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I really like doing nothing, you know...a no brainer. Life is too full of events and things to do.

Everything has a schedule, a deadline, you name it. Stress stress stress!!! And it gets so complicated that every once in a while, when these no brainers arise, I feel like I can finally relax. I like doing nothing. My weekends get so busy sometimes (due to a certain person aka wife) that I look forward to Mondays so I can rest. Now when that no brainer involves a Z car, life is good. Well, it just so happened that I went to

two of these no brainers in the past month. The first was to the Shriners Car Show in Michigan City, IN. It was a picture perfect day. Half of the fun of going to these away events is driving my Z. This time I went in my '83 280ZX 2+2 Turbo. I was a little skeptical to drive it but for whatever reason, it's been working OK lately. If you remember from my July article, I was having problems with the car



stalling for no apparent reason. I did a lot of research on this problem on line and found other Z's of this vintage having similar issues. The cause being anything from loose wires, to a bad coil or distributor or ECU. My hunch was the ECU. I took off the panel that was hiding it and it seemed OK. All the wiring seemed in place as I jiggled them. I took the liberty of kicking it gently with the side of my foot as described by someone with a similar problem and I have not had a problem since. Now was it the "kick" or the jiggling of wires that did it? I may never know but at least it is

working. So I took it to Michigan City and back without even a hiccup. I love that car!! During the show, we just sat around "shooting the breeze"....doing nothing.

This past weekend we attended a car show at Cantigny Park in Wheaton which was just fantastic. 412 cars!!! Unbelievable! Everything from exotics to

pickups and everything in between. We were able to stay together as a group, parked our Z's and set up camp with our chairs under a nice shade tree. Jeff and I parked our 1980 10th Anniversary Z's side by side so they could chat. Another beautiful day of doing nothing. Sitting back in my folding chair with the Z's in front of me and friends nearby.....it just doesn't get better. I am proud to say that I bought a special chair for

the occasion. This one has a canopy that folded above me to block the rays but since we were under a tree, it also acted as a barrier for potential ticks that wanted to pounce on me. If they tried, they would just bounce off the top of the canopy to the person sitting next to me. Sorry my friends but each person to him or herself here. I did have to guard it closely since as soon as I would get up, Ron Osborne would jump right in. Anyway, for 6 hours we just hung around, looking at cars, talking about life, scoping people. I have to tell you about something Jeff and I witnessed. Our club was there

fairly early and we were able to watch the other cars as they pulled in. It just so happened that a right hand drive Ferrari GTO (replica?) was pulling in to park just behind us. It was a gorgeous red car with a blonde driving it. That's OK; women are allowed to have cool cars also. Anyway, after she backed it in carefully next to her group of friends cars, she proceeded to crawl out the car and then she did the unimaginable. I still cringe when I think about this. Are you ready for this? No she did not expose herself!! She took her keychain which had what looked like a ton of keys and literally plopped them on the roof of her car. You could hear the keys make contact with the shiny red metal. Jeff and I's mouth just dropped. How could she do that?? Where are her manners? Isn't there an ordinance against that in the car world? Probably not her car heh? I can get a little nervous about scratches from just using my California Duster on my car... but keys? Never!! All in all, it was a great day. I can see us doing this again next year.



Please keep an eye out for more information on the annual WCZC Birthday party as we are in the midst of getting everything together.

~ Ty



Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities

The Shriners Annual Hog Roast and Car show on Aug. 18 was a lot of fun. This show was suggested by the Indiana contingent of the WCZC. Once the show was done, Tom Keene led us on a drive through some local scenic roads, which was followed by dinner at Hammer's restaurant. The lasagna there is excellent. Check out the website photos, make sure you don't miss the Mr. Potato Head raffle winner. We also picked up new members there. Welcome Drew and Mandy Ketcham.

The farm/country roads drive with dinner at Art & Alma's Century Inn was cancelled due to lack of interest.

The Car Show at Cantigny was held on one of those perfect late summer / early fall days with a clear blue sky and just a few clouds. The temperature was warm, but not too hot. We had some shade under the trees. A very large show with a wide variety of cars – they said they had 416 cars registered. Pat Sylvester's 260Z and my 10th Anniversary 280ZX each took one of the "Top 10 Import" trophy plaques. It was a pretty good showing for our club, as there were quite a few imports of various varieties including Triumphs, MGs, Mercedes, Ferrari, plus other misc varieties. The setting is very nice. I didn't get a chance to walk through the gardens, but I heard they were very nice. Once the show was over, my son and I toured the museum while we waited for most of the

cars to clear out.

Our next event is the annual Octoberfest October 6, starting at 11 am, hosted by Jay Weinberger at Continental Nissan. This is always a great event, and so far we have 20 people RSVP'd through the evite. Bring your Z for one last show n shine. However, if you can't bring the Z, come for Continental's hospitality and for camaraderie with your fellow club members. I'll be sending out a reminder.

Fall Fling. This is up in the air right now, things are very hectic at work and home right now, so I am not sure I will be able to put something together. Keep an eye out for a possible evite – if it happens it will be after the Octoberfest. If someone has an idea or wants to lead this, please let me know.

As usual, there are lots of past event photos and upcoming events on the website. I sent James a few of my own photos of the Cantigny show for the newsletter. These are not on the website.

As usual, the WCZC birthday party will be held at the beginning of November. Ty will be providing the details on this soon.

~ Jeff

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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
Oct 6, 11am – Octoberfest	Continental Nissan	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net
TBD – possible drive	TBD	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net
TBD – WCZC B-day party	TBD	Ty Ozgen - tmo212@aol.com



Cantigny Car Show Sept 16th 2012



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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.seasonsloodge.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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