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Well my Z friends, I am going to once again complain about the price of gas. I know you have heard it before but I just don't understand how the prices are determined. If someone could help me figure it out, perhaps I would not complain. We all know what happened in August when there was an apparent "refinery" problem and the prices going up about a dollar per gallon within a matter of hours. Did this issue make that much of a difference in the "supply and demand" curve to warrant this increase or was it a toilet problem in an executives personal aircraft. Those planes be expensive you know. Instead of fixing the toilet, perhaps a new plane was ordered and the money had to come from somewhere....our pockets perhaps! Hmm... it certainly jumped up fast and took its sweet time coming down. That is a scam in itself in my opinion. What about the price difference between the regular, midgrade and premium fuel? If you recall, I wrote about this in the past. There used to be a 10 cent difference between the different grades of gasoline and for whatever reason it went to 20 cents, making the difference from regular to premium 40 cents. Have you looked at it lately? This summer it went under the radar to 30 cents between the different grades but I sure noticed it.



I think Shell started this price increase with their new "Shell V-Power Nitro+ Premium Gasoline" which they have been advertising. I believe the name itself is the reason for the price increase but, come on, is it worth that extra premium?! At this very time the Shell located near my home is selling regular at \$2.69, midgrade at \$3.09, and premium at \$3.77!!! That is

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over a dollar difference from regular to premium!!! What a crock!! Other Shell stations are at 40 cents between the different grades but still. It gets me furious that they can do this because it is the "all new" premium and it is supposed to protect the car from gunk and wear and corrosion and HIV, shingles, the common cold, etc. Come on, it is a money making strategy. More and more cars are running on premium and they want to take advantage of it in my opinion.

Not only that, I suspect the owners of the gas stations are in on it as well. Some of you may have an app on your smart phones called "Gas Buddy". This is where the consumer reports gas prices at local stations so that others can perhaps shop around at nearby stations when needing to fill up. I have this app. I was looking at it about a month ago and saw that the premium at a local Shell near my home (I- 55 and Lemont Rd) was the same price as the local Speedway so I went to the Shell since it was on my way. Wrong!!! The price was not correct!! It was off by 30 cents!! I left and went to Speedway but before I left, I corrected the price on the app for future customers. The app showed the correct price at the Speedway. When I got home I checked the Shell price again and someone had put the wrong price on the app again. I fixed it again to the correct price and within 5 minutes, it was back to the wrong price. Another scam. Whoever was doing this was trying to entice customers

to this station with an incorrect lower price and figured that even if the price was wrong, the typical person would not bother to go elsewhere when they were already there. Not with me buddy. I am on to you, whoever you are. I tried to report it to the app but was not able.

Anyway, I do have more pleasant things to talk about as well. What a fantastic day we had at the picnic. The weather was quite pleasant and the food was plentiful. The only issue was heating up the Buona Beef which took a bit of time but once it was done, mmm, mmm, good food. Thanks to the WCZC for providing the food as well as the members who brought the side dishes. All you have to do is ask the bees in the area. They certainly had a feast on the food as well as Barb Targonski's hand and Bob Rosecran's neck.

Also the day at Cantigny was picture perfect. The weather was just unbelievable, the array of cars even better. We had a huge group of Z's present representing all the generations and quite a few admirers. I had a nice time just relaxing and talking to our fellow members. I did not have to worry about judging, no trophies to buy, no nothing. All I brought was my chair, some money and the sunscreen. I had an interesting discussion with Tom Keene about his new member to the family, a 2015 Nissan 370Z. His dear wife Sharon actually encouraged him to get this, fearing for his safety in his old and decrepit '91 300ZXTT. Those of you who know his TT, it is far from old and decrepit but not wanting to disappoint his wife, he went ahead and bought it. Hey Sharon, could you talk to my wife? I am also an owner of an old and decrepit '90 300ZXTT. I just don't feel safe in it anymore. It has no airbags but my wife is not buying it. I told her that the 370's have a lot more safety features than the 300's but all my wife kept mentioning was something about diamond earrings. What fun is that?! They have sharp points and sharp edges. Yeah, they may glitter a bit but not like a shiny new Roadster. Please Sharon, I need your help!

We also talked about other differences between the 2 generations. We all know about how they measure headroom, legroom and width, etc. but one factor that is crucial but overlooked is the arm position, aka the "cool factor". When we are driving the Z on a nice summer day, windows down, tunes blaring, we often put the left arm up on top of the driver's door... the cool position. We all do it. The hand is often feeling the breeze as we head down the road. We both agreed that the 300's were very well placed so as not to strain the shoulder but with the 370's, the top of the door was positioned too high, putting a strain on the rotator cuff, leading to early degeneration, maybe even a shoulder

replacement with time. Well, perhaps I am exaggerating a bit but still. My '83 in my opinion is even better for the cool position. Ah yes, they just don't make them like they used to.

Z ya at the next event.

~ Ty



#### **Jeff Pleiter, V.P. of Activities**

It is with a sad heart that I report the passing of Windy City Z Club member Ed Pomeroy on Saturday October 10. Not a lot of detail was available as of this writing, but Ed was admitted into the hospital due to feeling poorly and having very low blood pressure. An abscess was discovered on his liver, he was in the hospital for a while with some improvement, but ultimately succumbed to his illness. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife Cindy and his son Eddie and the family.

#### **Past events :**

**Continental Nissan hosted OctoberFest.** I was out of town and have not heard any details of this event. If someone who was there will write a short paragraph and send it to me, I can get it to the editor for the next newsletter.

**Fall Fling Drive.** Eleven cars and nineteen WCZC members enjoyed a glorious Fall Day in Wisconsin. After meeting at the Starbucks in Downers Grove, our group headed out to Monroe Wisconsin, where we met up with some other northern Illinois and Wisconsin members for lunch at the Suisse Haus Restaurant. After enjoying a Reuben Brat sandwich and a local beverage, we headed out for a tour of the local curvy backroads. The route was roughly the same as our 2013 Spring drive, but with the Fall colors starting to show. Roads were clear and dry, with only one farm implement that quickly departed the roadway ahead of us before it became an impediment. It is always great to see the Zs running under some trees with the fall colors and leaves blowing around after our passing. The drive had run somewhat behind schedule, so while a couple headed to the Rogues and Ruffians Renaissance fair as planned, most of us headed to the New Glarus brewery for some brew tasting in the open courtyard and a walkthrough of the brewery before heading home. A big thank you to Allie for navigating the drive with the backup paper directions, after the trial of a new app for navigating the route failed to work as planned. In fact the whole WCZC spousal contingency of navigators deserve thanks. See the

WCZC website and club and member facebook pages for photos of the drive. Allie and I were too busy navigating and driving to get shots during the drive itself.



**Next events:**

**One last drive/event: Date TBD.** I am going to try to schedule one last local event between now and the birthday party. Likely some local destination, with lunch before or after, or maybe just lunch. I'll keep an eye on the weather, and if we have a good weekend, I'll send out an email and evite for a nice weekend day.

**WCZC Birthday Party.** Saturday November 14 at the Hyatt Lisle. The same location we had the Midwest Z Heritage Fest. Cost will be \$15 for WCZC member and guest. The club will be subsidizing the rest of the cost (one of the perks of membership). An evite will be sent out, and a form for signup for the event will be sent out by email if it is not in this newsletter. You will need to send the check in to Ty for the reservations.

**Club elections:** Election of club officers takes place at the birthday party and I am planning on running for WCZC President this year. All the other offices are also open for election, VP of Administration etc. So please give a thought to contributing to the club with your time. If I become president, we'll be looking for a new VP of Activities. Now the VP of activities usually does not do all activities, for instance Ty takes care of the tickets for the Chicago auto show, coordination of

Octoberfest with Continental Nissan, and the November Birthday Party Dinner. So you would have help from others.

As always, keep an eye on the website, [www.windycityzclub.com](http://www.windycityzclub.com), our windy city z club facebook page, and the evites for up to date info and new events.

Email me at [villazx10@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto:wczc.editor@gmail.com) by the 10th of the month.

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# *Windy City Z 2014 Events Calendar*

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & other info
TBD – Last Drive	TBD	Jeff Pleiter
Nov 14 – WCZC Birthday party	Hyatt Lisle	Ty Ozgen



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