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As the year comes to a close, I think back on all the fun times I had with the club. As you know, we try to do a little bit of everything. I would say our biggest draws are the car shows and drives. One is where you bring a chair and sit next to your Z, all proud and all, the other where you are in the drivers seat. To me, they are both a good time.

The years go by so fast and life changes with it. Several years ago for the drives, I would go solo. No passenger, just a man and his machine. I would think a lot when I drive by myself... about life, the future, the past. Shortly thereafter, my wife Sonnie joined me for the cruises and we would pretty much talk just about everything. Then, as we had children, the drives became a solo event for me again. There I was again, thinking about life, the future and the past. This past October, we had our last driving event to the Rockford area, visiting the Anderson Japanese Gardens and driving along the Rock River. It was a cool day but nevertheless enjoyable. The best part for me was my passenger. For the first time, Berkay, my oldest (12 years old) wanted to join me. A father and his son spending several hours together in a car. I will admit, I was a bit nervous. I was afraid he may get bored but I was wrong. We talked about school, grades, swimming and cars as well. We actually had a good time together. After the trip when I asked him what his favorite part was, he mentioned feeding the koi at the Gardens. He liked how they would follow him as he walked along the waters edge. I thought he may comment on the drive itself so I asked him what his second favorite part



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was. He stated he liked how Jeff, the lead car, got separated from the rest of the group and how he had to catch up to us. He thought that was funny. Come to think of it, we all thought it was funny as we waited near the Rock River for him to catch up. What happened Jeff? Anyway, I am thankful that my son came along and look forward to him joining me in future car adventures.

We also celebrated our 38th year as a club last month at the Home Run Inn. We had a good crowd, more than in previous years. We tried to keep the cost low to draw more members and it seemed to work. It was a bit crowded in the room but nevertheless, everyone had fun. We had door prizes, raffle prizes, officers' speeches and of course my famous quiz. Congratulations to the Windy City Z club for being around 38 years. We are one on the oldest clubs in the country, especially for being located in the Midwest.

We are in search for a Vice President of Activities as Jeff as decided to step down. He has done a great job through the years and his efforts are appreciated. I know he will still attend activities as he does enjoy the club and having 2 Z's is a plus. If anyone out there in Z land has any interest, please let me know. Also I would like to welcome Susan Chan to the Secretary position. She and her husband Al (aka NSX fan), have been members for several years. She has already done

a lot of updating on the membership roster that was long overdue. Thanks Sue and welcome.

On a sad note, as you may have heard, the movie industry lost Paul Walker recently in a car accident. It appears he was a passenger in a Porsche Carrera GT that apparently lost control as it was traveling at a high rate of speed. He was a key person in the import scene with his Fast and the Furious movies. This certainly should make us aware of quickly life can be taken away from us when we are driving. No matter how fancy the car or how good the driver is, accidents happen. Please be careful my friends.

~ Ty



Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities

The rescheduled/revised Fall Fling was a drive to Andersons Japanese Garden in Rockford. The place was incredible. It was created by someone who fell in love with Japan after taking a trip there and came back to the US determined to recreate what he saw there. It was evident that they had put a huge amount of work into the buildings, ponds and gardens. Wherever you turned the place was gorgeous. You can aim a camera anywhere and take a beautiful photo. I take about an hour, to an hour and a half to go through, even with the slight rain we had during part of the visit. Photos can be found on the WCZC facebook and website pages. Following the visit to the garden, the rain had stopped and we had lunch at a nearby English pub. The drive back started off with me getting us lost in Rockford for a bit when my route included a one way road I had not planned on. (I've got to get a nav. system). Eventually we all hooked up again and drove south along the scenic Rock River before turning home.

November 2 was the WCZC Birthday Party at Home Run Inn Pizza in Addison. I think a good time was had by all. We like to mix it up a bit, so instead of a banquet type dinner which is typical for our Birthday Party, Ty went a little more casual this year. Thanks Ty for setting this up.

While I had offered the office of VP of Activities to anyone who was interested in leading the events for next year, there were no takers, so I will stay on as VP of Activities for 2014. However; if anyone is interested, there is still time to take over.

The word on the street was that we were going to get info on the 2105 Nissan Z at the Tokyo Auto Show; however, this was not the case. The Tokyo Auto Show did debut the 2015 GTR and Nismo GTR, and the IDx concept cars – supposedly spiritual successors to the Datsun 510. Info can be found at

www.autoweek.com/tokyo-auto-show.

What did the L.A. Auto show bring? A slightly hotter Nismo Juke – the Juke Nismo RS, which brings the HP up to 215 and other minor mods over the base Juke Nismo. This is supposed to arrive early next year. I can see this as my next winter/daily driver. Also debuting at the L.A. Auto show was the Sentra Nismo Concept with 240 HP, limited slip differential, 6 speed manual, 19-inch wheels and 370Z brakes. This is another car I'd like to see in the showroom. Looks good, but this is not a production car as of yet. <http://www.autoweek.com/article/20131120/CARNEWS/131129999>

EVENTS Calendar:

- * December – no events planned, enjoy the Holiday Season!
 - * Windy City Z Club General Meetings: Held on the first Sunday of the month during the winter. Usually held at 6pm Fuddruckers in Downers Grove, (Finley Road just south of Butterfield Road) starting at 6 pm, the planned dates are: January 5, February 3, March 2, and April 6.
 - * February 10: Chicago Auto Show
 - * May 18 or 19 tentative: Spring Fling
 - * June 13-15. Midwest Z Heritage Fest – Aurora Ohio
 - * August 5-9. International Z car Convention San Diego, California
 - * Fall Fling date TBD. Rescheduled Poker Run put together by Carl Kush.
- As always, we are open to event ideas. Email me at villazx10@comcast.net

~ Jeff

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WCZC photo calendar

The Windy City Z Club may put together another calendar for 2014 if there is enough interest. If you desire to have your Z on this calendar, please send me a picture at tmo212@aol.com I need 12 to make it work. I currently have 6. Cars that were on the previous calendar will not be used unless space provides. As far as the cost I suspect it would be from 15-20 dollars. So look through your archives and let me know.

WCZC club directory

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The Windy City Z Club is contemplating putting together a directory in PDF form with all the members' names. It may contain other information such as your address, phone or email address, and possibly photos you submit. This will only be available to members. At the present time, it is available only to the officers. If you are not interested in having your name on the list, please let us know.

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 2014 Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact Info
Jan 5 – Z General Meeting	Fuddruckers in Downers Grove (Finley Rd, S of Butterfield Rd)	Ty Ozgen - tmo212@aol.com
Feb 3 – Z General Meeting	Fuddruckers in Downers Grove	Ty Ozgen - tmo212@aol.com
Feb 10 – Chicago Auto Show	McCormick, Chicago	
March 2 – Z General Meeting	Fuddruckers in Downers Grove	Ty Ozgen - tmo212@aol.com
April 6 – Z General Meeting	Fuddruckers in Downers Grove	Ty Ozgen - tmo212@aol.com
May 18 or 19 (?) Spring Fling	TBD	Jeff Pleiter - villazx10@comcast.net
June 13-15 Midwest Z Heritagefest	Aurora, Ohio	
August 5-9 International Z Convention	San Diego, California	
TBD – Fall Fling/Poker Run		Carl Kush



*Anderson
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CRUISIN' Z USA Car Show Sunday June, 15, 2003

Sponsored by the Windy City Z Club
at
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100 East Roosevelt Road, Villa Park
11:00 am to 3:00 pm



CAR SHOW ENTRY FEE

Pre-registration - \$10.00
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Registration includes, T-shirt, Dash Plaque, and other goodies

Soft Drinks, Water, and Food will be available

CLASSES FOR JUDGING

1st Generation, 2nd Generation
3rd Generation, 4th Generation
5th Generation
Peoples Choice, Best of Show

SCHEDULE

Registration
11:00 am to 1:00pm
Judging
1:00 til 2:30
Trophies
3:00
Other events
1:00 til 3:00



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