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Are you a waver? What I mean is do you wave at people if they wave at you? I think I am. Most of the time when we wave at someone it is a person that we recognize at a distance such that stopping to talk is out of the question. Or maybe you are waving good bye to someone as they leave your home or perhaps you are the one who is leaving. Of course it could be that you are driving your Z down the road all proud and all and going to other way is another Z so you just wave to acknowledge another Z owner. How about that guy or girl that's dressed up in the Statue of Liberty outfit waving and dancing at everyone who drives by? You know the one I'm talking about. Every year now around tax season you see this person at some intersections in that bluish costume trying to attract attention to the tax preparation business. Do you wave at them? I feel I must at least raise my hand a little, whether they see it or not. They probably don't care if I wave at them or not but if they seem to be directing the wave at me then I feel obligated to do something. If I don't, that would be rude. Wouldn't it? I can pretend that I did not see them, especially if I am not stopped but what if I am at the light? I am trapped. Don't make eye contact, just look straight ahead. Shoot, they're looking at me. I guess I'll wave, just a small elevation of the hand to be polite but not raising the whole arm and going side by side. Yes, I am a waver.

Well, I got a chance to get my '83 280ZXT out yesterday and drive it around a bit. It had been sitting in my garage under the cover since late October. Taking the cover off is like taking the wrapping off of a Christmas present. I'm all excited. Even though I know what's underneath the cover, there is just something about seeing that beautiful car again for the first time after the long winter. It's refreshing. Kind of like seeing the sun again after several days of gloomy weather. After sitting for almost 5 months its unbelievable how quickly it just fires up. It barely has

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to crank at all and viola, that straight six is making music again. I usually let it idle for a few minutes in the driveway making sure everything looks OK with the fluids, belts, hoses etc. Then slowly I drive around the neighborhood to loosen it up before I take it out on the open road. I missed driving it. It felt nice, felt comfortable, like your favorite pair of jeans. Unfortunately that favorite pair of jeans are back in the closet again, waiting for more nice weather. In that same closet though are other jeans just waiting to be worn again. Hurry up nice weather!!

Our 2011 Heritagefest event is coming along nicely. Your officers and members have been hard at work making it happen. The website has the registration form as well as the hotel info for those interested. We will still have more meetings as it gets closer and everyone is welcome to attend. There is a lot of enthusiasm from our club as well as other clubs in the Midwest. Come on, join the fun!!

~ Ty



Jeff Pleiter V.P of Activities

We had fourteen WCZC members attend the social dinner at Mago in Arlington Heights. We all had a great time, the food and conversation was good.

There are mini reviews of the restaurant and event elsewhere in the newsletter. If you couldn't make it, put it on your list to check out yourself. I recommend the made to order guacamole. Check out the website for photos.

For the next Z General Meeting we will be returning to Fuddruckers Restaurant in Downers Grove. For this

month we are moving the meeting to <u>Saturday</u> April 9 at 5pm. Note the change in date and time vs. the usual. This works out better for schedules for a number of us. If the weather is good, I expect to see some Zs out there. If our usual Sunday time does not work for you, this next meeting will be a chance for you to come meet and greet and get that Z out for Spring.

The weekend following the Z meeting, the next event is a meet and greet, at 10:00 am Saturday April 16 at Michaels Automotive in Plainfield, 12425 S. Rhea Drive, Suite D, Plainfield IL 60585. A lot of people have asked for recommendations for an old school mechanic for their Z. This place has been suggested by Bill Opperman, one of our members. This is a chance to look over the shop and meet Dave Anderson and possibly some of his mechanics. We'll follow up the tech session with lunch at the nearby Limestone Brewery. If the weather is nice, maybe we'll put some country miles on the Z as well. Look for an Evite so I can get a head count. You can also email me directly.

For May (14th or 21st), the Spring Fling Drive is tentatively planned along the Illinois River Road. We'll hit some interesting stops along the way, have lunch, and drive some of the curvy roads along the Illinois River.

June 10, 11, and 12 we are hosting the 11th Midwest Z Heritage Fest. The registration form, hotel info and schedule of events are all up on the website now as well as in the newsletter. Please return your registration as soon as you can as preregistering will save you money. We are also looking for volunteers. Let me know if you can help in registration, car wrangling, judging or other tasks. The planning well along, we are gathering sponsors, and the registrations are starting to come in. If you are an active member of an internet forum, see if our event is posted on the forum. If not, please post the information for the club. If you need wording or information let me know.

See the calendar elsewhere in the newsletter for more event info.

If you are interested in hosting or running an event, or have a suggestion for an event, please contact me via email, phone or at an event.

We have all seen the carnage in Japan caused by the earthquake and tsunami. We have heard that Mr. K and his family are safe. I also have heard from my contact at Nissan corporate that the Nissan employees were for the most part spared. Please consider contributing to the Red Cross or other charity to help the people affected by this natural disaster.

~ Jeff

~ Mago Dinner, March 19th ~

I didn't know what to expect, after all it's a car club dinner at a restaurant without beer! But I had a great time, good food and better conversation. Thanks for throwing this party.

~ Richard S

I thoroughly enjoyed our dinner at Mago. The food was excellent, reasonably priced, served in nice surroundings with, as usual, good company.

~ David S

As usual, dinner at Mago's with the "Z gang" was great time. In spite of the fact that we missed the Rosecrans and the Ozgens, we had great company and good food. I really enjoyed the soup and the flavor of my entree was excellent. Unfortunately, the plate that my "burrito on steroids" was served upon turned out to be a lot hotter than the burrito itself. This was probably a function of our large group rather than the ability of our server Miguel, who never seemed to stop moving. (When we asked him for more chips he said he would bring more in 30 seconds. And he did!) I shared my burrito with my wife Connie and she shared her three tacos with me. They were very interesting. I had never eaten a red snapper taco before. Different! The pork taco had a truly great flavor. Unfortunately, they too could have used a few more BTUs of heat. I would give Mago's a bread rating of seven and a circus rating of ~ Lee W nine.

Excellent food and the Guacamole was out of this world. As fresh as it gets being prepared at the table! I will definitely return one day. Tracy and I had a wonderful time.

~ Glenn J

~ New Member ~

A warm welcome to our newest members Ron & Linda Osborn of Warrenville, owners of a 2006 350z Roadster Convertible. We look forwards to seeing you at an upcoming event!



Looking for that Z or part? Have one for sale? Email wczc.editor@gmail.com to post in Z Market

Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
Apr 9 – ZGM	Fuddruckers, Downers Grove	villaZX10@comcast.net
Apr 16 (10am) – Tech Session	Michael's Automotive, Plainfield	
Apr 23 (TBC) Tech Session rain date	Michael's Automotive, Plainfield	
May 8 – ZGM	TBD	
May 14 – Spring Fling	Illinois River Road, Ottowa	
May 21 – Spring Fling rain date	Illinois River Road, Ottowa	
June 10-14 – MWZ HeritageFest	Lisle, Bolingbrook	
July 18-23 – Intl Z Convention	Savannah, Georgia	
TBD – Z Progressive Dinner		
TBD – Fall Colors of Indiana	Indiana	
Sept 15-18 – Mecum Auction	St Charles, IL	villaZX10@comcast.net
Sept (TBD) - Octoberfest	TBD	
Oct 8 – 24 hrs of LeMons	Autobahn Country Club, Joilet	
Nov (TBD) – WCZC Birthday Party	TBD	villaZX10@comcast.net



2011 Mídwest Z Herítage Show June 10-12 ~ Registration Form ~

Registration (postmarked by May 15th) is \$35 per car.

Registration from May 16th to June 1st is \$45. Day of Show registration is \$50. Spectator attendance at the track is \$5, free for all other events.

Registration includes: Car show entry, a goodie bag, one T-shirt & door prize ticket.

Autobahn Country Club "Track Touring" is \$10 per track car & \$5 per attendee (including driver), paid at the track. You must register for the Heritage Fest to be eligible for track touring. Please complete and return this form with your check.

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2011 Midwest Z Heritage Show June 10-12 ~ Schedule of Events ~

Event Questions: Jeff Pleiter (630) 832-7857

Hotel: Hickory Ridge Marriott Conference Hotel

(800) 228-9290 or (630) 971-5000

1195 Summerhill Drive

Lisle, IL 60532

Single (Queen) Queen w/ Sofabed *Use above links to get WCZC rates (~\$95/night)*

Hamburgers & cheeseburgers, BBQ chicken, vegetables, potato

or go to windycityzclub.com

Track: Autobahn Country Club 3795 S. Patterson Rd Joliet, IL 60436

www.autobahncountryclub.net (815) 722-2223

Friday Registration, Car Clean & Socializing

Registration at Marriott in Lisle opens 10-6pm

Chicago area Cruise 7 pm

Saturday Car show at Bolingbrook Promenade, Autobahn track tour, Awards Dinner

8-9:30 am Registration at the Marriott

Entrance and registration at Bolingbrook Promenade opens 10 am

Car Show ----- Show Trophies: 1st, 2nd, 3rd for stock & modified for each generation of Z cars 10-6 pm

One class for Datsun/Nissan/Infiniti Non-Z cars.

Also Best of Show, People's Choice & Best Survivor Track Touring

Line up to caravan to Autobahn Country Club 10 am

10-Noon Check in at Autobahn Country Club for "Track Touring"

\$10/car, \$5 ea person attending (incl driver) to be paid at the track. Drivers meeting 12:30 No extra or special safety equipment is required.

Cars to pit lane 12:45

Waiver to be signed at the track.

12:50-1:20 Tour the Track

salad and cole slaw, cookies and brownies. Soft drinks & coffee. Dinner & Awards

Adults - \$25 Twelve & under - \$13. Vegetarian meal available.

Buffet Dinner at hotel 7:30 pm

Awards & Door Prizes ---- Door Prizes - need not be present to win (arrange for a friend to 8:30 pm receive the prize in your stead)

Sunday No scheduled events, enjoy Chicago!

Shopping: Chicago, Woodfield Mall, Oakbrook Mall

Museums: Volo Auto, Field, Art Institute, Shedd Aquarium, Planetarium, Science & Industry

Sports: Sox vs. Okland Athletics (1 pm) Nearby Towns: Naperville, Wheaton

Amusement park: Síx Flags at Great America (Gurnee, IL)

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