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Just a few days left until the 36th Annual WCZC Birthday Party, traditionally the last big event for the year. I hope you have your registrations in to me as it promises to be a great event. After a long successful year, we get together to reminisce with friends about the club and what we have done in 2011. We are at the Suparossa in Woodridge this year which is really close to the host hotel we used for our Heritagefest. In fact, during the Heritagefest, we had gathered together at this restaurant that Friday night for dinner and noted a party going on at one of the rooms. Jeff and I kinda went “Hmmm, this could be a good place for the Birthday Party” and voila, 5 months later here we go. Of course we will have door and raffle prizes, as well as officer elections. We will also have the second recipient of the “Broken Z Award” trophy given to a lucky Z member who is truly deserving. Pictures will be displayed of the past years events also. I must admit that my “Name that Z” is no more as this year I have replaced it with something I hope to be more fun for everyone.



Speaking of past events, many thanks to Jay Weinberger of Continental Nissan for once again having us over for the annual Oktoberfest Z Show. The rain stopped the night before the show and we were

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greeted to sunny skies and decent temperatures. There were brats and hot dogs for all. It is a very relaxing event as there was no judging to worry about. This event has become a WCZC tradition, like oil and vinegar, pen and paper, french fries and ketchup. We look forward to this and the Continental Nissan hospitality. Thanks Jay.



My hats off to Tom Keene as well as he was our host the day after the Oktoberfest event for our Fall Fling through the wineries of Michigan. It was just a beautiful day for a drive. We spent time browsing small towns, eating good food, buying wine and other local tidbits. I was solo that day in my '90 300ZXTT but that was OK. I just like to drive on the open roads. It is refreshing to me. I do a lot of thinking then about life, the family, the old days and the future. Even on Sundays if I have the time, I just get into one of the Z's and get on a highway, away from the traffic and congestion. On this trip, I put just under 300 miles on the Z with the new *Fuzions*. I tried not to push the tires

too hard as they are a dying breed but they did seem to do well. We all got home safely, even Dave Johnson.



Until next time..... Z ya ~ Ty

Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities



The days are getting shorter and the time for the weather our Zs like is fast coming to an end for the year. Already I am thinking WAIT! I didn't get to drive the Zs enough. What happened to the summer! Where did the time go? While I have burned a couple of tanks in the 280ZX, I don't think I even burned through a full tank on the NISMO yet. Fortunately Tom and Sharon Keene put together a nice Fall Fling drive from Northern Indiana into Michigan. Unfortunately, I was unable to make it. So I'll have to let Ty tell you about that one. I was feeling under the weather and not up to a day-long cruise. (Ty will probably claim I was avoiding him). At least Ty was able to make it this time. Sorry Ty, if you want all the events to be on your days off, you'll have to go back to being the events planner.

As usual, Jay Weinburger put on a great Oktoberfest Event at Continental Nissan, clearing out part of his lot for our Zs and providing free brats, dogs, sauerkraut, German potato salad, chips and pop for the WCZC, his staff, and customers. Thanks, Jay for your continuing support of the club. I didn't have my camera, but there were plenty around, so I expect James will have a few pictures in this newsletter.

We ended up not visiting the 24 hours of Lemons the following weekend. With the Oktoberfest and Fall Fling together the previous weekend, it seemed that another big day the next weekend would be too much. Maybe next year. As per my last column, I sent out an email for a local cruise when I saw the beautiful forecast for Oct. 22nd. Because I wasn't able to make

the Fall Fling Cruise, and I assumed others couldn't as well, I thought we might be able to pull together a local cruise. I pulled out a cruise route the MINI had done earlier this spring on some nice roads north of St. Charles. We had 7 Cars and 10 people. I had no navigator/passenger so I was only able to take pictures after we had stopped – no driving photos. Glenn Johnson is the only one not pictured because he did not stop for lunch with us at the end. We started at 10am and had about an hour and a half of driving before ending up in at the Filling Station in St. Charles for lunch. It was a beautiful day, and there were some nice roads. Dave Werdegar said the "25 mph" corner near the end was the best. I wouldn't be surprised if he went back and hit that one again on his way home.

Our next event is the club birthday party on November 5th. Ty has stepped up to the plate and has done all the planning. I guess he wanted to make sure he could be there. I didn't think I was going to make the Birthday Party, because it is on Allies' birthday this year. But, without my even saying anything, she volunteered that we should go to the club event and celebrate her birthday on another day. She's the best. The Suparossa in Woodridge is the location, it will be buffet style this year. Some of us ate there after the Heritage Fest this Spring and the food was great. Don't forget to send in your RSVP and check. I won't be sending out an evite for this, since you need to get your check in to Ty so he can get a head count for the restaurant. The birthday party is the time for all the club elections, so considering taking on one of the



offices. They are all open, although Bill Bragg seems to be treasurer for life. I would like to take a break next year from being and officer. I can't remember how long I have held one office or another, so consider

taking on the role of VP of Events.

Upcoming events, - none planned so far for November [other than the Birthday Party], but keep an eye on your email. I may come up with a tech session, or if we get a glorious day, who knows. I usually don't hibernate the Zs until Thanksgiving if the weather stays nice and I need to burn about a quarter tank in the NISMO so I can put in some fresh gas and Stabil. Do plan on us resuming the Z General Meetings in December. Usually the first Sunday of the month, but keep an eye on the newsletter and email for date and location.

~ Jeff



MARKET

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I live in Naperville, please contact me through my work e-mail address if you have any questions or want to see the car. - Rob - rktrading@sbcglobal.net

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 If you have photos or articles that you'd like to contribute to the WCZC newsletter, please submit them to wczc.editor@gmail.com

Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact Info
Nov 5 – WCZC Birthday Party	Superrossa in Woodridge	villaZX10@comcast.net
Dec TBD – General Z Mtg	TBD	villaZX10@comcast.net



*Oktoberfest
by Continental Nissan
Countryside, IL ~ Oct 1st*



*Photos by
Lee Witkowski*





*Fall Fling ~ Tom Keene
Michigan ~ Oct 2nd*



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*Local Cruise ~ Jeff P.
St. Charles ~ Oct 22nd*

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