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Every month I try to write my fans in the Z world an interesting article. Most of the time it involves Z's though not necessarily my Z. Sometimes I talk about life, work, sleep (or lack of) but this month I was stumped. What can I talk about? What do the readers want to hear? Well, over the weekend an interesting thing happened so here I go.

As you know we were invited to the "Under the Dome Car Show" in Bridgeview. I was preregistered already and was looking forward to it. It was the first car outing for our club this year. I was going to take my '80 Tenth Anniversary. The day prior, I pulled the cover off the car and charged up the battery after the long hibernation. I got it started and pulled it forward in my garage so that I could get it cleaned up a little. After all, it gets dusty sitting in the garage, even with the car cover on it. I don't really wash it with a hose and sponge anymore. It gets sprayed with Meguiars Final Inspection and wiped with a microfiber towel. Anyway I had it cleaned up and ready to go. My poster board describing the car was inside it as well as my folding chair. I got up at about 6:30 AM and looked outside. It was dry but looked like it wanted to rain. I checked the radar and it showed green (AKA rain) in the area. Should I go or not, I really don't want to drive this Z in the rain. That's just me. So I waited, ready to go,



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checking the weather outside, the Weather Channel and the internet for up to the minute radar. It was after 8 AM now and I was still undecided. If I don't go, I could always go to my kids swim meet. All three were swimming at a meet in St.

Charles. Then I got the call on my cell phone. It was Jeff. He was wondering if I was coming. They were saving me a spot. They had no rain getting there and the show was under a dome so it should be dry. As I was talking to him, I looked outside again, still dry but overcast. OK Jeff. I'll be there. Should be fun. (That is what they call peer pressure). So I went to the garage, got in the Z, put on my seatbelt and turned the key. Nothing. That's weird. Did I not tighten the battery cables? I got out and checked. It seemed tight. Let's try it again. Again nothing. Turned on the lights, nothing. I can't believe it. Dead battery. It started yesterday though. I don't think it was the alternator since I never drove it plus it really gave no hint as such.

Well, it was not meant to be. The battery was not even 3 years old. I threw in the towel. I guess I could have jumped it but I didn't want to take the chance and get stuck. Honey, I guess I will be joining you after all. I called Jeff back to let him know the bad news. I dug out my folder on my Z and was able to find the receipt for it. Fortunately it had a 3 year free replacement on it

and in July it would have been 3 years so off I went to Walmart. They replaced it, no questions asked. I got it back in the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and it fired right up. Too late to go to the show though.

So off I went to the swim meet with my oldest boy, in my Z. This time my '90 TT. At least I was driving a Z. My wife was already there with our other 2 kids. You'll never guess who I saw there. Fellow Z member John Song. He was supposed to go to the show that day as well but unfortunately he had to cancel as well. Not because of a dead battery but because he had to drive his son to the same swim meet we were at. What a coincidence. I have to get something off my chest though John. I was a bit disappointed that day in your behavior. I know you were tired just like I was but I saw you do the unthinkable, especially being the car guy that you are. I saw you get out of your minivan and your door hit the car parked next to you. Shame on you! You have to treat each car with respect, even if it is not a Z. I did not say anything at the time due to being in shock. So John, with all due respect, please be more careful. Anyway I am sure it was probably a fluke, not a regular occurrence.

~ Ty

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## *Z Car Club magazine*

- Ty Ozgen

The premier issue of the Z Car Club Magazine is now out. If you recall, Z Sport Magazine recently went under due to financial reasons. Each paid member had received a copy as part of your dues. Well, Art Singer has put together this new magazine for Z car clubs only. It will be pretty much a Z only magazine coming out every 2 months. There will be articles about Z's, Z members and Z club activities. To keep the costs down, this will not be mailed to each member. He sent me a box of 25 to distribute among those interested. You will not be able to get this at your local book store as it is only for club members. These will be available on a 1<sup>st</sup> come 1<sup>st</sup> serve basis so let me know if you want one at [tmo212@aol.com](mailto:tmo212@aol.com). I will not mail them but



will have them available at our events. This issue is complimentary from your WCZC but the officers will have to decide how to proceed after that. I think you'll like it.



### **Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities**

The "Under the Dome" Car Show & Craft Fair was attended by myself, Bill and Cheryl Opperman, and Glenn Johnson. Ty was planning on attending then had to cancel due to a dead battery. Don't worry Ty we bought you a battery cozy at the Craft Fair!



I suspect the threat of rain reduced the WCZC attendance, but it turned out to be a nice day. I only had to wipe a few sprinkles off the car once inside the dome. Tom Landek, the Director of the Bridgeview Park District and a Datsun lover/former mechanic, graciously waived the usual \$15 attendance for our club. The sports dome is an air supported dome. To get in, you went through an airlock – the outside door was opened and then closed behind you. Only when it was closed it did they open the door to the interior. It was a relaxed show and shine, non-judged car show. They had a good number of raffle prizes. I ended up with a three pack of "OFF", good for keeping the mosquitoes away at those evening outdoor cruise nights. Between walking around looking at the cars and battery cozy's, the raffles, and lunch, I also took some time on and off to clay bar and re-wax the car. It was the perfect place, no bright



sun, perfect temp, and an Astroturf floor instead of hard driveway concrete. Got the entire car done over the course of the day! There was no judging, but one "Director's Choice" trophy was awarded. The criteria: the Park Director picked the car he liked best. Of course he had good taste and awarded it to my 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 280ZX. Bill's 240Z and Glenn's 370Z also had a bunch of admirers during the day.

May 18: Spring Fling Drive to New Glarus Wisconsin. Plan on meeting at Finley Square Mall, 1500 Butterfield Road, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Meet near the Portillo's Restaurant. This is a change from the last newsletter due to construction of the roads around Fuddruckers, but is nearby. Plan on meeting there no later than 8:00 am and leaving at 8:15. We'll take I-88 east to Route 39, then north to Route 20, then up IL 26/WI 69 to Monroe WI. This will avoid the construction on I-90 that the tollway has planned for this summer. If you are west and want to join us on the way, please email me. If you can't meet us there, meet us in Monroe, WI about 10:30 – 11:00 am in the main square around the courthouse. See attached the map – there is a parking garage to the west of the square. We'll spend a little time in the shops and have an early lunch then head out. My cell # is 630-816-9282 if you need to hook up with the group.

I have a back roads route from Monroe WI to New Glarus. This was about a 2 hr drive in a Honda Pilot on a dry run. Expect to spend a little less than that driving the Z. Once in New Glarus, we'll spend some time there in the historic downtown and/or the Swiss Village, we'll have an early dinner, and you have the option to drive home, or spend the night and spend some more time in or around New Glarus. The New Glarus brewery nearby is also a potential stop. I have a room reserved in the Chalet Landhaus. There are other nearby accommodations, including the Hotel New Glarus. If you plan on spending the night, I would make your reservations soon. For a Sunday drive back, I have medium or short scenic alternative routes back to Monroe, depending on schedule, weather, etc. Please update your RSVP on the evite and email me if you have any questions, etc.

Early June: Cars and Coffee. This is planned to be a relatively short notice event. We'll send out an evite and/or email and meet at a coffee shop for a general meeting / social Z event.

June 14 and 15: Z Heritage Fest in Nashville, Brown County Indiana. See info in this newsletter or our website for the info. We'll get a caravan together to go down on Friday.

July 20: Vintage Races at Road America.

July 13 or 14, or 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>?: Our annual Cruisin'

Z Car Show. Date and Location are yet to be determined. Ty is checking on venues. Probably one of the Sundays. Watch for a "save the date" email once the date and location are settled.

August 5 through 9: International Z Convention. Nashua, New Hampshire.

September 15: Cantigny Car Show. We had such a great time last year, we plan on going again this year. Dates and info are subject to change as details get finalized. As always, we are open to event ideas. Email me at [villazx10@comcast.net](mailto:villazx10@comcast.net).

~ Jeff

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## WCZC 10 years ago

- Ty Ozgen

Ten years ago our club was getting ready for the summer activities just as we are now. I was your new President, young and naïve, Jeff was our VP of Activities, Bob Rosecrans was our Activities Chairman, Linda Strain was our Secretary and of course, Bill Bragg was our treasurer. The new 350Z was voted best "Drivers Car" by Motorweek, a television magazine. The Z community was excited about the new Roadster that was coming out soon. We had recently gone out to a Turkish Restaurant in Chicago as a club outing and ate to our hearts content. We had attended a Tech session at Continental Nissan about the new 2003 350Z. It was well attended as a Master technician talked about all the features for Nissans famous sports car. Finally, last minute preparations were being made for our annual Cruisin Z USA car show at Emmons Coachworks.

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## Boutique



WCZC patch - \$3/ea

License plate frames - \$3/ea or \$5/pair

WCZC polo shirt - \$30, specify size

Contact Ty at [tmo212@aol.com](mailto:tmo212@aol.com) to purchase



*Under the Dome  
Bridgeview Park  
District*





## *Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar*

<b>Date &amp; Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Contact Info</b>
May 18 Spring Fling	Drive to New Glarus, WI	Jeff Pleiter – <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>
June TBD Cars and Coffee	TBD, watch for an evite	Jeff Pleiter – <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>
June 14 - 15 Midwest Z Heritage Show	Nashville, Indiana	<a href="http://www.indyzcarclub.org">www.indyzcarclub.org</a>
July 19/20 - Vintage Races at Road America	Elkhart Lake, WI	<a href="http://www.roadamerica.com">www.roadamerica.com</a>
July TBD – WCZC Cruzin Z Car Show	TBD	Jeff Pleiter – <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>
August 5-9 Int'l Z Car Convention	Nashua, New Hampshire	<a href="http://www.zcon.org">www.zcon.org</a>
September 15 Cantigny Car Show	Cantigny, Wheaton IL	Jeff Pleiter – <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>

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### **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Z Car Convention ~ 2013 ZCON, August 5-9**

The Z Car Club of New England (<http://zccne.org/>) is working hard to plan a great convention in 2013. ZCON2013 will be held in Nashua, New Hampshire on August 5-9, 2013. You must mention the convention when calling to make hotel reservations. To make your reservations, visit: <http://www.zccazconvention.com/conventions/2013/>

If you can't find information you need, please contact Karen Crowell [zconvention2013@gmail.com](mailto:zconvention2013@gmail.com) or Club President John Jeffery ([john@baddogparts.com](mailto:john@baddogparts.com)).

Please pass the word - this is the 10th year anniversary of the last time we had a convention in NH. Here are some of the highlights for this year's event:

- New Hampshire Motor Speedway (NHMS) - HPDE track event! Get on-track and go fast legally while learning a bit more about your Z and car control.
- Anheuser-Busch location car show (free brewery tour)
- Autocross - at NHMS
- Scenic New England cruise and Poker Run
- Clam bake & lobster boil!
- special Guests: Bob Sharp (of Bob Sharp Racing), Mr. Matsuo (240z Designer), and Randy Rodriguez (370z Designer)
- Banquet & Awards Dinner (possible Yutaka Katayama participation via video conference)

Please spread the word at your car club events! You can follow ZCON 2013 on Twitter or via Facebook (search for "ZCON"). Clean up the Z's and get to NH this August!

Christopher Karl, ZCCA, Executive Director, (440) 343-1664

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# 2013

## SHOW



2009-  
Present

2003-2009



1990-1996



1984-1989



1979-1983



1970-1978



## JUNE 14 & 15, 2013 • NASHVILLE, IN

The **Indy Z Car Club** will be hosting this event in 2013 and we are returning to Brown County, Indiana. This year's hosting hotel will be the **Season's Lodge in Nashville, Indiana**. Get away to rustic Southern Indiana and drive some twisty back roads, shop in the art colony of Nashville, hike in Brown County State Park, visit the architectural gems of Columbus, IN, and explore the nearby wineries. This event rotates between Cleveland Z Club, Windy City Z Club, ZROC of Columbus, OH and Indy Z Car Club.

In an expanded format, we invite classic **Datsun Roadsters**, **Nissan Z's** and **GTR's** and **Infiniti G's** to join us to make this an inclusive Nissan celebration.

Event registration is open! Hotel registration is open!

Visit [www.midwestzheritage.com](http://www.midwestzheritage.com) for complete information. Check it out!! Register now!!





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Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

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Dual Member's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

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e-mail address (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

Your e-mail address is important because we send the WCZC newsletter and club notifications via e-mail. Please remember to keep us updated if your e-mail address changes.

Type of Zs Owned (Please indicate Year and quantity):

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300ZX \_\_\_\_\_

260Z \_\_\_\_\_

350Z \_\_\_\_\_

280X \_\_\_\_\_

370Z \_\_\_\_\_

280ZX \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our club? \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Categories: Please check one

- ☐ \$30.00 for one year (incl. foreign countries)  
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- ☐ \$25.00 for one Associate year\*  
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*If you have any questions concerning these categories, please call 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:  
 WINDY CITY Z CLUB

4250 N. Marine Dr. #515, Chicago, Illinois 60613

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