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**James Snyder, Editor**

## THE PRESIDENT SEZ Ty Ozgen, President



Well, we got our Cruisin Z USA Show over with and I have to admit, it was a stressful one for me. Many of those who attended are aware of my frustrations that day and again I apologize for it. When I do things, whether it deals with work, family or the Z club, I like to make sure everything has been taken care of...you know ...no surprises. That whole week leading up to the show, I was unable to get in touch with "our host" for the show. He was the person who was excited to have us in the parking lot in front of the store. I called and left several messages and went to his store several times with out any luck. We are throwing an event and I don't know if the location is still ok or not. That makes me nervous! I did not see him until about an hour into the show when he casually drove in. Not only that, I wanted to bring a table to have all of our trophies and items up for sale displayed. It certainly does not fit into a Z's trunk, so I sat in my chair and worked from my lap with everything else in boxes. Not the most professional way of doing things. However, all was not lost. Tony Antiporek was able to get us a table. He does not live too far away was able to call his wife Jeanine to bring one over. I was saved. The show itself was great with plenty of Z's, both young and old. The weather cooperated with us as we were able to squeeze the show in between the rainstorms that have been plaguing us all summer long.

We had Peoples Choice awards for the show and I'd like to congratulate the winners for each class. They were.....

1<sup>st</sup> Generation: Bill Opperman 1971 240Z

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2<sup>nd</sup> Generation: Ty Ozgen 1980 280ZX 10<sup>th</sup> Ann.

4<sup>th</sup> Generation: Tony Antiporek 1990 300ZX TT

5<sup>th</sup> Generation: Robert Cooper 2005 350Z

6<sup>th</sup> Generation: Glenn Johnson 2011 370Z

The next weekend, our club caravanned up to Road America to watch the Vintage Races. My oldest son even joined me that day. We met at the Lake Forest Oasis before the trip up there. We were even joined by former WCZC president Stan Beckman with his yellow Camaro. It was nice talking with him that day as he



*Photo by Jeff Pleiter*

had done a lot for our club during his reign. Anyway it was just a beautiful day for watching the races. As we entered the track my son expressed interest in the track touring over the lunch break. Sure, why not as it has been about 10 years since I last did it. So I forked over the \$85 to do the touring....anything for my son, right. Shortly after we set up our chairs in prime viewing position and then we headed to the track touring paddock. I was joined by Glenn and Tracy Johnson, their daughter Elizabeth and her husband, Jeff and his son CJ, and Keith Keca with his grandson. It was nice to drive on the track but I was fairly easy on my Z. (more on this later) This was the first time I

had stressed those "Fusion" tires I talked about in past articles and I have to admit, I was not that impressed. I felt like they did not stick as well as the Dunlops I had on before. They felt like they were going to break loose and without the fancy traction

control etc, its not that hard to do on these older Z's. Nevertheless, it was a lot of fun and my son enjoyed it a lot. After the track touring, we walked around the pit areas, grabbed a lunch and then did some car and people watching. Early that evening we drove up to the Osthoff Resort area to attend the car show. This is such a classy event with such cool exotic cars. Not just that, the whole atmosphere with the people, sipping on their wines and beer as they mingle with the other participants....just a great night. We estimated that there were probably over \$3 million dollars of cars present from brand new McLarens to old Jaguars. After doing more sightseeing, my son and I got into the Z and headed on home. Interestingly enough, when I asked my son what he thought of the day, he stated he had a lot of fun....but it was too loud. Not only that, the next day he found Road America on an XBOX360 game and was able to drive a 240Z around it. He was able to recognize several of the turns and bridges. Yep....that's my boy....future car buff.

As far as August, I might be able to go to the Cruisin 66 Fest Car and Bike Show after all. It is hosted by the Willowbrook/Burr Ridge Chamber of Commerce and Nissan is a cosponsor. It is held at Harvester Park, 15W400 Harvester Drive in Burr Ridge. They will be having new cars on display and have asked that we park our Z's next to them. It is \$20 to register but they give a great Turtle Wax goodie bag. There is plenty of food and other vendors. The best way to get in is to take Madison St and then turn east on 72<sup>nd</sup> St. I hope to see you there.

~ Ty

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

Event recap:



**July 13 Cruisin' Z USA** Decent weather. Good turnout. As Ty notes, he had a few frustrations with the arrangements, but it worked out OK for the participants. Had good turnout first and fifth generations. Pretty decent turnout for 2<sup>nd</sup> generation and 6<sup>th</sup> generations, but no 3<sup>rd</sup> generations. For a while I thought only Linda's car was there for fourth generation, but some

more showed later. It was an OK venue, but nothing special. Next year we will host the Midwest Z Heritage Fest, so I expect we'll put Cruisin' Z on hiatus for a year. See the website for photos.

**July 19 "The Hawk" Historic Races at Road America.** For the first time my son CJ came with me to Road America. He is 18 and not much time left before he is gone to college. Since he was there, it seemed a good opportunity to splurge and do the track touring with most of the rest of the group. Now I had the 280ZX instead of the Nismo, so this would be a little more interesting - with 135 hp, I was not as powerful as most of the rest of the group and other cars. Since it was touring, not racing the idea was to enjoy



Photo by Ty Ozgen

the track. Of course, the adage is "It is more fun to drive a slow car fast than a fast car slow." Being down on power, I was using relatively more of the capability to go around the track. We had a blast. Some photos of the touring are included in the newsletter.

#### **July 27 Breakfast Club Cruise-in at Volo Auto Museum**

We had about 7 cars at Volo, the biggest turnout of one group either club,

marque, or mode. The weather man was stating a line of rain to come though about 11 or 12, so I think that kept the turnout light for the cruise-in. A man we talked to said that previous ones were much larger. But the sun shined on the club and the rain never showed. Four of us met Ken Jamin and went on some backroads touring in Wisconsin. We had no planned routes, so I just led the group wherever the road took us. Only found one dead end. (No nav in 1980 Zs). We ended up at Fred's for the "World's Best Burgers" for lunch. The place was packed. I posted photos on facebook during the day. Check them out there.

As always, keep an eye on the website, [www.windycityzclub.com](http://www.windycityzclub.com), our windy city z club facebook page, and the evites for up to date info and new events:

#### **EVENTS Calendar:**

**August 9<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 3 PM.** As Ty notes, Willowbrook/Burr Ridge Chamber of Commerce says that Nissan is cosponsoring their annual Cruisin 66 Fest Car & Bike Show with a possible invite for our club to exhibit some cars. See Ty's article for more details.

**August 30 Lisle Cruise Night** Arrive about 5 pm

to park on Main Street in Lisle on Saturday August 30. We did this on relatively short notice earlier this year sending an evite and Facebook posting.

There is a lot on my plate for August – if anyone wants to plan/run another event in August, feel free to send me the info and I can post on Facebook and do an evite.

**Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> IZCC's 2014 "Z's In the Woods", For Indy Z and Windy City Z Members**

**Hosted by The Jarrells at 2001 Greytwig Drive, Kokomo, IN 46902**

We want to fill the yard with a multitude of Z's of every generation. They will provide all the food, soft drinks and water. All we ask is that you BYOB of your preference. (Please drink responsibly) Your only requirement is to show up! We plan to gather at 2 PM, Kokomo time, (1 PM Chicago time) and eat shortly after that. During lunch we'll have some easy listening music from SteveX2 but after lunch we will have the Jason Skagg's Band rocking to keep you awake during the People's Choice car show. Please, no detailing, bugs welcome!! Bring your car show folding chairs. Because this is an outdoor event and bands need dry weather, we have set Sunday the 14<sup>th</sup> as the rain date. Hopefully, that will not be needed, but we do need to know how many to expect! **Please RSVP by Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** to Dave & Barb Jarrell, [orthodoc13@hotmail.com](mailto:orthodoc13@hotmail.com) or via E-vite sent by Windy City. Find us on MapQuest: <http://mapq.st/Ph8YZ6> See directions elsewhere in this newsletter.

**September 21, Cantigny Car Show** – This is Rain or Shine. Last year was rain. Registration opens at 7 am and closes at noon. Show is from 9 am to 3 pm. Pre-registration is \$12. At the gate it is \$15. Very nice setting.

**Fall Fling date TBD.** Rescheduled Poker Run put together by Carl Kush.

As always, we will be scheduling other misc events such as cruise nights and other possible driving events. We are open to event ideas. Email me at [villazx10@comcast.net](mailto:villazx10@comcast.net).

**We will be forming a committee to start planning for our hosting of the 2015 Midwest Z Heritage Fest. Looking for people to plan activities and take charge of various aspect of the show – registration, cars how, other activities, hotel contact, etc.**

~ Jeff

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If you have photos, articles or Nissan news of interest that you'd like to contribute to the WCZC newsletter, please submit them to [wczc.editor@gmail.com](mailto:wczc.editor@gmail.com) by the 10th of the month.

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WCZC patch - \$3/ea

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

WCZC polo shirt - \$30, specify size

Contact Ty at [tyozgen@gmail.com](mailto:tyozgen@gmail.com) to purchase

## Windy City Z 2014 Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & other info
July 27 – Breakfast Club Cruise-In	Volo Auto Museum	
August 5-9 – Int'l Z Convention	San Diego, California	
August 9 (11-3pm) – Cruisin 66 Fest Car & Bike Show	Willowbrook/Burr Ridge	Nissan is sponsoring, the club may get an invite to display cars
August 30 – Lisle Cruise Night	Lisle	Jeff Pleiter - <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>
Sept 13, 14? – Z's in the Woods Picnic (RSVP by Sep 5 <sup>th</sup> !)	2001 Greytwig Drive Kokomo, IN, 46902 - Indy Z Car Club	<a href="mailto:orthodoc13@hotmail.com">orthodoc13@hotmail.com</a>
Sept 21 – Cantigny Car Show	Cantigny, Wheaton IL	
TBD – Fall Fling/Poker Run		Carl Kush



### Z's in the Woods 2014 Directions-Kokomo

Follow I-65 South until you reach **Exit #172 to Rossville**. As you exit from I-65, turn left at the stop light onto Route 26 towards the East.(Rossville) Drive approximately 45 minutes to Kokomo. Be alert for RT. 931, which is "old US 31". This intersection has White's Meat Market on the left and a Marathon station on the right. There is a Speedway station and a CVS on the other side of RT 931. Turn left (North) at the stoplight onto RT.931 and proceed to Southway Blvd and turn right onto Southway. Ruby Tuesday's is on the left, Mancino's is on the right. Continue East as this road winds through a residential neighborhood. You will come to a 4 way stop sign, which is Albright Road. This is only .9 miles from Rt 931. Continue to proceed East up a slight hill and at the top on your right is an entrance marked "STONYBROOK". This is 1.3 miles from RT 931. This street is Beechwood. Turn right. Almost immediately, there is a stop sign, turn right again. This is Greytwig Drive. Proceed down the street and stay to the right on this street marked "No Outlet". Our house is the **4<sup>th</sup> house on the left** from the corner and is orange brick with green shutters. You have found us! 2001 Greytwig Drive, Telephone 765.455.1129. Cell Phone 765.513.9134. Driving time from Chicago Westside is about 3 hours depending upon traffic.

### Alternate Route from the North Via US 31

Drive down US 31 from the north. Stay on US 31 (the new bypass) that now goes on the east side of Kokomo. Take Exit #161 to "East Blvd". Turn right at this exit onto East Blvd and proceed to Goyer Road at the first stoplight. Turn left and proceed south on Goyer Rd. This road ends in a T, which is Southway Blvd. Turn right and travel a short distance to the entrance to "STONYBROOK" on left. This street is Beechwood. Turn left. Almost immediately, there is a stop sign, turn right. This is Greytwig Drive. Proceed down the street and stay to the right on this street marked "No Outlet". Our house is the **4<sup>th</sup> house on the left** from the corner and is orange brick with green shutters. You have found us! 2001 Greytwig Drive, Telephone 765.455.1129. Cell Phone 765.513.9134.

## 2014 Crusin' Z 7/13



Photos by  
Ty Ozgen





**2014  
Road America  
Historic Races  
7/19**



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

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

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

280Z \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

### Membership Categories: Please check one

- ☐ \$30.00 for one year (incl. foreign countries)
- ☐ \$50.00 for two years (incl. foreign countries)

- ☐ \$25.00 for one Associate year\*
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\*Associates must live at least 300 miles outside Chicago

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- ☐ Committee Volunteer
- ☐ Club Representative
- ☐ Leadership Role

*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

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