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Where has the time gone? Another summer has essentially been traveled and we're now heading into the fall season. To some, it means football. To others, it means the driving season is coming to a close. For me, I guess it means both. I do enjoy watching football, especially college teams. At the same time I know the Z's will soon be hibernating. However, we are still in September and there is time to do things with the club and your Z. I was disappointed at last weekend's weather. I was really looking forward to going to the Cantigny car show and had the 1980 Tenth Anniversary spiffed up and all. I did get up at 6:30 that AM and it was overcast but not raining.

Within the hour, it started to drizzle. I took a look at the radar and it looked like rain all day. If there was a place to sit indoors I would have probably gone but I just did not want to sit in the rain all day. I stayed home. There were 3 brave Z members who toughed it out and my hats off to them. From what



I heard, there were not many cars out there as compared to last year. Maybe next year. Please check our website and emails for more events as the year comes to an end. I am in the midst of narrowing the date and location for our annual WCZC birthday party and will get the information to you hopefully within the next week so you can put it on your calendar.

I would like to share a non Z story with you all. It is kind of comical but does have a good ending. As some of you know, I was in Turkey vacationing last month. We try to go every couple years if we can. My wife and kids were already there as I mentioned last month. I flew over last month in a Turkish Airlines Airbus

A330 and met the family at the airport. The plane left at 10:30 PM and in 10 hours I was there. I was able to get a little sleep in though typically I do not. From Istanbul, we had a connecting flight in a Boeing 777 to our destination. Even though I get a bit nervous flying, I still get a thrill from it, especially on takeoffs. Just to hear the engines wind up and the acceleration pushing you into the seats is so cool. If at all possible, the window seat is a must although I have to fight with my

boys these days. Although I am not a plane critique, I do have a few comments on the aircraft. I think the Airbus was quieter overall but as far as space, I liked the 777 better. I could stand up from my seat and not hit my head on the storage bins overhead. We had a good time visiting with family members and sightseeing but this year we also spent time with just my immediate family at a waterpark resort. It was relaxing just to sit by one of the pools. The only worry was what time we should go to dinner and if we had enough sunblock on.

As usual, I like to check out the different cars that are driving around. The more common brands were Hyundai's, Fiats and VW's. There seemed to be more Nissan's out there then in the past, particularly a smaller SUV called the Qashqai. It is similar to the Rogue but is unique to the European market. My cousin even has one and he seems to be pleased with it. However there were no Z's to speak of. Actually sports cars are just not common but one that stood out

was the VW Scirocco. I saw these 2 years ago and I really like the lines on it.

Anyway, I took a lot of pictures while we were there, about 400 to be exact. I had bought a new digital camera for the occasion and got plenty of use on it. Just as much as cars have come a long way, so have cameras. Two days before we returned to the states I decided to review all the pictures I had taken. There were some great pictures of the kids, my relatives, the hotel...everything. I don't consider myself to be a photographer but I certainly was impressed. Since it was a new camera I was not sure how to tell how much space there was left on the SD card. I was playing around with it, pressing different buttons, looking at different functions and then it happened. I pressed a wrong button. I deleted all the pictures and videos. How can that be? It did not say delete all the pictures. I was devastated! Maybe I put it into the camera's memory. No, not there. I checked the card again; blank. Two weeks worth of memories down the drain, gone forever. Did I really do that? How can I face my wife, my kids? There has to be a way to fix this. I truly was on the verge of tears. I kept my composure and replaced the SD card with another one. I acted like nothing was wrong and went about the last 2 days before coming home. At home I kept thinking that there must be a way of retrieving the memories that I deleted. Hard drives in computers can never be completely erased even if you delete things on them and send them to the recycle bin. I googled it on line and found there may be hope for me after all. Fortunately the husband of my nurse at work is a computer guru and he said he would take a look at it for me. I gave him the SD card and within 4 days he returned it to me with all the pictures intact. What a sense of relief!! I was very appreciative of him doing this for me and returning those lost memories. Moral of the story, do not play around with new cameras. Oh yeah, I did eventually tell my wife, after I got the pictures back!

Have a great rest of September and see you at the Oktoberfest.

~ Ty



Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities

The September 15 Cantigny Car Show was very rainy. Most WCZC members canceled. Myself, the Sylvesters and the Oppermans showed cars. The Witkowskis showed up for breakfast and a short time at the show. James also showed up with his new son Simon in tow. James says Simon is a fan of all things transportation. 400+ total cars last year – only about 90 this year. I came home with a “top 10 import” plaque.

Sept 28 - [Wine Tasting and Dinner @ Lynfred Winery](#) 971 N Milwaukee Ave Wheeling, IL 60090. Wine tasting is at 4pm, for about an hour. Cost about \$6-7 dollars as long as we get 10-15 people, due to a certificate I got at a charity auction. Normally this is \$9 per person. Plan on going to dinner afterwards at the Nearby Ram Restaurant, or join us for dinner if you don't want to do the wine tasting. First come first serve for the RSVP. Limit is 15 for the tasting.

October 5 - Continental Nissan Octoberfest. As usual, I expect Jay to set out a nice lunch for us and save an area for parking our Z cars. If more details become available, we'll add to the website and evite. Usually runs from about 11 am to 3pm.

Oct 12 - Fall Fling Drive – Poker Run. Carl Kush has put the Fall Fling together for us. Thanks Carl! We will start with a visit to a small alpaca farm, make five stops including Garwood Orchard farm market. Every stop will require a short walk to find a card. There will be a \$5 fee per hand. The poker jack pot will be whatever is collected from the \$5.00 fee per hand. The dinner gathering will be at The Water's Edge restaurant at



the Michigan City lake front. October 12, a Saturday, was chosen to make the return trip to Chicago easier. Feel free to make suggestions including the day of the event. In case of rain this event will be rescheduled to Spring 2014, and I have a idea for another alternate drive on another day.

November - WCZC Birthday Party, date and location TBD.

I would like to step down next year as VP of Activities. With a both a high school and college graduation next year in the Spring, and then in the fall getting one off to college and one settled after college, I am afraid I may have not much time for event planning.

See the evites sent out. 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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WCZC 10 years ago

Ten years ago this fall, the Windy City Z Club was winding down the driving season just as we are this fall. August was a busy month as the club attended 2 Cruise Nights. One in Downers Grove and the other in Lemont. We also had a Z Dayz of August Car Show at Nissan of St Charles. Here we viewed for the first time the new 350Z Roadster. In September, we had a road trip up to a new sponsor in Milwaukee, Bennett Coachworks. Bob Bennett gave us a tour of the shop where they restore cars of all types or even modify them according to your taste. He also is a big Z fan, having 5 of them himself. Other events included our annual Oktoberfest Car Show at Continental Nissan which is always a crowd favorite and the National Convention was held in New Hampshire that year just like it was this year in 2013.

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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
September 28, at 4pm Wine Tasting & Dinner	Lynfred Winery 971 N Milwaukee, Wheeling IL Dinner location TBD	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net
October 5, 11-3pm Oktoberfest	Continental Nissan	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net
October 12 Fall Fling – Poker Run	Michigan City & environs	Carl Kush
November WCZC Birthday party	TBD	

Cantigny Car Show



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