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Here I go again, complaining about gas prices. I do know that the average price per gallon is lower than a year ago but the part that bothers me is how quickly it goes up and down. If you recall from my article last month, I mentioned how I track gas prices as my fuel tank is getting low. Well, just last week I was in that situation. I was heading to the office one morning and had some time to buy gas so I pulled into the nearby Shell that was advertising regular gas at \$3.55 per gallon. That was the actual price, not the price with a car wash. I thought it was a relatively decent price so I filled the tank with premium. No big deal. Later that evening, as I drove by the same station, it was listed at \$3.79 per gallon. That's 24¢ more per gallon! How could that be? Was there a new war? A hurricane in the gulf? Did an oil executive pass gas? It just doesn't make sense to me. I did feel lucky that I filled up that morning but what if I had not. Sometimes I do wait till the drive home to fill up. Here is the issue though. The next day, it was back down to \$3.55. Why? What in the world could cause that to happen? That my Z friends is why I complain. It does not compute.

On a lighter note, I had a great time at the Road America Vintage Races a couple weekends ago. We were off from the Lake Forest Oasis by 8AM and there was a gentle rain just enough to get the Z's a little dirty but by the time we got close to Wisconsin, it had stopped. It was a nice straight drive up there without any issues. Rumor has it though that a couple 370Z owners may have exceeded the speed limit, and I'm not talking by 10mph. I think one was testing a new Stillen exhaust. Anyway, we parked near the Sargento Bridge nestled in the trees so to be close to the pits. It was a hot day and I'm sure the drivers were even hotter with their driver's suits, gloves and helmets. It was a lot of fun watching the races and walking around the track. The atmosphere is so great; the cars, the people, the

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noise. Of course here were plenty of 240Z's racing and we talked with many of the owners between races. There was plenty of food available and of course we all kept hydrated. After the races, I attended the Concours Car show near the Osthoff Resort in Elkhart Lake just a couple minutes from the track. This is a very classy event with exotic cars, food and spirits. This is a great way to cap off the day of racing. No Zs were on display but there was a modified GTR present. Overall it was a great day and a great drive once again in my '90 TT. Every time I take this Z out for a long drive, I just fall in love with it more. Oh yeah, I filled up in Wisconsin and saved about 25¢ per gallon.

Speaking of loving Z's, I am having marital issues with my '83 280ZXT. I have owned it for 25 years and it has been a very reliable car. I have taken it on numerous trips to Z conventions around the country without fail. The only 2 times it stranded me was when the alternator went out on I-55 about 3 miles from home and when the starter went at a National Convention. Both issues were easily diagnosed and treated. Now it is testing my devotion. I am having issues with it just dying on me for no apparent reason. This can happen on a cold start or even with driving. I can get it to start eventually but I do not feel comfortable driving it at present. I am not convinced it is fuel related as I can hear the pump working but suspect an electrical issue like the coil or distributor. Perhaps it is a sensor. Life being so busy and the hot weather have prevented me from even messing around with it. So it is just sitting in the garage begging to see some sunlight. Maybe this weekend. If anyone has any thoughts, I would appreciate it. I don't want to lose her after all these years. She means too much to me.

~ Ty



Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities

I attended the 2012 Midwest Z Heritage Fest on July 6-7 this year. It was touch and go whether we made the trip or not, because our neighborhood was hit hard by the storm on Sunday July 1st. Trees and large limbs were down all over the place. We only lost a few branches at my house, but the power was out and it was unknown when it might be back. We had hotel reservations and registered for the show, but we were not about to leave our house/dog sitter to baby sit the house without power except for a generator I had borrowed. Fortunately, the power came back on and Allie, CJ and I made the trip. Because the temperatures for the drive down and the show day were forecast to be above 100 degrees, at the last minute I decided to leave the 280ZX anniversary behind and joined the family in the Pilot.

The night we arrived we ran into Brian and Karen Gracie, a couple from Canada we've met a few times at previous conventions. My wife had set up some visits on Saturday for her knitting/travel blog for her to go to while CJ and I did the car show. From one of the shops she had received a recommendation to have dinner at Oscars in Dublin, Ohio just down the street, so the five of us went there for dinner. I highly recommend this place, between us we had pork chops, veal, steak, a dinner salad and scallops. They were all great meals; although, while delicious, there were only three scallops for that dinner, so I would stay away from that just for value reasons. Too far from the coast I guess. Downtown Dublin looked to be very nice, but we did not have a chance to explore it more.

The next day, not having to prep or baby sit a Z for judging, CJ and I spent all morning walking around the car show. Proceeds from the show were benefiting the Arthritis Foundation. They said they had over a thousand cars for the show, and Friday and Saturday night they had bands playing on the stage. All types of cars are represented at the show – antiques, classics, muscle cars, sports cars, etc. Street Rods were in short supply here because the Good Guys were holding a simultaneous show nearby. My photos should be on the website, and some are in this newsletter. The modified four wheel drive PT Cruiser you see in the photos was mounted on a Datsun truck chassis. This is a great show and worth going to just for itself without the Midwest Z Heritage Fest being a show within the show. Apparently ZROC took some flak for doing it this way, but I thought it was great.

Once it hit about noon, we had seen most of the show (sorry Porsches) and it was really getting hot and oppressive. Allie had finished her first knitting shop

appointment, so we joined her for a drive to her next appointment, and while she did that, CJ and I had lunch. Allie always gets coffee and dessert recommendations from the shops, so we stopped for her afternoon coffee, and she made a stop at Jini's Ice Cream. Jini's has a lot of unusual flavors. I had a cherry lambic sorbet, which was based on cherry and lambic beer, plus a few other spices/flavors that I don't remember. I do know it was very good. They had other flavors based on peach and white wine, cherry and white chocolate, etc. If you want to know more about the dinner, coffee, ice cream or knitting stops check out her blog www.destiknitions.blogspot.com

On July 21, a few of us met for ice cream at Capanari's Ice Cream, this shop has been voted one of the best in the Chicago area and I could taste why.



Upcoming events include:

August 4: I have a local drive planned in the farm/country roads west of the suburbs. I drove it once. Actually CJ drove the Honda since we are getting his driver's training hours in. Found some nice roads, although I found one is gravel so I'll reroute around that one. The plan is for a late afternoon drive, stopping in Burlington, Illinois for dinner at Art & Alma's Century Inn (www.artandalmas.com). I'll send out an evite with the details and times. I usually try to do both Saturday and Sunday events, to allow everyone a chance to attend events. For this event I chose Saturday, but if I get input that Sunday works better we could change it or even do both days if we have enough interest to do that. I'll put the option on the evite.

August 18: Our Indiana contingent has invited us to attend the Shriners Annual Hog Roast and Car show, 9 am to 3 pm at Orak Shrine, 3848 North Frontage Rd, Michigan City Indiana. You should have received an email already with a flyer and registration form. Registration fee is \$15/car. Info can be found at www.orakshrine.org. Limited to 400 entries. Pre-registration is recommended.

September 16: As a group, we'll attend the Car Show at Cantigny Park, 1 S 151 Winfield Road in Wheaton IL. (just south of Roosevelt Road) 9 am to 3 pm. We'll put more info in the next newsletter. Info can be found at www.cantigny.org. Limited to 200 entries. Pre-registration is recommended.

As always, keep your eye on the website or for evites for other events that might pop up.

~ Jeff

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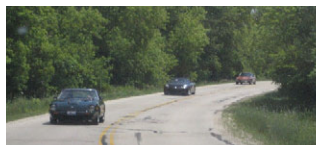
Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact Info
Aug 4 – Drive & Dinner	Watch for an evite soon	Jeff Pleiter - villazx10@comcast.net
Aug 18 – Shriners Show 9am-3pm	3848 North Frontage Rd Michigan City, Indiana	www.orakshrine.org
Sept 16 – Car Show	Cantigny – Wheaton, IL	Jeff Pleiter - villazx10@comcast.net



MZHS July 6-7

Photos by
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Capannari Ice Cream July 21st



Wisconsin Summer Fling June 24th



2013 Midwest Z Heritage

Save the Dates: June 14[&] 15, 2013

The Indy Z Car Club will be hosting this event in 2013 and we are already planning to return to Brown County, Indiana. Next year's hosting hotel will be The Season's Lodge in Nashville, Indiana. So start planning now to get away to rustic Southern Indiana and drive some twisty back roads, shop in the art colony of Nashville, hike in Brown County Park, visit the architectural gems of Columbus, IN, and explore the nearby wineries. Visit www.indyucarclub.org, closer to the show dates, for registration information.

The hotel is now taking reservations! Yes, Prez Mick has done the deal and some folks are already interested in booking a room. Smart. The Season's Lodge has only 52 rooms. Twenty of those rooms are Standard rooms (\$109. Plus tax) and thirty-two rooms are Deluxe (\$129. Plus tax). These are slightly larger and have a fridge/microwave. One night's deposit required when booking and you may cancel up to 48 hours prior to arrival. If you want to assure a room of your choice you must book early! Overflow will be booked into other properties in Nashville owned by the same family. Please go to The Season's Lodge website, <http://www.seasonslodge.com>, check out the accommodations and give them a call at 1-800-365-7327 to make a reservation. Identify yourself as being with the **2013 Midwest Z Heritage Car Show** to get the best rate. The hotel website is also loaded with information about attractions in the immediate area.

In addition, you might check out these websites and add a day or two to your Z road trip to enjoy Southern Indiana.

<http://www.nashville-indiana.com/>

<http://www.columbus.in.us/>

<http://visitsouthernindiana.com/attractions/featured-attractions/wineries>

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Just remember to save the dates of June 14 & 15, 2013 on your calendars and start planning now to attend the 2013 Midwest Z Heritage Car Show in scenic Nashville, Indiana.



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