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James Snyder, Editor

## THE PRESIDENT SEZ

**Ty Ozgen, President**

Are we having fun yet? I know I am. There have been a lot of events in the recent weeks that have tempted all types of Z fans from social events to shows to racing. First of all, I want to thank Tom and Pat Miller for taking time out of their busy schedule to host an event for us in Wisconsin last month. We had a driving tour up to Madison and Spring Green taking some back roads along the way. It was just a beautiful day for a drive, though a little on the warm side. I did not start out on a good note though. I had planned on the taking my '90 300ZX for the trip because it was supposed to be a warm day and the a/c works better in it than in my '83 280ZX. So the day before, I washed it (gotta drive a clean Z for a Z event) and loaded it with the essentials (map, cooler, sunglasses etc.). That morning I got up early to meet everyone at the Belvidere Oasis at "8 AM sharp" as per the memo but "Houston, we have a problem!" When I fired her up, she had a little shake to her and I knew exactly what it was...an injector. Great...now what do I do? I drove it around the block to see if it would smoothen out but to no avail. I had just replaced the #2 injector in May and here we go again. I really was looking forward to going. But don't you fret none...I have a spare Z. So I pulled my '83 out of the back of the garage, loaded it up with all the essentials, checked the tire pressures and fluids and off I went. I got to the oasis by 8:15 AM and there were no Z's to be found. When Bob said 8 AM sharp, he meant it. He was gone with all the others at **25 seconds** past 8 AM so I had to play catch up. I did eventually catch them at the Botanical Gardens at Madison. The rest of the day was uneventful fortunately. I put a little over 400 miles on my Z that day without even a complaint from her. I love that car! FYI though Tom, this trip still did not brake my record drive of about 500 miles during a cruise I set up a few years ago...as some of the older members can attest. Point of the story...have a spare Z.



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The second event was the Midwest Regional Event in Nashville, Indiana hosted by the Indy Z Car Club. What a fun and relaxing weekend that was. This was as close to the atmosphere of a National Convention as you can get, but in a shorter format. I did not bring a Z down there since Z's tend to be a little too small for 2 adults and 3 children, cooler, small suitcase and stroller but that did not stop me having a great time. We got there Friday evening and just hung out in the parking lot at the hotel checking out Z's and chatting with old friends from around the country as well as making new friends. The car show was the next day and what a show it was. As most of you know, I am a little partial toward the 280ZX's and there were quite a few of them there as well as the Z31's which tend to be not too numerous at our shows. When was the last time you saw 2 '88 300ZX SS's? They were definitely a great selection of the 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Generation's represented as well. Nissan also brought out a NISMO 350Z for us to drool over. That afternoon was the Poker Run, which was marred by an accident (see Jeff's article) which really was the worst part of the whole weekend, but it certainly could have been worse. A Z Roadster spared her life to protect its occupants Carl and Judy Kush. Later that night was a dinner followed by the awards presentation. The next day they a drag strip event set up; I was not able to attend but overall it was a very enjoyable weekend. The Presidents of the other clubs were strongly hinting that the Windy City Z Club host this Regional Event next year. It sounds like a lot of work but also a lot of fun. We will be discussing this with the officers in the future.

The third event was the "Marque Madness Autocross" hosted by the Salt Creek Sports Car Club held at the Maywood Park parking lot. Most of you know that I don't really push my cars hard but boy this

was fun. I brought my '90 (the injector shake went away the next day). I may not have had the fastest times out there but I thought I did OK for a novice. I know one thing for sure: my Z was looking good. Linda Strain and Jeff Pleiter were giving me some pointers and were eager to point out that I did not get far enough down on the sidewalls of my tires on those turns.....oh well. I think it was the *tire gloss* that kept me from getting the good runs that got away from me. All I know is that I had a lot of fun tossing the car around the pylons and that is what it's all about.

Don't think we are done yet. There are a lot of things coming up including our Cruisin Z USA 2007 Car Show, as well as the Oktoberfest at the Autobahn so come on down.

As promised, I have enclosed a few pictures of "The Garage". I haven't had the time to do more to it but it is on the agenda. The pictures include an empty shot of the garage and then some with most of the cars in it. Boy it certainly fills up quick after the kids toys and bikes and wagons and snow blower and lawn mower and tractor goes in but still I am overall pleased that I did it.

-Ty



## Jeff Pleiter

### V P Admin. & Membership

Ok, here's my last plug for our annual Cruizin' Z Car Show August 11 at Volo Auto Museum. It will be a great time! Great Z Cars in our show. Great other cars in the museum, and an antique and car memorabilia mall for the non-car people. The T-shirts are in and look great. See the photos included. Thanks to Continental Nissan, Ludington Nissan, Nissan of St. Charles, and Sound Performance for stepping forward and providing sponsorship for the show!

Great Lakes Heritage Z fest was a tremendous event. Over 85 marvelous Z Cars arrived for the show on Saturday, followed by a poker run through the hills and twisty roads of Brown County Indiana. James Snyder shot a lot of photos, so I expect you'll see some of those in this newsletter. James, myself and my 11 year old son CJ, Ty and his family, Dave Johnson Jr, his friend Brian, Barb and Ted Targonski, and Carl and Judy Kush were the Windy City Z Club members who attended. Ted and Barb and their 1972 Z won the "best survivor" trophy. Unfortunately, the Poker Run was



marred by an accident in which Carl and Judy were run off the road by an ambulance that had responded to a motorcycle accident. Apparently, it happened as the ambulance rounded a sharp curve and crossed the centerline forcing Carl to leave the road and resulted in a rollover of his 350Z convertible. Carl was bruised up slightly but walked away from it, in fact he showed up at the Saturday night banquet to say hello as he picked up their stuff to take back to the hospital. Judy ended up in the hospital for several days with fractured ribs, a broken wrist, a collapsed lung, and stitches. It is my understanding they are home now and Carl says Judy is in good spirits.

If you check out page 96 in Nissan Sport Magazine, you will find Marty Rogan's 1970 240 Z as the featured Z for classiczcars.com partner website. Congratulations Marty!

- Jeff

**Bob Rosecrans**

**Vice President for Activities**

Our next major event is the Cruisin'Z Car Show on August 11<sup>th</sup> at Volo Auto Museum. Jeff Pleiter has taken the lead for the car show and it promises to another terrific gathering of the faithful. We have a number of sponsors for the show and registrants will receive tee-shirts, a goodie bag, and there will be trophies for all generations plus specialty trophies. We are still looking for car show judges, so if you're interested contact Jeff or myself. People renewing or joining the WCZC at the show will get a discount on the membership fee. Last year's show had a great turnout of cars in a park like atmosphere. Come on out and join in with other Z enthusiasts.

August 17<sup>th</sup> will be the Rolling Meadows Cruise Night. The event runs from 5-9 pm and is located in the Meijer parking lot at Golf and Algonquin Roads in Rolling Meadows. Scot and JoEllyn Milford are WCZC members and actively involved in hosting this weekly event.

On Sunday evening, August 26<sup>th</sup> we'll be going to the Addison Cruise Night. The Cruise runs from 6:00 to 9:00 pm in the parking lot by the Espresso Cup which is located at 1455 W. Lake Street in Addison. Espresso is a few blocks east of Route 53 on Lake Street. Aurelio's Pizza is adjacent to the Coffee and Ice Cream



Shop and there many options close to the cruise for food. This is a low key event and great way to end a weekend with your Z friends.

**Note: Do Not Miss Octoberfest!**

Jay Weinberger and Continental Motors again is sponsoring Octoberfest, however, the event will be held on Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at the Autobahn Country Club in Joliet (remember the weather last year). Details on the show and an RSVP number/email will follow. Remember you must RSVP ahead of time due to the fact the Autobahn Country Club is a private club you must be on the guest list or you will not be allowed to enter the event. If you can't wait for the email, contact Suzanne at Continental Motors to RSVP. If you don't know the phone number, check out Continental's ad in the newsletter.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> is the Fall Purdue Car in West Lafayette, IN. The Spring Purdue Car Show has been so successful that a Fall show has been added. A flier will be sent out via email and be in the next newsletter.

In early October we will be Cruizin' to Chesterton, IN to visit one of new sponsors, Ludington Nissan. Details will follow.

November will be the Birthday Party.

As other events are scheduled you will be notified via email.

- Z Ya, Bob

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FOR SALE: 1986 300ZX, Turbo, A/T, T-Tops, 125K miles. Black Exterior, black leather interior. Body has some rust, engine & interior good. \$2000 or best offer. Jackie at (630) 420-8229 after 6:30 p.m.

FOR SALE: 1985 300ZX non-turbo parts. Wheels and tires, dark red/burgundy interior panels, trim and seats. \$150 for everything. Also, 1986 300ZX non turbo car, 100,000 miles. Gray with black interior. Minor rust. Call for info.

Bryan Clavey, (630) 287-0175. Downers Grove.

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# CRUIZIN' Z USA CAR SHOW 2007

Saturday August 11, 2007

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Volo Auto and Antique Museum [www.volocars.com](http://www.volocars.com)  
on Volo Village Road West of Route 12, North of Route 120 in Volo, Illinois

## Car Show Entry Fees:

Day of Show Registration: WCZC members \$10.00, Non-Members \$15.00

Renewal of membership or join club – special rate \$20 at the show.

## APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE

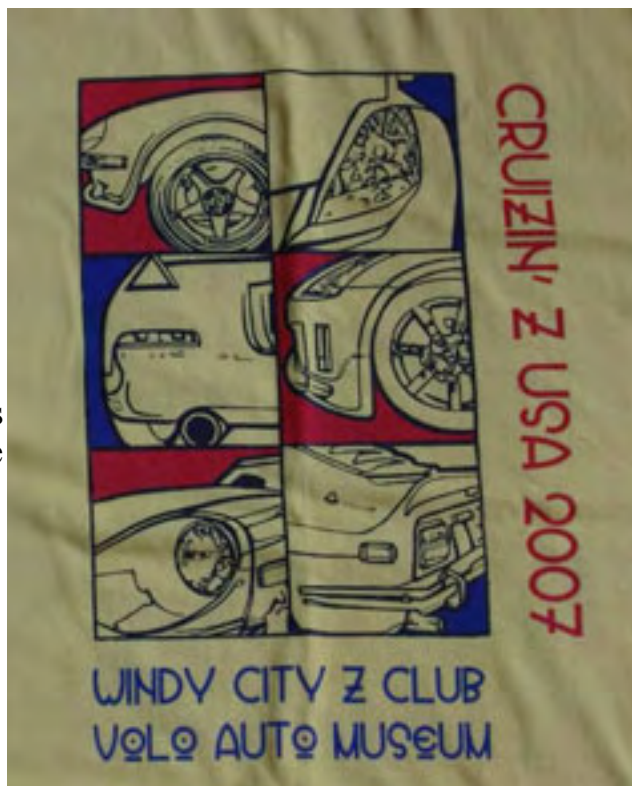
Registration: 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Judging: 12:00 pm to 2:30pm

Trophies: 3:30 pm

Trophies will be awarded to top Z cars. Trophies for first, second, and third place will be awarded based on judging separately of stock and modified categories for each generation of Z car. Additional trophies will be awarded based on votes of attendees for best paint, best engine, and best “Diamond in the Rough”.

\$2.00 discount coupons to the Auto Museum will be available to WCZC members, show registrants and friends. Admission to the antique museum is free. Soft drinks, water and food are available on site or nearby. Show T-shirts will be provided to entrants. Other goodies may also be given to entrants or as raffle prizes, depending on donations.

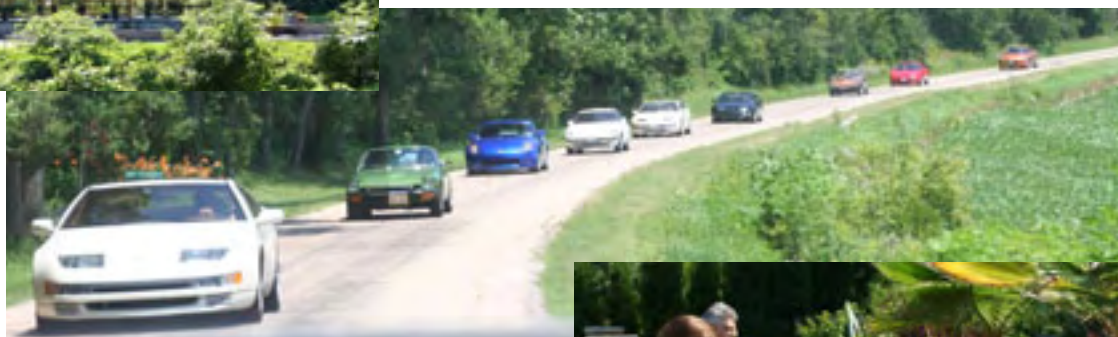


## *Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar*

<b>Date &amp; Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Contact &amp; Info</b>
<b>August</b>		
11 <sup>th</sup> – Cruisin' Z Show	Volo Auto Museum, Volo	Bob Rosecrans
17 <sup>th</sup> – Cruise Night 5-9pm	Rolling Meadows, Golf & Algonquin @ Meijer	Scot Milford
26 <sup>th</sup> – Cruise Night 6-9pm	Addison, 1455 W. Lake St @ Espresso Cup	
<b>September</b>		
16 <sup>th</sup> – Octoberfest	Autobahn Country Club, Joilet	Continental Nissan
22 <sup>nd</sup> – Purdue Fall Car show	West Lafayette, Indiana	
<b>October – Gen Mtg</b>	TBA	
Cruise to Ludington	Chesterton, Indiana	Ludington Nissan
National Z Convention	Daytona, Florida	www.flza.com
<b>November – Gen Mtg</b>	TBA	
Birthday Party	TBA	

## *~ RECENT EVENTS ~*

### *Madison/ Spring Green JULY 7, 2007*







# *Heritagefest Nashville, IN JULY 13-15, 2007*





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