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Just a newsletter ago I was all excited about writing of my test drive of the new Nissan 370Z during our Tech Session at Continental Nissan. It was a great experience as well as a great car. Well, now I am going to write about another Nissan product that I had the opportunity to test, but not necessarily a test drive: a 2008 Nissan Quest! Now hold your horses before you impeach me. This was a rental down in sunny Florida during our spring break last month. Actually I was pretty excited about getting this minivan as opposed to a non Nissan minivan. I have always admired these as far as minivans go. They have a unique design that separates it from the other boxy competitors.

Anyway, it was Majestic Blue in color with a frost interior. It was just the bare bones version without the leather, sunroof etc. As we picked it up from the rental agency, I did a “once over” around the car with the worker to check for existing dents, etc. so they don’t blame me when I return it and boy was I surprised. The thing already had a ton of large scratches, door dings, chips on every single panel! She was surprised as well and marked each one down. Even if I were to put a ding in it, they would probably never notice it. Anyway, we loaded it up and away we were. The kids loved it because they had their own separate seats. I loved it because they had their own separate seats and they did not have to “touch each other”. It had 23k miles on it already. My first impression was “this thing is long, no wonder there are so many dings on it”. I will admit though, it was quite comfortable and roomy. Of course, it had the award winning 3.5 litre V-6 in it



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and it seemed quick off the line, not that I was racing with it. During the week, we put about 400 miles on it going from Tampa to Sarasota to Orlando and then back to Tampa with a few shorter excursions in between. The fuel economy was 20.9 mpg. Not bad, I thought, especially when it was turning only 2k rpm at 70 mph. We had no problems with it but I did have to adjust something. You see, as I was playing with all the switches I noted it had a tire pressure sensor display. As I checked the readings, I noted they were set at 41 to 42 lbs (cold) and that bothered me especially when the sticker said it should be at 35 lbs. I really did not want to have a blowout in the middle of Florida driving on the hot asphalt so using a pen I bled some air out of the tires as Sonnie watched the display trickle down. I set them at 38 lbs. I felt better. I did not go so far as to check the oil but I have done that in the past. I once had a rental that started “ticking” on me and when I checked the oil it was a quart low so I bought some oil for it. Anyway, as far as families go, you can’t beat a minivan.

As far as events go we had a great turnout at Ted’s Montana Grill. The food was great, especially the desert (apple crisp with ice cream) but the fun of being together with friends was even better. I even got “hit on” by a guy at the table, even with my wife sitting by me (you had to be there). This month I am in the process of setting up our Spring Fling. The date is set for Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> which falls on Memorial Day weekend. The destination is Galena, IL. I will send everyone an email as I get things finalized but I will need RSVP’s at [tmo212@aol.com](mailto:tmo212@aol.com) by May 21<sup>st</sup>. We will be leaving in the morning, have a nice lunch out

there and enjoying the historic city.

June is right around the corner and we have set up our 1<sup>st</sup> Cruise Night for Friday June 5<sup>th</sup> at Rolling Meadows. This is always a lot of fun and is usually packed full of cars of all types. Then the weekend of June 26-28 there will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Midwest Z Heritage Show down in Nashville, Indiana. This is the same type of event that we did last year in June only this time hosted by our friends from the Indy Z Car Club. It promises to be a lot of fun for everyone. We do have some members going. Be sure to check out our website at [windycityzclub.com](http://windycityzclub.com) for more information. Let's get the Z's out...before you know it, it will be fall again.

~ New Addition to the Family ~



I'd like to congratulate Ted and Barb Targonski on the new addition to their family. As I mentioned last month, they both attended the Tech Session at Continental Nissan and they were so impressed with the new 370Z that they came all the way back from Crown Point, Indiana to Continental Nissan the following Monday to look at it again, this time driving the 7 speed automatic. They were sold on it and put down a deposit on a Magnetic Black 370Z with Persimmon leather. They took delivery of it a few weeks ago. I believe they are the first 370Z owners in our club. Here's a little story from them.



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Where do I start? Barb and I got married in July of 1971 and I was fortunate to get my first car from my dad, a 1968 Oldsmobile. Wheels, yes, but not too cool. In September of 1972 the Olds was traded for our new 240Z. We lived at that time on the far south side of Chicago and saw an advertisement by a dealer in Zion that he had some new 240's in stock for immediate delivery. We raced up there and needless to say it was love at first sight. At the time they were a little hard to get your hands on one. It listed at \$4,500 and we got it for \$2,500 and the Olds. Barb drove it for the first year as her everyday car and that was the last time it ever saw the salt and snow of a Chicago winter. We never planned to keep it, just to enjoy it but as the years went by it racked up a lot of garage time and the dings and dents were not from the road but from the kid's bikes and toys.

We did make a few road trips with the Z but the family quickly outgrew it. When our daughters were 5 and 3 we took a road trip to Niagara Falls and Canada in the Z and I had to modify a car seat to fit between our seats. The hole is still in the deck where I bolted the clamp. My older daughter got to sit behind me on the rear deck sandwiched between the luggage. A stop at the Labatt's brewery on the way home necessitated a case of beer tucked carefully under Barb's feet for the way home since that was the last square inch of space left in our Z.



The years have flown by and yes we kept it long enough for my 3 daughters to drive it, though only the oldest got to drive it one time. They all thought I was a bit overprotective of my little green Z. Well I was and now 37 years and 37,000 miles later we still get to enjoy some summer drives. It is a gem, original paint, and still stock. It is a "Best Survivor".

Now I hope to keep it in its present original state and have my grandkids, the oldest being 6, lineup for their test drive one day of this classic gem. Let's see, that will be 2018 and the little 240 will be 46 years young and probably will be approaching a whopping 46,000 miles of fun. - Ted

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Congratulations to our friends but just one question....which one will we see more of? The '72 240Z or the '09 370Z? Decisions, decisions.....

- Ty

### Jeff Pleiter, V.P. Admin. & Membership



The Zs are out. Our last general meeting of the season until the fall was lightly attended but, but unlike previous meetings, the weather was good and we had a high percentage of Z cars. It's time to get the Z events on your schedule. Ty has told you about the May cruise to Galena. I want to persuade you to go to the regional event in Nashville Indiana. The Midwest Z Heritage Fest is being held there on June 26<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>. There are a number of Club members planning on going. I would like to get a list together and possibly cruise down to the event. Email me at [villazx10@comcast.net](mailto:villazx10@comcast.net) or call me at 630-832-7857 if you are planning on going. I expect to leave Friday about mid morning. The event is being held in Nashville Indiana, which is in Brown County just south of Indianapolis. The surrounding country is full of beautiful hills and scenery with great driving roads. Nashville is a well known tourist destination with over 300 antique and specialty shops. The show and lodging are both held at the Brown County Inn, which is providing a \$99 a night rate, which includes use of the pool and breakfast Saturday. Brown County State Park is nearby, and there is theater and live music. It is a great event for the whole family; my wife, son and daughter are all going this year. A brief schedule of events for the show follows.

Friday June 26 – Registration from 2pm to 6pm, Keg-n-clean from 6pm on at the hotel. Wine tasting and live music at the Chateau Thomas Winery nearby.

Saturday June 27 – Car show – judging begins at 11 am with live music and raffles. This is a great time for the other family members to explore Nashville. The show wraps up by 2 pm for the Poker Run through Scenic Brown County. A BBQ Dinner and Show awards presentation follows starting at 6 pm.

Sunday – On your own to explore and find your way home.

If you ever wondered what a National Convention is like you can get a taste of it in Nashville.

Information and pictures from the event two years ago can be found at [www.indyzcrcarclub.com](http://www.indyzcrcarclub.com), or through a link on our [windycityzclub.com](http://windycityzclub.com) website.

- Jeff

### Glenn Johnson, Webmaster

Welcome Z fans. I know some of you have been looking at our [website](#). I've been updating links as things move along and I appreciate any input or corrections that might be found. Check out the pictures from "The Presidents Dinner" last month. We also have pictures from Continentals tech session as well as the car show. I even went back a few events. Check out the "Past Activities" link on the home page for more pictures.

I've added a members link that has some photos of members Richard Kalashian's 1984 Turbo and Nick Candee's beautiful 1974 260Z. Keep your eye on this link as I will add to it as members send in their photos and a short write up of their Z's. I plan to add a "Autocross" page with a schedule for members that like to take their Z's for a quick spin around the parking lots or even the high speed Solo 1 tracks. As I receive info on upcoming events I will add it ASAP.

My Z came out of storage on the 18<sup>th</sup> and it's ready to run. I hope to see you at an upcoming event; you can always bring me a CD with pictures and a short write up at the next event or [email](#) me the information.

- Glenn



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## Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
May 23 – Spring Fling	Galena	Ty Ozgen <a href="mailto:tmo212@aol.com">tmo212@aol.com</a> please RSVP by May 21 <sup>st</sup>
June 26-28 - Midwest Z Heritage Fest	Nashville, Indiana Brown County Inn	<a href="http://www.indyzcarclub.com">www.indyzcarclub.com</a>
Aug 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Cruisin Z Car Show	Bolingbrook Promenade Shopping Center	Ty Ozgen <a href="mailto:tmo212@aol.com">tmo212@aol.com</a>

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