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The summer driving season is now officially in gear. This is what we have been waiting for since the winter and we are already in



June. Time certainly goes by fast doesn't it? When we are young we want the time to hurry up so we can get older in order to drive, be finished with school or in some cases to drink alcohol. But as we get older, we are hoping for the opposite in wanting to slow things down a little. I tell people it is like when you press the fast forward button on a cassette player while it is playing and it just whizzes by. What do you mean you don't know what a cassette player is? If it wasn't for cassettes, we'd still be listening to music on 8 track tapes. Geesh!

I have been driving my '90 300ZXTT to work off and on but unfortunately the commute is not too exciting. I was able to open it up a little during our Urban Oasis Cruiz last month however. It is hard to believe that my 300ZX is 20 years old now. These Z's still look so contemporary and fit right in with all the newer sports cars, even the 370Z. Linda Strain had sent an email to a few members following last months drive in regards to her '94 300ZX and how much she has enjoyed driving it through the years. I know exactly what you mean Linda; I think this is what separates car people from non car people. Car people get attached to their cars. As far as my '83 280ZX, having antique plates and collector car insurance on it limits my driving with it but I was able to take it out for a nice drive over the Memorial Day weekend with the T-tops off and it was great. The warm sun beating down on me, the air moving throughout the cabin, a Diet Pepsi in the cup holder between my legs, the cassette player blasting some ABBA, life is good. I just love that car, especially the way the engine sounds while driving. Those straight 6's are bulletproof in my opinion. My 1980 Tenth Anniversary has yet to move from the corner of the garage this season but if I have time this weekend, who knows.

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So what's coming up? Well, I am trying to set up a **Cruise Night to Rolling Meadows** on Friday, the 25th. This has always been well attended by our members as well as other non Z car fans. I will have more information as we get closer but here are some must attend events right around the corner. Our annual **Cruisin' Z USA Car Show** is set for Sunday, July 11th at the Bolingbrook Promenade. This is our biggest car show of the year and it will be judged and trophies will be presented at the end. Please see the registration form in this newsletter. This was a great location for us last year with a bunch of restaurants and shops for people to check out as well as Z cars. They will block off the street again for us. Many people brought their spouses or even came with 2 cars. Every entrant will get their picture taken and displayed on our website. The first 50 registrants will also get a goody bag so please register early.

The following Saturday, July 17th I would like to take a 2 1/2 hour road trip north to **Road America in Elkhart Lake, WI for the Historic Races**. For racing fans this is always a great event with some really vintage cars racing around the track. I will have more information soon regarding this. Of course the **2010 National Z Car Convention** in Nashville, TN. is right around the corner from July 28 to August 1. I am definitely there, without a Z but with the family but I know it will be a great time nevertheless. The last convention I attended (family & Zless) was in 2005 in Rochester, N.Y. so I am really looking forward to it. In my single days, these were an annual events driving all over the country in my Z but life changes.

Mark your calendars for Sunday, August 8th as we are having our annual **picnic** at Myers Woods in Darien. We will be catering from Buona Beef once again. I will have more information next month. Also

from what I hear the **Fall Colors of Indiana Road Trip** from October 22-24 is on. Many members have expressed interest in this weekend event. One final note, please mark down November 6th on your calendar for our annual **WCZC Birthday Party** at the Seven Bridges Golf Course in Woodridge. It's only 5 months away.

~ Ty

Jeff Pleiter

V.P. Admin. & Membership

Welcome to Mike Bennett, our newest member and owner of a 1973 240Z. He will also be joining us in attending the 2010 National Convention in Nashville. If you are going to the June Sprints, you will also see Mike there. Give him a warm hello when you see him. The club roster is currently at 74 members.

Please let myself or Ty know if you are going to the National Convention if you have not already done so. It's not too late to register. My plan is to drive there on Wednesday and come back on Sunday. So far we have not set up a caravan, but can do so if we have enough interest.

Motor Trend has added a 370Z roadster to their long term test cars. The roadster had come in fourth in a previous comparison test with the Z4, the Boxster S, and Audi TTS. They penalized it mostly for its ride harshness and coarse engine note and lack of sophistication compared to the others, but generally praised it for performance. It will be interesting to see how it fares over their year-long review. I hope Nissan hears and provides us with an evolved Z that addresses the concerns as we go into the next model years. Based on the results of the Road and Track's testing and evaluation of the NISMO 370Z, it sounds like Nissan compromised on some of the track worthiness of the latest NISMO Z. Before you track any 370Z, sounds like you should upgrade the brake pads, put in some better brake fluid, install transmission and oil coolers, and install some ducting to the front brakes. Of course this is good advice for upgrades to any car you intend to track seriously, but considering the NISMO is supposed to be pretty track worthy out of the box, perhaps Nissan could have added this to the factory package.

Still, I don't know about you, but I am visiting the 2010 Zcon website everyday for the chance to enter and win a NISMO 370Z, the likelihood of winning is small like any other sweep stakes, but I would be satisfied with winning the second prize Yokohama tires. You get a chance each time you visit the site, and get three more entries per day if you correctly answer three Z

trivia questions. For those of us who are used to Ty's annual quizzes, most of them are a snap. Maybe he should submit some of his quiz questions, as some of Nissan's questions are beginning to repeat.

My Z wings have been clipped for the last 4 weeks because of my broken toe, but the toe is finally healed enough that I took the 280ZX out yesterday and it looks like I'll be attending the Morris Cruise Night. Spirited driving is still out of the question for a few more weeks as I still need to baby that toe, but at least I can take the car out and enjoy the weather (when it's not raining).

Well the third period of game 6 is starting and the Hawks are winning 3-2, so its back to the game. By the time you read this, I hope the Stanley Cup is in Chicago's hands. Z you later.

~ Jeff

An announcement from the Datsun Heritage Museum (California)

We hope this finds you in good spirits and preparing exciting Z car club activities. As a part of our fund raising activities for the Datsun Heritage Museum, we are distributing a DVD copy of Mr. K's biography—"Love Cars, Love People, Love Life". This is a brief summary of Mr. K's career accomplishments at Nissan. Some of you saw the biography at the national convention, and now we are releasing a revised edition. We believe that the biography is very informative for existing members as well as for new members. It can be a great platform to start your club meetings or a unique publicity tool at local shows.

We also have a DVD that introduces and tours the Datsun Heritage Museum in California.

We are currently taking orders for the DVD's, which will be distributed as a set. For each donation made to the Datsun Heritage Museum (min. suggested is \$25), we will give one DVD set (1 Mr. K Biography DVD & 1 Datsun Heritage Museum Tour DVD).

Donations can be made by visiting <https://www.paypal.com> and submitting "To" donations@datsunheritemuseum.com. (Note: you must have an active PayPal Account to make a donation.) When making a donation, please include a shipping address in the notes section.

All that in mind, please forward this to anyone else that might be interested in obtaining a DVD set. Thank you in advance for your support.

Warm regards,
Yoichi Matsumoto
Director, Datsun Heritage Museum



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I am looking to purchase a speedo cable for my '78 280z 2+2. Does anyone have one available or know of one who does? Please email me at james@e-snyder.org if so. Thanks!

Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
June 12 – Car show	Morris, IL (6-9pm)	www.morriscruisenight.com
June 25 – Car show	Rolling Meadows, IL	tmo212@aol.com
June 25-27 – Midwest Z Heritagefest	Aurora, OHIO	www.clevelandrockz.com
July 11 – Cruisin Z USA	The Promenade, Bolingbrook	tmo212@aol.com
July 17 – Road America	Elkhart Lake, WI	tmo212@aol.com
July 28-Aug 1 – National Z Car Convention	Nashville, TN	www.zcon2010.com
Aug 8 – Fall Picnic	Myers Woods, Darien	tmo212@aol.com
Oct 22-24 – Fall Colors of Indiana	Indiana	bobbienick@comcast.net
Nov 6 – WCZC Birthday Party	Seven Bridges GC, Woodridge	tmo212@aol.com



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