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Well, here I go again complaining about gas prices and how we are ripped off. If you remember from last month I talked about the art of deception in how the gas prices are displayed at certain Shell stations. Did you get a chance to see the signs I was talking about? Well here is another situation: we were on vacation last week, a driving vacation to Virginia Beach and Washington D.C. and on the trip down there I had pulled off to refuel in Virginia. I noted an interesting situation, again with Shell, which I had never seen before. As soon as we got off the expressway there was a Shell station selling regular at \$3.59 a gallon on the right side. Directly across the street was another Shell selling gas at \$3.66! Duh, which one should I go to? Certainly we have seen different prices at different gas stations at the same intersection but never the same station. What could be so special about that station as opposed to the one I went to? Did they have bikini clad attendants? Was it a tourist attraction? Why would a person even go to that station and not the cheaper one? I really do understand the fact that things for sale do have a markup but 2 Shell stations across the street from each other with different prices? It's the same product. It does not compute.



Speaking of our vacation, we rented a 2012 Chrysler Town and Country for the trip and I will tell you, this is the way to travel with the family. The kids brought their pails and shovel for the beach, their tennis rackets, teddy bears and we brought the cooler full of pop (no beer), water, fruit and snacks to nibble on as well as clothes etc. It had a DVD player for the kids and when

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they were not watching, Sonnie and I were listening to Elvis on the Sirius Satellite radio. Life is good. I do have to confess something though. You know when we go on road trips with the club most of us will try to clean our Z so as to look its best for the drive. So why should it be different with this trip? The minivan had just been washed and the interior was clean when I picked it up however the rims were filthy. Full of brake dust and grime on all 4 corners. They must have ignored cleaning this part but for me, I always clean the rims when I wash my cars. I just did not like it. How could I drive this all the way to Virginia Beach and back with dirty rims? It would bother me. I know it's just a rental but I'm the one who is driving it. So what should I do? We had some time after I got the minivan home so I took my wheel cleaner spray, got the hose out and cleaned the rims. Now that's more like it, we are now ready to load the thing and get going. Sonnie looked at me and just shook her head but what can I say, that's just how I am. At least I did not get the tire spray out. After the trip I also took the liberty to vacuum the interior like I've done before to previous rentals; not to make it spotless, just more presentable upon its return. It is unbelievable how dirty the inside gets in just a week and I would be embarrassed to return it that way. Our trip was very relaxing. I just love to drive long distances on vacations. You go at your own pace and stop when you want. It's just so nice to get away and doing something different than just work. Virginia

Beach was very clean and we had a great time riding the waves in the ocean. We also spent a few days in Washington D.C. What an impressive city! All the decisions that are made there that affect our lives. There are so many things to see. We visited several museums and monuments. Being a car guy, my favorite was the Air and Space Museum. They had the Concorde, a prototype Boeing 707, the Enola Gay, the SR-71 as well as the Space Shuttle to name a few. Really, really cool stuff!

Speaking of different things to do, the summer driving season is little by little coming to an end. If you haven't had a time to take the Z out, what are you waiting for? Jeff has been working hard at putting things together for us. See ya at the events.

~ Ty

### Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities



I have no report or photos of recent activities because we postponed the August 4 drive to September 8 due to the severe storms on August 4. So the following are the upcoming local activities.

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 already received an email with a flyer and registration form. Registration fee is \$15/car. Info can be found at [www.orakshrine.org](http://www.orakshrine.org). Limited to 400 entries. Pre-registration is recommended.

August 24: Downers Grove Cruise Night: It's Import Night on Friday August 24. 6pm to 9pm. Main Street Downers Grove from Maple to Franklin. [www.downtowndg.org](http://www.downtowndg.org)

September 8: I have a local drive planned in the farm/country roads west of the suburbs. The plan is for a late afternoon drive, stopping in Burlington, IL for dinner at Art & Alma's Century Inn ([www.artandalmas.com](http://www.artandalmas.com)). See the revised evite with the details and times. Please review and update your RSVP if needed.

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. Check out the evite website for the per-meet so we can drive in and park together. Info can be found at [http://www.cantigny.org/Special\\_Events/signature\\_events/car\\_show.aspx](http://www.cantigny.org/Special_Events/signature_events/car_show.aspx) Limited to 200 entries. Pre-registration is recommended.

Octoberfest: Date to be determined.

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

From Autoblog.com:

"Nissan is reportedly hard at work on its next-generation Z. According to Inside Line, designers are already churning away on a concept version of the 2015 Z that may bow at the 2014 Detroit Auto Show. The report notes that Shiro Nakamura, head of design for Nissan, says the new Z will be both smaller and lighter than the current 370Z.

The model will also be geared toward a wider audience, and Nissan may be investigating the possibility of ditching the tried-and-true 3.7-liter VQ V6 for a turbocharged four-cylinder, a move that would almost certainly help fuel efficiency. The current Z is saddled with a lackluster 26 mpg highway, and strong early sales of cars like the Scion FR-S certainly indicate certain buyers are willing to drop a few ponies for a machine that's engaging to drive and at least somewhat fuel efficient.

Blasphemy? Maybe, but the thought of an engaging, lightweight turbo four sports car is the stuff dreams are made of – it's the "wider audience" part of the discussion that has us concerned as enthusiasts. A smaller Z would likely mean abandoning the Z's FM platform which also underpins machines like the Infiniti G Coupe and Sedan as well as the FX softroader. Inside Line says Nissan may turn to its corporate partner Daimler for some help in the chassis department"

~ Jeff

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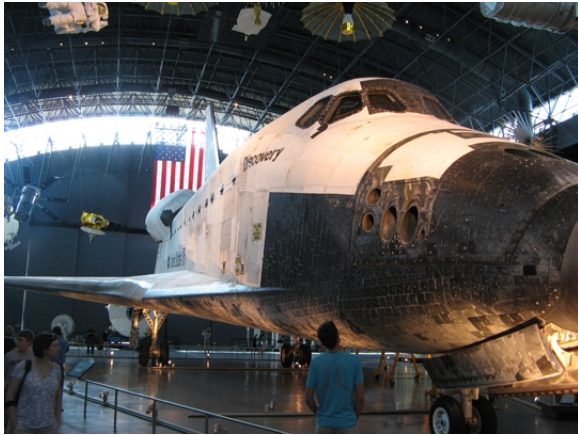
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## *Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar*

<b>Date &amp; Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Contact Info</b>
Aug 18 – Shriners Show 9am-3pm	3848 North Frontage Rd Michigan City, Indiana	<a href="http://www.orakshrine.org">www.orakshrine.org</a>
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Oct TBD – Oktoberfest	TBD	TBD

### *Ty's visit to D.C.'s Air and Space Museum*



*Photos by  
Ty Ozgen*







## 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.indyzcarclub.org](http://www.indyzcarclub.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.seasons lodge.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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