



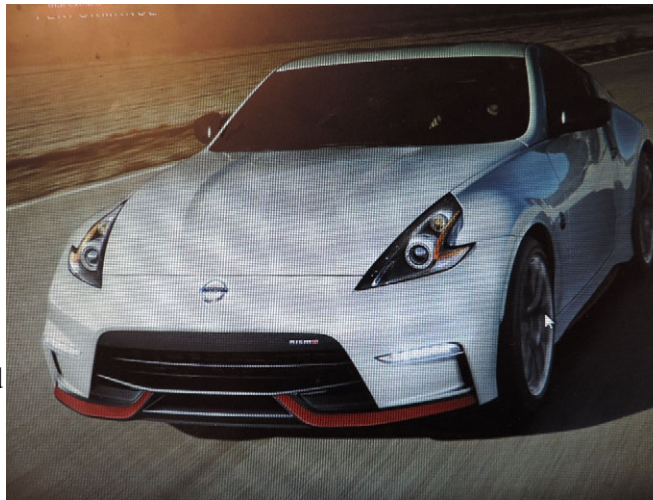
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### THE PRESIDENT SEZ Ty Ozgen, President



Ahh, the good ole days. Life was so simple then. We had no fancy "I phones", no internet, no emails. Cars were cars, not computers. Now cars can park themselves, stop themselves, they even have rear view cameras...who needs mirrors anymore? Manual transmissions are on the way out, especially in the U.S. The automatics are more efficient and even faster in many cases. With more complexity comes more problems. You could even tell if a car was tuned properly by sight in the old days, not by plugging it into a computer. Some of the younger members may not know this but I still remember my dad telling me that if you look into the tailpipe of a car (while stopped and off of course), especially after a long trip, if it was a whitish grey color inside, that indicated that it was running well and properly tuned. Just like that. Boom! This is as opposed to if it looked black, perhaps due to burning oil or too rich in the carburetor. These days I do not think the same principle applies. Now they plug the car into a computer and it tells us some codes that potentially are the problem. So much for the garage mechanic. All the tailpipes look black inside. Except for one. Don't get me wrong, I do not go to the mall and check everyone's tailpipe. Sometimes you just can't help but notice. I am talking school buses. Have you ever checked out the tailpipes on these as you tag along behind it as it picks up one after another student? There's not a whole lot more to do as you sit behind it, staring at the yellow rear end of it unless it turns or you



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get an opportunity to floor it and pass it. What I noticed was that the tailpipe is the same grayish white color as the cars of yesteryear. Cool but why? I'm really not sure. I assume they are fuel injected these days, running on unleaded. Maybe they are all carbureted and those bus drivers are really all gear heads who tinker with the floats and jets as they wait for the kids at school. Hmmm.

We had some very productive meetings so far in regards to our upcoming Heritagefest this June and we will continue to do so. It takes a lot of effort to put one of these on and I am confident we will do a great job. Everyone is invited to help out in any way, shape or form. The website should be up by the time you read this. Check it out and if you want, register early.

We still have events coming up to get us through this winter as Jeff will mention in his article, even though it has been OK so far compared to last year. My favorite of course is the Chicago Auto Show which runs from Feb 14-22, 2015. Our club is going on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>. I have picked up the tickets already, compliments of Jay Weinberger of Continental Nissan. This has been an annual ritual for our club and Jay is always willing to help us. Thanks Jay. **The tickets are on first come first serve basis, limit of 2 per member. Please email me at [tyozgen@gmail.com](mailto:tyozgen@gmail.com) to**

**reserve your tickets.** As usual, we will meet at the Starbucks near the entrance to the show cars at 6:15 PM (the usual spot) and distribute the tickets then. Parking rates are cheaper after 6 PM apparently.

Anyway, while I was at Continental Nissan I looked around to see what Z's they had on the lot. As most of you know a 370Z roadster is a dream of mine but there was none to drool over that day, however one Z did catch my eye. A brand new 2015 Nissan 370Z NISMO in Pearl White, like the one pictured on our website and the Nissan USA website. It was stunning!! Even though it was about 7PM, cold outside, and spattered with some slush from the plows, I was like a deer gazing at headlights. The front end, the rear end, the red accents and everything in between!! What a beauty! If I did not know any better, I'd swear Jay was trying to tell me something. Oh Tyyyy.....forrrggeett the roooaaaddsssttteerrrr. Getttt tttthhheee NNNIISSSMOOO, the NNNIISSSMOOO. Then I came back to earth, you have a wife and 3 kids to put through school. Maybe I'll do home schooling, or better yet, "home colleageing." Is there such a thing?

On a more somber note, I'd like to wish Mike Connolly a very speedy recovery. He had a health scare while at the dealership last month and we are fortunate that he will be fine. Many of us saw him at the most recent Oktoberfest at Continental Nissan as he was our host that day. My understanding is that he is back to work now. Get well soon Mike!!

~ Ty

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

##### 2015 Midwest Z Heritage Fest

**Update:** Club members and officers met recently at the January general meeting to continue to work out event schedule and cost details for the event. It was snowing, but

we still had a good turnout of about 19 members. Not everything is finalized, but we are getting close. Watch for the Heritage Fest to go live soon with a registration form.

**Windy City Z Club General Meeting : February 8, 2015 at 6 pm.** The next Windy City General Meeting will be held on February 8, 2015 at 6 pm. The location will be the Buena Beef Restaurant at 305 E. Army Trail Road in Glendale Heights. We have a room reserved. Join us for dinner, socializing and planning for 2015 Midwest Z Heritage Fest. This meeting will be focused on discussing volunteer needs and assigning responsibilities for the planning and on-site tasks. Please let us know if you are interested in



volunteering.

**Chicago Auto Show February 16, 2015.** Monday February 16 will be our annual visit to the Chicago Auto Show. Continental Nissan will be getting us free tickets (see Ty's column for info). There have been various speculations regarding the next Z. Could we see a concept in Chicago?



**Bennett Coachworks February 28.** 10:00 am Coffee and Donuts will be provided by Bob Bennett. They have 7-9 Datsuns in various stages of restoration/modification. They have doubled their shop since our last visit several years ago. We will also plan on lunch and possibly add a visit to the Harley Museum if we have enough interest.

**Next WCZC Meeting Tentative Date March 8 2015.**

##### NISMO Fiesta May 22<sup>nd</sup> to May 24<sup>th</sup> 2015.

Austin Texas. Dates and locations have been updated and released. Friday: Opening banquet. Saturday: Track Day, Hill Country Cruise, Sunday: Car Show. I am thinking of going to this and visiting my son in the same trip. If you have any interest in going to the NISMO fest, let me know.

##### Midwest Z Heritage Fest, June 12 to 14, 2015.

We are hosting in 2015. Hotel will be the Lisle Hyatt, Car Show will be at the Bolingbrook Promenade. No Autobahn touring this time as they were only willing to give us 15 minutes of time. You can go on-line now and reserve your room for the event. Our website has a direct link to the hotel website to get the discount.

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



### International Z Car Convention July 21-25.

Memphis Tennessee. Hotel and event details can be found at: [www.zccazconvention.com](http://www.zccazconvention.com)

**Z's in the Woods August 15, 2015** Barb and Dave are hosting Z's in the Woods again this year and make it a joint Indy and Windy City event once more. The format will be much the same and more details will be provided in the future. Expect food, live music, and a People's Choice car show. This time there will not be a rain date and if the weather is bad we all will park on the street and driveway and move the party indoors

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.

We will be scheduling other misc events such as cruise nights and other possible driving events. We are open to event ideas. A few have been sent in and are on the burner. Email me at [villazx10@comcast.net](mailto:villazx10@comcast.net).

~ 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>
Feb 8 <sup>th</sup> – WCZC General Mtg	TBD	Ty Ozgen – <a href="mailto:tyozgen@gmail.com">tyozgen@gmail.com</a>
Feb 16 <sup>th</sup> – Chicago Auto Show	McCormick, Chicago	Ty Ozgen – <a href="mailto:tyozgen@gmail.com">tyozgen@gmail.com</a>
Feb 28 <sup>th</sup> – Bennett Coachworks		
Mar 8 <sup>th</sup> ? – WCZC General Mtg	TBD	Ty Ozgen – <a href="mailto:tyozgen@gmail.com">tyozgen@gmail.com</a>
May 22-24 – NISMO Fiesta	San Antonio, TX	Jeff Pleiter – <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>
June 12-14 – Midwest Z Heritage Fest	Lisle, IL	Jeff Pleiter – <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>
July 21-25 – Int'l Z Car Convention	Memphis, TN	Jeff Pleiter – <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>

## *Nissan News*

The Nissan/Infiniti Division set an annual U.S. sales record with 1,386,895 sales in 2014, an 11.1% increase over 2013. Sales leaders include the Altima, Rogue, Versa, Leaf, NV and NV2000.

<b>NISSAN DIVISION</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>CYTD</b>	<b>CYTD</b>	<b>CYTD</b>
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>% chg</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>% chg</b>
<b>Nissan Division Total</b>	105,311	96,526	9.1	1,269,565	1,131,965	12.2
Versa	9,129	8,864	3.0	139,781	117,352	19.1
Sentra	15,393	10,799	42.5	183,268	129,143	41.9
Cube	186	432	-56.9	3,785	5,461	-30.7
Altima	32,331	24,816	30.3	335,644	320,723	4.7
Maxima	3,180	6,509	-51.1	50,401	53,896	-6.5
LEAF	3,102	2,529	22.7	30,200	22,610	33.6
Juke	2,155	3,076	-29.9	38,184	38,157	0.1
370Z	446	469	-4.9	7,199	6,561	9.7
GT-R	156	78	100.0	1,436	1,236	16.2
<b>Total Car</b>	66,078	57,572	14.8	789,898	695,139	13.6
Frontier	6,060	5,411	12.0	74,323	62,837	18.3
Titan	869	1,284	-32.3	12,527	15,691	-20.2
Xterra	1,137	1,588	-28.4	16,505	17,766	-7.1
Pathfinder	6,789	6,675	1.7	79,111	88,632	-10.7
Armada	1,361	1,463	-7.0	12,593	14,383	-12.4
Rogue	14,879	14,676	1.4	199,199	162,751	22.4
Murano	4,367	4,684	-6.8	47,301	44,684	5.9
Quest	685	868	-21.1	9,833	12,874	-23.6

NV	1,554	1,512	2.8	14,890	12,589	18.3
NV200	1,532	793	93.2	13,385	4,619	190
<b>Total Truck</b>	39,233	38,954	0.7	479,667	436,826	9.8
North American produced	93,093	78,534	18.5	1,071,021	866,054	23.7
Car	63,133	53,512	18.0	739,272	642,334	15.1
Truck	29,960	25,022	19.7	331,749	223,720	48.3
Import	12,218	17,992	-32.1	198,544	265,911	-25.3
Car	2,945	4,060	-27.5	50,626	52,805	-4.1
Truck	9,273	13,932	-33.4	147,918	213,106	-30.6
<b>INFINITI</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>DEC</b>	<b>Monthly</b>	<b>CYTD</b>	<b>CYTD</b>	<b>CYTD</b>
	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>% chg</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>% chg</b>
<b>Infiniti Total</b>	12,007	13,232	-9.3	117,330	116,455	0.8
Infiniti Q40	1,184	1,460	-18.9	15,590	30,256	-48.5
Infiniti Q50	3,855	4,568	-15.6	36,899	17,816	107.1
Infiniti Q60	658	462	42.4	7,740	9,806	-21.1
Infiniti Q70	656	367	78.7	5,034	5,283	-4.7
Infiniti QX50	224	295	-24.1	2,727	2,164	26.0
Infiniti QX60	3,367	3,744	-10.1	31,192	31,602	-1.3
Infiniti QX70	448	586	-23.5	5,213	6,380	-18.3
Infiniti QX80	1,615	1,750	-7.7	12,935	13,148	-1.6
<b>Total Car</b>	6,353	6,857	-7.4	65,263	63,161	3.3
<b>Total Truck</b>	5,654	6,375	-11.3	52,067	53,294	-2.3
<b>NISSAN GROUP TOTAL</b>	117,318	109,758	6.9	1,386,895	1,248,420	11.1
<b>Total Car</b>	72,431	64,429	12.4	855,161	758,300	12.8
<b>Total Truck</b>	44,887	45,329	-1.0	531,734	490,120	8.5
Selling days	26	25		307	307	

The Altima ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in sales in the U.S. behind the Ford F-150, Chevy Silverado, Toyota Camry, Honda Accord and Toyota Corolla . Our beloved Z sales remain stable, selling 7,199 in 2014, 6,561 in 2013, 7,338 in 2012 and 7,328 in 2011.

New York City's Taxi and Limousine Commission has set April 20, 2015 as the start date where most of their taxis will be replaced with the Nissan NV2000.

The Leaf sold over 30,000 vehicles which is the first time a plug in vehicle achieved this mark.



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