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Another year winding down. Hard to believe right? It seems like months ago that we had our 37th Annual WCZC Birthday Party but it was only a 4 weeks ago. I hope that everyone had a great time. There certainly was no end to the food on the tables, from pasta, to beef, to Italian sausage with all the trimmings. Even the raffle prize table was full of goodies from Z parts to cleaning products to shirts etc. I would like to thank those who were kind enough to donate items for the event. They include Tire Rack, Mequiar's, Haggerty Insurance, ROCK Auto, Griots, Allie Pleiter, Glenn Johnson, who donated stuff from his late 280ZXas well as your own WCZC. Your club dues paid for a good chunk of the banquet as well as donated raffle prizes worth \$100, \$50, and \$25. Congratulations to all the winners. Another winner was Lee Witkowski who took home the coveted "Broken Z Award". If you recall, this trophy goes to the owner of the Z who gave its owner a memorable problem this prior year. Previous winners included James Snyder whose Z left him stranded on his wedding day and Glenn Johnson who bent his Z as he came down hard from going over a hill, bending the whole frame. Even though it was totaled, I recently saw it listed for sale on Craigslist. Someone must have "fixed it" somehow. Just makes you wonder what you are buying when you buy a used car doesn't it. Not just that but what about all those new or used cars that made their way into the market place after Hurricane Sandy. I saw that several collectible cars were flooded by the storm. I am sure a few Z's met their fate that day as well.

The current slate of WCZC officers were reelected

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for another year and their work is certainly appreciated. Jeff Pleiter returns as our VP of Activities. This is a difficult position as you are trying to have activities to attract different interests throughout the club. As always, he is looking for help with ideas so don't be shy. Pat Sylvester is our VP of Administration. This also can be difficult in that he is the person getting in

touch and organizing the sponsor list, especially when it comes to collecting money for ads etc. James Snyder is our Secretary/Newsletter Editor, organizing the information on our members as well as putting out the TEAM Z newsletter 10 times a year. Glenn Johnson, our Webmeister, keeps our website up to date with pictures, upcoming events etc. Last but not least, our fearless Treasurer, Bill Bragg. He manages our money, making sure we do not overspend our budget. I have to give him credit

though. He drives all the way down here from Kenosha for practically every meeting or event. I really appreciate that. I know deep down inside he uses it as an excuse to drive his 370Z. What about me? I just like to have fun. I guess I do a few things as well. My hats off to all the officers and their hard work and as always, I am looking forward to working with them next year.

All my Z's are now hibernating. I guess since there has been no snowfall yet I could have waited but the days I drive them have been getting fewer and fewer as the weather as changed and other obligations come up. These are quieter times for our club as far as driving but we plan to get to the ZGM's after the holidays so

keep your eye on your emails. I wish everyone a great Holiday and an even better New Year!!

~ Ty

Z Calendar

Back by popular demand, I will be trying to put together a 2013 calendar for those interested. I will need 12 Z pictures, first come first serve. I will give preference to those Z's that were not used in the 2012 calendar. I will let you know the cost etc. If interested please send me a note at tmo212@aol.com with your picture and if you would be interested in a calendar. Thanks.

~ Ty



Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities

Yes, it finally happened, what we have all been anticipating and waiting for with baited breath, talked about over and over, three years in the making. No, it's not the next generation Z! Allie finally got her Cube! (see photo)



Yes, after an intensive search spanning a couple of months, Allie is the proud owner of a 2010 Moss Green color Cube SL. We had Continental Nissan keeping an eye out, but they were unable to find one. It was surprisingly hard to find a Cube SL in one of the colors she wanted. There were a lot of base or S models about, but we wanted the higher level SL or Krom trim. It also seemed that most of the SLs or Kroms were white, black, or red which were unacceptable colors. Bitter Chocolate was her first choice, but the nearest ones were always a couple of states away. The silvers, grays, or the moss green or burgundy were acceptable



colors, but nearby ones either were sold by the time we got there, or were overpriced. Finally, as we were seriously thinking of going out of state, we tracked down this Moss Green cube at a small independent dealer in Rockford. So Allie has been going around with a silly grin on her face all day.

Of course now that C.J. has his driver's license, he has the use of my Mini Cooper and I have Allie's Honda Pilot as a daily driver. I don't know about you, but I always want to have a fun car to drive as a daily driver, even through the winter. Maybe you are the same way. Driving is usually one of the highlights of my day. I always get a smile on my face when I see the car, get in it, and fire it up. Put on some tunes, maybe put the top or windows down on a beautiful day. With snow tires on I've used the '03 Mini Cooper S since 2008, before that the '94 300ZX, and before that an '86 Mustang Convertible that I had bought brand new. This will be the first time in a long time that it will be a boring car.

I think the last boring car that I drove on a regular basis was a four door boxy Thunderbird (or was it a Cougar -I think it was a 1977) that I drove for a while between selling my 1971 Mach 1 and taking delivery on my 1986 Mustang convertible that I had bought as a factory order. The T-Bird/Cougar from that era had turned into basic transportation without any style or performance and were just badge engineered between the two versions - basically a forgettable car. It was my grandfather's car that he no longer needed, and I think I had a several month wait between ordering the Mustang, and taking delivery. I am lucky I picked up the Mustang the day before I picked up Allie for our first date. She says who knows what might have happened had I picked her up in my grandfather's car. I'll be good for driving the Pilot through the winter, but once Spring arrives I expect I'll get antsy to drive the

Zs.

Our next event will be a Monthly General Z Meeting. I figure we'll give ourselves a breather after the Holidays and have it on the second Sunday of the month – January 13th. I'll send out an evite with the time and location.

I expect that we'll be attending the Chicago Auto Show in February, and I am planning on setting up a wine tasting event for some time after that.

Save the dates of June 14 and 15 for the 2013 Midwest Heritage Z Fest in Brown County Indiana, and August 5-9 for the 2013 International ZCCA convention in Nashua, New Hampshire. Hotel Reservations are now available I understand for both events. I also have the makings of a Spring Fling Drive to New Glarus, WI. As always if you are interested in taking the lead on an event, or have a suggestion, let us know.

~ Jeff

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WCZC Membership

Welcome to our newest WCZC member:

Walter Kreitling of Sugar Grove IL, proud owner of a 370Z, who found WCZC through the website.

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Z Sightings

From Mick Wildin:

I happened to run across an ad for a 74 260Z RACE CAR for sale here in Indy. It belongs to Stephen Cox who is a commentator for Mecum Auto Auction broadcasts (as well as other car related broadcasts).

When I talked to Stephen, he said he is asking \$6,800 for the car. He mentioned the almost new 2.8L engine cost him \$4000. Also, he said he might be willing to trade for a road worthy Z. Here is the website for the car.

http://flag2flag.com/a_racecarsforsale/CPViewItem.asp?ID=66177 and it includes his contact information.

Please pass along to your club members and other Z cars fans. And no I am not getting anything out of the sale of the car, but I figured there is a Z nut out there somewhere that would be interested in it.

Now just think what you could do at the 2013 ZCON track day with it!!!!

Mick Wildin – Past Prezident – Indy Z Car Club and 2013 Midwest Z Heritage Show Coordinator

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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.



WCZC patch - \$3/ea

License plate frames - \$3/ea or \$5/pair

WCZC polo shirt - \$30, specify size

Contact Ty at tmo212@aol.com to purchase

Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact Info
January 13 Z General Meeting	Watch for an evite soon	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net
TBD Chicago Auto Show	McCormick Convention Center, Chicago	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net
TBD Spring Fling	TBD – to New Glarus, WI	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net
June 14 - 15 Midwest Z Heritage Show	Nashville, Indiana	www.indy漳carclub.org
August 5-9 Int'l Z Car Convention	Nashua, New Hampshire	www.zcon.org



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, 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>
<http://www.visitbloomington.com/visitors/>

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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Greetings Fellow Z Enthusiasts!

The Z Car Club of New England is working hard to plan a great convention in 2013. ZCON2013 will be held in New Hampshire on August 5-9, 2013. A sheet with the basics is attached, including hotel information. You must mention the convention when calling to make reservations.

We hope to have the convention website up and running by December 15th [not yet up as of this newsletter. - Ed], and we will add more information there as our plans are finalized. As usual, the convention website is linked through the ZCCA site. www.zcca.org

If you can't find information you need, please let me (Karen) or Club President John Jeffery know (john@baddogparts.com).

Happy Holidays to all,
Karen Crowell
zconvention2013@gmail.com
Z Car Club of New England

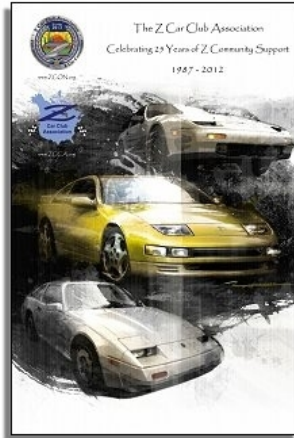
ZCON 2012 event posters - 24"x36"

ZCCA (www.zcca.org) commissioned artwork

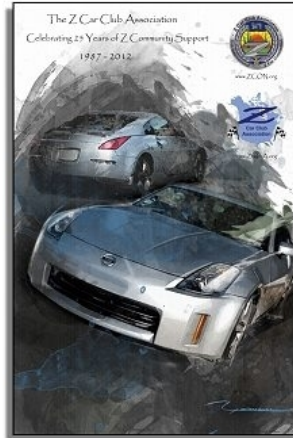
Artist: Randy Rodriguez - Designer of Nissan 370z



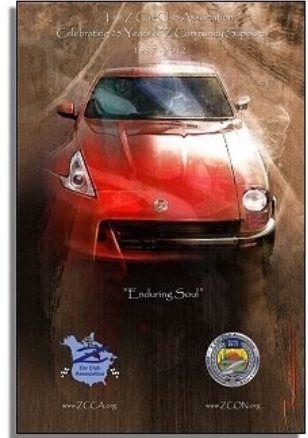
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Poster: 300zx's



Poster: 350z



Poster: 240/370z

Price / poster: \$20 shipped. Additional poster(s) \$5 each.

Please specify which poster you are buying!

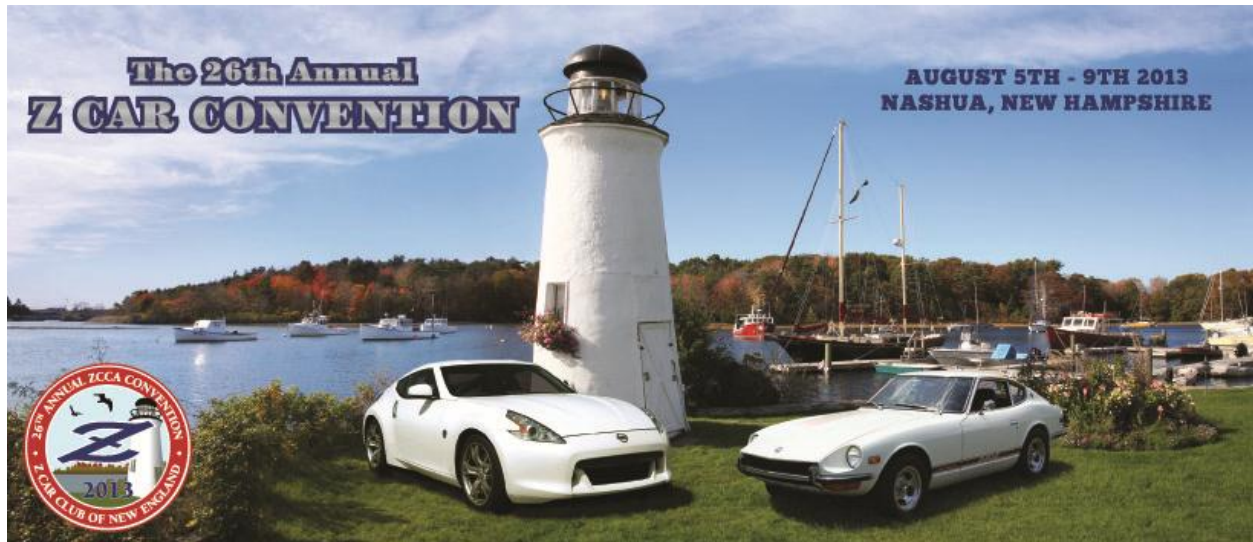
Payments accepted via Paypal to: paypal@zcca.org, include your shipping address.

A good quantity of ZCCA-produced ZCON 2012 posters still available. These were produced based on original commissioned paintings by Randy Rodriguez, designer of the 370z.

The ZCCA had four posters produced to address all enthusiasts of all generations of Z's. The official "25th Anniversary" poster is the "Enduring Soul" design which depicts a 240z and 370z morphed together - this design was utilized for the event program cover and event t-shirts. These are quality posters, very vibrant 24"x36" size on heavy paper (100#) and would look great framed in your home or "Z" garage.

Proceeds from the sale of the poster, help us recoup our costs to have these produced and also help us to continue providing assistance to regional ZCCA member club events and sponsored events (i.e. Ztoberfest 2012, Z-Attack, ZDayz, etc.). First poster is \$20 shipped, each additional \$5 thereafter. If you have a larger quantity in mind, please email me for a quantity discount. The ZCCA will accept payments via paypal sent to: paypal@zcca.org. Posters will be (carefully) rolled up and shipped via USPS Priority.

Please email Christopher Karl, ZCCA Executive Director for more info at cvk@bricekarl.com



ZCON 2013 Fact Sheet

Dates: Monday August 5th through Friday August 9th

Location: Nashua, NH

Hotel: Crowne Plaza 2 Somerset Parkway, Nashua, NH 03063

Hotel Website: (www.cpnashua.com)

Rates: \$109./night w/early registration (before March 1st 2013) and \$119/night after March 1st

Hotel registration is open now: 603-886-1200 (mention Z Convention)

Event Schedule:

Monday: registration opens at 9am, suds&shine, opening reception with special guest speaker Bob Sharp

Tuesday: Car show (shuttle service to downtown dining locations)

Wednesday: Road rallye (shuttle bus service to downtown dining locations)

Thursday: track event at NHMS 1.6 mile road course, New England Clam Bake dinner

Friday: Autocross and Special Events including Duck tour of Boston/Fenway Park, awards and closing banquet

Please note that there will be other small events and side trips that can be taken as well to local attractions.



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