our feature of the members and events of our "sister club" - the Z Car Club of Queensland, Australia!

This month it's about Lofty Drews - or more importantly about the annual drive that the ZCCQ organizes each year to his home.

Read on to hear about this fantastic event, and a very important patron in the rally scene...

Every year the Z Car Club of Queensland organises a drive which ultimately ends with a visit to the home of our club patron, Lofty Drews. For those who don't know, Lofty is a renowned Kenyan rally navigator who is perhaps most well-known for his winning drive in the 1973 East Africa Safari with Shekhar Mehta behind the wheel of a Datsun 240Z. It's a tremendous honour for the club to have such ties into the motorsport history of the Zed, and to have Lofty and his family living just outside of Brisbane in Queensland it makes for a great combination.

The man responsible for pulling this yearly event together is Dave Robertson, and each year he goes out of his way to deliver a magnificent weekend for all the members who attend. Unfortunately, like many other things the Lofty Lunch was put on hold for a couple of years while the COVID pandemic unfolded, but in 2023



The Lofty Lunch 2023

18th and 19th of March



*The northern group lining up to start the drive*



*The southern group stopping in the village of Samford for a cheeky coffee*



Dave and the club were more determined than ever to organise a run out to Lofty's place – more on that later.

The weekend began with two groups of cars leaving from either side of Brisbane (north and south), and winding their way through the mountain roads, through a number of little towns and some very picturesque country.

The two groups headed off and criss-crossed the routes Dave had artfully mapped out, definitely not stopping for coffee or anything else. The day was hot (over 32 degrees) but the old Zed's held up fantastically, there was only one casualty of Trevor and Kath's Fairlady roadster dropping out with an alternator problem – literally 50 metres from the start line! The Zed drivers without air conditioning suffered, but it was all worth it when we all finally joined up in Lofty's backyard where a barbeque lunch, cold drinks and a tour of Lofty's trophy room was waiting.

It seemed like the theme for the day was 'white 370Z' so of course we had to park them all up together for the hero shot! It's not often there is a group of three white 370Z's, bookended by two white 370Z Nismo's...with a sneaky white 240z in the background!

With lunch and the recap of the morning's drive out of the way, it was on to the other reason for the weekend. Those with a keen eye and a grasp on basic mathematics will have realised that 2023 is the 50th anniversary of Lofty and Shekhar Mehta's win of the 1973 East Africa Safari in a 240Z. This meant the weekend was extra special, so Dave organised probably one of

the best Datsun Rally Team based cakes the world has ever seen.

The rest of the weekend followed on in true Lofty Lunch tradition, back to the motel for what's known as 'happy hour' in the car park and then a wonderful country pub dinner with Lofty and his family.

A massive thanks to Lofty and his family for welcoming the club every year with open arms, as well as Dave Robertson for his tireless efforts in setting events like this up. If you would like to learn more about Lofty Drews, or see some of Lofty's incredible rally career results have a look here - <https://www.ewrc-results.com/coprofile/14393-lofty-drews/>.

**Jason Cheshire**  
**ZCCQ President**





**Above:** "Happy Hour" in the car park back at the motel.

**On the Right:** Lofty cutting his cake, we're told the 240Z never experienced that large of a mud hole in 1973!

**Below:** A wonderful country pub dinner with Lofty and his family.



# ZEDLINE

## BACK TO THE ARCHIVES



Many, many moons ago - I used to write a regular column called "Trackside" for Zedline. The articles were all about my experiences and encounters with Z race cars and their owners all over North America.

In 2006 I interviewed Dr. Alan Robbins who owned and raced the very first Z car imported to North America. We've re-printed the article in this issue of Zedline (17 years later!) to highlight a very important piece of news.

This car is now up for sale!!! (Check out the link below for all the details on this car. It is pretty special.

[Click for link to Datsun Race Car for Sale](#)

**Diane Dale**  
OZC Member





by Diane Dale

## Whatever Happened to the First North American Z Car?

By Diane Dale



The Bob Sharp 240Z at Watkins Glen owned by Dr. Alan Robbins

Maybe you know this story... but it certainly is a good one to be told over and over again. A legend to pass on to our children. For generations and generations of Z-owners to come. Back in late 1969 Nissan shipped three of its new Datsun 240z's (chassis #HLS30-00006, #HLS30-00007 and #HLS30-00008) to tour the North American auto shows. During the tour (oddly enough – at the Toronto Auto Show), one of the show models sat on the roof and dented it. Now... what do you do with a perfectly brand new car that can't be photographed or re-sold to the public? Turn it into a race

car of course!!!

Interesting Fact: The first five Z cars have never been seen. It is assumed that they were destroyed at the factory in testing. So the beloved #00006 is really the first international Z car – not just the first in North America.

Bob Sharp Racing took possession of the car and prepared #33 for SCCA C Production racing in 1970. A second Z car joined BSR (with driver Jim Fitzgerald) late in 1970 (both were branded with the oh-so-notorious red, white and blue BSR paint scheme). #33's first year out was with driver Bob

Sharp and the car became the first 240z to win a SCCA national race. In 1972 and 1973 it won the C Production National Championship. When Jim Fitzgerald left BSR in 1974, he took the original Z car (which had become #38) and continued competing in SCCA C Production until 1979 when he switched to a 280zx. Fitzgerald ran IMSA predominantly when it visited his home track of Road Atlanta and at least one Trans Am race – the last race he ran with #00006 was the last race held at Virginia International Raceway (VIR) before the track was rebuilt – and he won! This original 240z is credited with having won over 250 races before its first retirement. What an accomplishment!

Interesting Fact: the Brock Racing Enterprises (BRE) Racing Team headed by Peter Brock (with Driver John Morton) also raced a Datsun 240z starting in late 1970. However, they had to wait for the regular shipment of Z Cars to the U.S. (the first 20 cars for re-sale shipped in January of 1970), so the BSR team actually got their Datsun first! (Both the BSR and BRE teams qualified for the C Production class at the Runoffs



The E31 block and head prepared by Dave Rebellio



Sam Posey was among the legends to drive the BSR cars

with roadsters!

Now what you may not know about the original chassis #00006 race car is that it was subsequently purchased and brought out of retirement by a passionate Z car enthusiast, Dr. Allan Robbins. Allan is an honored and well-respected Z historian. Today this car can be seen racing in its astounding original-condition-glory at various events around the U.S. – many of which are right in our own U.S. backyard, Watkins Glen. The car's current engine is an E31 block and head (exactly as the original was prepared). Porting and polishing were done by Dave Rebello in California; the compression ratio and cam specs are a carefully guarded secret – adding to the awe and mystery of this car.

Interesting Fact: The first shipload of Z cars to the U.S. are the only ones that had crankshafts with only six full counterweights (others had eight). This caused clutch and flywheel problems during races. BSR had special billet cranks built to overcome this, but #00006 now runs the stock crankshaft with careful balancing and race preparation – and that seems to be quite reliable.

Dr. Allan Robbins, a prominent ophthalmologist who performs laser surgery in Rochester, New York, formed SharpSight Motorsports Inc. in 1992 as his tribute to racing Datsuns. (There's a great picture of his 240z on his professional website [www.lasik-rochester.net](http://www.lasik-rochester.net)) At the time he and his friends owned three of the original BSR race cars, so the motorsports name came easily. The SharpSight Motorsports team captured the New York State Road

Racing Championship in G Production and GT-2 in 1995 and 1996 and continues competitive racing to this day.

Interesting Fact: the current SharpSight inventory includes other historical BSR and Electramotive race cars including Bob Sharp's personal 1971 Datsun 240z street car (in red of course). SharpSight is currently restoring the Electramotive 280ZX that won the IMSA GTU championship in 1979 with Don Devendorf. They hope to have it ready for the Japanese Sports Car feature at the Classic Motorsports Walter Mitty Challenge at Road Atlanta at the end of April. ([www.hsrrace.com](http://www.hsrrace.com))

Allan's longtime passion with Z cars started in 1970 when the car first came out. He

followed Z cars as a hobby – watching Bob Sharp race, visiting his dealership, following Paul Newman's career and many other aspirations. His documented passion includes a scrap book that any Datsun Z fan would love to get their hands on... pictures, slides, negatives, promotional brochures, race results, racing specifications, tech sheets. I felt simply honored to even get a glimpse, never mind a personal tour.

Allan started the racing portion of his hobby with a 1963 Porsche 356 coupe. After acquiring a truck, trailer and the famed BSR Datsun 240z in 1991, his dreams came true. For the last 14 years he's been racing the Z at the likes of Lime Rock, Sebring, Elkhart Lake and most predominantly Watkins Glen. This year they're preparing one of the Datsun cars for SCCA E Production class and are hoping to be competitive there.

SharpSight's 2006 race schedule starts out strong this year... The HSR Race at Sebring (March 2 – 5), The Mitty at Road Atlanta (April 27 – 30), Watkins Glen Historic Races (June 15 – 18). Be sure to watch for the blur of the red, white and blue.

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A shot of the original 1970 BSR Datsun 240Z





***OZC Member Laverne Burkhart at the Pumpkin Fest Car Show in Port Elgin, 2022***



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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.

#### The Pickle Barrel

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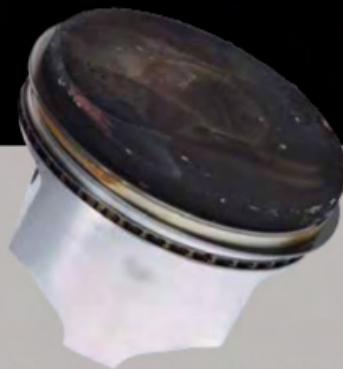
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