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I thought I would write about my recent trip to the Midwest Z Heritagefest in Nashville, IN. It was hosted by the Indy Z Car Club and what a great job they did. When I booked the hotel earlier this year, I was under the impression that I would be Z less, going with the family in my wife's SUV. Kind of like a family weekend getaway. However as it got closer, it became clear that the kids had swimming events the same weekend and they did not really want to miss it. So I was given

clearance by the control tower to go by myself. A man and his Z, how could it get any better? The only question was which one would I bring? I decided on the '90 TT. Why? It is the most comfortable of the 3 Z's I own, especially with AC and I haven't really shown it in some time. For about 2 weeks I went over the car very closely to get it ready. Having judged at National Conventions, I kind of knew what they would be looking at. I had to decide which class to enter it in.



Technically it is not stock due to the tinted windows, painted rims, white face gauges etc and I would not really consider it modified either so I went with Daily Driver, having over 80k miles on it. I started with the engine, cleaning and detailing it, even knowing the engine would not be judged in this class but it made me feel better. I washed and waxed the exterior, cleaned the rims, wheel wells, mufflers etc. I really did a thorough cleaning on the inside as well. Even my neighbor across the street commented on the time I was putting into it. This is the most I have detailed the car

probably since the 1995 National Convention in Atlanta when I pulled a 3rd place in the stock category. It was ready to go. The only issue was the weather. Would all my hard work go to waste? I was fortunate. It was a beautiful Friday afternoon when I left. The only problem I ran in to was a bladder problem. My dear wife said I should get a soda to sip on during my

long drive to keep awake. I agreed but unfortunately I got a 44oz Diet Pepsi from Shell. Historically I do not have any issues with drinking this but this time I did. I had to stop twice in the 4+hour trip at a rest area and that is not like me. Am I getting older? Anyway, I got there without any rain and hardly any bugs to clean.

As I checked into the hotel, I remembered the question I was asked when I made the reservation. They asked me if I would like the scenic view for \$10 more or was the parking lot view OK. Dummy, for me the parking lot view is the scenic view but I did not tell them that. I got a steal!! After I checked in I had dinner with several fellow WCZC members and did some last minute detailing on the Z. It was now ready to be displayed to the world. Later that night some WCZC members got together to have some drinks at the bar and listen to live music. It was fun but I still can't figure out why one of the girls who was dancing asked Glenn Johnson to watch her sandals. What do you think Tracy?

The next day was the show. My favorite part of these events. It was a sunny and humid day. Even though I had checked the "yes" box to volunteer for judging, I was hoping they would not need me. I just want to sit in my chair, relax and enjoy. I even hid behind my Z pretending to clean but wouldn't you know it, Tom Keene came out to find me. Aw shucks! Come on Tom, give me a break, I have a bladder control problem. I guess I'll go to the judges meeting. I was asked to help judge the 5th Generation class. We were given our instructions and off we went. I noted that Tom was judging the 4th Generation class and I tried to congratulate him by shaking his hand and slipping him a "20" at the same time but he could not be bought. He is an honest man.

Anyway we got through all the 350Z's in a reasonable time. There were some pristine cars to judge but I appreciated that some people just were displaying their Z's not to win anything but just for fun. Nothing wrong with that. I hope we get the same kind of Z's at our event for our car show later this month.

Anyway, after the judging I was able to walk around to look at all the nice Z's. After the show I took the trolley down to Nashville to just walk around, looking at all the little shops they had. What a cute little town. When I got back to the hotel, I saw an odd sight. It was Mad Mikes 350Z but he was not driving it, it was CJ, Jeff and Allies son. How did that happen? I guess Mad Mike threw him the keys and said take it out for a drive. Nice guy! I don't think he realized that there was mud on the car when it came back and I know that for a fact, I judged it a couple hours earlier. Hmmm.

The awards banquet was well attended and the food was plentiful. Officers from the Indy Z Car Club made some remarks as well as Mad Mike and then the trophies were announced. Our club did quite well as you can see:

- 1st Generation Daily Driver: 2nd Place, Dave Jarrell
- 1st Generation Modified: 2nd Place, Bill Opperman
- 1st Generation Modified: 3rd Place, David Johnson
- 2nd Generation Stock: 2nd Place, Jeff Pleiter
- 3rd Generation Stock: 1st Place, Mike Gordon
- 4th Generation Daily Driver: 1st Place, Ty Ozgen
- 4th Generation Modified: 3rd Place, Tom Keene
- 5th Generation Stock: 3rd Place, Ron Osborne
- 5th Generation Modified: 3rd Place, Carl Kush
- 6th Generation Stock: 3rd Place, Glen Johnson

Did you see my name on the list? That's right, you sure did. I was tickled pink. Thanks Tom! My hard work paid off. I do have to admit, it really was looking nice that day. No wonder I fell in love with it over 20 years ago. The passion is still there!

The next morning I left pretty early as my kids

wanted me home early for Father's Day. I know the rest of the group met for breakfast and left a couple hours later. All in all, it was a great weekend. I really felt like I got away from all the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

As far as our own show, do not forget to send me your registration for July 14th's Cruisin Z USA Show at the Bolingbrook Promenade. Please see the registration for the schedule. This will be a People's Choice type event. You do not have to have a garage queen so bring the Z over, show it off. We will be parking in the same area as before on the inside streets so look for the white registration tent. See you there.

~ Ty



Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities

Those of you who were down in Nashville with the club at the Heritage Fest knew that my mother ended up in the hospital that weekend, and my wife and I ended up shooting north to the hospital Sunday morning. After a short stint in the hospital she was moved to a rehab facility on Tuesday morning. Unfortunately the follow Saturday morning we were called again to the hospital emergency room. The prognosis at that time was not well defined, but by Sunday morning it was apparent that the best thing to do was to make her comfortable. She passed away Monday the 24th of June. She had been suffering for a while with Parkinson's disease, which ultimately it led to falls and additional complications which led to her passing. While this turn for the worse was unexpected, and hard on our family, in the long run it has saved her lengthy suffering. We will remember her as she was, a wonderful wife to my father and mother to our family. We will miss her.

The Midwest Z Heritage Fest in Nashville, Brown County Indiana was held on a beautiful couple of days in June. The car show on Saturday was well attended and was followed by a drive through the scenic roads in the country. Our club did win a good number of prizes, including my taking second place in 280ZX stock. There was a huge number and variety of raffle prizes, and while most times I will win a few things at these raffles, this year ended up being my lucky year. In gift certificates and prizes I more than covered the cost of my attendance at the show. Of course using the gift certificates to get more restoration parts for my Z's will probably end up costing me more in the long run.

This year I did not get a chance to make the drive through the countryside. However, my son did, because "Mad" Mike Taylor was in attendance at the

Fest and invited my son to ride along and navigate. C.J. found out why they call him “Mad” Mike. While my son did not share all the details of the ride along, I was able to find out a few details my son does not know I heard about. Glenn, did you ever find out if your video caught Mike’s little excursion into the pasture? Mike was also “Mad” in that later he gave my son the keys to his 350Z and let him take it out for a drive. Glenn acted as a lead car for C.J. to follow as he did not know his way around the area. He kept it on the road although he said he was totally nervous.

June 16 was a Father’s day car show at the Glen. I have not heard how this went. Doug if you have some pictures and a little write up we can include it in the newsletter or on the web.

As you may have guessed, family concerns for a time stopped my work on planning upcoming events, doing e-vites and updating our facebook page. With things calming down, we are looking at the following upcoming events:

July 14: Our annual Cruisin’ Z Car Show. The location will be the Bolingbrook Promenade. Ty will have some information on this in his article and elsewhere in the newsletter. The registration form has been sent out via email to all the members. Watch for an evite.

July 20: Vintage Races at Road America. Watch for an evite. We typically meet Saturday at the Lake Forest Oasis and leave there about 8 am to caravan up to the track.

Aug?: Cars and Coffee. This is planned to be a relatively short notice event. We’ll send out an evite and/or email and meet at a coffee shop for a general meeting / social Z event.

August 5 through 9: International Z Convention. Nashua, New Hampshire. I am not able to attend this year. We will arrange a caravan for those interested. See the facebook page, or email me for the lead person to contact.

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

Sept/Oct?: Fall Fling Drive.

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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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

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Contact Ty at tmo212@aol.com to purchase

Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact Info
July 14– WCZC Cruizin Z Car Show	Bolingbrook Promenade	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net
July 19/20 - Vintage Races at Road America	Elkhart Lake, WI	www.roadamerica.com
August TBD Cars and Coffee	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
Sept/Oct Fall Fling Drive	TBD	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net

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).

Please pass the word - this is the 10th year anniversary of the last time we had a convention in NH. Here are some of the highlights for this year's event:

- New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) - HPDE track event! Get on-track and go fast legally while learning a bit more about your Z and car control.
- Anheuser-Busch location car show (free brewery tour)
- Autocross - at NHMS
- Scenic New England cruise and Poker Run
- Clam bake & lobster boil!
- Special Guests: Bob Sharp (of Bob Sharp Racing), Mr. Matsuo (240z Designer), and Randy Rodriguez (370z Designer)
- Banquet & Awards Dinner (possible Yutaka Katayama participation via video conference)

Please spread the word at your car club events! You can follow ZCON 2013 on Twitter or via Facebook (search for "ZCON"). [Christopher Karl, ZCCA, Executive Director, \(440\) 343-1664](#)



The Glen Father's Day Car Show

Photos by
Doug Harman





*Midwest Z
Heritagefest
Nashville, IN*

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Ty Ozgen





New Glarus, WI Road Trip

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Carl &
Judy Kush



CRUIZIN' Z CAR SHOW 2013

Sunday, July 14th

Bolingbrook Promenade

thepromenadebolingbrook.com

on Boughton Rd, west of I-355

9 am to 3 pm



Car Show Entry Fees

Pre-registration: WCZC members \$5, Non-members \$10

Day of show Registration: WCZC members \$10, Non-members \$15

At-Show-Special: renew membership or join for \$20/year

Approximate Schedule

Registration: 9 to 11am

Show: 9 to 3pm

Trophies: 3pm

Trophies will be awarded for People's Choice for each generation.

Cruizin' Z 2013 Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Car 1: Year _____ Model _____

Car 2: Year _____ Model _____

Member Pre-registration: # Cars _____ x \$5 = _____

Non-member Pre-registration: # Cars _____ x \$10 = _____

Please mail in pre-registration by July 5th to
WCZC - Ty Ozgen
632 Millbrook Dr.
Downers Grove, IL 60516
Make checks payable to "Windy City Z Club"



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