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OZC 2023 MEMBERS

We made it to a total of 116 members in 2023!

What a great number of folks to be in our community for the year - we're so glad you could join us!

We're already up to 64 members for 2024 - it's a perfect time to renew. Keep the issues of Zedline coming and keep up to date on upcoming events (many are member exclusive or have member discounts!).



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 2024 membership card but on a request basis only. Just send an email requesting one to me, 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

Sorry for the delay folks. Zedline wasn't out on time.

I'll be honest. This is the first zedline I've pulled together without Howie. That was hard. Really hard. There is no end to the gap we feel without him here. He was our organizer, motivator, fact checker, money counter, cheerleader, auto cross and lap day enthusiast - but most of all our trusted and loyal friend. We celebrated and honoured Howie at Z-Fest this year - and we were so fortunate to have his wife Sherrie and his entire family with us that day. Godspeed my dearest friend - we will always miss you.

On a brighter note - we had an amazing Z-Fest event in 2023. Record numbers, amazing weather and the most beautiful cars and best of friends. Check out our coverage later in this issue.

The executive has started planning out our events for 2024 - drop us a line at info@ontarioacar.com to let us know what you'd like to see on the schedule. And definitely let us know if you're interested in hosting a tour or an event - we are always looking for volunteers and new adventures.

And... would you love to write for us? (We'd love that.) Please send us your photos, activities or anything else you think we may want to read up on.

We hope you're enjoying the winter months... spring is just around the corner... (I hope!)

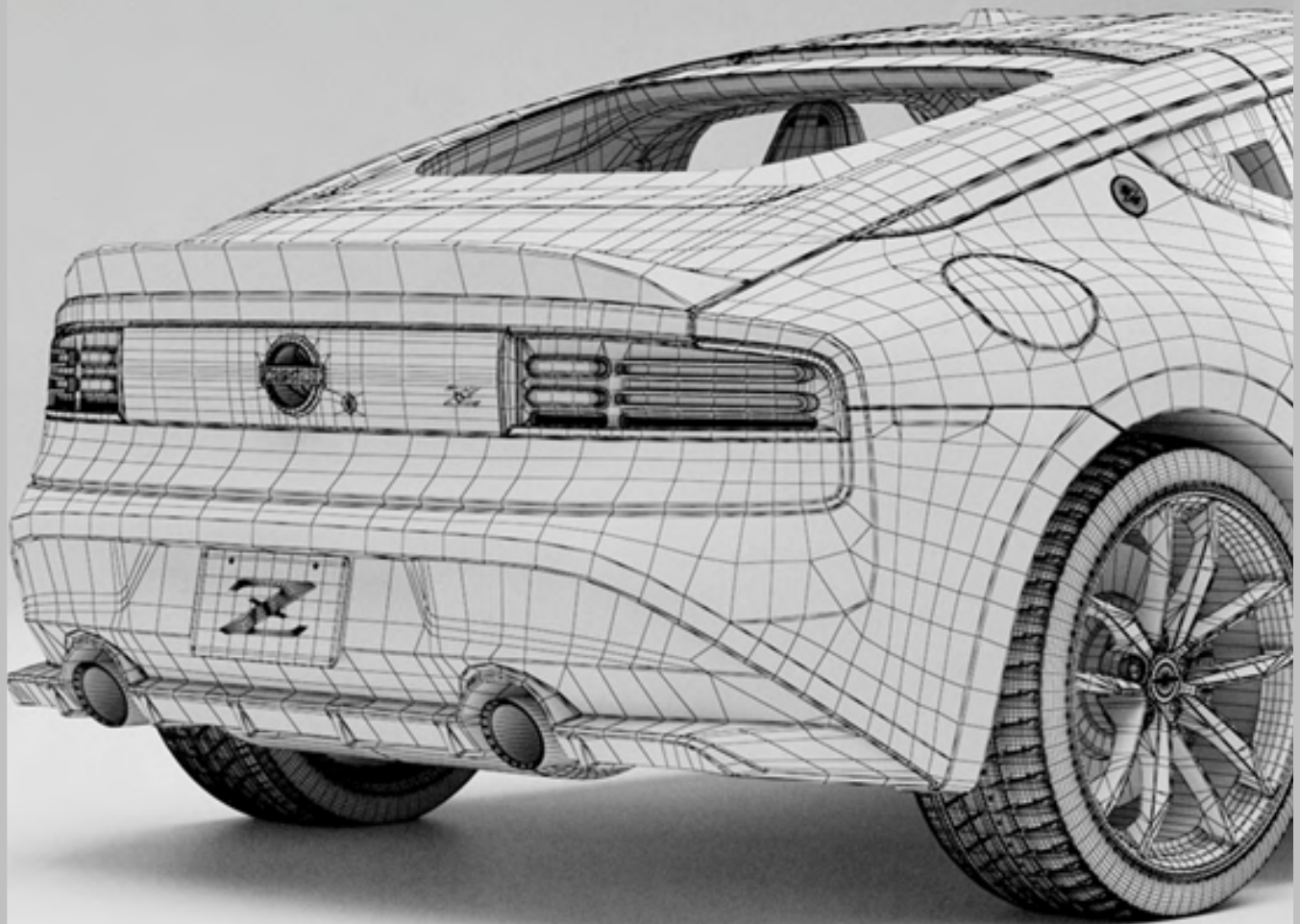
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On behalf of the OZC Executive



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FIGARO FOLLIES

ARNYA'S NEW NISSAN



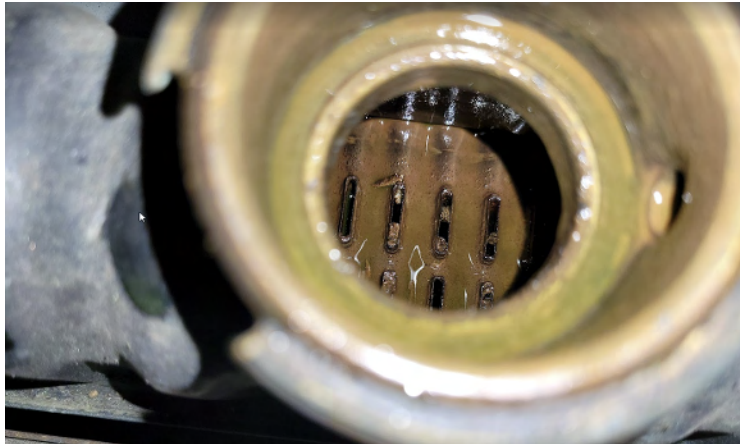
BY ERIC ZONDERVAN



Figaro Follies

Arnya had never been to a car show. A friend of hers, Jacqui, told Arnya that car shows are boring. (Her husband has an MGB). But that she should go to at least one with me to be a good sport.

The first opportunity was Canal Days, July 31, 2022. Thanks to Harry Wells and family for organizing a Z Car coral. We took the Datsun. Arnya wasn't impressed. I have since replaced the struts.



Arnya had a ball at the show, meeting people and socializing. She met a woman with a Figaro, a car I had seen before, but Arnya had never heard of. She instantly fell in love with it. When we got home we found one for sale in Canada. It was in the Blue Mountains, near Collingwood. We took the Datsun to go see it. The owner had an assortment of different cars and wasn't particularly interested in selling the Figaro, but when he met us old folks in a 240Z, he knew his car was going to a good home. We made a deal on the spot. He got the paperwork in order and two weeks later we drove it back to Arnya's summer home in Kincardine.



From Kincardine we drove it to Kitchener and London, putting 1000km on it, more than it had been driven in the past 5 years. We ran out of gas twice because the fuel gauge was wonky. I traced the ownership back to when it was imported from Japan, and no one had replaced the timing belt. Also, the valve train was making quite a clatter. While it was in storage at Ed Muth's last winter, I ordered a new timing belt and motor mounts from England.



This spring I brought the Figaro to the cottage to do the work. To take the timing belt cover off you have to remove an engine mount. There is one bolt that I could just touch with my big meat hook of a hand. I got it out, but gave up on putting it back conventionally and drilled a hole in the inner fender so I could get a socket on it. Once I got it back together the engine wouldn't idle properly. I convinced myself that I got the belt on one tooth out, so tore it apart to check. Everything seemed in order. Now I was sure something was wrong with the fuel injection

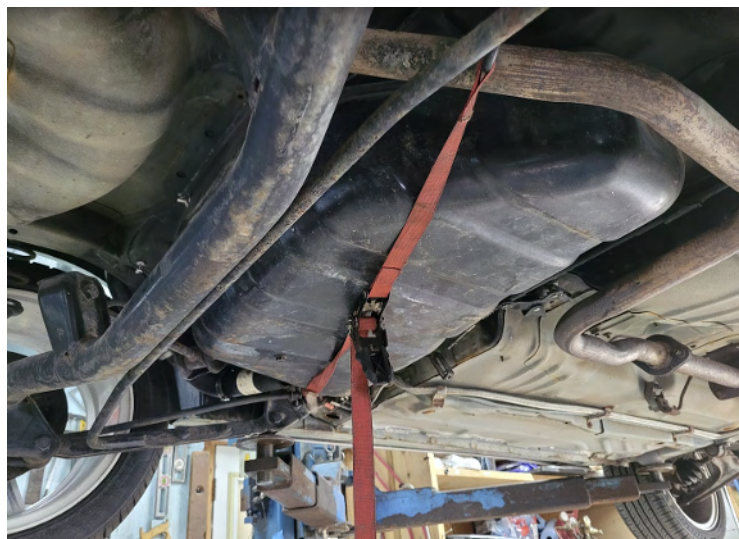
since I had to take some wires and the hose from the turbo off to do the belt and set the valve clearances. I found a video where a guy moved his timing belt one notch on his Honda. It ran exactly the same as the Figaro.

Now I decided to move the belt one notch to see what happened. Once I got it opened up for the third time I lost my nerve. Meanwhile, I had posted a video of the poor running engine on a Figaro forum. When I went in for dinner, I checked the forum and someone responded who had the same issue. He suggested checking for a vacuum leak. I got thinking about it and remembered that the brakes were a bit unresponsive when I took it on a test drive. After dinner I went out and sure enough, jostling the engine to replace the engine mounts had pulled the vacuum hose off the brake booster. Pushed it back on and it started and ran beautifully.

Next was to figure out why the fuel gauge was so erratic. There is an access panel under the back seat, but it's not big enough to get the pump assembly out. With the car up on the hoist, it was a simple job to drop the tank from below.

With the tank out, it was easy to remove the pump assembly. It was severely rusted and the tank had about two litres of loose rust in it. How it ran so well beats me. The sock on the pickup was completely coated with rust particles. The fuel filter was packed solid. The arm that the float swings on had swollen with rust where it passes through the nylon bushings. I was able to carefully unsolder the hairspring which carries the signal and take the assembly apart to clean it up. After reassembly I bench tested it and the gauge matched the float position perfectly.

After reassembly and putting 10 L of gas in the tank I tried starting it up. Nothing. Not even a click from the starter. I checked all the fuses, none blown. Unplugged the fuel tank harness and tried powering the pump. Dead short. Drained and dropped the tank. Pulled out the pump assembly and found that someone had replaced just the pump with an aftermarket unit. They didn't even solder the wires, just slipped shrink wrap over the joints. The shrink wrap had deteriorated over the years. Fortunately, when I put the assembly in the tank, I pinched the lousy



connection and made a dead short . Had I not, that exposed wire could have touched to ground on a bump and blown the whole car up.

All back together and still not a click. All the fuses are labeled in Japanese, but I found a printable overlay online. When I cut it out and glued it to the fuse cover, I found I had one label for three 25 amp fuses left over. One was for engine management. I went looking and found another little fuse panel tucked way up under the dash. Sure enough, the engine management fuse was blown. Replaced it and away she went. I added fuel 10 litres at a time and confirmed the gauge is right on. It only hold 40 litres.

Now it was time to address the non functioning hand brake and no power to the cigarette lighter, both requiring removal of the centre console. The problem with the handbrake was three fold. It needed adjustment, the ratchet that hold it on didn't work, and even pulling up hard it barely slowed the car. A good clean and lube fixed the

first two, but the third was due to the rear cup sized drums and shoes being badly glazed. I carefully ground the glazing off the drums and cleaned up the shoes with coarse emery cloth. The wheel cylinders and self adjusting mechanism were in great condition. All back together and now I can lock the back wheels.

The cigarette lighter had never been wired from the factory. I fished one from the radio circuit and kept it hidden under the carpet. All it will be used for is charging a GPS or phone.

While I had the right front wheel off for the timing belt I had a good look at the caliper and shoes. All perfect, as it should be, having just been certified. I felt that if three were fine, no need to check the left front. More about that later.

With the car on the hoist I found a bad leak in the power steering rack. I got a rebuild kit from England, but exercising it seems to have cured it. Maybe I'll do it next spring.

The car comes with power windows but not power locks. I've added both to my 240Z, so knew the power locks were pretty easy to install, therefore I did that. While I had the driver's door apart I found a Japanese coin. Brass with a hole in it.

Now the car was running great and that's all Arnya drove all summer, having put her Ford Focus in storage at Ed's farm. While I was on the way to ZCON, driving Route 66, Arnya was driving to London to fly to Los Angeles for the closing banquet. She powered the driver's window down and didn't notice the switch stuck down. The motor burned out and she had to drive to London, back to Kitchener, then up to Kincardine with the window wide open. When I got back from ZCON I took the mechanism out and tried to salvage the motor. I got it running, but not well enough to lift the window. Fortunately it only took about a week to get a new one from England.

On the trip from Kitchener to Kincardine she heard a terrible grinding from the left front wheel. Of course the caliper had seized and one pad was down to the metal and the rotor was

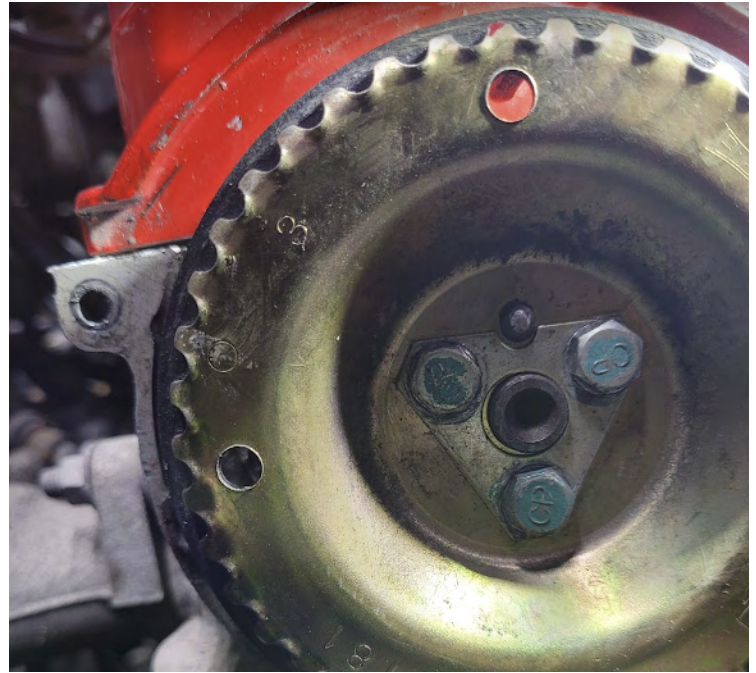
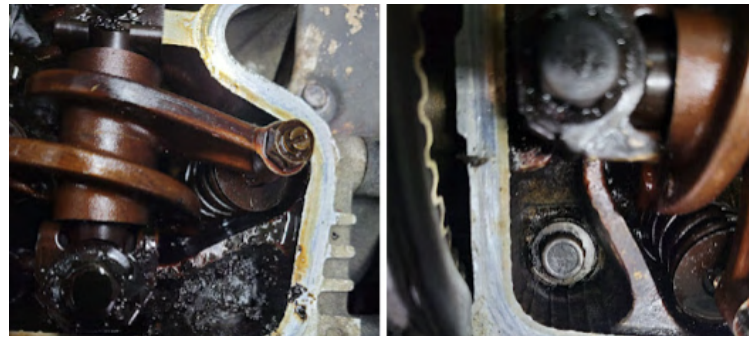


destroyed. Good thing the handbrake works so well, she was able to get by on it until parts came from England. While I was at it, I got caliper rebuild kits, although I was able to free it up quite easily. Probably will do them when I do the power steering rack. At the same time I'll pull the injectors out and have them serviced as well as send the gas tank out for epoxy coating and the radiator for a chemical flush.

Another little project was to add LED daytime running lights. I was actually able to substitute concentric park and running lights into the stock park and signal light holes in the grill so they don't look added on.

She's all tucked away in Arnya's garage in Kitchener for the winter. Arnya will be anxious for spring to come to get Ms Figgy back on the road.

Eric Zondervan
OZC Forums Host & OZC Member



ZCON 2023



ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, USA



Photos: Eric Zondervan

ZCON 2023

July 31 - August 5

Despite 2023's ZCON being held on the other side of North America (in Ontario, California), OZC Members Eric Zondervan, JP Matte and Brian & Karen Gracie attended to represent the Canadian affiliation.

Eric and JP drove all the way, taking the scenic Route 66. It was an epic adventure, and if you were lucky enough to be on his email distribution list for his daily journal you already know the details of his adventures!

The following is an excerpt from Eric's trip - focusing in on the 5 days at ZCON.

August 1, 2023

We went to the opening ceremonies tonight and ran into another fellow who has driven from Toronto. We are glad to be here and relaxing. The hotel is fantastic - it's nice to live in luxury. We did almost 5,000 km, or 3,000 miles in the week before arriving. Tomorrow we will be taking a drive up in the mountains.

August 2, 2023

We were up early to get in line for a trip into the mountains. The drive was spectacular. The Audi has a setting called "Dynamic" which drops the ride height, stiffens the suspension and raises the shift points. It completely changes the feel of the car and makes it handle amazingly for such a big, heavy vehicle. Even climbing the mountains and driving it really hard, it still got 12L/100 km.

The pictures don't begin to convey the experience.

We came back to the room and crashed after the rush we got from the morning. This afternoon we walked a couple of blocks to get snacks. On the way back, standing at a crosswalk, an old pickup went flying through the intersection with 5 police cars in hot pursuit. We watched the truck weave through traffic and run a red light,



then take off down I10.

Tonight we walked across the street for Japanese food. After, we walked around the perimeter of the hotel. It is enormous, but only three stories high, so it covers several blocks.

Apparently this is the first time cars have been displayed in the lobby. They change them up every day. The indoor judged car show is inside the convention centre tomorrow, so I'll have lots of photos from that.



August 3, 2023

The judged car show was held in the Ontario Convention Center, a quarter million square foot facility right next to the hotel. I paced off the room that the show was in and it was 90 X 120 of my fairly long paces so at least 270 feet clear span. Obviously they do not have to accommodate heavy snow loads here. Speaking of snow, it was so cold in there that it felt like winter. I didn't last too long before I had to go outside to warm up and get a jacket. No shortage of electricity here in California.



One of the highlights for me was meeting the fellows from Pro Tuners in Ottawa. They came with a couple of cars and a lot of their product. They have developed an intake manifold and are working on a complete system of manifold, throttle body, fuel injection, crank angle sensor, and coil packs, the entire package. I am very interested.

JP and I each bought a set of tail light gaskets from a company who is reproducing Datsun parts from scratch. They do a beautiful job. They had a finned differential cover that was CNC machined from a solid billet of aluminum. A work of art.



There are already companies making specialty parts for the new Zed which only came on the market a few months ago. AMS had one there that they had modified so that it could do 9.7 second quarter miles, and still be street drivable.

On the way back from the convention center, we saw one of those giant insects that make so much noise, dead on the sidewalk. The only way



to get a photograph of one of them.

The car wash station was unoccupied, so I brought the Audi over for a good washing. A terrible job because the last car wash we went to must have had extremely hard water and left mineral deposits on the car. That and bugs and general road grime made it quite a chore to clean up.

August 4, 2023

In the evening after the car show, we were bussed to The Marconi Museum. It has a large collection of cars, race cars, motorcycles and even a Lamborghini tractor. It is owned by the Marconi family, who made their fortune establishing Herbal Life. They have turned it into a charity with all proceeds going to needy children.

A burger by In And Out Burger was included. It was quite good. We sat at a table of people we didn't know and had a great visit. One old guy had a 71 Z which he has owned since new. He





wants to sell it for \$25,000.00. Probably a darn good deal since it is a California car that has never been in snow.

We were having such a good time, we barely made it onto the last bus back at 10:00 pm.

August 5, 2023

Not much to write today. We had a lazy morning, putting in time before going to the airport to pick up Arnya. I sat on the balcony reading Bill Bryson's *The Thunderbolt Kid*. Laughed until tears flowed.

Traffic to and from the airport was as bad as Toronto. We were hungry, so we got off the interstate for lunch, then went to a triple A for maps of California, Oregon and Washington. Lucky for us, we were on a side street and came across a woman walking her pet zebra. You read that right, a 12 week old zebra. She let us pet her. She's conditioning it to traffic and people so she can rent it for movies. She said it's personality is more like a donkey than a horse. Her name was Baby Zee. Appropriate, as we are at a Z convention. She will grow to 900 lbs. It is legal to have equine pets in LA.



August 6, 2023

Today was the People's Choice car show which was held in a parking lot close to the hotel. A good concept, the parking lot was shaded by solar panels. On the way there we walked past an Aston Martin with a sticker that said my other car is a 240z. When we got to the show we found it was very well populated with 510s and S30s. The most 510s I've ever seen in one place.

The most interesting 240 was was one that appeared to have had the body put on a GTR chassis. It was all wheel drive with the GTR engine. The interior appeared to have come from an infinity. Hard to imagine how difficult that would have been to pull off. Another beautiful car was from BC, the yellow 240 you'll see in the pictures. He won best engine. We will see him





again a week from Sunday at a Big Show north of Vancouver. There was a Z32 convertible with a Corvette engine transplant. Quite nicely done.

There were a lot of vendors at the show, one of whom I bought a used header from for \$100. As always at car shows, lots of nice dogs.

Tonight was the closing banquet. The week is pretty well wound down, we will be sending JP home by plane and we will head up to California coast in the morning.

... ask Eric if you want to be included in his fabulous travel journals!



Eric Zondervan

OZC Forums Host and OZC Member



CANAL DAYS & OZC BBQ



**HOSTED BY
HARRY WELLS & FAMILY**

Canal Days & OZC BBQ

August 6, 2023

What a great tradition to join Harry Wells and his family at one of the most outstanding car shows all summer.

The car show hosted as part of Canal Days in Port Colborne took place on Sunday August 6. The space in yellow in the parking area below was sectioned off for the Ontario Z Car members and guest.

As you can see in the pictures below the weather was fantastic for the show hot and sunny.

There were 28 Datsun/Nissan Zs participating in the show plus a 1969 Datsun 2000 Roadster and a Datsun 510.

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The BBQ

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Like last year a chair was left behind. Leaving a chair behind for me to figure out its owner is going to have to become a tradition. The owner was identified, and the chair has been claimed.

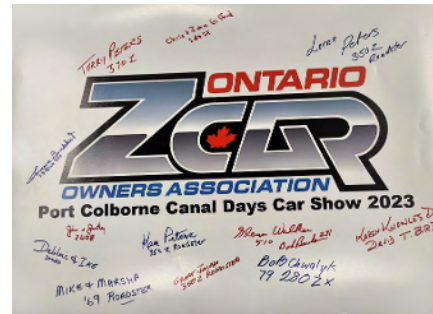
The day was great the BBQ was a success all due to the Z family and friends. Thank you to all those that made the day special bringing deserts, conversation and friendship. I couldn't have pulled the day off with out my family and to them I send a special thank you.

Harry Wells & Family

OZC Members and Show/BBQ Hosts



Francis Balogh from Fort Erie had his unique 1986 hand built 1930 Bugatti Badger Replica with a 260Z motor, transmission, drive shaft and rear end at the show.





2023 OZC Gang - many thanks to all who attended, and especially to the Wells Family!

Bob Chwalyk (ZCAR Exec) 280ZX

Terry Peters 370Z

Chris & John Gifford 280ZX

Lorna Peters 350Z Roadster

Laverne Burkhart 240Z

Jim & Judy Pretty 240Z

Ike & Debbie 300ZX

Donna & Harry Wells 240Z

Mike & Marsha 69 Datsun Roadster

Ken Peters 350z Roadster

Glen Walker 510 Datsun

Grant Iwasa 350Z Roadster

Karen Knowles 370Z

David Knowles T Bird

Joe & Alba Farkas 56 Chevy

Shannon & Jeff Thususka 370Z

Eric & Jeanette Wells 350Z

Haley Wells 300ZX

Jason Dibiase 350Z

Cassandra & Jamie Irwin 300ZX 2+2

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

AUGUST 13, 2023

This year was the first that OZC coordinated a group of members to attend the Antique & Classic Car Show at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum. We had a small turnout. Craig Simson & Tim Holton live locally and had modified 240Z & 280Z cars, plus we recruited another 240SX owner (he was interested in attending Z-Fest). I think some cars were turned away as the grounds were getting full.

It was a terrific day. I didn't stay around for the awards but there were a lot given out.

The show favours older cars 40 years old and up. Each owner received a plaque and some goodies. Most of the cars were local, but I did see some that I never saw before. There really were some great cars. This show always brings out the best.

Grant Iwasa
OZC Member

[Editors Note: thanks kindly to OZC Member Grant Iwasa for urging some members to attend what is one of his favourite annual car shows. While we didn't have a substantial turnout, it is always great to try new events, especially when we can offer social outings for members who live in different areas of the city. Who doesn't love to see Z-Cars and meet other Z-Car owners? Always feel free to let the OZC executive know when you're heading to an event and want us to poll members to join you. Our community can never be large enough!]



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HOSTED BY
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OZC ANTIQUING TOUR

AUGUST 19, 2023

Many thanks to Allan Kelly (and Manolo de Leon) for hosting this great tour to all the great antiquing spots north-west of Toronto. The tour started at Beaumont Mill in Glen Williams and moved on to Inglewood Antiques and eventually down the Forks of Credit to Erin for a tavern lunch. Great antique shops, Z cars and good friends made this a fantastic event.

Unfortunately Manolo had to leave the tour early - something about a cat bite (from his own cat!) and a trip to the hospital! We hope he recovered quickly (and the cats ok :)!



Photos: Nigel White

NISSAN & OZC @ DRIVE FESTIVAL



**HOSTED BY
KEVIN LOGUE**

DRIVE FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 9, 2023



If you're a car enthusiast and you live in Ontario - you have most likely attended the Drive Festival weekend at Canadian Tire Motorsport Park. Now held annually in early September, this event has so much to offer - manufacturer displays, test drives, expo exhibits, thrilling ride-alongs, the dream car speed run and so many more attractions.

Nissan Canada always extends an invite to OZC Members, and for a couple of years running, Kevin Logue has offered to coordinate and host our members and other Z cars representing many eras at the show.

This event is great exposure for our club. Thank you Kevin for your energy and enthusiasm and coordinating our entries (and some new ones!). You'll recognize his car @thatbluez on instagram and a multi-year winner at Z-fest!



Photos: Kevin Logue

28TH ANNUAL OZC Z-FEST

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NISSAN CANADA HEADQUARTERS

28th Annual OZC Z-FEST

September 23, 2023

The sunshine, the cars, the people...

We couldn't have hoped for a better day, better people or a better turn-out for cars.

Over 130 cars turned up at Nissan Headquarters in Mississauga, Ontario on a fine Saturday morning - with fantastic representation from all eras of the Z-Car and some amazing close affiliates.

This really is the day of the year that we all look forward to. It's a great intersection of meeting all of our best OZC friends - but also a great outreach to see who else in the community wants to join in on the fun. We celebrate the Z-Car and we love seeing all the new cars that show up.

A huge thank you to Nissan Canada for providing the facility and a few volunteers to help host this year. As you can see by the previous photo - Nissan assembled the perfect backdrop for the event. They brought out their heritage collection, as well as a number of brand new Z models - including the prototype of the new NISMO model expected to be released next year.

So many volunteers dedicated their precious time - it's a big event to organize - the welcome committee, the parking by era, the registration, the food, the music, the announcements, the vote tallying, the prizes, the awards presentation. Somehow it all comes together, and we're so fortunate to have everyone help out - thank you all!

The attendees are of course the heart of the event - and we were so excited to see so many new people come out... tons of cool cars and tons of amazing spectators. The Z-Car has stood the test of time and is obviously still so very relevant and admired. Maybe even now more than ever.

Congratulations to all the winners of the awards! Although we think everyone deserves an award for the obvious pride they take in their car



Photos: Giancarlo Pawelec

ownership - it does boil down to what the participants think. Next year... look for some new categories and new ways to win. We love hearing feedback on the event - please send us any ideas, suggestions or feedback you have to info@ontariozcar.com.

A very special mention to Monica Zondervan... she worked deligently behind the scenes to tally the hundreds of votes across so many categories within a tight deadline. Thank you Monica!

We can't forget to thank Giancarlo Pawelec of Pawelec Photo. He captured the essence of the event in photos and video... grand memories!

A kind mention to Howie Yoshida's family who donated a couple of significant door prizes.

Every year we hold a 50/50 draw, this years winner was Harry Wells (who you may recognize from his vast collection of Z-Cars across many eras - his entire family that also shares his passion). This year's total prize pool was \$780 - graciously, Harry added his portion of winnings to this year's charity donation to the Canadian Cancer Society. Harry - we were all so very touched - you are a very thoughtful person!

There was one aspect of Z-Fest that was tough for many of us this year. Our dear friend Howie Yoshida passed away un-expectedly just prior to the event. For those of you who may not know - Howie has been pivitol to our club for decades. He has also been the key organizer for Z-Fest for the last many years. He worked hard on this year's event. We were so fortunate to welcome his entire family to the event, and we celebrated his life - commemorating his memory by having his car featured at the event.

Howie's family meant everything to him, and having his wife Sherrie, son Derek (& wife Jenny), Howie's grandsons Evan and Cody and Howie's older son Brian (& wife Michelle) with us was extra special. OZC Members appreciated so much being able to share stories with Howie's family and signing an honourary banner with Howie's car and picture on it - which was displayed promenantly at Howie's visitation. The OZC Executive also signed his helmet... our way of wishing him godspeed.

In our books the 28th annual OZC Z-Fest was super successful - we have already started planning for next year - and can't wait!

Diane Dale
OZC Member

OZC Z-Fest Winners 2023			
GENERATION	CLASS	1st	2nd
S30 (1969-1977) 240Z, 280Z	Stock	Laverne Burkhart	Eric Zondervan
	Modified	Rick Scott	Jeff Farkas
S130 (1978-1983) 280ZX	Stock	Rick Scott	David Buttle
	Modified	Bob Chwalyk	Chris Gifford
Z31 (1984-1989) 300ZX 1st Gen	Stock	Bob Burnham	Haley Wells
	Modified	Christian Veilleux	Connor Spragg
Z32 (1990-2001) 300ZX 2nd Gen	Stock	Yeprem Torossian	Candido Nogueira
	Modified	Mauricio Gomez	Brian Edwards
Z33 (2002-2008) 350Z	Stock	Jeff Thususka	Gary Meyer
	Modified	Donna Wells	Kevin Logue
Z34 (2009-2020) 370Z	Stock	Bill Husar	Mark Hynes
	Modified	Justin Boorman	Ahsan Javed
Other	Stock	Jack MacDonnell	Robert Jagatic
	Modified	Victor Lee	Glen Watson
Top Vote Getter		Jack MacDonnell	



Nissan Canada - Thank You!



50/50 Winner - Harry Wells

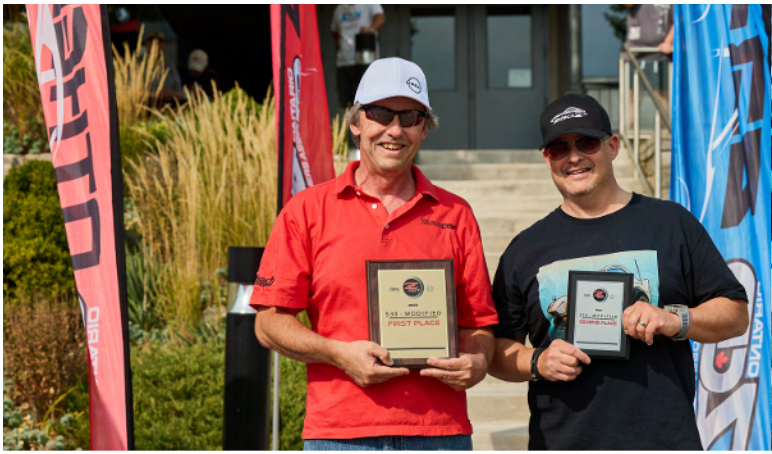


S30 Stock 1st - Laverne Burkhart - 1973 Datsun 240Z



S30 Stock 2nd - Eric Zondervan - 1972 Datsun 240Z





S30 Modified 1st - Laverne Burkhart - 1973 Datsun 240Z



S30 Modified 2nd - Jeff Farkas - 1976 Datsun 260Z



S130 Stock 1st - Rick Scott - 1981 Datsun 280ZX



S130 Stock 2nd - David Buttle - 1980 Datsun 280ZX



S130 Modified 1st - Bob Chwalyk - 1979 Datsun 280Z



S130 Modified 2nd - Chris Gifford - 1980 Datsun 280ZX



Z31 Stock 1st - Bob Burnham - 1986 Nissan 300ZX



Z31 Stock 2nd - Haley Wells - 1987 Nissan 300ZX



Vote Tally by Monica Zondervan!



Z31 Modified 1st - Christien Veilleux - 1985 Nissan



Z31 Modified 2nd - Connor Spragg - 1988 Nissan 300ZX



Z32 Stock 1st - Yeprem Torossian - 1990 Nissan 300ZX



Z32 Stock 2nd - Candido Nogueira - 1990 Nissan 300ZX





Z32 Modified 1st - Mauricio Gomez - 1994 Nissan 300ZX



Z32 Modified 2nd - Brian Edwards - 1990 Nissan 300ZX



Z33 Stock 1st - Jeff Thususka - 2004 Nissan 350Z



Z33 Stock 2nd - Gary Meyer - 2004 Nissan 350Z



Z33 Modified 1st - Donna Wells - 2004 Nissan 350Z



Z33 Modified 2nd - Kevin Logue - 2004 Nissan 350Z



Z34 Stock 1st - Bill Husar - 2016 Nissan 370Z



Z34 Stock 2nd - Mark Hynes - 2019 Nissan 370ZX



Z34 Modified 2nd - Justin Boorman - 2013 Nissan 370Z



Free Ice Cream - compliments of Nissan Canada!



Z34 Modified 2nd - Ahsan Javed - 2011 Nissan 370Z



Other Stock 1st - Jack MacDonnell - 1967 Datsun 1600 (and top votes of the show!)



Other Stock 2nd - Robert Jagatic - 1967 Datsun 1600





Other Modified 1st - Victor Lee - 1999 Nissan Skyline GTR



Other Modified 2nd - Glen Watson - 1978 Nissan 620 Pickup



Howie Yoshida's Family and his 1981 Datsun 280ZX



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CHEESE BOUTIQUE



CARS & COFFEE

CHEESE BOUTIQUE

SEPTEMBER 29, 2023

Fatos Pristine is a third generation member of the family that established the iconic "Cheese Boutique" in Toronto's near west end. If you haven't been there - go - it's simply amazing. You can read all about the Cheese Boutique and his family in this Toronto-Life article "The Ministers of Cheese".

What's even cooler - is that Fatos owns a beautiful Datsun 240Z and reached out to us to let us know about the Cars & Coffee events he's been hosting at their store's location. (He also apologized for not being able to attend Z-Fest - he really wants to make it, but seems to always be working!).

OZC Members Craig Simpson and Jeff Farkas attended the event and reported back in.

OZC Member Craig Simpson:

Wow was that a great show. Im glad I went. I arrived at 5:45pm & I'm glad I did. The street started to fill up and was packed with cars by 7:30pm. In fact, there were so many cars & people the street was shut down & the participants couldn't get their cars close enough to park at the event.

I enjoyed myself & I will go next year if there are events there. But, arriving early is a must.



Craig Simpson meets Fatos Pristine!



Photos: Craig Simpson



CHEESE & COFFEE
CARS & COFFEE
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SEPTEMBER 29TH.
6pm - 9pm
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Photos: Jeff Farkas

GODSPEED HOWIE...

Howie... We know you wouldn't have wanted a fuss - but we sure hope you were proud of us.

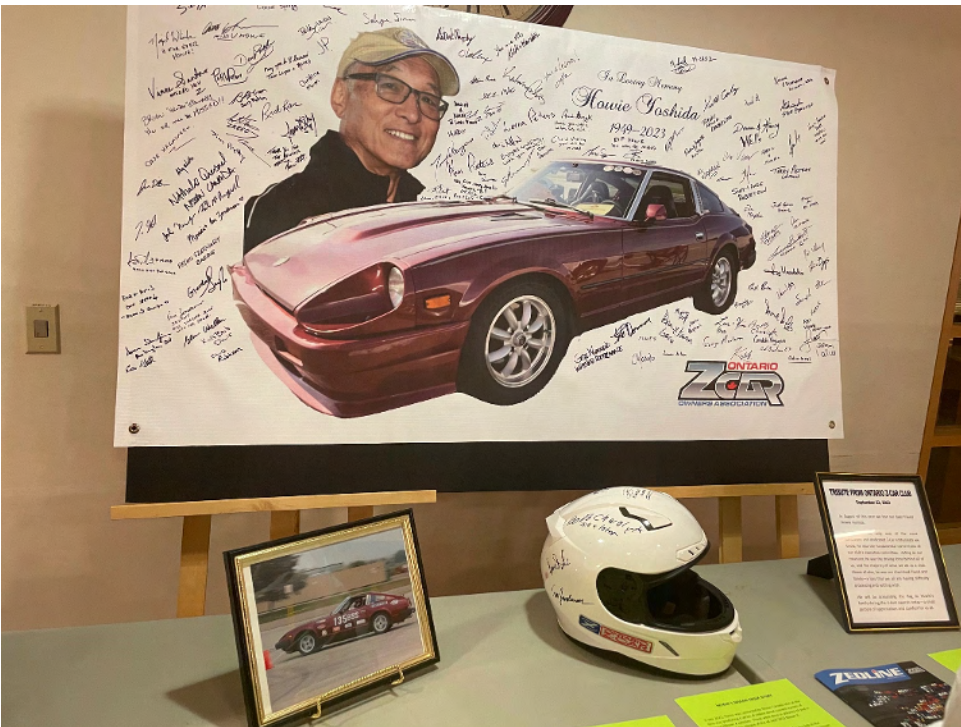
We all got dressed up. We all drove our Zed's. We met up early and convoyed to visit you once last time.

We got to spend some treasured time with Sherrie, Brian, Derek and Michelle, Jenny, Evan, Cody and so many more family and friends who were special to your life.

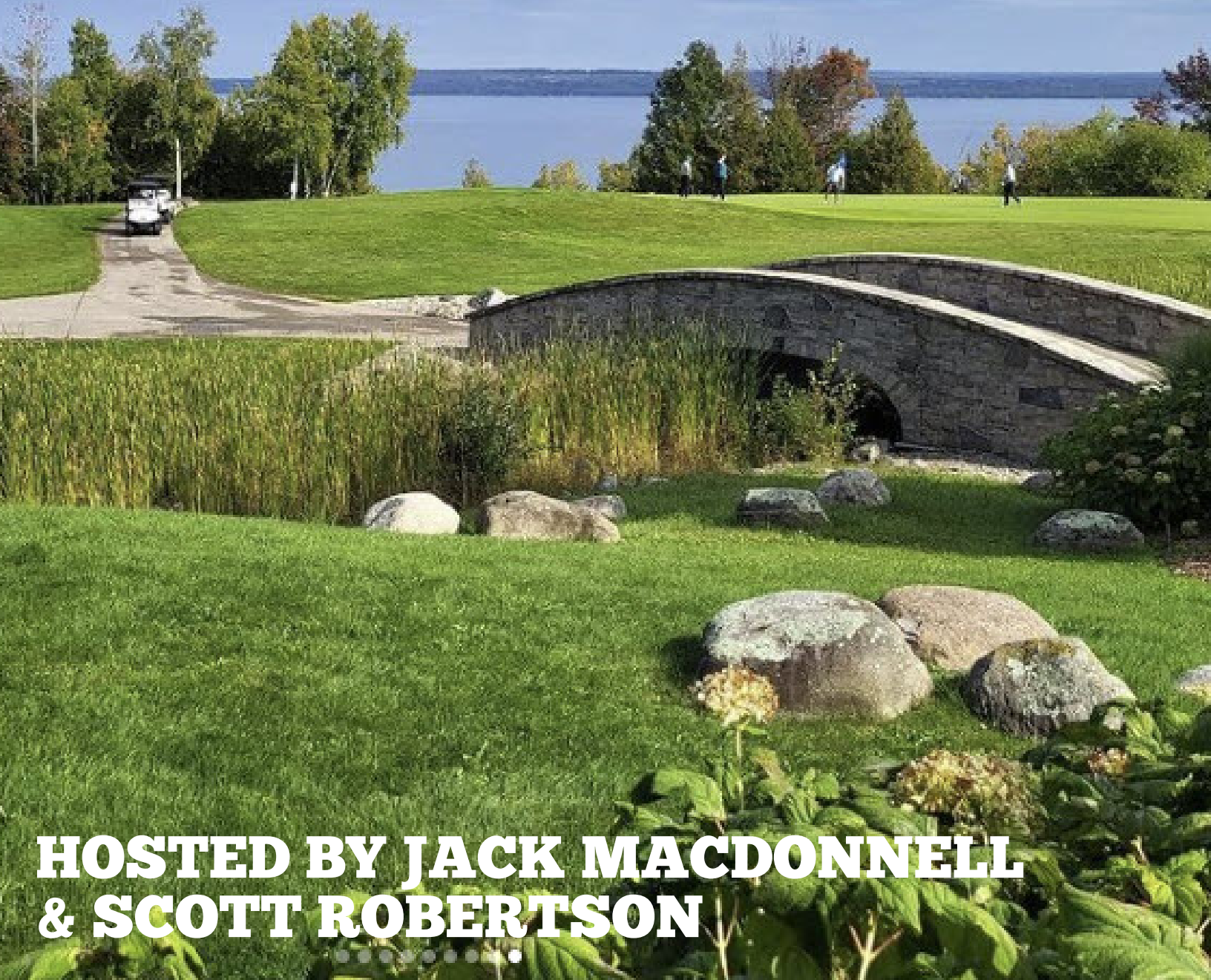
We spent time together, trying to understand, comprehend and process.

We hope you were with us. We hope you will help us through this. Words cannot express how grateful we are that you were such a big part of our lives, and fortunate to have shared this life with you. Thank you for all of that you did with us and for us.

Godspeed Howie.. until we see you again.



COASTLINE CRUISE



**HOSTED BY JACK MACDONNELL
& SCOTT ROBERTSON**

LAKE HURON & GEORGIAN BAY COASTLINE CRUISE OCTOBER 1, 2023

OZC Members Jack MacDonnell and Scott Robertson were incredible hosts on this brand new tour covering the Georgian Bay coastline.

Jack said... *"We had some memorable moments e.g. my Roadster broke down 10 mins into the Cruise - Scott took over the lead and was able to get the group through a detour in Port Elgin and I eventually met everyone at Cobble Beach for lunch in my 370Z - we pulled in at the same time. A little bit of rain mid morning and then skies cleared and Beaver Valley was breath-taking. Scott and Angie made this cruise happen!"*

Scott said... *"It was a blast! Making sure 19 cars were accounted for was a challenge... Getting lost.... In Port Elgin... well was embarrassing due to road closures. Most attendees loved the route that Jack suggested, so it was a success. Cobble Beach did an amazing job for lunch!! We were treated very well with parking and patient staff and amazing food. Angie did an excellent job as well, waivers, google maps, and welcome smiles. It was so much fun!"*



Photos: Scott Robertson



KAWARTHA FALL COLOURS

A silver KAWARTHA car is the central focus, parked on a grassy area with fallen leaves. In the background, several other cars are visible, including a red one and a white one, parked in a line. The scene is surrounded by trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of green, yellow, and red. The overall atmosphere is serene and scenic.

**HOSTED BY
BILL & VANDRA HUSAR**

KAWARTHA FALL COLOURS TOUR

OCTOBER 15, 2023

Bill and Vandra Husar have been organizing one or two tours in their area since 2011. This was the second one this year. A date, Saturday, Oct 14 was chosen early in the year. As the date approached, 14 cars had registered, then the weather forecast turned nasty. Bill changed the tour to Sunday, a day with a better forecast. As it turned out, Saturday was a gorgeous day and it drizzled all day Sunday.

Arnya and I had invited two couples from the Western chapter to stay at our cottage overnight Friday to break up the long drive, but because of prior commitments on Sunday, they were unable to attend. The drizzle didn't stop eight cars from coming out. Bill and Vandra did their usual stellar job of keeping everyone together and on schedule. Many of the highlights were places we regulars had been before, but the Husars threw in a new one, the Adam and Eve rocks in Buckhorn. There are still other attractions we didn't get to, like the Dorset Lookout Tower, maybe next year. By afternoon we started losing participants due to commitments they had in the evening, but we still had a few cars left at the last stop. Panorama Park in Minden, where I took this photo of my car.

Eric Zondervan

OZC Forums Host & Member



Photo: Eric Zondervan



Photos: Bill Husar

OZC YEAR-END SOCIAL

Well we did it again... a abulous turnout for the 2023 OZC Year-end social on December 2.

Close to 40 OZC members and guests turned up for our social get together at the Mandarin Restaurant in Mississauga, Ontario.

A gracious thank you to Eric Zondervan for organizing the event and for treasurer Steve Edmonds for the financial logistics.

Super cool that the club was able to offer a half-price discount to OZC members +1 guest.

The ironic thing was that everyone was having such a good time that no-one bothered to get a picture of the group!

Arnya however was impressed enough with the buffet that she did get a shot of that. Looks pretty spectacular doesn't it. That and tables full of your best OZC friends... what a great celebration!

We hope you'll join us next year - suggestions being taken for your favourite venue!



Photo: ArnyaJones

ZCCQ CLUB PROFILE



BIG BANANA RENDEZVOUS SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2023

ZCCQ's Continuing Feature!

A relationship that started with zoom calls and an online debut of the new Z car was the best thing that ever came out of the pandemic for us!

We have found our "sister club" - the Z Car Club of Queensland, Australia! With regular check-ins we're excited to feature news from their club every month.

We're almost due for an online social meetup with a couple of their members - let us know if you're interested in joining.

We keep saying that it's too bad there's an ocean between us - but our passions unite us!

G'day from Downunder!

You might remember on our last adventure; Z Car Club of Queensland had a brilliant weekend visiting the Big Apple in Stanthorpe. Well, this time we headed out on a Big Banana adventure!!

This was a weekend rendezvous with our neighbours to the south, the Z Car Club of NSW (New South Wales) in the beautiful seaside city of Coffs Harbour, home of the Big Banana - and about halfway between Brisbane and Sydney.

Queensland was well represented with our footy colour of Maroon, fashioned by our Social Coordinator, Robert Brooks and Club Member Troy Young..... Go Queensland!!

Blue (The NSW colour) was not sighted anywhere, I guess they must have gotten scared



Photos submitted by: Annemarie Lawton and Robert Brooks



as we outnumbered them slightly. We do have to confess.....it was only by one car, but who's counting.

ZCCQ started day one at the BP Truckstop at Yatala where the guys formed a gathering over a classic Zed. Great to see something so old in such good condition, and so was his car (LOL).



The girls on the other hand had important discussions over some freshly brewed Wild Beans coffee.

For our first leg, we stopped for morning tea at the Pitstop Café in Woodenbong which did not disappoint. On offer was a great selection of cakes and slices..... did anyone say coffee.

The main topic of conversation was how we almost had a code brown with a 260z, and (I am not talking about chocolate cake). Lucky the owner Lindsay, is a skilled driver and it was impressive to see him get it back onto the black top.

From here we headed through some of Woodenbong's best roads, a favourite drive for the club due to some the roads being very appropriate for a Zed. This included Summerland Way which kept us off the highway, meandering through many little country towns.

Soon after, we arrived in Grafton for a delicious lunch at the Clocktower Hotel, then heading to our final destination, the Coastal Bay Hotel, Coffs Harbour.





We had a much-deserved sundowner at the Hotel, enjoying a few cleansing ales and plenty of laughs and stories from the day's drive.

As night was about to fall, it was time to meet up for a few drinks with Z Car Club NSW at a watering hole called the Element Bar. Apparently, the only place in Coffs Harbour where you can get a foot long hotdog - the pizzas looked pretty good too.





Day two started with brekky at Twenty 46 Café. They put on a great feed and it was an awesome way to start the day.

From here we drove past the banana plantations and up the mountain to Sealy's lookout. It was a perfect opportunity for a photo shoot with all the cars from both clubs. We figured it would be good to set up our own 'Zed Line' specially for OZC. We also enjoyed the panoramic views of the region and out over the ocean (we could almost see Ontario waaaaay off in the distance!)

We then headed to the town of Bellingen and up through the beautiful Waterfall Way. An amazing stretch of road, winding through the mountains with cascading waterfalls one side, breathtaking views on the other. There were plenty of challenging twists and turns along this road, a highlight of the day.

We arrived at Dorrigo National Park, home of the World Heritage-listed Gondwana Rainforest. This area has many breathtaking waterfall walks, picnic areas and an abundance of birdlife.







Unfortunately, we only had time to visit the Skywalk lookout which takes you on a platform above the canopy of rainforest trees with views from the forest to the sea, as well as a warning not to feed the locals.

A quick visit to the Canopy Café and Rainforest Centre before we headed back to Bellingen for lunch at the Federal Hotel. It was no secret that the hotel had great food, the place was jam packed with diners including some very hungry Z Car people. So good!!!

After lunch we headed out to the Raleigh Motor Sports Complex, just in time to see the end of the final event. The Z Car Club NSW will be looking into incorporating an event here in the future. We're all looking forward to that, a few laps around the track would be fun. Challenge accepted.

Saturday night was a delicious Aussie BBQ back in Coffs Harbour at Jetty Beach Park, graciously hosted by Shannon's Insurance. It was wonderful sharing a few laughs and some Z





stories with the crew from NSW. Special thanks to Shannon's Insurance for bringing the meat for the barbie.

Day three started with a hearty breakfast at the Coffs Harbour Sailing Club where the laughter and camaraderie flowed as we recounted an enjoyable weekend. The girls quickly escaped to have a look around the local Markets.

It was the end of a ripper weekend choc-a-block full of adventure, great Zed roads, good company and beautiful scenery.

There was no fuel left in the tank for any of us and we all agreed it was time to make our way home. Many thanks to the Z Car Club of NSW and everyone who made the weekend such a success, this is definitely the start of a tradition between our two clubs!

We look forward to another rendezvous soon. It was a bewty!!

Seeya next time.

Annemarie Lawton & Robert Brooks
ZCCQ Members



Links to these fabulous places!

- The Big Banana Fun Park
- Queensland Maroons Rugby League
- Wild Bean Cafe
- Clocktower Hotel, Grafton
- Coastal Bay Motel, Coffs Harbour
- Sealy Lookout, Coffs Harbour
- Dorrigo National Park
- Raleigh Motorsports Complex
- Jetty Beach, Coffs Harbour
- Coffs Harbour Yacht Club

AVOTTO

OZC MEMBER RECOMMENDATION

Hello Z Fans, we have a nice story to share:

Nancy and I were fortunate to purchase our 2009 370Z touring model in 2015.

Since that time, we have attended numerous car shows and were always interested in applying a paint protection film (PPF).

That being said, we learned that there were a couple of leading brands on the market and we eventually settled on Xpel (brand).

We were then looking for a reputable installer and were happy to meet Anthony Verrelli, of AV Otto, in Pickering.

Anthony is very knowledgeable and an expert in this field. He was very diligent and accommodating for our timing to get the job done. His shop as seen in the photos is immaculate, professional and is equipped with the latest technology. Through his experience, he was very helpful in determining what was required to achieve the desired protection.

His installer, Kris, is also very knowledgeable and treats every car as his own. We are happy to have invested in this application to protect our Z for many years to come. Our Z shines like new and will be protected from stone chips, road grime and UV rays. Additionally, we learned that a characteristic of PPF is that it adheres to the car and by design, even reduces the appearance of the fine "spider web" scratches.

In further conversation with Anthony, we also learned that he is our neighbor, living only minutes from us. You might say we were destined to meet!

We are very grateful for the Z Club's events to all the wonderful car shows, where we learn of new innovations in the automotive industry all the while making new friends along the way!

Tom and Nancy Lupu
OZC Members





OZC Member Jason Riley's new autobiography...

OZC Member Jason Riley has just released his autobiography - you can read about it here: [Jason Riley takes on bullying in new autobiography \(thespec.com\)](https://thespec.com) and if you're interested, it is available for purchase on Amazon.

Jason owns a 1975 Datsun 280Z and first joined OZC back in 1998.

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JOIN US AT OUR OZC MEMBER NIGHTS!

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 (April to November, we don't meet in the west in the winter). We start the meeting at 7:30 PM but come earlier to join us for a bite to eat at 6:00 PM.

Montana's BBQ & BAR

(approx 2.5 KM south of 401 on Hwy 24 (Hespeler Road) west side)

Contact: Brian Gracie, Western VP



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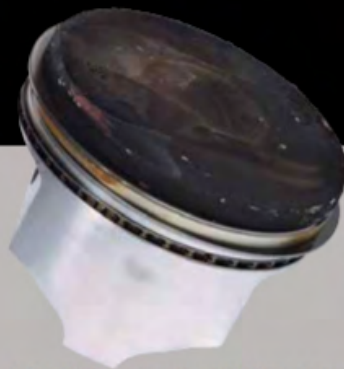
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