



## Volume XXX, September 2007

### THE PRESIDENT SEZ

#### Ty Ozgen, President

Here we are, entering the month of September wondering where the summer went. It just seems like the summer started and now the kids are in school and football season is upon us (I wonder how the Illini will do this year). As usual our Cruisin Z USA 2007 was successful but boy was it hot. I was a judge this year for the first generation Z's and it was very difficult indeed. We have a lot of nice cars in our club and to pick out winners was not easy. Once again thanks to Jeff Pleiter for all his work and effort in putting this thing together. I hope everyone who attended had a good time. As I mentioned last time, we may be doing this on a larger scale next year with a weekend gathering of other clubs from the Midwest but we shall see.

If you have even an inkling to do something this year with your Z, then don't miss the Oktoberfest event at the Autobahn Country Club. This is our third year for this venue and we have to give a great deal of thanks to Jay Weinberger of Continental Nissan who is our host. Jay has been very supportive of our club through the years as well as just being a friend. Our club is very fortunate to be a part of this event thanks to his efforts. It promises to be a day to remember.

As you all probably gathered by now I really like Z's. They really are great sports cars and I appreciate every generation from the 240Z to the 350Z but I have to tell you about a non-Z car I saw at the Cruise Night in Rolling Meadows that I just fell in love with. I had gone there with my 2 boys in my '83Z to hang out there with Z friends as well as take a peak at the other cars there. I really enjoy the car hobby and admire people who are enthusiastic about their cars as we are about ours. And just what was this car? Well it was not your average Mustang or Bel Air but a mint example of a 1972 Ford Country Squire station wagon. I saw that huge thing pulling in to the lot and fell in love with. It was medium blue with a dark blue interior. Of course it had the wood grain on the sides. It was loaded with



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options including air conditioning, deluxe wheel covers and rear facing rear seats. You see, I grew up in a 1971 Ford Country Sedan wagon very similar to this and seeing this just brought me back 30 years when life was so carefree and all I worried about was homework and pimples. I got a chance to talk with the owner who was about my age and his late father was the original owner and he had given it a lot of TLC. The thing had only 74k miles on it but it looked like 20k miles. The owner said he sold his Mustang and Torino and pretty much just shows this wagon because it is so unique. I agreed. Plus most of us grew up with wagons back in those days...there were no minivans or SUV's. Ah the memories...

One last note, we are in need of a location to host our web site. I am not the most computer savvy person out there so I am at a loss but if you can help us please let us know. Also we are in the preliminary stages of getting our Birthday Party together and we will get you a date as soon as we have it set. -Ty

#### Jeff Pleiter, V.P. Admin. & Membership

Our annual Cruizin' Z Car Show took place August 11 at Volo Auto Museum on a hot sunny day with temperatures in the 90s. The show went off without a hitch. A large number of people took advantage of the \$20 show special to join or renew their membership. New members received surplus sets of the first four issues of Nissan Sport Magazine until our stock ran out. In addition to the show t-shirt, entrants received a free microfiber towel and leather treatment wipe courtesy of Mequire's. Thanks to Ty Ozgen for acquiring the give aways from Meguires, and for finding the great



trophies. Attendance was low this year perhaps due to the heat and other competing activies. There were a total of 25 entrants, and perhaps about ten other Z owners who stopped by, but did not enter the show.

Thanks to Continental Nissan, Ludington Nissan, Nissan of St. Charles, and Sound Performance for stepping forward and providing sponsorship money to help defray the cost of trophies and t-shirts for the show! If you missed the show & would like one of the t-shirts, we have some extras in various sizes. \$10 ea. I'll bring extras to each of the club events I attend.

#### Trophy Winners:

1 <sup>st</sup> Gen	Stock	Modified
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Patrick Sylvester	Todd Troutman
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Pete Lockhart	Dave Johnson, Jr.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Gen.	Stock	Modified
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Jeff Pleiter	No entries
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Ty Ozgen	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Gen.	Stock	Modified
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Rich Kalashian	Michael Price
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Adianno Giannetti	
4 <sup>th</sup> Gen	Stock	Modified
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Ed Boblewski	Tony Antiporak
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	no entry	John Song
5 <sup>th</sup> Gen	Stock	Modified
1 <sup>st</sup> Place	Bill Graffy	Tom Gepas
2 <sup>nd</sup> Place	Peter Norton	

People's Choice: Tom Gepas

Best Engine: John Song

Best Paint: Rich Kalashian

Diamond in the Rough: Bob Rosecrans

I would like also to thank the six judges: Ty Ozgen, Tony Antiporak, Tom Keene, Scot and Joellyn Milford, and Pete Lockhart. The judges were split into groups of three, judging either stock or modified cars, so that they did not judge their own class. I would also like to thank Bob Rosecrans, who stepped up and did the counting of the ballots for the people voting.

Welcome to the following new members who signed up at the Cruisin' Z Show:

Jeremy Dowell	2003 350Z
Michael Price	1987 300ZX
Tomas Cepas	2003 350Z
Peter Norton	2005 350Z
Ken Axelson	2004 350Z
George Schaffer	1974 260Z
Ralph Salle	1994 300ZX TT
Ryan Doyle	1992 300ZX TT

Please contact me if you are planning to attend the National Z Car Convention in October at Daytona Beach. My wife and I made our reservations. If you are also going let me know and we can coordinate travel plans if we caravan down. - Jeff

#### **Bob Rosecrans, V.P. Activities**

The Cruizin' Z Car Show went very well and I want to thank Jeff Pleiter for taking the lead and organizing the event. The day was brutally hot and many of us took advantage to the air-conditioned refreshment area. The weather did not temper the enthusiasm and there were a lot of great cars. I do not envy the challenge to the judges on trying to pick the best stock and modified for each generation.



The Rolling Meadows Cruise Night was another success and I want to thank Scot and Joellyn for reserving a dozen spots for the club. The RM Cruise typically gets 500-600 cars every Friday night. Although most of the cars are American muscle, the Z's really attract people as they talk about their memories of the Z.

Sunday September 9<sup>th</sup> there will be a Show n Shine at Buona Beef in Downers Grove at 6:00 pm. Buona Beef is located across the street from Portillo's (near Finley Rd & Route 56). This show is low key, just come out show your car, enjoy Z friendship, and have a bite to eat.

#### **Note: Octoberfest Do Not Miss**

Jay Weinberger and Continental Motors again is sponsoring Octoberfest, however, the event will be held on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Autobahn Country Club in Joliet (remember the weather last year). Details on the show and an RSVP number/email have been sent to the members. Remember you must RSVP ahead of time due to the fact the Autobahn Country Club is a private club you must be on the guest list or you will not be allowed to enter the event. See the flier for further details.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Fall Purdue Car in West Layfatte, IN. The Spring Purdue Car Show has been so successful that a Fall show has been added. If you are interested in caravanning to West Lafayette let me know via email. I'll be leaving the Lincoln Oasis on I-294 at 8:30 am sharp toward Indiana. A flier is included in the newsletter.

The International Z Car Convention is being held in Daytona, FL the week of October 1<sup>st</sup>. Some of our members are talking about attending, so if you'd like to caravan down to Daytona let me know and I'll put you in contact. The International Convention is a fun event with parties, dinners, a big car show, driving at Daytona Speedway, and other activities.

For those not going to the International Convention, on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> we will be CruiZin' to Chesterton, IN to visit Jim Ludington's Nissan dealership. Jim bought the dealership one year to the day of the visit but he is building a much larger Nissan dealership in the area. We are going formally introduce ourselves to Jim and he will lead us on a back roads tour to the new store. Jim has offered goodies, food, etc for the members attending. Let's have a big turnout for Jim and show him our appreciation for being a sponsor of the WCZC. The Indian members can meet us at Ludington Nissan at 10:00 am. Chicago members wanting to caravan to the dealership can meet me at the Lincoln Oasis and I'll be leaving at 10:00 am sharp. Let me know if you plan on attending.

Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> will be the WCZC Birthday Party and we are headed back to Pilot Pete's in Schaumburg. I will send out an email with the invitation, menu, etc. in the near future.

There are a couple other tentative events in the works so watch your email.

- Z Ya, Bob

### Carl Kush

#### Guest article: *New Z-Land*

Yes, that is where we are trying to go. Judy and I have been contemplating the possibilities. Since our 2004 GT Roadster was totaled July 14th while on the Poker Run at the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Z Show, we have been planning the trip to "New Z-Land." Judy is not ready to go looking just yet so we are just waiting for the day we can really start shopping.

All of our Z friends were just great in helping us through this unfortunate situation. Naturally, the most help was from the members we knew the best; however, we feel everyone in the Z community is family and we know we can count on any one of our club members.

Judy and I share dual membership with the Indianapolis Z Car Club and Windy City Z Club. It has been a dream of mine to start bringing the clubs closer together since we first visited the Purdue Grand Prix Car Show in 2005. There were large groups of many other cars, but not many Z cars. I'm a newcomer to the show events, but I believe Z owners have a special place in the history of sports cars, and I think we should be proud to show it.

This dream of mine is for the two clubs to work and play together more. The fall auto show at Purdue is new this year and it would be a great place to gather the Z cars from both clubs and show off a little. We will of course have a little friendly competition, but more importantly become better acquainted. It's quite possible some invitations to club events could be extended between clubs and more information shared.

Picture this scenario: You're traveling along in your Z mobile in unfamiliar territory when something goes wrong; maybe our friends from the local Z club can offer some assistance. They sure helped us and we are very grateful. We didn't have to ask, they were there for whatever was needed.

The Z season is winding down, but there are still a few great events on the calendar. Some of you may be getting tired of traveling, but Purdue isn't too far from either club so give it some thought.

The September 22<sup>nd</sup> Purdue Car Show may be one of the last driving events of the season for some of us, but we always have a good time. This is a low key affair and this time we will be asking for our own Z section. At the spring show I even found out about Skyline Chili. . . thanks, Tony. We hope to Z a lot of old and new friends at Purdue. Feel free to contact "Carl": [cekush@comcast.net](mailto:cekush@comcast.net) for info.

**Please send all entries to 3876 Ledyard St., West Lafayette, IN 47906. Feel free to contact Alec Cervenka [[acervenk@purdue.edu](mailto:acervenk@purdue.edu)]**

**Send any questions you have and I look forward to seeing you all at the show!.. President, PAPA... 630-302-9209**



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Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
September		
9 <sup>th</sup> – Show & shine 6pm	Buona Beef, Downers Grove at Finley & Rte 56	
16 <sup>Th</sup> – Octoberfest	Autobahn Country Club, Joilet	Continental Nissan <a href="mailto:suzanneb@continentalnissan.com">suzanneb@continentalnissan.com</a>
22 <sup>nd</sup> – Purdue Fall Car show	West Lafayette, Indiana	See if we can't bring more cars than Indy!!
October – Gen Mtg		
5 <sup>Th</sup> - Cruise to Ludington	Chesterton, Indiana	Ludington Nissan
National Z Convention	Daytona, Florida	<a href="http://www.flza.com">www.flza.com</a>
November – Gen Mtg		
10 <sup>Th</sup> - Birthday Party	Pilot Pete's, Schaumburg	

### ~ RECENT EVENTS ~



*Cruisin' Z '07  
Volo, IL  
Aug 11, 2007*



*Autocross  
Madness  
JULY 29, 2007*



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We hope you will make plans for our third year celebrating the Nissan Z-Car at Autobahn Country Club in Joliet, Chicagoland's new privately owned race track. Arrangements are being made for a fun-filled day of driving, spectating, feasting and, most importantly, renewing acquaintances with current and prospective Z-Club members and their Z-Cars. And we'll do it in style as we cook up a hearty "Oktoberfest"-style luncheon accompanied with live German festival music for your entertainment. The food and the fun are on us, so we hope we can expect you. It promises to be an event to remember.

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**Don Brubaker, Ph.D.**  
**Guest Column: *Road America***

Dropping over the crest of the hill over 100 MPH (I'm not going to tell you how much over 100!) in my 300ZX into turn 5 at Road America, the corner signs coming up on the right, "4, 3, 2, 1", glancing at the left-hander at the bottom of the hill and the run up the steep hill to turn 6. How late can I wait to brake? Sign 4 is past, Sign 3 is at the nose of the car, one pump of the pedal to set the pads and hard on the brakes. Heel and toe, blip the throttle with each downshift, down from fifth to fourth, third and finally to second. The car is squirming under braking, the tires are about to set off the ABS, and the speed is dropping, but is it coming off fast enough? Have the brakes overheated? Is the brake fluid boiling? I have dropped over the hill in the middle of the track as suggested by a Porsche racer who also has run the Daytona 24. The nose of the car is aimed for the turn-in point at the right edge of the turn. Given the way the track bends in from the right, I will have a more than 90-degree turn, but he thinks this is the fast way around. Once again, I hope he is right! Off the brakes, hit the turn-in point, gently turn into the corner, head for the apex, gently back on the throttle, squeeze the throttle in a little more as we hit the apex. I can feel the front tires sliding just a little, hopefully the acceleration will shift the weight enough to the rear to allow the fronts a little more bite and still keep the rear from sliding. The car swings out to the track-out point and we are up the hill cleanly again, 6000 RPM in second, shift, headed under the bridge for the blind left-hand turn 6. Lap after lap, 4 miles of smooth, fast black asphalt, 14 turns, including "The Kink", "Canada Corner", and many of the other famous corners you have seen on TV with the Champ cars or other professional races. And here you are, lapping Road

America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, just like the professionals, except in your own car. The Champ cars do it in something around 2 minutes. Can you do it under 3? Trust me, under 3 minutes at Road America is fast.

Would you like to do this? I have been lucky enough for the past 15 years to be a part of the Chicago Alfa Romeo Owners Club as well as the Windy City Z club. The Alfa club has 3 track days a year including the October event at Road America. All makes of cars are invited to come to the open lapping provided. In fact, one of the joys of the event is the diversity of cars showing up at their events. Ferraris, Mustangs, Corvettes, the **very fast** 240Zs of the Bucholzer's, Porsche Carrera GT, etc. are there. It is as if you are at a car show, and then you can get on the track and play.

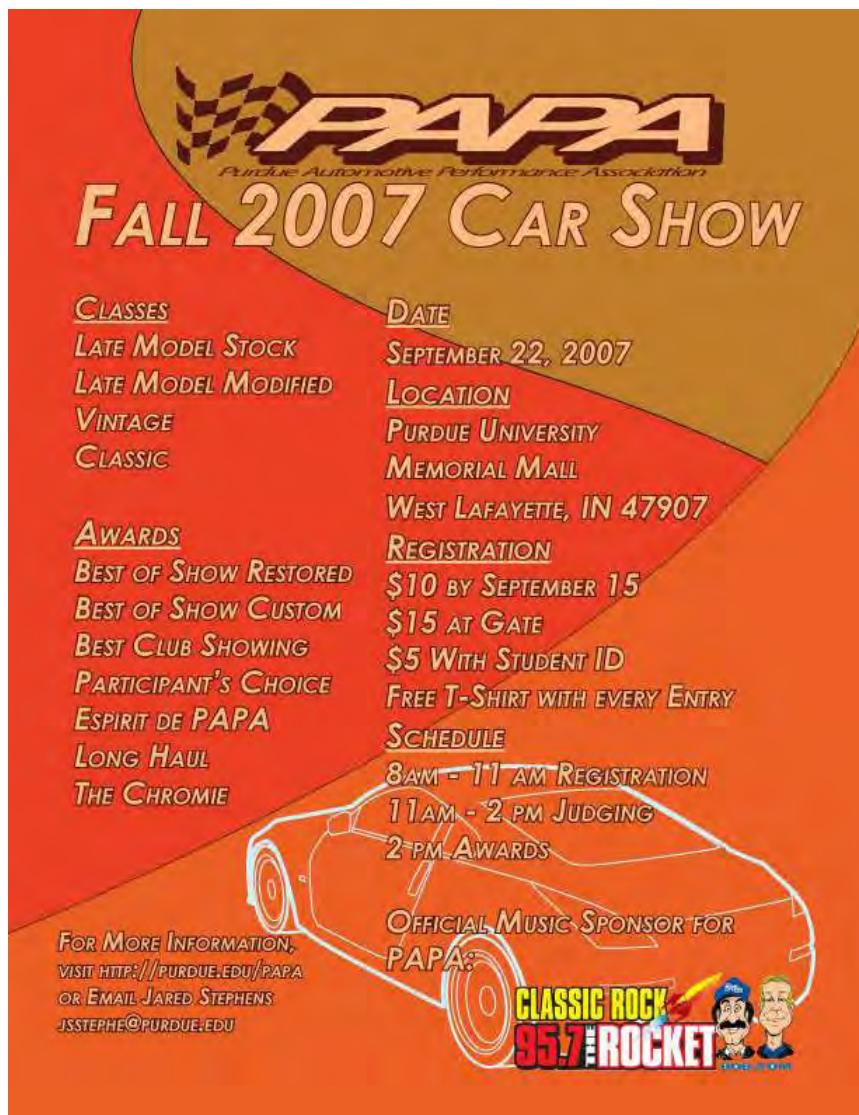
Saturday night there is a dinner and both Friday and Saturday nights, many people adjourn to the world famous Siebken's bar to bench race and lie to each other about how fast they used to be. With racing stickers from famous, infamous and unknown racing teams on the walls, the bar is steeped with history.

All of this is available to anyone who meets some minimal safety requirements and has an interest. I have personally seen several other Zs attend the track days. Some of the pictures I have included were taken at Blackhawk Farms this last July 2<sup>nd</sup>.

You have to know that this is one of the best experiences I have ever had. My first time on the track produced a smile that almost hurt. The exhilaration, the mental exertion, and the concentration – all of it combines to make an intense and fun-filled experience. If you would like to know more about the next event October 6,7, please give me a call at (847) 550-8422.

Don Brubaker, Ph.D.

The Purdue Automotive Performance Association (PAPA) would like to extend an invitation to all car enthusiasts to join us for our first-ever PAPA Fall Car Show. The show is scheduled for Saturday, September 22nd and will be held on Purdue University's Memorial Mall.



Following the success of the PAPA Grand Prix Show, we are anticipating an even larger turn out on the 22nd, so we have decided to take the entire Memorial Mall, which is a nicely groomed grass area in the heart of Purdue's campus, which should lend itself nicely to having a field of great cars sitting pretty all day.

We are planning a number of great attractions at the show including goodie bags from our sponsors; raffles (including a new helmet for days at the race track); live music from one of Lafayette's local music stations; and if all goes well, you all may be lucky enough to strap your car down and run it through the gears on a portable dyno!

Of course, the now infamous PAPA Trophies will also be making a triumphant return.

Feel free to send an email my way or call my cell at 630-302-9209.

I look forward to seeing you all again this September!

Alec Cervenka, President, Purdue Automotive Performance Association

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All **Indy Z-Car Club** folks are needed at this event. Carl & Judy Kush (she's doing much better), have requested a great turn out from the **Windy City Z Club!!!** Let's get a great turnout for this one.

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