



**THE PRESIDENT SEZ  
Ty Ozgen, President**



Perhaps I was speaking too soon when I made reference to how nice the weather has been for some of our events this year. With great weather for our Cruisin' Z USA in August and our road trip to Indiana last month, I just assumed luck was on our side. I guess I was wrong. We tried to get out to the Rolling Meadows Cruise Night two Fridays in a row in September but both were rained out. It makes no sense to sit outside in the rain at these things. At least we got there once this year; I believe it was in May. There's always next year though..... just like them Cubs. Then we were out for our Oktoberfest Event with Jay Weinberger at Continental Nissan. As always Jay went all out for us but I could not get them to do anything with the cooler than normal weather we had .... but at least it was not raining. That did not stop a bunch of Z people from coming out that day to Countryside though. We parked together surrounded by gleaming new 370Z's and a couple GTR's. There even was a new 370Z Roadster. All of the Z's were unlocked and available for test drives. Six colors were represented with various options so you could pick the one you want. I personally liked the Platinum Graphite but that Pearl White certainly was appealing. They all had black interiors but I really want to see one with the grey interior. I know it may be harder to keep clean but I think I could do it. Anyway, I would be the only one to sit inside it. No kids, especially with those dirty hands, spilling crumbs all over the place. Even my wife... well I guess she can sit inside as long as she makes sure her shoes are clean.... and no eating or drinking.... and

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the nail polish needs to be dry... and no sharp objects on the pants, dress, etc. The roadster even had heated and cooled seats. Nifty... that is a first for the Z. (**BIG CLUE**) Jay was kind enough to cater lunch for us inside the dealership. This worked out well as we all needed to warm up a little from the cold. Tony Antiprek's wife and kids as well as my wife and kids attended but how come his kids sat down and mine were all over the place.... especially in the back of that Pathfinder with the tent apparatus set up behind the hatch. "Daddy, can you buy this car? It's cool". What's the secret Tony? Anyway having Sonnie there gave me an opportunity to show the 370Z's to her, especially the roadster. Thanks Nissan for keeping the Z alive and thanks to you Jay for being a big supporter of our club.



If you have never joined us for one of our birthday parties, now is the time. We will be celebrating the WCZC's 34<sup>th</sup> year on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. How many other clubs can say that? Please see the application for more information but it is always a fun time. The only thing you have to get cleaned up is yourself. That does not mean formal attire now. There will be door prizes for all, raffles prizes, updates from all the officers in the club as well as new elections and of course my ever so popular Z Quiz. Interested in being an officer? Let us know. All the positions can be run for but we definitely need a Secretary and a Vice President of Activities. By the way, your WCZC dues are paying for a good portion of the event so what do you have to lose? All you have to do is RSVP. Let's

celebrate another successful year!!

Speaking of celebrations, congratulations to Mr. K (Father of the Z Car) on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. I don't think he travels quite as much as he used to but I still remember the summer he came to Chicago to visit the WCZC and we took him up to Road America. What a great weekend trip that was. There is a great article on our website regarding his birthday so check it out.

See you on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November....

- Ty

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

It was good to see a bunch of club members at Continental Nissan during the Octoberfest they held for our club. The event has been held the last few years at the Autobahn Country Club, but like everyone nowadays, Continental is minimizing their costs, and they went back to the older format of an open house and lunch. The weather was cold, so I was expecting a light turnout, but this event always has been popular with our club members in the past and they did not fail to show up. Jay had his staff put together a bunch of 370Zs to look at, including the NISMO edition we saw at the Bolingbrook Promenade (now with a sold card), and a new 370Z roadster. The Zs were available for test drives and a number of members took advantage of it. The last time Continental did this a member came back and bought one the next week. Could be it is going to happen again. Not for me this time, although, the roadster is likely to tempt me enough down the road.

I had been looking for a daily driver (DD) for a few weeks, because my daughter was finally getting my Bonneville DD I've talked about handing down to her before. So I was looking for a DD to get me through the winter, it needed to have a back seat, be fun to drive, and would be a plus if it had good autocross capabilities. An Altima was high on my list, but the late models still held too much of their value to be down at the price I was looking at. I was working with Steve Serafino at Continental Nissan, as well as searching the web for the right car. Finally, it came down to the wire (start of my daughter's senior year) and Steve had a one owner 2003 Mini Cooper S as a trade in. The price was right. It had high mileage, but seemed to be in good condition. Steve told me what he had into it, what profit he wanted, and what discount he would give me as a WCZC member and the deal was done. No problems. Steve and his staff were great to work with.

The 2009 International Z Car convention is now over,

and Dave Jarrell's article and photo's of it should be in this issue of the newsletter. Next year it will be held in Nashville Tennessee at the end of July, so keep that in mind when planning next year.

- Jeff

### Guest Article - David Jarrell, member

ZCON 2009 in San Antonio! How about a road trip? Mick and Jo Wildin of Greenwood, IN and my wife, Barb and I from Kokomo decided to drive to San Antonio for the ZCON. We both went to Cleveland last year for the National Convention and got inspired to improve our cars over the year and go to Texas. Mick drives a stock 1981 280ZX and I have a 1974 260Z 2+2. We had both won a 1st Place trophy in our respective Daily Driver divisions last year, so we wanted to defend our titles. Sure. We both tried to make our cars as roadworthy as possible since this was to be 2700 miles of anticipated heat and humidity. Mick did new shocks, springs and a new AC, as his had failed last year. I have kept my car as road worthy as possible but had it checked by an Indy shop to make sure I had not missed anything. Thumbs up!

Off we go on Friday morning, planning to take 3 days to get there at a slow pace, old cars, ya know...about 400 miles per day. Of course, it is raining! So much for that last minute detailing we did. It rained most of the day, but fortunately not a torrential downpour as my wiper motor is not the best. We did not even get out of Indiana and Mick experienced the first problem. Seems the pulley on front of that brand new AC unit had come loose and was making a racket. He tried to see if there was any way to tighten things up, but as it turned out it was riveted on. Since releasing the AC unit meant getting under the car, he just cut the belt instead. So much for those cool dreams in Texas. We stayed the first night in Blytheville, Arkansas. I always ask where's the best place to eat and was told that "We don't support no chains, just locals". OK, so off we go to the Dixie Pig for BBQ. OK, so I should not have asked the locals! But the place WAS full of locals, need I say more?

The second day was hot, sunny and dry and we headed into Texas. We planned to stop short of Dallas but Mick and Jo went on to Dallas for the Mad Mike Party, which is somewhat of a tradition. Seems that Mad Mike was in Japan with Mr. K to celebrate his 100th birthday, but Mike's wife hosted a nice party. More BBQ... only much better from what I hear. Next morning we got a call from Mick that his car had failed to start, turned out to be a lose battery cable, and it was fixed before we could meet up with him. We joined Mick and Jo in Dallas and planned to join the caravan

from Dallas to San Antonio. After a delay, too much Shiner Bock the night before I suppose, the Dallas group showed up and we joined in. Well, they were running at about 80 MPH in their 300's and 350's and I found out quickly that my car, while it may have been able to do that, seemed to get a bit warmer than I was comfortable with at that speed in the 95 degree heat. So we backed off and took a slower pace. We arrived at the Hilton Hill Country in the late afternoon Sunday. Nice place for a convention. There was a welcome event of pizza and more Shiner Bock in the parking lot. Good folks and a good time.

Monday morning was plenty hot and humid but we cleaned the cars, and it took a while with the 3 days of bugs. Mick did his power washer bit on both cars and by the mid afternoon they looked great.

We melted into our socks, but no problem. No water at the hotel due to the drought, but there was a nice car wash down the street. We joined the Welcome Reception that evening and had some nice appetizers, Texas chili and did I mention the Shiner Bock. We were ready for the Tuesday show, held at the National Shooting Complex, on the grass. Of course, it rained Monday night. So Monday morning we started all over again.

We take off for the show site all ready once more and wouldn't you know it, it rains again. OK, so we detail the cars again at the site. Some were in the right spot to miss the rain, but not us! We were ready in time and watched as the judges crawled under, over and in our precious cars. Oh, well, there's always next year... which will be at the Nissan Headquarters in Nashville, TN, by the way. July 28-August 1. Hey, a time that more people might be able to make it!!! There were some really nice cars, but less than 60 in the show, and Steve Millen and his GTR that just ran the Targa Newfoundland was there. He signed a lot of autographs



but some of the women representing the vendors got more attention!

Then on Wednesday we did our own thing and went to Downtown San Antonio to the Riverwalk and had a nice lunch at a British Pub. Thank goodness, NO Shiner Bock! Wednesday night there was a patio party with a band. The hard core guys had spent the day at the track and were ready for more Shiner Bock. Mad Mike showed up from Japan just in time to be part of the party.

Thursday we did our own thing again and drove North through the Texas Hill Country. It was a nice cool day and perfect for the drive. We had lunch in Fredricksburg, which is one of the top 10 tourist towns in America... we won't try to dispute that one. Then off to Dallas where we ran into more rain. Fortunately, the

temperatures cooled down a lot and we zipped back to Indiana without incident on Friday and Saturday. 2700 miles, one dirty Z but trouble free all the way. We are both looking forward to next year when the trip to Tennessee should be a "piece of cake"...and I maybe they don't have Shiner Bock! (Disclaimer: Shiner Bock is actually a very good Texas beer and is used here for comic relief)

~ Dave Jarrell, Kokomo, IN.



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## Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
Nov 14 <sup>th</sup> – WCZC Birthday Party	Finley's Grill, Downers Grove	tmo212@aol.com

A warm welcome to our newest members, welcome aboard and we hope to see you at an event soon!  
 Conner Martin – 1987 300ZX      David & Barbro Jarrell – 1974.5 260Z 2+2

# Oktoberfest at Continental Nissan - Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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ZCON  
San Antonio  
Sept 28 - Oct 2  
2009



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Jarrell



# Windy City Z Club



34<sup>th</sup>

## Anniversary

Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009

6pm - 11pm

Finley's Grill Room

3131 Finley Road

Downers Grove, IL 60515

(630) 964-3131

*Raffle Prizes!*

*Slide Show!*

*Officer Elections!*

*Good Times!*

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Entree Choices: (Please indicate quantity)

\_\_\_ *London Broil*

\_\_\_ *Grecian Boneless 1/2 Chicken*

Dinner includes soup, salad, side item, dessert & coffee/tea

\$22 per plate for members and one guest

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Kindly RSVP by **November 6<sup>th</sup>**.

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