



Volume XXXII, June 2009

James Snyder, Editor

THE PRESIDENT SEZ
Ty Ozgen, President



I cannot stop thinking about how much fun we had during the Spring Fling to Galena. This was my first time out that way and now I can understand why it is such a popular destination for Chicagoans. We could not have asked for nicer weather. We have been very fortunate on these road trips. I left my house in the 300ZXTT with just under a half tank of fuel instead of filling up. Why you ask? Well, the fuel was old; having been in there since November prior to the winter. We gathered at the Des Plaines Oasis at 9 AM and shortly left westward. Being Memorial Day weekend we could not be sure what the traffic situation was going to be like but we had no problem. We picked up a couple Z's at the Belvidere Oasis and then one from Rockford. From there we were off: it is pretty much a straight shot over to Galena. As we neared the Chestnut Mountain resort, the roads became more fun with some nice turns and plenty of hills. My timing was impeccable as we pulled up 10 minutes prior to our 12:30 reservations. What a nice view we had overlooking the mighty Mississippi River as we gathered for lunch. From there, we headed over to downtown Galena. The worst part was that we could not park all together because it was crowded with tourists. We did eventually get together, visiting all the little touristy stores, nibbling on some popcorn, having ice cream and even some wine tasting. Of course us guys did not go in all the stores, just the "manly" ones. Otherwise we just waited outside talking about cars and sports as we "scratched ourselves". By 5:30, we were all done as we returned to our Z's for the trek home. Check out our website for some great pictures.

June is here and we have a few events set up already, the first was the Rolling Meadows Cruise Night on Friday, June 5th. It was a picture perfect night as we sat together amongst our Z's just relaxing. There were over 350 cars that night of all makes and models but our Japanese Z's certainly made attention by not being your average car seen at these events. We hope

Windy City Z Club Officers

President – Ty Ozgen 630.910.3616

VP of Activities – please volunteer!

VP of Administration – Jeff Pleiter 630.832.7857

Treasurer – Bill Bragg 414.697.1779

to do it again in August. The ZCrew from Wisconsin is having a picnic on Saturday the 13th at Bradford beach in Milwaukee. Some members have expressed interest. I unfortunately cannot go but let me know if you are interested and I will get you in touch with them. You can check their website at www.wisconsinzcrew.com for information. Also the weekend of June 26-28 the Indy Z Car Club is hosting the Midwest Z Heritage Fest in Brownsville, Indiana. This is like the great event that our club hosted last June in Lisle. It really is a lot of fun and involves social events to car show to driving events. Please check our website for more information or get in touch with Jeff Pleiter. I went 2 years ago with the family and had a great time. I did not have my Z but nevertheless had fun with the people there.

Future events coming up include our own picnic which is set for Sunday the 12th of July at Meyer Woods in Darien. The club will bring some food but we are asking folks to bring a side dish to share and their own nonalcoholic beverages. It promises to be fun for the whole family. I will have more information next month with the details. Also Saturday the 18th of July we will venture up to Road America in Wisconsin for the Vintage Races. This also is a great way to watch those old cars tear up the track. It is one of the top events at Road America. Don't forget our Cruisin Z USA Z car show on August 2nd at the Bolingbrook Promenade. I was there this past weekend during the Porsche Club's car show there and it was really nice how they had the cars set up. They have plenty of stores and restaurants so you can venture around as the cars are judged etc. What a great way for the general public to see our Z cars. Please note that I have some unclaimed trophies from previous shows that will be recycled unless I hear from you. You have until June 15th to get in touch with me as I am ordering the trophies for the August show the next day. Have a great June!!

- Ty

Jeff Pleiter, V.P. Admin. & Membership



I would like to welcome new Z Club members:

Robert and Patricia Bienick -2009 370Z

Jessie Rosario – 1991 300ZX

Louis and Anne Carpenter – 1990 300 ZX

Welcome aboard and I hope to see you at an event soon!

The next event is the Midwest Z Heritage Fest being held on June 26 through 28th in Nashville Indiana. So far as I know, Glenn Johnson, Dave Johnson, and myself are Club members planning on going. I would like to get a list together and possibly a cruise down to the event. Email me at villazx10@comcast.net or call me at 630-832-7857 if you are planning on going. I expect to leave Friday about mid morning.

Information and pictures from the event two years ago can be found at www.indyczcarclub.com, or through a link on our windycityzclub.com website.

The weather was perfect again at the Rolling Meadows Cruise Night on June 5. It seems to be like that each time we go. As usual we had to be there early to get a spot to park. I know many of you just can't make it there due to work and travel time. Thanks to Ty for holding the spot for us. I arrived at 6:30 and without the saved spaces it would have been difficult to find one. There were literally hundreds of great muscle cars, street rods, etc. I shot a few pictures of our group, but I was lazy that night and didn't walk around and shoot pictures of other cars.

I am looking for a new daily driver, my 1996 Bonneville has served it's purpose as a short term daily drier and a teenage driving instruction car and it's time to pass it on to my daughter now that she will have a summer job. Generally the plan now is for me to find a relatively inexpensive used car daily driver that's fun to drive. It also should have four doors and seating for four tall people as an emergency backup to my wife's family truckster – the Honda Pilot. We went to Continental Nissan and looked at and drove a few cars. We had to eliminate the used Sentra SE-R they had on the lot before driving it as it had too little headroom in the backseat for our tall family. I drove an Altima 3.5 and it has made the cut as it had good headroom in the back as well as great handling and acceleration.

We (or should I say, my wife – as she fell in love with it at the Chicago Auto) also test drove a Nissan Cube. We drove the Krom edition which is the top of the line version. She actually drove the car, because in this case she would end up as the primary driver instead of myself. It is intended to compete with the Toyota Xb and the new Kia Soul as one of the new breed of

box cars. Basically they are high style, economical city cars. Style of course is a personal subjective value. My wife just love the way it looks and I can agree that



it has a certain fun, cool style to it. It certainly is spacious and versatile, has plenty of headroom, legroom and cargo room. It's fully equipped, with all versions including the base version having ABS, stability and traction control systems, tire pressure monitoring and 6 standard air bags. As you go up line you get into better stereos, Bluetooth, larger wheels, etc. There is one engine available, a 122 hp 1.8 liter. 28 mpg city, 30 mpg highway – good in the this age of higher gas prices, With the poor state of the economy, prices been low, but now it seems to be creeping up again – not back to \$4.00 gallon gas yet, but it's approaching \$3.00/gallon. My driving impressions that follows are from the passenger seat, as it would be her car, and we had limited time to move on to test drive the other cars. Plenty of room and a good view of the gauges. Good ergonomics and usability of the functions such as radio and HVAC. Acceleration with my wife, myself, and the salesman in it – not so good. Better plan your merges carefully on the highway. Motor Trend gives the 0-60 mph time as 9.3 seconds, about on par with my 1980 280 ZX, although it felt slower than my Z, perhaps due to having three good size adults in it. The transmission was a CVT; perhaps the 6-spd manual on the base version would make it a little more fun to drive for a car guy like most of us are. Handling and braking felt very good, and the turning circle seemed very tight giving the car good maneuverability. It's made it past the first cut, although as the only new car on my list it's somewhat higher than my target price for adding another car to the Pleiter stable, especially in the Krom version. Once I have driven a few more potential candidates, narrowed down the list to select finalists, and crunched budget numbers, I'll have to drive it myself and see how good a deal we can get on a midlevel trim. In the mean time, I am open to suggestions, or to a line on a good daily driver.

- Jeff



MART

For Sale: 1991 300ZX NA, 5 sp, 145k miles, great condition. JWT pop charger, aluminum pulley, Stille headers, aluminum driveshaft, JWT performance chip, lightweight flywheel, new leather interior, Brembo rotors, Hawk pads, 17 inch BBS type wheels, Z rated tires (recent) T-tops, no rust. Well taken care of car. \$7500 firm. Ken (847) 669-1874.

Email wcze.editor@gmail.com to post in Z Mart

Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
June 13 th – ZCrew Picnic	Bradford Beach in Milwaukee, WI	tmo212@aol.com
June 15 th – Deadline to claim your trophy from last year's Midwest Z Heritage Fest held in Lisle.		tmo212@aol.com
June 26-28 - Midwest Z Heritage Fest	Nashville, Indiana Brown County Inn	www.indyzcarclub.com
July 12 th – Picnic	Meyer Woods, Darien IL	tmo212@aol.com
July 18 th – Road America	WI	tmo212@aol.com
Aug 2 nd – Cruisin Z Car Show	Bolingbrook Promenade Shopping Center	Ty Ozgen tmo212@aol.com

10th Annual Midwest Z Heritage Show June 26-28, 2009

**The Indy Z-Car Club is proud to be hosting this event
in Nashville, INDIANA , in wonderful Brown County.**

**Brown County Inn
PO Box 128
Nashville, IN 47448
1-800-772-5249**

[Brown County Inn Web Page](#)

**Mention the show for your discount. \$99.95/night.
You need to book your reservations EARLY.
Nashville, IN has a huge draw and rooms sell out fast.**

**For more on what Brown County has to offer, please visit:
[Brown County Visitors Bureau Web Page](#)**

Visit www.indyzcarclub.com for up to date info.

Rolling Meadows Car Show ~ June 5th, 2009



Galena Road Trip ~ May 23, 2009



CRUIZIN' Z USA CAR SHOW 2009

Sunday, August 2nd, 2009



Bolingbrook Promenade

thepromenadebolingbrook.com

on Boughton Rd, west of I-355

10 am to 5 pm



Car Show Entry Fees

Pre-registration: WCZC members \$5.00, Non-members \$10

Day of show Registration: WCZC members \$10, Non-members \$15

At-Show-Special: renew membership or join for \$20/year

Approximate Schedule

Registration: 10 to 12

Judging: 12 to 2:30

Trophies: 3:30

Trophies will be awarded to top Z cars. Trophies for 1st and 2nd place will be awarded in stock and modified categories for each generation of Z car. Additional trophies will be awarded for Best of Show, Best Survivor and People's Choice.

Cruizin' Z 2009 Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Car 1: Year _____ Model _____ Stock _____ Modified _____

Car 2: Year _____ Model _____ Stock _____ Modified _____

Member Pre-registration: # Cars _____ x \$5 = _____

Non-member Pre-registration: # Cars _____ x \$10 = _____

I am interested in judging at the show _____ Judge training needed _____

Please mail in pre-registration by July 25th to
WCZC Ty Ozgen, 623 Millbrook Dr, Downers Grove, IL 60516
Make checks payable to "Windy City Z Club"



SPONSORS

Windy City Z Club has many sponsors. Most Nissan dealers will provide a discount when asked. We recognize the following sponsors for providing constant support to the club, our members & the National Z Community.

Dealers:

Continental Nissan, Countryside, IL, 708-352-9200
Arlington Nissan, Buffalo Grove, IL, 847-590-6100
Woodfield Nissan, Hoffman Estates, IL 847-310-1900
Gerald Nissan, Naperville, IL, 630-355-3337

Local Specialty Sponsors:

Sound Performance, Bensenville, IL, 630-893-5002
Bennett Coachworks, Milwaukee, WI, 414-298-2068
Assoc'd Tire & Battery, Oak Park, IL, 708-383-6673
K&M Magnetics, Glen Ellyn, IL, 630-773-6700

National Sponsors:

Tire Rack, South Bend, IL, 800-428-8355
Motorsports Industries, CA, 800-633-6331
Stillen, CA, 800-431-3373
Courtesy Nissan, TX, 800-527-1909
Jim Wolf Technology, CA, 619-442-0680
Avalon Enterprises, NH, 603-425-2270

The Windy City Z Club would like to thank all our sponsors for their support of the club. Please let us know if you think your company should be on this list.

CONTINENTAL



**Strong Supporter
of the Windy City Z Club**

Parts & Service Hours

Monday - Thursday 7:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Showroom Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

NISMO Parts

R-Tune and S-Tune
Order Genuine Nissan 370Z Parts at

708.352.9200

5750 S. LaGrange Road
ContinentalNissan.com

***"Recognized as a Windy City Z Club
Outstanding Sponsor"***

Friendly People & Superior Service



Lowest Dealer Prices

10% Over Cost on
Over-the-Counter Parts
20% Off Labor (Z Cars Only)

Factory Trained Technicians

Over 161 Years of Combined
Nissan Experience

Special Thanks To
ChicagoZ.com

OUR SPONSORS



Griots

Meguiar's

Nissan North America

P21

Smith Automotive Artwork

Tire Rack

Turtle Wax