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**THE PRESIDENT SEZ  
Ty Ozgen, President**



I am bonding.... with my '90 300ZXTT. Come on Ty, now what are getting at? Let me explain. Just by being a member of this club you must feel that your Z is not just a mode of transportation but a sports car with a rich heritage, no matter what pedigree it is. I agree. We seem to forget just how much of a sports car it is, especially when we just drive it to work and back. Stop and go, red light after red light, traffic and more traffic. It's not even fun to go through tolls anymore. Before the IPASS at least you could floor it out of the gate to get up to cruising speed. Now we just pass through them. Those days are gone, especially in the Chicago area. Don't get me wrong, I love to drive my Z's. I am proud of them. Every once in a while we are given an opportunity to drive our Z's the way they are supposed to be driven, on the track. This day came on the 16<sup>th</sup> of October, at the Autobahn Country Club in Joliet. This event was the Annual Oktoberfest Celebration hosted by Jay Weinberger of Continental Nissan. Jay has always been a big supporter of our club, even in the lean years when the Z was not being sold in the states. This was the third year our club was invited to the Autobahn for this event. In the past, we had this event at the parking lot of his dealership in Countryside. What a great day it was! We caravaned to the track, getting there shortly after 10:30 AM. Jay and his family were gracious hosts as always. They are just downright friendly people. There was an Oktoberfest German Band as well as great food (brats & sauerkraut etc.) They main event for all was the ability to drive your Z on the track. This is where the bonding occurred with my Z. Even though it was a controlled drive on the track, it was so much fun to take the turns fast pushing the limits of the tires and the Z and then

accelerating out of the turn, only to brake hard for the next turn. I appreciate my Z for what it can do on the track and the fun I can have doing it. It was not a race so everyone respected each other out there and had a lot of fun and fortunately no accidents occurred. After the track we all gathered and talked about how we did. Afterwards Jay took a few of the members to the "Barn" where they had some of there vintage race cars stored and the where they are completing the finishing touches on their clubhouse. It was a sight to behold. Thanks Jay!

We are not through for the year yet with some drives coming up as well as our annual Birthday Party. As I write this Jeff and his wife are on their way to the National Convention in Daytona, Florida. I'm sure he will have a lot of fun and get us plenty of pictures. That's all for now.

-Ty

**Jeff Pleiter, V.P. Admin. & Membership**  
ON VACATON at the National  
Convention in Daytona, Florida.



### **Bob Rosecrans, V.P. Activities**

The Autobahn Event hosted by Jay Weinberger and Continental Nissan was another tremendous success. 130 people RSVP'd the event and there were a lot of great looking Z's of all generations. As much as I love my Z, I couldn't take my eyes off the Ferrari that John Weinberger brought to the Autobahn. I was fortunate enough to follow John in the Ferrari as a pace car on the track. WOW is all I can say, one can always dream. The day was picture perfect, the food terrific, and the track time a blast, but most important was the friendship demonstrated by the Weinberger family. A number of the WCZC members got a tour of the Continental "barn" and what a surprise; the facility, the cars, the motorcycles, the Ferrari/Maserati transport truck!! Unbelievable. It was truly a great day to be a member of the WCZC.



On September 22<sup>nd</sup> four WCZC members drove down to West Lafayette for the Purdue Car Show. We met up with members from the Indy Club and we had our own section in Memorial Mall on the campus. Congratulations to Pat Sylvester and Dave Jarrell (Indy Club) for taking home trophies. Also, the WCZC and the Indy Z Club jointly took a trophy for the most represented car club at the show. In the Purdue tradition, students make the trophies from old car parts that have been painted, polished, modified, and mounted on a stand or another car part. Engineering students!! One car caught my eye, it was a Cobra being built from the ground up by a Purdue student. The body still needed a lot of work but you have to admire the guy for the work he has put into the car. He fabricated much of the frame and dropped a Mustang engine into the car. I hope I get to see the finished product. He's a guy after my own heart, he wants to drive the car and enjoy it.

On Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> we will be CruizIn' to Chesterton, IN to visit Jim Ludington's Nissan dealership. Jim bought the dealership one year to the day of the visit but he is building a much larger Nissan dealership in the area. We are going to formally introduce ourselves to Jim and he will lead us on a back roads tour to the new store. Jim is offering goodies, food, etc for the members attending. Let's have a big turnout for Jim and show him our appreciation for being a sponsor of the WCZC. The Indiana members can meet us at Ludington Nissan at 11:00 am. Chicago members wanting to caravan to the dealership can meet me at the Lincoln Oasis and I'll be leaving at 10:15 am. Let me know if you plan on attending so I can give Jim

an estimate of how many people to expect.

On Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, we'll be CruizIn' to North Shore Nissan in Highland Park. North Shore Nissan has a new owner and they want to get to know the WCZC. North Shore Nissan is located at Route 41 and Park Avenue West, right where the Edens Expressway ends. We plan to meet at 11:00 am at the dealership and Nick will show us around and provide refreshments. Please email me if you can attend so I can give a people count.

Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> will be the WCZC Birthday Party and we are headed back to Pilot Pete's in Schaumburg (flier attached with details).

I want to take this opportunity to thank all the members who have helped me events over the last five years. I'm not going to name you individually because I'm afraid I'll leave someone out. I'll just say THANK YOU.

This is my last column as VP of Activities for the WCZC and it has been a great ride. No, I'm not angry at anyone or the club, quite the contrary. The Board and the WCZC have provided great friendship and been a terrific social outlet for me and the Z hobby. Over the last five years I feel the club has grown stronger with more people involved in club activities. We've moved more toward an electronic environment that has afforded the club the opportunity to provide more benefits to the members, ie Nissan Sport Magazine, underwritten social events, and more. Sponsors have been contacting us to get involved with the WCZC, despite the fact there are other clubs bidding for the sponsorship money. I think this bodes well for the WCZC, the leadership, and the more mature nature of the WCZC members.

Nominations and elections to the WCZC Board take place at the Birthday Party, please consider running for the VP of Activities. If you have any questions about the position of VP of Activities, feel free to contact me via email or call me and we can discuss the position.

I look forward to seeing many of you at future events as a member of the WCZC.

Z Ya,

**Bob**



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## *Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar*

<b>Date &amp; Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Contact &amp; Info</b>
October – Gen Mtg		
6 <sup>th</sup> - Cruise to Ludington	Chesterton, Indiana	Ludington Nissan
National Z Convention	Daytona, Florida	<a href="http://www.flza.com">www.flza.com</a>
13 <sup>th</sup> – Cruise to North Shore Nissan	North Shore Nissan in Highland Park	
November – Gen Mtg		
10 <sup>th</sup> - Birthday Party	Pilot Pete's, Schaumburg	

## *~ RECENT EVENTS ~*



*Octoberfest  
Autobahn  
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*Purdue  
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Sept. 22, 2007*



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