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It is Tuesday afternoon, in March, it is snowing, and I am inside with nothing to do. So here I am, writing my article for the newsletter. I guess I am doing something. If the weather was nicer, I could be outside, washing the car, cleaning the rims, cleaning the inside....doing something at least that is relaxing to me, maybe even out for a drive. My cars relax me, it is an "out "for me, my hobby. The Z's have to get their oil changed before the driving weather, they have to be checked after the long hibernation; there is so much to do. But no, it is March, it is snowing and I am inside. Oh well.

I definitely am getting the itch for nicer weather even though it has not been a terrible season. The Chicago Auto Show is now just a memory but it does get the ball rolling for those thoughts of fun in the sun with our Z's. The generosity of Jay Weinberger from Continental Nissan for getting us tickets is once again appreciated. I have to be honest though, I was a bit disappointed in the show. I look so forward to going to the show every year and for the last few years; it just seems to be missing something. No pizzazz. There are so many nice cars out there from Japan, Germany, Korea, and the Big 3 here in the states. I can imagine as a consumer it would be very difficult to make a decision in buying a new car. As a manufacturer, I would think I would need to do something different than the rest of the crowd to attract more attention. I



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thought for sure Nissan was going to do that with the display I talked about last month in my article but nope, same old thing. As a Z enthusiast, I could not even sit in a Z. Come on people, it's a car show!!! The Z is a great sports car but the competition is tough, especially with these lighter 4 cylinder cars like the Subaru BRZ, Hyundai Genesis etc. that are much cheaper. Several

members commented on how many utility trucks Nissan had on display. I know that Nissan does build some nice trucks but my impression is that the auto show is more for the private consumer, but what do I know....its March, it's snowing and I am inside.

My hat's off to Jeff for setting up the dinner last weekend at Pilot Pete's at the Schaumburg airport. We had a big crowd show up and everyone had a great time. Good food and spirits and good friends make for great time even with the Z's tucked in

the garage. Thanks Jeff.

Also if you have not had a chance to check us out on Facebook, go ahead and take a peak. I am now officially signed up but I have to admit, I am a newbie so my skills maneuvering thru it may be slow and inaccurate but I will be your friend if you will be mine. Maybe we can have a playdate.....sorry; my kids are on my mind. Anyway, the site is a great way to interact with fellow members on line while we wait for the nice salt free weather. See you all at the next ZGM meeting in April.

~ Ty



Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities

I found the auto show to be a bit of a disappointment this year. The Nissan exhibit did not have a production Z. They unveiled the new Nismo Juke alongside a locked up “pre-production” 2014 Nismo 350Z. The Juke seems like it will be an interesting piece, something I could use as a daily driver year round. Course the Juke was also pre-production, so there was no way we could get a look at more than the outside. Both were painted with a similar paint, pretty good looking. There was no info available at the show about any changes to the Nismo, but an internet search found that the changes are all cosmetic, no performance improvements. The rumor is that the next Z will be smaller and lighter and coming out as a 2015 model. Sounds like just the ticket. I hope Nissan realizes that they need to keep the same level of performance as the current Z, at least at the highest trim level. Any drop in performance will be a disappointment to the Z enthusiasts. A lower base level to compete with the FRS / BRZ twins would be acceptable. Perhaps they’ll let us know more at the National Convention in August.



Our Z General Meeting on March 2 was a social dinner event. It was held at Pilot Pete’s (905 West Irving Park Road, Schaumburg, IL 60193). We had a great turnout of 22 members. It was a fun evening with great conversation and food. Photos can also be found on the website. If you missed it, you may want to get over to Pilot Pete’s for dinner. Highly recommended. Warning: On a Saturday night there were already people waiting. It is very popular.

Update for our current planned events:

April 6: Z General Meeting. Location is yet to be

determined. We will have a guest at this event. Hagerty Insurance will provide us info and will answer your collector car insurance questions. I am looking for somewhere more private than Fuddruckers. If you know of a good place to have this, or would like to offer your home as a meeting place, please let me know. I’ll issue an evite soon.

May 18: Spring Fling Drive to New Glarus Wisconsin. I have a back roads route from Monroe WI to New Glarus. The one day version would be to drive up Saturday morning to Monroe, and have lunch. Then take the back roads to New Glarus. Spend some time exploring new Glarus and have dinner and drive home. I am planning on doing a dry run in March. Now if it sounds like spending all day driving there, around the back county and back, is a bit long you can drive up the night before, and/or stay overnight Saturday and continue the fun the next day. I will send out an evite soon, and ask about the interest in the overnight stay.

June 14 and 15: Z Heritage Fest in Nashville, Brown County Indiana. See info in this newsletter or our website for the info. We’ll get a caravan together to go down.

July 19: Vintage Races at Road America.

July xx?: 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



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Membership News

Welcome back to returning members Dennis Kazmierczak of Schererville, IN with a 93 300ZX TT & Lee Regner of Park Ridge IL with a 1971 240Z. Lee is in the process of restoring his Z, and would love to hear from you if you have restored your Z.

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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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WCZC patch - \$3/ea
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Contact Ty at tmo212@aol.com to purchase

Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact Info
April 6 ZGM	Location TBD – with Hagerty Presentation	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net
May 18, 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>

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

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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).



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 Your e-mail address is important because we send the WCZC newsletter and club notifications via e-mail.
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Type of Zs Owned (Please indicate Year and quantity):

240Z _____ 300ZX _____

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280ZX _____

How did you hear about our club? _____

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- \$30.00 for one year (incl. foreign countries)
 - \$50.00 for two years (incl. foreign countries)
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- *Associates must live at least 300 miles outside Chicago

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- Committee Volunteer
- Club Representative
- Leadership Role

If you have any questions concerning these categories, please call one of the Club Officers listed above.

Please make your check payable to the Windy City Z Club and mail it with this application to:
 WINDY CITY Z CLUB

4250 N. Marine Dr. #515, Chicago, Illinois 60613

Your membership packet will be sent to you by return mail within four to six weeks