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**THE PRESIDENT SEZ**

**Ty Ozgen, President**

I'm sorry if I got people confused with my last article but I was just trying to make a point that the garage is just as important as the rest of the house and we need to take care of it. I want to thank "The Garage Store and More" for having us out to their store. I was quite impressed with what can be done with the garage as far as getting it organized. They had everything there from floor products to wall products and then some. The current state of my garage is disorganized. Yes I do have some cabinets but they do not match and I still have things lying around, as well as things that I do not even use just collecting dust. As far as the floor, I also have some small cracks on the concrete as well as some flaking. So I said to myself...It is time!! Well, I bit the bullet today and put down a deposit on getting the floor done. This involves preparing the concrete by sanding it down and fixing the cracks and then applying an epoxy coating on it that is stain and chemical resistant. It will be a black/white flake coat to it and be slip resistant so the kids don't slip and fall. The hard part for me is that I have to get everything out of the garage including the cars. That seems like a big burden but I will at least go through everything to see what I need and don't need (the cars stay). I really am excited about it though. When it is all done maybe I can have you all over for some tea and crumpets. Oh I'm sorry, I was thinking like my wife...what I meant to say is that you can come over for some beer and brats while we talk cars and scratch ourselves. I'll keep you all apprised of the situation.



There was an interesting article in the USA Today paper last week that you may have seen. A picture of a 350Z was on the "Money" section. At first I thought to myself that the Z won another award for something, perhaps for being a great bargain for a high performance sports car. Then I read the article and found out the details and it is really nothing to be proud

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of. The article was outlining the findings from the Insurance Institute for Highway's report on death rates for vehicles involved in crashes and our beloved 350Z was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> overall in death rates behind the Chevy Blazer and the Acura RSX. This is thought to be due to the "risk taking drivers" and the small size of the Z. I can certainly understand this. With sports cars we do take risks that we may not really do with the big family sedan or SUV. Especially with all these safety features that now come with cars...we feel invincible. This is far from the truth so lets be careful out there, wear your seat belts and don't forget to brush and floss, and don't push the Q-tips deep into the ear canal, don't forget to get a colonoscopy after the age of 50...you get my point.

– See you at the ZGM. Ty



**Jeff Pleiter  
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The National Z Car Convention is happening during the first week of October this year at Daytona Beach in Florida. We have provided the agenda and some general information in the pages of this newsletter. Additional information can be found on the convention website [www.flza.com](http://www.flza.com). You can register for both the hotel and the convention on line. The hotel is ideally situated on the beach and near Daytona Speedway. There are events for both go and show. Several members are planning on going or considering going. I have always had a great time whenever I go. Let me know if you are interested in joining the group going down.

There were four Zs at the Salt Creek Autocross at Maywood: three 350Zs, and my 300ZX. Weather was

beautiful - sunny and in the 70s. The course was well laid out and great fun. While the 350Zs compete in a different class, I was happy to outperform one of them. Hope to see a few more of you out there next time. My camera is on the fritz, so unfortunately I can't share any pictures this time.

On another subject, I pulled the 280ZX out of storage and brought it in for its spring oil change and to have the air conditioning repaired. Fortunately, all it needed was a replacement of an air conditioning hose that had a pinhole, and it soon was blowing cold air again. I also decided to have the stock wheels refinished and brought them to Wheels America in Arlington Heights. They were close, quick and seemed to be reasonably priced, with a bonus of a discount per the ad that can be found in the back of Motor Trend. The stock wheels are the iron cross style, with the black painted inset for the anniversary scheme. However, once I got there they reviewed the wheels and noted that the alternate pockets are painted silver, and what they could not do was handle painting two colors, the black and the silver. I have to credit them for pointing that out, and then being able to point me to one of their competitors who could do the work. So rerouting the same day to Transwheel in Addison, I found they were able to do the job, and after three days I was able to pick up a set of newly refinished wheels. If only the Secretary of State were so quick. My personalized antique plates finally arrived at the end of March, after being ordered last September.

Also, a warm welcome to Rick and Elizabeth and Anger and their 2004 350Z. Hope to see you at our next event!  
- Jeff



**Bob Rosecrans  
Vice President for Activities**

We're getting into the driving season and the events are beginning to line up. April 21<sup>st</sup> is Purdue Car Show in West LaFayette, IN. The show draws a

wide variety of cars and a number of the vehicles drive a considerable distance to attend, last year someone drove from Detroit. Coupled to the car show is the Gran Prix races which draw teams from around the country in wheel to wheel competition. The show is a fun event and some members from the Indy Z Car Club and WCZC members attend. One of the event organizers is a Z'er.

On Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> we are having a meet at Portillo's in Downers Grove at 5:00pm. We're having a special guest of honor, a Z'er from Australia who is visiting Chicago and wants to meet up with fellow

Z'ers. JD is staying in the downtown area and I'll be picking him up and driving out to Downers. I hope we have good turn out of Z's and maybe some pictures, stories, etc we can share with JD.

The Millenium Car Show is Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Excuses Bar & Grill, 901 E. Oakton, Des Plaines, IL 60018. The registration fee is \$2 and begins at 12:30 pm with trophies being presented at 3:30 pm. A number of clubs will be present from Euros, Imports, & Exotics. This is the main car show for the Ferrari Owners Club. There will be trophies for a Z division.

On Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a cruise to Starved Rock. We'll be picnicking at the park and asking people to bring a dish to pass around. The club will supply the burgers & dogs. Watch your email for further details.

Sunday, June 24<sup>th</sup> is the UPS/ United Way Car Show in Hodgkins and the WCZC has been invited to attend. I will send out a flier with the details of the event as there is a discount if you pre-register before April 30<sup>th</sup>.

On Saturday July 7<sup>th</sup> there will be cruising to Madison, WI to visit the famous French Market around the Capital Building. Tom Miller will lead us on a drive of some back roads in the area. We'll stop have lunch and cruise back to Chicago.

MW Heritage Z Event is July 13-15 at the Brown County Inn in Nashville, IN. On Friday, there will be a wine event at Chateau Thomas that will also showcase our cars for the public, plus the keg and klean on Friday night. There will be a hospitality suite at the hotel. Saturday will feature the car show with the judging wrapped up no later than 2 PM in order for some driving in the twisties, a.k.a. the poker run. Saturday will end with a BBQ back at the hotel with live music. There will be live music on Friday night, Saturday during the show, Saturday evening at the BBQ and just about every place in between. Check out the website for the Indy Z Car Club for further details:

[www.indyzcarclub.com](http://www.indyzcarclub.com).

July 29<sup>th</sup> the Salt Creek Autocross at Maywood Park. Lee Witkowski is heading this event and will provide details later.

Cruisin'Z Car Show will be August 11<sup>th</sup> at Volo Auto Museum.

It's looking like a busy summer, hopefully you'll find something that interests you.

- Z Ya, Bob



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## Come to the General Z meetings!





The **Florida Z Association** is proud to host the 20th Annual Z Car Convention in Daytona Florida!

Be sure to check the **Agenda** for a list of **awesome** events and activities! You can also find more detailed information on [www.flza.com](http://www.flza.com).

The **Daytona Beach Hilton** is our host hotel! This is a **5 star hotel** that will be a FANTASTIC venue for this prestigious event! We have negotiated competitive rates of \$119 per night! You can make your hotel reservations for the convention online. If you register by calling them, make sure you tell them that you

are attending the ZCCA National Z car Convention when you make your reservations to get the discount. Not only is this hotel located directly on the beach, but is attached to a large strip of shops (Ocean Walk) and places to go! Restaurants, night clubs, shopping, entertainment, movies, and much more are located within 100 yards of the hotel! There is an abundant night life within walking distance of the hotel as well! Also, the events are within a 15 minute drive from the Daytona Airport and a 50 minute drive from the Orlando Airport.

Daytona International Speedway! Doesn't that say it all?! You couldn't ask for a more awe inspiring location for the car show, AutoX, track day and more! And the best part is it is only a 8 minute drive from the hotel! You will be able to sign up for some amazing activities that are offered by the track and other venues in the area including things like the Richard Petty Experience!

### National Z Convention Agenda

#### Sunday, September 30

- Pre-registration
- Mad Mike's Pre-Convention Reception

#### Monday, October 1

- Registration Open
- Vendor Set Up at Daytona Speedway (DIS)
- Photo Shoot at the Oval
- Parade Laps at DIS
- Detailing Day at Daytona International Speedway
- Opening Reception at Daytona Beach Hilton
- Texas Chili Party, Flip-Flops on the Beach Style

#### Tuesday, October 2

- Registration Open
- Car Show at Daytona Speedway (DIS)
- Free Evening

#### Wednesday, October 3

- Registration Open
- Skip Barber Course; Track School and Lapping (DIS)
- Autocross at Daytona International Speedway
- Daytona Z-Week Street Party Social

#### Thursday, October 4

- Registration Open
- Autocross at Deland Airport
- Area Attraction Tours
- Beach Cruise
- Party at Bruce Rossmeyers Harley Davidson

#### Friday, October 5

- Registration Open
- Schedule beach events
- Z Road Rally
- Area Attraction Tours
- Closing Banquet & Awards

#### Optional Event

- Hot Lapping at Sebring on the famous 3.7 mile long course

## Windy City Z Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
April		
21 <sup>st</sup> – Car show	Purdue, Lafayette IN	Bob Rosecrans
May – 6 <sup>th</sup> - Gen. Mtg	Portillo's in Downers Grove	
20 <sup>th</sup> - Millenium Car Show	Excuses B&G. 901 E. Oakton, Des Plaines	
June - 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Gen Mtg		
9 <sup>th</sup> – Cruise & Picnick	Starved Rock	
24 <sup>th</sup> – UPS/United Way Car Show	Hodgkins	Bob Rosecrans
July		
7 <sup>th</sup> - Cruise	French Market & back roads. Madison, WI	Tom Miller
13-15 <sup>th</sup> - 8th Annual Heritagefest	Brown County Inn. Nashville, IN	<a href="http://www.indyzcar.com">www.indyzcar.com</a>
	- Go to the website to download the form	
29 <sup>th</sup> – Autocross vs Audis/BMWs	Saltcreek Autocross, Maywood Park	Lee Witkowski
August		
11 <sup>th</sup> - Cruisin' Z Show	Volo Auto Museum, Volo	Bob Rosecrans
September		
Fall Fling	TBA	
Septemberfest/Octoberfest	TBA	
October - Gen Mtg		
National Z Convention	Daytona, Florida	<a href="http://www.flza.com">www.flza.com</a>
November - Gen Mtg		
Birthday Party	TBA	

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