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I don't like deception. Since day #1, parents have been telling their children to always tell the truth, be nice to your neighbor, make sure you have clean underwear when you go to the doctor, etc. I know you have heard them all so I will spare you all the other phrases. As far as telling the truth, sometimes things are said or represented in a way that is deceptive though not necessarily lying. Let me give you an example: We all know that the price of gas has been through the roof but fortunately it is coming down slowly. Most of the newer Z's require premium which adds at least another 20¢ to a gallon of gas. I don't know about you but when my tank is getting less than a quarter tank I start to scope the gas prices at various stations. Of course I would like to get a good deal, wouldn't you? It does add up. Let's say you fill up your 20 gallon tank and by price shopping you save 5¢ a gallon. That adds up to a dollar. Do this several times a year and you see my point. The art of deception here is in how the gas prices are displayed and Shell stations certainly take the cake in my opinion. Some, not all, of these stations display their price per gallon that looks like a bargain but you have to read the fine lines. For example, it may display regular at \$3.39 a gallon in huge print visible from miles away and you think, "Wow, a bargain, let me pull in there and fill up" but when you pull in you notice the small print below reads "with car wash". The true price is \$3.59 which is no cheaper than the competitors. I think they feel that if they trick you to come in to buy the gas, most consumers will not leave to head elsewhere after learning of the deception. That's more money in their big pockets. But you know what, I did! I left and went somewhere else that time. I don't like being deceived. Come on Shell, don't try to trick us.

Another scam is how people state they change the oil every 3k miles when selling their beloved car. I admit, most car enthusiasts do change the oil at regular

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intervals but every 3k miles is not really a common practice these days. Just recently, I saw a 1980 Datsun 280ZX Tenth Anniversary on EBAY with 26K miles on it. Being the proud owner of one of these, I decided to read what the seller wrote about the Z and one of the comments was that the oil was changed every 3k miles. Now come on, that is so bogus. 26K miles over 32 years averages about 812 miles a year. So if he was true to his word, that means he was changing the oil roughly every 4 years. I don't know about you but I would not advertise such a thing. That's nothing to be proud of. I change my '80's oil every spring no matter how many miles I put on it (usually <300). The deception here is tricking the potential buyer that it was well taken care of. What do you think?

My thanks to Jeff for getting us together on a beautiful summer day last weekend to cruise our Z's up to Wisconsin. We had a good group head up to drive some winding roads and up and down hills. Jeff rode along with me in my '90 TT as the navigator. We had a lot of turns to get through and it would certainly be difficult driving and looking for roads at the same time so he left his Z's home. It was nice having him along as we talked about all sorts of things. Of course, I was the lead car and I think I kept a pretty good pace, right Bob (Rosecrans)? As the president of the WCZC, the job description states I should sacrifice myself as the car getting a speeding ticket in our caravan if we got pulled over. Also by being in the front, I remove all the bugs in the road as they hit my front end and windshield. You see, I clear the path for my fellow members. Wow, and you thought I had a cushy role here. Anyway, keep an eye on your emails and our website for future events. Stay cool.

~ Ty



Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities

A number of us made the trip to Branson Z Fest this year. Glenn and Tracy drove their new 370 and I drove the Nismo. We traveled down together and made an exit from I-55 around Springfield, IL to take the secondary roads north and west around St. Louis so that the scenery was a little more scenic. Glenn set a rapid pace and we made it down to Branson in short time and in good order. We met Dave, Andy, and Ken and Josie down there. This was the first time I had been down to Branson Z Fest. The host hotel was very nice and inexpensive. We spent the next two days driving the curvy and hilly back roads in the Ozarks. The format was very informal. While there are a set number of driving routes that are laid out both by the organizers and local brochures, there was no set time to do the driving. You organized your own group, or fell in with another group. So you did not end up in a line of twenty cars that tried to stay organized. The first day we set off as part of a group of seven cars and did the Peel Ferry Run – which included a ferry crossing of a lake. The second day it was just Glenn and Tracy, and I on the Eureka Springs Drive – so called because the town of Eureka Springs was on the route. Eureka Springs is a town very much like Galena, Illinois and a good stop for lunch and exploring the various shops.

Saturday was the car show. It's a people's choice show instead of a judged show, followed by an awards ceremony in the Ramada's adjacent bar and grill. Dave and I each took home a third place trophy in our respective classes. The same weekend, there was a motorcycle rally in town, which provided some additional entertainment watching competition and exhibitions. Overall this is a very fun, laid back event with good roads and driving, in a laid back friendly environment. There were a lot of friendly Z people. I would recommend going at least once.

In June we had our Spring Fling, which included driving some rural and scenic roads in Wisconsin. We stopped at Ginger Blossom near Richmond, IL. This is a place which was a farm, and now the farmhouse, barn and outbuildings have goods imported from all over the world – a pretty cool and interesting place. We stopped in East Troy, Wi. for lunch. I rode shotgun with Ty, so I could do the navigating, not having had the chance to drive the roads beforehand. We had a good number of people (16) and cars. Weather that day was great, and it seemed that people had a good time.

Photos of both the events can be found on our website. Ken Jamin also took some video of the Branson Z Fest, and these can be found in 10 minute

segments on You Tube.

Upcoming events include: The Midwest Z Heritage Fest in Dublin Ohio, which will likely be going on as this newsletter is listed. The following weekend, July 14, we will be making the annual trip up to Road America to watch the Brian Redman Vintage races. Lunchtime touring of the track is available. Evites have been issued for both of these events.

One more event is upcoming in July, I'll be organizing a short local drive and dinner on July 21 for those who have not been able to make these other events. Watch for an evite to come.

I still need to organize events for August, info for August will come out in the next newsletter and/or as an evite. Let me know if you have any suggestions. Villazx10@comcast.net.

On September 16, we will be attending the Car Show at Cantigny in Wheaton, IL. We are considering taking a break this year from putting on our own annual show and making this event a Z show within a show. More info on this to come.

~ Jeff

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Nissan News

Nissan 370Z sales:

June: 720 (644 June 2011)
YTD: 4,473 (4,545 in 2011)

Nissan/Infiniti total Sales:

June: 92,237 (71,940 June 2011)
YTD: 577,721 (504,973 in 2011)

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If you have photos, articles or Nissan news of interest that you'd like to contribute to the WCZC newsletter, please submit them to wczc.editor@gmail.com by the 10th of the month.



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Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact Info
June 24 th – Spring Fling	Wisconsin	Jeff Pleiter
July 6-7 – MZHS	Dublin, Ohio	http://www.midwestzheritage.com/index.html
July 12-15 – Brian Redman Vitage Races	Road America Elkhart Lake, WI	http://www.roadamerica.com/Races/RaceInformation.asp?id=244
July 21 – Drive & Dinner	Watch for an evite soon	Jeff Pleiter - villazx10@comcast.net
Sept 16 – Car Show	Cantigny – Wheaton, IL	Jeff Pleiter - villazx10@comcast.net

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