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**James Snyder, Editor**

### **THE PRESIDENT SEZ**

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I hope everyone has had a good holiday. They certainly do come up fast and before you know it they are all over with. It seems like it was just yesterday I was taking the kids trick or treating that gorgeous Friday this past year. Remember that day? Did anyone get a Z for Christmas? Or perhaps something for the Z. As I write this article we have just gotten over the coldest few days that I can remember in the recent past. Now it is +20 F and it feels like a heat wave, a full 40 degrees warmer. Thank God for thermal underwear. It is just amazing to think of the temperatures getting down to -20 F. Wow, that's cold. Fortunately my Z's were tucked away in my garage, hibernating under their covers waiting for the spring.

This month I want to write a more personal story for you. Guys, this is more for the wives and mothers out there but you are welcome to read along, even if you are single. In mid December we got the unfortunate news that Sonnie's father passed away rather suddenly overseas in Turkey. The call came at about 1:30 in the morning and she was on a plane with our 3 year old daughter by 3:30 that afternoon, leaving our 7 and 5 year old boys under my care. In a matter of a few hours the normalcy in our lives had changed. Now I had the total responsibility of caring for them. My wife is a stay at home mom until the kids get a little older and now it was my turn to do the motherly chores as well as my duties at work and at home. The first week the boys were still in school and fortunately their school had before and after school programs for them to attend. I did shorten my office hours to accommodate their school hours. Then the next two weeks they were on break. Fortunately my niece, a senior in high school was also on break and she would come early to baby-sit while I worked, making their lunch etc and keeping them entertained. Again I cut my hours in the evening so that I could cook for them etc. That "etc" was the tough part and included cooking and cleaning, laundry, ironing, dusting, vacuuming, bathing them, reading, homework and on and on. I was certainly busy. Don't



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get me wrong, it is not that I don't do these chores to help Sonnie but now it was all on my shoulders. No, the kids did not starve or get sick and yes we did hit the McDonalds here and there. I can't cook every night now. We did have to go through the holidays like this but the kids were troopers. I think I was more down than they were but we all got through it and fortunately they both got back safe and sound. What is the moral of the story? I appreciate even more the things Sonnie does at home and the sacrifices made in raising children. So the men out there who are reading this, please appreciate the efforts of that significant other, especially if she too is working. The work at home is never-ending!!

On a lighter note, have you seen our [website](http://www.windycityzclub.com) recently? Glenn has been working hard on updating the site. It will hopefully have all the information you need regarding the club such as upcoming activities and recent events. There is a long way to go but at least there is progress. As far as activities go, we will have our ZGM on Sunday Feb. 8th at 6PM, as well as on Sunday, March 1st again at the Fuddruckers located at 1500 Branding Lane, in Downers Grove. There will be raffle prizes once again. Then on Monday, February 16th, we will be heading to the Chicago Auto Show. Plan to meet at 6 PM by the Starbucks near the main entrance to the show. Jay Weinberger of Continental Nissan has once again given us complimentary tickets to the show but they are limited. Jay has been doing this for us for many years now and even in these tough financial times he is there for us. Thanks Jay. You need to email me at [tmo212@aol.com](mailto:tmo212@aol.com) to RSVP for a ticket. Each member can bring one guest. The tickets will be distributed at the show, not before. Lets get together to welcome the new 370Z.

As I promised in the last newsletter, this year will be full of different activities. In the works right now is a Tech Session for the 370Z in March (I will let you

know ASAP the details) as well as several road trips, and also the Cruisin Z' USA car show in August. If you have any ideas, please let us know.

- Ty

### Jeff Pleiter, V.P. Admin. & Membership

I don't know about you, but I am a summer person, not a winter person. I always like to watch certain milestones to mark the passing of our four months of winter. When I say four months, I consider December through March winter here in Chicago. The Z goes into storage about Thanksgiving, and comes out around April 1. I am writing this on January 17 – the day of the average low temp – one of the milestones. From now on, the average temps start slowly climbing. Considering we just had a serious below zero streak, I am seriously Jonesing for warmer weather. At least it is also the Barrett-Jackson collector car auction in Scottsdale – another winter milestone. I like to see the cars wide range of great cars. Occasionally the auction has a Datsun or Nissan, but none are in the auction this year. They say Japanese collector cars are coming up, but it is not that apparent yet.

It did get me thinking about how our club reflects the type of cars you see at Barrett-Jackson. There are the purists - completely stock right down to the base steel wheels with hubcaps; the resto-mod – which generally look stock on the outside except for the wheels, and have lots of upgrades to the engine suspension etc. to get the old look with new car conveniences, power and handling; the cars that are stuffed with the biggest V-8 possible to go fast as possible; customs – from mild to wild; and limited editions. If Barrett-Jackson's events weren't so far from Chicago, they would make a great event to just go and experience. Mecum does hold an event in October at Pheasant Run in St. Charles. Might be fun to go to that.

The 370Zs are out and the reviews are almost universally positive on performance. The looks are generally considered good, although some aspects, particularly the head and taillights, and the “fangs” in the grill are controversial. Personally I like the car's looks except for the fangs. Hopefully, Nissan can give the front fascia a change in the next year or two. Check out the reviews if you have not already done so. Of course, you can go to the Auto Show with the club to get a closer look this February.

- Jeff



### Glenn Johnson, Webmaster

I'd like to introduce myself this month to all the members that don't know me. My name is Glenn Johnson and I volunteered this past birthday party to be the new webmaster for the WCZC. I've played around with my son's high school theater website a few years back and thought I'd step up to the plate and give it a shot. Please be patient as I try not to break anything as I add to it. I do have control now so I will keep adding new info and try to fill in some of the old. If you have anything that might be of interest to fellow z members please send an email to [webmaster@windycityzclub.com](mailto:webmaster@windycityzclub.com). I'll pass it through the channels if needed and get it posted. As far as history goes I've been a member since 1987. I was vice president in '88 and '89. I moved into the co-president position in 1990 and '91 with my wife Tracy. In 1992 and '93 I was secretary and did the newsletter. I started autocrossing Solo II almost every weekend for a few years then moved up to high speed Solo 1 at Blackhawk Farms Raceway in South Beloit. I bought my 1979 280ZX in 1981 with 20,000 miles on it 6 months after



getting married and haven't looked back. I've had a 1978 280Z as well as a 1986 300ZX Turbo. I loved that turbo as a daily driver for about 100,000 miles. If you see a black '05 GTO, that would be me if I'm not in the blue and silver 79ZX sitting about 3 inches off the ground waiting for a

turn or curve. I've done just a few mods over the past 28 years and it likes tracks with those triple Mikunis! I got to the point of putting the 79 on a trailer and towing it with the family to about 8 national Z Car Conventions over 10 years. Those are a lot of fun and a great way to see our country and meet many other Z enthusiasts. The trailers gone and my son's almost done with college so it was time to do something else for the club. I hope we get lots of help this year from all of you with the Z events. Don't be afraid to raise your hand to help out. There will be others to join in the fun and make the events we have this year ones to remember. I can't tell you how many I've been to. Once again, help me out with pictures from our events and information. I look forward to meeting the few I don't know at our



upcoming events. Lean into those curves and enjoy the ride!  
- Glenn Johnson

### Members Corner: Z FOLKS FOREVER!!

Not many folks in WCZC remember us. We joined the club in March 1976 and remain members to this day. Debbie and I held various offices, including my being President in 1980, and 1982. We were heavily involved and had a wonderful time with all the various events. Debbie was the first female in any club in TSCCC to take the Number 1. Ten first places in 11 events. We started with my 1973 240 Z, and in 1979 we bought our current 1971 240 Z. It was painted in Elgin in 1981, has the American Racing wheels I bought in 1973. The exterior has never changed since 1981. Eastman Kodak transferred us all around the Midwest and east coast, and now we live in Tucson, Arizona since 2002.



Included are a few photos of my Z Garage. It is covered with photos, posters, trophies, and 354 Mini Z Cars. All of which I have been collecting since the early 1970's. It is fully equipped with a stereo, direct TV, epoxy floor, cabinets, etc. Also there is Debbie's 2003 Touring 350 Z. Almost five years old, 22k miles, and never been in the rain. Tucson is a car guy's town.

Speaking of Z Car Guys: Jerry Degrazia, one of the original members of WCZC, and the original owner of his 1971 240 Z (lots of modifications & 300 hp) is why we originally visited Tucson. Another old member of WCZC came to visit us and stayed. Larry and Chris Wawrzyniak brought their national award winning



1977 280 Z with them. Original owners, and only 16,000 miles.

The moral of the story is that the Z car brought us together in the beginning, and brought us back together years later. These three cars will never be sold while we are above ground. We started the Tucson Z Club about two years ago, and have a long way to go to catch up to WCZC, but we are slowly building a

great organization.

Lastly, our door is always open to old friends, and Z Folks. Come visit us where you can drive your Z ALL yearlong.



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## MART

For Sale: 1991 300ZX NA, 5 sp, 145k miles, great condition. JWT pop charger, aluminum pulley, Stillen headers, aluminum driveshaft, JWT performance chip, lightweight flywheel, new leather interior, Brembo rotors, Hawk pads, 17 inch BBS type wheels, Z rated tires (recent) T-tops, no rust. Well taken care of car. \$7500 firm. Ken (847) 669-1874.

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## Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> - Z General Meeting, 6pm	Fuddruckers 1500 Branding Road Downers Grove	Ty Ozgen <a href="mailto:tmo212@aol.com">tmo212@aol.com</a> Raffle Prizes!
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup> - Chicago Auto Show RSVP by email	McCormick's Chicago	Ty Ozgen <a href="mailto:tmo212@aol.com">tmo212@aol.com</a> 6pm at the Starbucks by the entrance
March 1 <sup>st</sup> – Z General Meeting, 6pm	Fuddruckers 1500 Branding Road Downers Grove	Ty Ozgen <a href="mailto:tmo212@aol.com">tmo212@aol.com</a>
March TBD – 370z Tech Session	TBD	Ty Ozgen <a href="mailto:tmo212@aol.com">tmo212@aol.com</a>
June 26-28 - Midwest Z Heritage Fest	Nashville, Indiana Brown County Inn	<a href="http://www.indyzcarclub.com">www.indyzcarclub.com</a>

Greetings All Z Clubs, Please note the attached **Events Schedule** for the **2009 MW Z Heritage Show**, once again held in beautiful Brown County, Indiana. The hotel is already taking reservations , so check your calendar and make your plans. You'll be getting future updates and info from Marty. - Dave Jarrell

## **10th Annual Midwest Z Heritage Show**

### **SAVE THE DATE !!**

**The Indy Z-Car Club is proud to be hosting this event on  
June 26, 27, 28, 2009  
in Nashville, INDIANA , in wonderful Brown County**

**Mark your calendar now and plan on a FUN event. This is going to be more than just a car show and we are looking to make this a family friendly event, so plan on a great time.**

#### **Lodging and show location:**

**Brown County Inn  
PO Box 128  
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1-800-772-5249  
[Brown County Inn Web Page](#)**

**Hotel information will be forthcoming.**

**For more on what Brown County has to offer, please visit:**

**[Brown County Visitors Bureau Web Page](#)**

**Details will be announced at [www.indyzcarclub.com](http://www.indyzcarclub.com) as the event continues to take shape.  
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!! SAVE THE DATE!!**

# **10th Annual Midwest Z Heritage Show**

**Nashville, IN June 26 - 28, 2009**

*Make your hotel reservations soon to reserve your spot!*

## **Schedule of Events**

### **Friday, June 26**

- **Registration — 2 pm to 6 pm at The Brown County Inn, Nashville, IN (at the junction of SR. 46 and SR. 135)**

There will be signs for the Midwest Z Heritage Show registration when you enter the hotel. You will receive your goodie bag, event schedule, T-shirt and other information upon registering. Early registration via mail for the event is highly encouraged (plus it will save you 5 bucks)! Spectator attendance is free.

- **Keg-N-Clean: Friday evening – 6pm until (?) at the hotel**

The event's meet-and-greet event – following registration and check-in, come down and clean your Z in the parking lot or just chat with other Z enthusiasts. Wine tasting and live music will be provided nearby at the *Chateau Thomas Winery*.

### **Saturday, June 27**

- **Day of Car Show Registration — 9am - 10:45 am at the Brown County Inn parking lot. Judging begins at 11am – car must be registered by 10:45 am. Live music provided by local musicians.**

Judging will be conducted using ZCCA national rules with awards for 1st/2nd/3rd in each class. People's Choice and other trophies including the traveling trophy will also be awarded! A raffle of merchandise provided by our sponsors will also be held.

- The show will wrap up by 2 pm in order to conduct a *Poker Run* through scenic Brown County. That evening at 6 pm, there will be the *All You Can Eat BBQ Dinner and Awards Presentation* at the hotel with more live music!

### **Sunday, June 28**

- Get together with new friends for breakfast.

## **Awards**

### **Show Trophies:**

Daily Driver 1st - 5th generation, 1st - 3rd place  
Stock 1st - 5th generation, 1st - 3rd place  
Modified 1st - 5th generation, 1st - 3rd place  
People's Choice  
Best of Show  
Best Survivor (Best original paint & interior)  
Diamond in the Rough

## **Hotel Information:**

**Brown County Inn**—PO Box 128, Nashville, IN 47448  
1-800-772-5249 [www.browncountyinn.com](http://www.browncountyinn.com)

\$99.95 plus tax a night (mention the "Z Car Club" event to get this rate) This also includes use of their pool and breakfast at the Inn on Saturday morning.

### **Other area hotels:**

You can also check the Comfort Inn (812-988-2284) or Hotel Nashville (800.848.6274) for alternate lodging. Note: no rooms are pre-reserved at these hotels.

*Please make reservations in advance as there is a limited number of hotel rooms in this popular area.*

## **Other things for you and the family to do nearby:**

### **Brown County State Park**

Brown County State Park, Indiana's largest state park, offers lodging, camping, horse camping and riding trails, mountain biking trails, hiking trails, naturalist services, scenic driving, guided horseback riding, pony rides, picnics, fishing and swimming. For more information about activities in the park, visit [www.browncountystatepark.com](http://www.browncountystatepark.com).

### **Take in theatre and live music**

Brown County is alive with talented artists and amusing shows. Frequently changing and updated shows keep the stages new and engaging. Most of the establishments take pride in their family-friendly environments and many offer matinees. Visit [www.browncounty.com](http://www.browncounty.com) for more details.

### **Shop for unique finds in area specialty shops**

In Nashville alone, there are more than 300 specialty shops, art galleries and craft studios. Explore the village streets filled with stores teaming with one-of-a-kind finds including stunning artwork, jewelry, clothing, pottery, classic toys, artistry in glass, handcrafted furniture and distinctive home furnishings. For a full listing of specialty shops, go to [www.nashville-indiana.com/shops.html](http://www.nashville-indiana.com/shops.html).

## **For registration information visit:**

[www.indyzcarclub.com](http://www.indyzcarclub.com)



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