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It just doesn't get better than this. We had the most perfect weather for our annual Cruisin' Z USA car show. All week long I was keeping a track of the forecast and it flip flopped between chance of thunderstorms and sunny and fortunately sunny won out.

This year we held our show at the Promenade Bolingbrook and it got rave reviews from the feedback I was getting. We all came in from the west side of the center, registered, got our goody bags and then parked our Z's on the street inside the center for the entire world to see. Since I was at the registration table I saw each and every Z come in. What a pretty sight that was. There was plenty of shopping if you wanted to do non-Z stuff as well as restaurants for every taste. As usual, we had plenty of Z's to view from all generations, stock and modified. I have to admit, we have some nice Z's but you know what, their owners are even nicer. We had a good group of people just having fun. Speaking of nice people, Jay Weinberger from Continental Nissan was kind enough to bring us a 2010 NISMO 370Z as well as his own GTR for us to drool over. He dropped them off early in the morning and left me the key to the GTR and Jeff the key to the NISMO, only fitting since Jeff has the #0001 NISMO 350Z. I was proud that Jay trusted me with his GTR. I did have to move it once to another location in the show but I have to tell you I was quite nervous. Susan Chan jumped in the passenger seat to calm me down but I think she just wanted to sit inside it. I had to think how to start the thing but then I figured it out. As long as I have the key, I could use the on/off button to get it going. As I looked at the gauges light up I knew I was not in no ordinary car. The rumble was noticeable but not intense. As I moved the car, I did not even hit the gas for fear of loosing it. The GTR trickled down the row of our parked Z's with me waving my hand at everyone, big grin and all. Jeff was right behind me with the NISMO. This was probably the slowest a GTR

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was ever driven from point A to point B but what can I say, it was not mine. Now I can hear you all thinking "Gee Ty, you drive your own Z's at a slow pace anyway". Yeah you are right but what can I say.....

I have to apologize if I did not get a chance to speak to everyone during the show but I was kind of busy keeping things moving. Before I forget, I have to mention another "nice person": Steve Collins who came all the way from Grand Rapids, Michigan. Not only did he bring his sense of humor, he brought along a ton of little Matchbox Z cars as well as other makes and models and just passed them out to all the kids who were present, even my three little ones. I am sure he made all of them happy. Like I said, we have a nice group of people in the club.

The judging was intense, especially the 1st Generation Z's but we did come up with some winners so here we go:

- Best of Show:** Tony Antiporek 1990 300ZXTT
- Peoples Choice:** David Johnson 1976 280Z 2+2
- Best Survivor:** Barb Targonski 1972 240Z

1st Generation Stock:

- 1st Place: Bill Opperman 1971 240Z
- 2nd Place: Bill Graue 1971 240Z

1st Generation Modified:

- 1st Place: David Johnson 1976 280Z 2+2
- 2nd Place: Andy Kyrk 1973 240Z

2nd Generation Stock:

- 1st Place: Jeff Pleiter 1980 280ZX 10th Ann.
- 2nd Place: Ty Ozgen 1983 280ZX 2+2

2nd Generation Modified:

- 1st Place: Matt Jackson 1981 280ZX
- 2nd Place: Glenn Johnson 1979 280ZX 2+2

3rd Generation Stock:

1st Place: Rich Kalashian 1984 300ZXT

3rd Generation Modified:

1st Place: Brian Kolar 1985 300ZXT

2nd Place: Steve Collins 1986 300ZX 2+2

4th Generation Modified:

1st Place: Tony Antiporek 1990 300ZXTT

2nd Place: Tony Pagan 1990 300ZX

5th Generation Stock:

1st Place: Carl Kush 2007 350Z Rdstr

2nd Place: Jim Hanus 2008 350Z NISMO

5th Generation Modified:

1st Place: Richard Ropp 2005 350Z Rdstr

2nd Place: Chris Hill 2005 350Z

6th Generation Stock:

1st Place: Ted Targonski 2009 370Z

I want to thank everyone who helped make this show a success. If all goes well, I hope to do it at the Promenade next year.

What else is going on? I'm glad you asked. On Friday, August 21st, there is a Cruise Night in downtown Downers Grove for Imports. They typically block off an area for the current "theme" of cars but it has historically catered to the older imports as opposed to the newer ones. Newer cars can still come, just not park in that area. This is usually a given for me since I live in Downers Grove. Let me know if you are going. Unfortunately we can not save spaces. I will get there by 5PM. Then on Saturday, the 22nd we were going up to Wisconsin for the *Masterpiece Style and Speed Showcase*. They had invited our club to attend as a group but as of today, there was only one member signed up to go. I spoke with them and they do not prefer same day registrations so it doesn't look like we will go as a group but if you want to go as a spectator you are welcome.

For September, keep Saturday the 12th open as we are working with Carl Kush in setting up a late summer drive to Indiana. I will get information out as soon it is available but Carl has set up some nice drives for us in the past and I am sure this one will be just as nice.

Also I am talking with Jay Weinberger for an Oktoberfest event as well making arrangements for our WCZC Birthday Party so keep an eye on our website for the latest information but I will send out memos.

Keep driving those Z's....

- Ty

Jeff Pleiter, V.P. Admin. & Membership



Thanks to all who showed up at our Car Show at the Bolingbrook Promenade! It was great weather and a great venue. I'll let Ty cover the show in more detail. I thought I would write about an ex-club member who came and visited us at the Heritage Z Fest in Nashville. After all, it's people with a common interest in Z cars that hold us together. Some of you may remember Akitsugu (Alex) Yagyu.



He was a member a few years ago when he lived in the Chicago area. Alex is a senior manager for Akebono Brake Corporation, so he moves around a lot depending where he is assigned. Since I have known him, he has also lived in Michigan, was transferred back to Japan, and is now back in the US in Kentucky. He told me he still keeps track of our activities through our website. He still owns his Z31, but drove up to the Heritage Show in Nashville in his 240SX with his wife and daughter to see the show and say hello to Windy City Z Club members. I have included a picture of him with the family, his car and a picture of his Z31. As you can see, he still has his personalized Illinois plate and his WCZC patch. His wife came up and gave me pictures of a WCZC past picnic we attended together which included photos of my son and daughter when they were very little. They did this not knowing that I would be at the show. Thanks! And it was good to see you again!

Bob Rosecrans keeps in touch with JD from Australia, who regularly sends us the Australian Z newsletter which Bob distributes to us. Founding member Ron Janicki also sends us regular updates from Arizona. We love to hear from far away members and friends who keep in touch.

- Jeff



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Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
Aug 21 st – Cruise Night 5pm	Downtown Downers Grove	Ty Ozgen tmo212@aol.com
Aug 22 nd – Masterpiece Style and Speed Showcase	Wisconsin (going as spectators)	See above
Sept 12 th – Late Summer Drive	Indiana, with Carl Kush	See above
TBD – Oktoberfest	TBD	See above
TBD – WCZC Birthday Party	TBD	See above

A warm welcome to our newest members, welcome aboard and we hope to see you at an event soon!

Jimmy Hanus – 350z

Robert Kruse – 1977 280z

Chris Hill – 2005 350z

Thomas & Angie Pace – 2007 350z

Michal Kokoszka – 1990 300ZX

Tony Pagan – 300ZX



Picnic at Meyer Woods, Darien July 12, 2009

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Bolingbrook Promenade
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