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It is the heat of the summer and our slate of events continues. One of our favorite and well attended events is always the Spring Fling Drive. Thanks to Marlene for the detailed write up of the scene, wayside attractions, etc. Bob led and Glenn and Tracy who helped set up the drive were the tail end of our caravan. The weather was summer hot, so the air conditioning was tested on our cars. Unfortunately, the A/C went out on Bob and Marlene's 350Z, so we have our first candidate for our Broken Z award for the year. Fortunately for us, they decided to soldier on in the heat.

The Spring Drive this year was along old Rt. 66 from Romeoville, to Atlanta, IL and back to Braidwood. As a refresher, Rt. 66 is famous all over the world as the Mother Road. In Pontiac at the museum, we even ran into a Czech Rt. 66 appreciation group that had rented Harleys and had driven from L.A. to Chicago. Rt. 66 was created in 1926 along with the rest of the Federal Highway system, and was decommissioned in 1985. The first Rt. 66 association was founded only 2 years later. Our main stops included a restored Standard Oil Filling Station in Odell, the Rt. 66 Museum and Pontiac Oakland Museum in Pontiac, and the J. Hawes Grain Elevator Museum in Atlanta, and the Polk-a-Dot Drive-in in Braidwood. There are way more points of interest to explore on and just off Rt. 66, many of which Marlene detailed on her directions.



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It was interesting to see the various other people driving the route and visiting the various stops including antique and classic vehicles. If you missed the Spring Fling, and want to duplicate all or part of our drive, and maybe visit some of the other locations, Marlene's directions are a good starting point. The Rout is well marked with brown Rt. 66 signs so you can navigate it easily. You can also check out the following websites [www.il66assoc.org](http://www.il66assoc.org), [www.illinoisroute66.org](http://www.illinoisroute66.org), and [www.visitpontiac.org](http://www.visitpontiac.org).

Our next big event is a trip to Dublin, Ohio for the Midwest Z Heritage event on July 8 and 9. If you are planning on going and want to drive together please contact me at [Villazx10@comcast.net](mailto:Villazx10@comcast.net).

Following that is the trip to Road America for the Brian Redman Hawk Vintage Races. See Larry's columns for details.

The 370Z continues on for 2017, with MSRP unchanged and the only addition is Chicane Yellow as an available color.

As always, to keep up to date with the WCZC visit our WCZC website and Facebook page, as more and more we post information and photos there on a timely and real time basis.

~ Jeff

## Larry Klem, V.P of Activities

Well here we are, summer 2016, I hope everyone is out there enjoying their Z Cars! For me this is the height of car show season I think this is my car's year, she's not getting any younger and I've (almost) run out of projects on her – it's a strange feeling.

So far this summer with the help of many club members we've had some fun! The Annual Spring Fling (soon to be renamed Spring Road Rally ;) went off very well. Unfortunately I had to bail out over Pontiac IL for a previous commitment however to that point I can say it was quite a kick. My hats off to Glenn, Bob and Marlene sorry if I missed anyone, for planning such a wonderful Z Car adventure, I highly recommend this event to members in the future.



SCCA Track night June Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> at Blackhawk Farms Raceway. From free Parade Laps to no speed limit dive bombing corners there is a little of everything. Spectators are free so come out and watch us try to avoid sticking our cars in the kitty litter.

July has us scheduled for the Midwest Z Heritage Show in Dublin OH the weekend of the 8<sup>th</sup>. I will be going to this show in the RV towing my Z so keep your eyes peeled for the WCZC banner proudly flying and stop by for some libations. After that is something I'd like your support for. We have worked with both Road America (RA) and Hagerty Ins. to set up a Z Car Corral at the Redman/Hawk Vintage Races. If you've never been there RA is a stunningly beautiful facility and from experience I can say, a challenging track to run on. We will set up the Corral outside of turn 14 by the main entrance on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. Hagerty will be supplying the food and we've arranged for some of the Z's that will be racing that weekend to join us between their heats. We have been reaching out to other Z Clubs, Facebook Z Groups and social media to attract as many Z's as we can. Boy it would be a real kick to see a Z Car presence again at RA! We hope to leverage this event as a recruiting tool for the club and to show the Kettle Marian that z Cars are alive and well. Please come and support this event, RA is only

60 miles North of Milwaukee so a day trip is very doable, for those interested, Saturday night they close down the small town of Elk Hart Lake, just a few miles from the track and fill it with every imaginable vehicle one can think of – rumor has it there might be a blue 280 competing in this show ☺

Thanks to everyone's help we have some very diverse events this year, now all we need is participation! I hope to Z you out there, have fun and be safe.

~ Larry

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We welcome your photos, articles or Nissan news of interest! Please send them by the 10<sup>th</sup> to [wczc.editor@gmail.com](mailto:wczc.editor@gmail.com). When submitting photos, please indicate the event and day.

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The track experience, in nice terms it was disappointing, in reality I was Peved. I knew I had bearing issues in my old 4 speed transmission but we weren't able to schedule a swap out before the event. Driving around town at under 3,000 rpm was no big problem for the bearings, putting a heavy load on them at 6,000 rpm is a vastly different story. The laps in this video are from the second of three 20 minute track sessions, on the first session the growl and vibration from second gear became pronounced, in essence, I'd lost second gear. Then in this the second session, third gear was going quickly. I sat out the third session as I still had a 84 mile drive home and really didn't want to do that drive on the back of tow truck.

My laps times were a good 20 seconds longer than what they should have been. If you listen to the engine noise you can tell I'm left with pulling out of the corners with low rpm in third gear. Normally the exits would have been at 4,000 rpm in second gear and I would have easily passed 110 mph on the short straight aways. With the performance cam and engine fuel mapping I set the car doesn't develop full power until you reach 4,000 rpm, watch the acceleration increase at the end of the straights where I'm finally in the engine's power band. Most laps I had to lift in the back straight away and allow others to pass, few would have normally been able to do that on a short road course that should have been ideal for the Z Car. One piece of good news, with the upgraded brakes I could out brake most of the cars and, although I could definitely smell the brake pads I didn't experience any noticeable brake fade.

~ Larry





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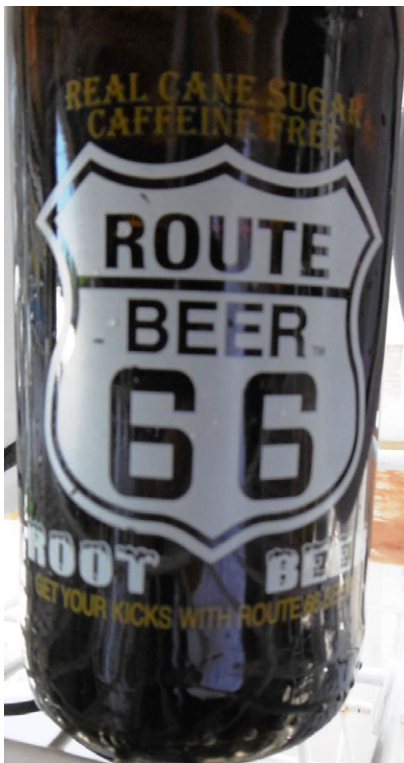
## Windy City Z 2016 Events Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Venue	Contact & other info
July 8-9		Midwest Heritage Z Show	Metro Center Office Park, in Dublin OH	<a href="http://www.midwestzheritage.com">www.midwestzheritage.com</a>
July 16		Road America Redman Hawk Vintage Races	Road America, N7390 State Highway 67, Plymouth, WI 53073	
Aug 2-6		ZCON (Z Car Convention)	Toronto, Ontario	<a href="http://zcon.org">http://zcon.org</a>
Aug 14	10-3	Montgomery Fest Car Show	Austin Park, Montgomery, IL	<a href="https://ci.montgomery.il.us/DocumentCenter/View/689">https://ci.montgomery.il.us/DocumentCenter/View/689</a>
Sept 18	9-3	Cantigny Car Show		<a href="http://www.cantigny.org/calendar/signature-events/car-show">http://www.cantigny.org/calendar/signature-events/car-show</a>
Oct TBD		OctoberFest	Continental Nissan	
Oct TBD		Fall Fling		
Nov TBD		WCZC Birthday Party		

## Spring Fling - Route 66







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*LISLE  
CRUISE  
NIGHT*

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  - \$40.00 for two Associate years\*
- \*Associates must live at least 300 miles outside Chicago

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- Road Racing
- Social Events
- Tech Seminars
- Hosting a club event
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- Committee Volunteer
- Club Representative
- Leadership Role

*If you have any questions concerning these categories, please contact 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:

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