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Where is the snow? We have been waiting and waiting and hardly anything. What a weird couple years we have had. I have my snow tires ready to go on my Accord and all I have been driving on is dry pavement. If it is cold outside and the days are shorter, then there must be snow. Not a blizzard but just enough to cover the area and make it all nice and pretty. I did get to scrape the windshield last weekend and drive in some mild slushy stuff but that was up in the Lake Geneva area. Down here it was dry. Might as well bring Spring in early like last year. The good part



is that I have not had to shovel; hence my lower back is happy. Not a lot of salt on the ground means the cars are happy. We will see what happens as the winter goes by.

Speaking of

happy, I would like to elaborate on a not so happy observation I have noted about gas stations. I know what you are thinking. "Come on Ty, not another gas station story!" Well listen up. I have been buying gas for some time now and there has been some consistency in price as far as the different grades of gasoline. It used to be that Regular Unleaded was the cheapest price, followed by the Mid-grade gas, about 10cents more, then Premium, about 20cents more than regular. This was the unwritten rule. You could always depend on it wherever you go.....until recently. Again I will bring up a Shell station that I passed up on coming home from the ZGM last weekend. The price for regular was \$3.39, midgrade \$3.59, and premium \$3.79! A whopping 40 cents per gallon more! What could be worth an extra 40 cents in

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your premium gas? Come on Shell, what are you trying to do here? You already are ripping us off and making huge profits. Give it a break. Even though my Accord needs just regular gas, I passed the Shell up (it's the principle of it) and went to my local Speedway where this unwritten rule is enforced. So there.

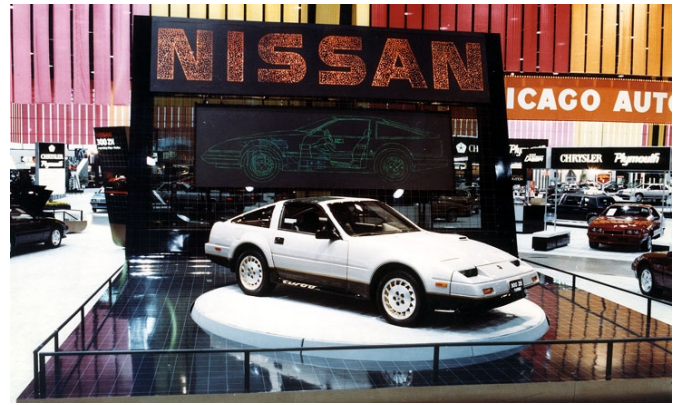
We had a great ZGM last weekend. Each of the officers were present as well as several members. Some of the important news from the ZGM was the end of the Nissan Sport Magazine that we have enjoyed through the years. They have struggled to stay afloat for some time and finally called it quits.



We discussed the events for this coming year and the first one is the Chicago Auto Show. The date for our outing is Monday, Feb. 11th. As usual we will be meeting near the Starbucks by the main entrance to the car show area at 6 PM. We will be getting complimentary show tickets courtesy of Jay Weinberger of Continental Nissan. Once again we are very appreciative of his support for our club. Two tickets are available to each member on a first come first serve basis so if you will be attending, please send

me a note at tmo212@aol.com. Also, we are looking into getting a Facebook site for our club in the near future. Jeff will be setting this up for us. It should be fun as well as a great way to get our club more exposure. Last note, the calendar for this year has been put aside for lack of picture participation. Maybe next year. Anyway, hope to see you at the auto show.....

~ Ty



March 2: Our March Meeting will be more of a social event. Join us at Pilot Pete's (905 West Irving Park Road, Schaumburg, IL 60193) for dinner. Details are yet to be finalized, but expect it to start about 6 pm on Saturday.

April 6: Z General Meeting. Probably at Fuddruckers, but is yet to be determined. We are looking to have a guest at this event. We are still making arrangement, but we hope to have Hagerty Insurance provide us info to answer your collector car insurance questions.

May – Late May - Date TBD: Spring Fling Drive to New Glarus Wisconsin. Date and details are to be determined. We are thinking of making this an overnight event where we drive up and have dinner in the evening, stay overnight, then spend the next day on driving and stops at various points of interest, before returning home that day.



Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities

The holidays are over and we have started the 2013 Z season with the First Z General Meeting at Fuddruckers. I didn't take an exact count, but it seemed we had about 15 hardcore Z fans show up for dinner, social discussion and planning. The following is the schedule of our larger upcoming events planned for 2013. We'll be adding other smaller events as the year goes along.

February 11: Our annual trip to the Chicago Auto Show. This is a Monday evening event. See Ty's column for details and let him know if you plan on coming. The number of free entry tickets we will have are limited. Note that the parking garage rates drop at 6 pm. One new Nissan (Infiniti) Car that will be there is the replacement for the G sedan that was unveiled at the Detroit Auto show, called the Q50 and looks very interesting. Check out the info on the internet. Motor Trend's website is one location.



June 14 and 15: Z Heritage Fest in Nashville, Brown County Indiana. See info in this newsletter or our website for the info.

July 19: Vintage Races at Road America.

July – Date TBD: Our annual Cruisin' Z Car Show. Date and Location are yet to be determined.

August 5 through 9 : International Z Convention. Nashua, New Hampshire.

September 15: Cantigny Car Show. We had such a great time last year, we plan on going again this year.

Dates and info are subject to change as details get finalized. As always, we are open to event ideas. Email me at villazx10@comcast.net.

~ Jeff

Nissan News



Nissan will have an all new display for the North American International Auto Show in Detroit. This new design will have multilevel flooring for vehicle displays as well as an amphitheater style stage. This stage will have not only sight and sound but smell and touch to captivate the public's attention. A large halo is to float over the stage to emphasize the energy and excitement of the show, hence Nissan's new brand positioning of "Energy that Excites". A distinctive fragrance called 'The Vert Oriental' will be released periodically within the display area. It has the scent of green tea at harvest. (I would have preferred burnt rubber or brake pads?) The lighting is to change throughout the day as well. It should make its way to the Chicago Auto Show next month.



Nissan North American sales increased 9.5% for calendar year 2012. 1,141,656 vehicles were sold. Nissan sales were up to 1,021,779, up 8.2%.

Contributing to this were sales of the Altima which was up 12.6% to 302,934. The Rogue was up 14.3% as well as the Versa, up 13.6%. The 370Z sales were 7,338, up a bit from 2011 sales of 7,328. The Leaf did well, up 1.5% to 9,819 sales.

Infiniti had a good year as well with sales up 21.8% led by the G sedan at 46,828 units (up 7%) and the new JX crossover at 21,674 units.

Nissan in Europe also had a successful year, achieving its best ever market share of 3.9% with 665,756 sales. This was led by the Nissan Qashqai crossover and the Nissan Juke.



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Construction should begin by spring on a new Nissan dealership in Bristol (Kenosha, WI)

The Bob Rohrman Auto Group is building a Nissan Dealership on 120th Avenue — the west frontage road of I-94— just north of the CarMax dealership on the same road.

Village Administrator Randy Kerkman said the company held a formal groundbreaking for the project Dec. 27. Construction on the building is awaiting final state approval, however excavating on the site is largely complete.

Kerkman said the auto group hopes to have the dealership open by late 2013.

When approved last February, a spokesman for the company said the dealership, on 14 acres, would include a 35,000-square-foot sales and service building, along with a 2,000-square-foot building devoted to used car sales.

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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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 Contact Ty at tmo212@aol.com to purchase

Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact Info
Feb 11 Chicago Auto Show	McCormick Convention Center, Chicago	Ty Ozgen - tmo212@aol.com
March 2 Social Dinner	Pilot Pete's 905 W Irving Park Rd, Schaumburg IL 60193	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net
April 6 ZGM	Location TBD – Fuddrucker's? Possible Hagerty Presentation	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net
May or Late May, TBD Spring Fling	Drive to New Glarus, WI	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net
June 14 - 15 Midwest Z Heritage Show	Nashville, Indiana	www.indyzcarclub.org
July 19 - Vintage Races at Road America	Elkhart Lake, WI	www.roadamerica.com
July TBD – WCZC Cruzin Z Car Show	TBD	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net
August 5-9 Int'l Z Car Convention	Nashua, New Hampshire	www.zcon.org
September 15 Cantigny Car Show	Cantigny, Wheaton IL	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net



2013 Midwest Z Heritage Car Show June 14 & 15, 2013

The Indy Z Car Club is hosting this year's Midwest Z Heritage Car Show in Brown County, Indiana. 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.midwestzheritage.com for registration information, limited to the first 140 cars. The car show has expanded their format and Datsun Roadsters, Infiniti G's and Nissan GTR's are invited to attend, sponsored by Dreyer and Reinbold Infiniti.

The hotel is now taking reservations! The Season's Lodge in Nashville, Indiana 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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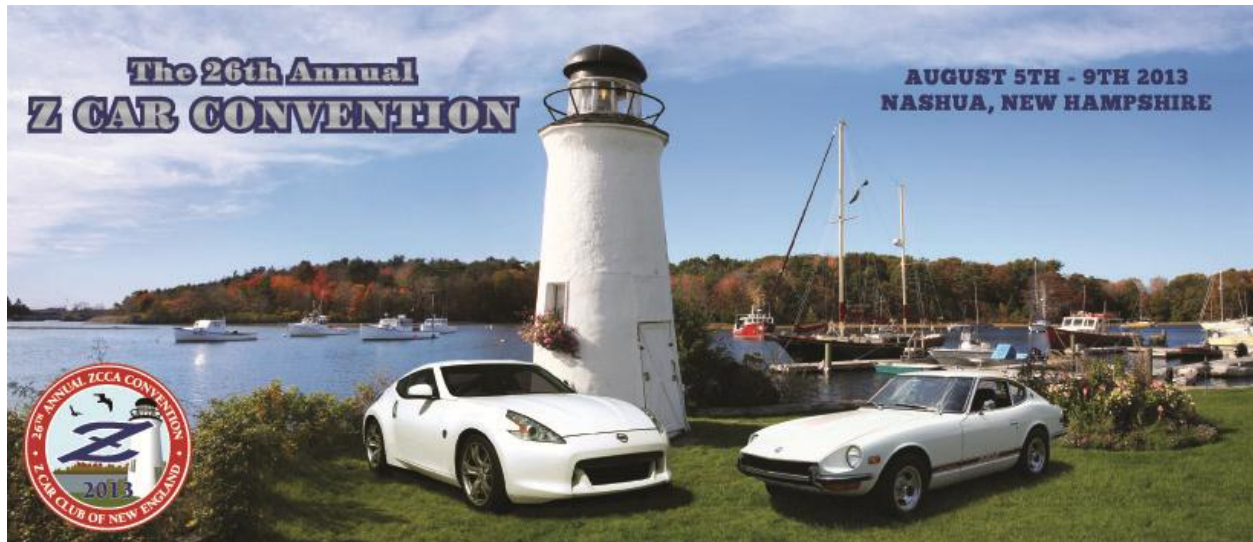
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26th Annual Z Car Convention ~ 2013 ZCON, August 5-9

The Z Car Club of New England (<http://zccne.org/>) is working hard to plan a great convention in 2013. ZCON2013 will be held in Nashua, New Hampshire on August 5-9, 2013. You must mention the convention when calling to make hotel reservations.

To make your reservations, visit: <http://www.zccazconvention.com/conventions/2013/>

If you can't find information you need, please contact
Karen Crowell zconvention2013@gmail.com
or Club President John Jeffery (john@baddogparts.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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