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## THE PRESIDENT SEZ Ty Ozgen, President



Well, it finally happened. I have owned all sorts of cars through the years of my driving career and I have to admit, I have been pretty lucky as far as reliability is concerned. Oh sure, any car will have its share of issues throughout its life and I expect that. For example, the usual maintenance items like tires, oil changes are common and then you throw in a water pump, or master cylinder....pretty routine stuff. I have never ever had a major engine or transmission problem....until now. My '90 300ZX TT decided to test my loyalty last month. If you recall, I had taken it to Road America to the Vintage Races with my son without any issues at all, probably averaging about 70+mph. Yes I did do the track touring but that's all it was, a track touring. I was not pushing it at all; especially with my son next to me and not being real sure if the tires would handle well or not. We drove home without a problem as well. I put it into the garage and there it sat for a few days resting.

The next time I took it out was to go to work. As I pulled it out of the garage, it was making a slight rumbling noise, almost like a pulley bearing. I popped the hood and could not localize so I decided to drive to work. It seemed to be fine other than that slight rumbling. About 3 miles down the road, oh boy...here we go. The noise seemed to get louder and I was not able to pick up any speed, even though the engine seemed to be revving up. If I had a 5 speed, I'd say the clutch was slipping but I have an automatic. Then I pulled over. It would not move. What to do? I'm going to be late to work now. I probably need to get it towed, probably



*Photo by Ty Ozgen*

home. I shut it off and was looking for a phone number. What could it possibly be? I just drove it to Wisconsin and back without a problem. I decided to try it again and it did get into drive, just barely engaging so I decided to try my luck and go home. It was a slow trip, flashers on, but I did make it home. I put into the garage and took a more reliable car to work.

Later that day when I got home from work I started it again and it seemed fine, shifted fine but I let it idle as I looked at the engine bay for any clues. It started to make that noise again and the transmission started to act up. I pulled it back in and did not drive it for a few weeks as I decided what to do with it. Was it finally time for that roadster? Well, I made some calls, checked with friends and checked Z websites, finally deciding to get it looked at. I got it towed and it sure did look nice on that flatbed. I have to admit, I have never had it towed before so I was a bit nervous but the person from Fire Towing Services was very careful, probably cause he knew I was watching him. It's funny, the back of their business card had a Junk Cars Needed for Fire Dept ad on it and wouldn't you know it, there was a yellow 1984-85ish 300ZX that was butchered. How sad.

Anyway, I followed him to a Multistate Transmission shop in Westmont. Yep, that's my Z on

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that flatbed. I told them the symptoms and left her there all alone. After a couple days I got the phone call no one wants to hear...."I'm sorry, your transmission is shot. It needs a rebuild." Having no experience with transmissions personally, I said fine, do what it needs. I knew that I did not want a used unit. They told me the parts were rather hard to find but they were able to locate them and commented that the transmission was a heavy duty unit. I kind of assumed that being a 300hp engine. Anyway, after a week, I got it back. It was ready. Sure did miss it. I think this is the longest it has been away from me. I can only imagine what it will be like when my kids go away to school. I guess I will miss them as well. Anyway, it seems to be working fine so far, no noise and the shifts nice and crisp. Welcome Home!! I guess I'll keep ya for a little while longer.

*Photo by Ty Ozgen*



It was not all a negative month though. I did take my reliable '80 Tenth Anniversary to the Cruisin 66 Car Show in Burr Ridge with fellow members and had a good relaxing time. I guess with only 27k miles on it, it should be reliable. We did park together and were treated to great weather. Just next to us Nissan had set up a booth, being a cosponsor for the event. They had the all new Rogue on display, loaded with tons of cool features. Not just that, we had the pleasure of meeting Laura Eng, the Launch Manager for the Nissan Midwest region. Just a delightful, and enthusiastic person, given the fact she sat there all day, pregnant and all. Though we did not win any trophies, we all got some great gifts in our goodie bag to more than offset the cost of the show. Thanks Turtle Wax!

Then last weekend, we attended the Lisle Cruise night as a group. What a beautiful summer night! Though we did not park together, we did get together to have dinner and hang out with our cars. Thanks for setting that up Jeff.

We still have plenty of time left before the snow so come on out if you can. The three must-not-miss events coming up are the Continental Oktoberfest on

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

October 4<sup>th</sup>, the Fall Poker Run on the 11<sup>th</sup> and our annual WCZC birthday party on November 1<sup>st</sup> so place a note in your calendar. See you then.

~ Ty

### Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities



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:**

**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. Watch the evite and/or facebook for any last minute changes in schedule. Looking good so far for weather! 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>

**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. We'll set up a breakfast pre-meet so we can arrive together and park together. Watch the evite and/or you email for more details. If you can't make the breakfast, or need to show up later, go ahead. We'll find you.

**October 4 Continental Nissan Octoberfest, at Continental Nissan. 11 am to 2 pm.** Jay and his dealership always provide lunch and a space for show and shine. No judging, a lot of Z camaraderie. This is always well attended. Again, this is usually rain or shine.

**Oct. 11 Fall Fling Drive.** This will be a Poker Run put together by Carl Kush in northern Indiana. Watch



for more details to be upcoming.

**Nov. 1 WCZC Birthday Party, Save the date.**  
Location will be Rockwood Taphouse on Finley Road in Downers Grove. Again more details to follow.

Note that all the above have been posted as evites. If you don't see it let me know.

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. I know I keep saying this, but watch for an e-vite to the planning meeting soon.**

~ 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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## *Windy City Z 2014 Events Calendar*

<b>Date &amp; Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Contact &amp; other info</b>
Sept 13 <sup>th</sup> (rain date: 14 <sup>th</sup> ) – Z's in the Woods Picnic (RSVP by Sep 5 <sup>th</sup> !)	2001 Greytwig Drive Kokomo, IN, 46902	<a href="mailto:orthodoc13@hotmail.com">orthodoc13@hotmail.com</a> Indy Z Car Club
Sept 21 <sup>st</sup> – Cantigny Car Show	Cantigny, Wheaton IL	
Oct 4 <sup>th</sup> – Oktoberfest, 11-2pm	Continental Nissan	Ty Ozgen – <a href="mailto:tyozgen@gmail.com">tyozgen@gmail.com</a>
Oct 11 <sup>th</sup> – Fall Fling/Poker Run	TBD - Indiana	Carl Kush
Nov 1 <sup>st</sup> – WCZC Birthday Party	Rockwood Tap House 3131 Finley, Downers Grove	Ty Ozgen – <a href="mailto:tyozgen@gmail.com">tyozgen@gmail.com</a>

### **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.





*8/9/2014  
Cruisin 66  
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