



**THE PRESIDENT SEZ**  
**Ty Ozgen, President**



It is hard to put into words the kind of day the Windy City Z Club just had. I am home writing away on my laptop trying to convey how much fun we had today during our "Urban Oasis Cruiz" aka Spring Fling. Once again the weather was picture perfect.

We gathered together in the parking lot of Portillo's, parking side by side, and managed to attract a lot of stares from people. I wasn't sure if they were more interested at the large group of people, the great collection of Z's, or just upset that we took all the parking spaces. Anyway, we had our drivers meeting, each receiving a handout with directions and interesting facts about our trip prior to departing. We all got into

our Z's: Ladies and Gentleman, start your engines. Just as we were to pull out, Bob got a call. Here we go, now what? It was Sue and Al Chan. "Please wait" they begged us, "We are only 5 blocks away". Half an hour later (not really), they pulled in and we were off. For delaying our departure, they promised that the ice cream was on them.

We caravanned through out the forest preserves in the Palos Hills/Willow Springs area. I was the last Z, not because I was the slowest but to radio ahead if we got separated. It is amazing that these roads exist in our back yard. Plenty of trees, lakes, scenery as well as some curvy roads were waiting for us. It seemed that we were in Wisconsin or Indiana, not the Chicago area. The roads were dry; except for one area that we had to pass through to turn right. The turn was wet from the runoff from the recent rains and we had to drive through it, not once but twice!!

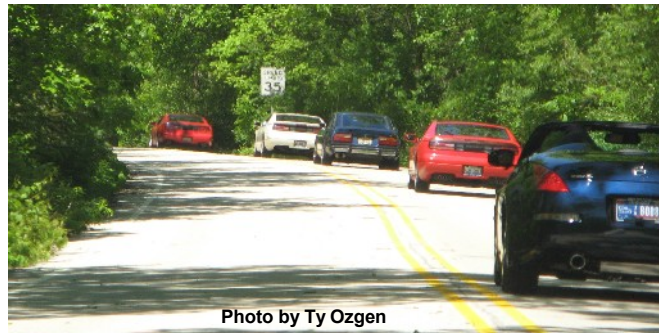


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**I DON'T REMEMBER SEEING THAT ROAD  
HAZARD IN THE DIRECTIONS BOB AND  
MARLENE!!!**

My clean Z was now splattered with water that had been contaminated with dirt, deer droppings, leaves etc. That's OK Ty, it will wash off. Calm down. I let it go, being the nice guy that I am.

We snacked at the Plush Horse Homemade Ice Cream parlor. I ordered a Cookies and Cream shake and as I went to the cashier I looked around for Sue and Al and they were nowhere to be found so I had to fork over my own \$4. Rumor has it they never got out of their Z. Then we were off again cruising the roads until

our next stop which was the Little Red School House Nature Preserve. Again we visited inside but no ice cream was being served. Our last stop was the Stag Heads Irish Country Pub where we sat and enjoyed dinner as we reminisced about the great day we just had. I had the Blackened

Tilapia which was delicious without even a hint of crude oil. Let's see how long seafood will be safe to eat. The whole day would never have existed had it not been for Bob and Marlene Rosecrans. They planned this whole day over the last 2-3 months. Thank you for your hard work. It is people like them that make this club great. The best part, with all the driving we did, I was only 15 minutes from home.

So what's up for June? I just got word of an interesting event at the Clow International Airport in Bolingbrook. They are having their 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Cavalcade of Planes the weekend of June 5-6<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday they are having a car show from 10am-3pm.

There is no entry fee but if you preregister, they will give you free entry into the main event. Some members have expressed interest in going so please let me know if you would like to go ([tmo212@aol.com](mailto:tmo212@aol.com)). The club can park together. For more information, please go to [www.bbclowairport.com](http://www.bbclowairport.com). I personally am working that day but if I get done early, I may stop by just to look around.

Then on Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> we will be heading to the Morris Cruise Night in Morris, Illinois. This is held monthly and from what I heard it is quite an event with hundreds of cars. Please check them out at [www.morriscruisenight.com](http://www.morriscruisenight.com). The event starts at 6pm and ends at 9pm. I am hoping to meet and leave from the Bolingbrook Promenade by 4:30 PM and caravan down there so that we can get a good parking spot for our Z's. Once again please let me know if you have any interest.

Don't forget our annual Cruisin Z USA car show on July 11<sup>th</sup> in Bolingbrook. It promises to be a great show just like last year. The registration information will be sent out soon. Also it still is not too late to register for the National Convention in Nashville at the end of July. I have already registered.....have you? One last bit of information, please check out Bob Bienick's information for a Fall Fling. Please let him know if you are interested so he can start the ball rolling. This will take a lot of time to set up so please let him know by June 6<sup>th</sup>. Thanks everyone.

~ Ty



**Jeff Pleiter**

**V.P. Admin. & Membership**

I have been looking forward to the driving season for months. Both Zs have been taken out of storage and taken for warm up cruises. The Spring drive on May 16 was looking to be a great event, with a bunch of attendees, great weather and a great itinerary. But wait! What is that loud cracking noise? That's my toe! Yes, the Saturday before the event, I fractured the second toe of my left foot by accidentally stubbing it against a chair leg. My Zs and my daily driver are all manuals. A quick short drive with the Mini proved its clutch was too stiff to drive at all. Both Zs have lighter clutches and I found that the 280ZX with the lightest clutch would be OK for a short drive, but not for a long drive if I wanted not to take a chance of aggravating my foot. So I played it safe and skipped the drive, and met everyone for dinner.

It was a great turnout and everyone I talked to seemed to have a great time. I would really like to thank Bob and Marlene for all the hard work planning the event. The original plan was for me to part of the team setting up the event, but with my son's illness it did not work out. Bob and Marlene spent a lot of time setting up the route, driving it multiple times, and setting it up for as many right hand turns as possible to keep everyone together. They also had a great route sheet with a lot of local information. Again, great job! Ty was there so I am sure his article will cover this event in detail.

For those following C.J.'s illness, we are at the halfway point of his chemotherapy. Today was the petscan to see how he was responding. The result was great news! There was no sign of the lymphoma! The doctors are very pleased with the progress on the treatment; however, there is still the second half of the chemo to go before we are done. Thanks for all your thoughts and prayers – keep it up.

Photos by  
Jeff Pleiter

So far it looks like we have at least four members going to the National Convention in Nashville with various family members. It is not too late to sign up. I have not seen anything saying that the flooding there affected any of the event locations or hotel so we should be good to go. It looks like this will be a well attended convention since they had to add additional rooms at another hotel.

I have not heard anything about members going to the Midwest Heritage Fest in Cleveland. I had considered it, but my attendance will be highly dependent on how C.J. is doing.

Hope to see you at the next event, which I think is the cruise night at Morris IL on June 12. My foot should be good to go by then.

~ Jeff

~ Press Release from Nissan ~

**Nissan Celebrates the 40th Anniversary of the Z's First National Championship with a BRE 370Z**

**Forty Years After Their Famous Victory in the 240Z, Peter Brock, John Morton and Brock Racing Enterprises Revisit Road Atlanta at The Classic Motorsports Mitty**

Forty years ago, the Datsun 240Z arrived in North America and changed the sports car landscape forever. That same year Peter Brock's Southern California-

based Brock Racing Enterprises (BRE) racing team claimed the first of its two SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) National Championships at Road Atlanta with that first iteration of the now iconic Z®-car. It was the first time in racing history that a Japanese production racer had defeated the long-established champions from Germany and England in head-to-head competition. That championship win, with driver John Morton at the wheel, firmly established the performance and engineering credibility of the popular Z®.

The #46 championship car carried the now famous red, white and blue BRE paint scheme designed by Peter Brock. In recognition of BRE's multiple championships and the Z®'s first championship, Nissan North America has again teamed with Brock to create an updated rendition of the famous BRE livery, a specially modified 2010 Nissan NISMO 370Z Coupe.

The BRE 370Z will be unveiled at a special BRE Reunion dinner at the Classic Motorsports Mitty at Road Atlanta on Thursday, April 29 and will be displayed throughout the weekend along with a 40th Anniversary Edition 370Z and a large collection of the famous BRE racecars. Brock, Morton and many of the original BRE team members will be in attendance, as the BRE team is being recognized this year as The Mitty's honored historic racing team.

"To be able to gather with many of my old BRE crew members at Road Atlanta this year is a truly special occasion," said Brock. "There will be so many race fans of that era who will join us to celebrate, as well as modern vintage teams which will be bringing their own tribute BRE racers to compete on this fabulous circuit."



The powerful, sculpted shape of the Nissan 370Z gave Brock a dynamic canvas to exercise his design skills and update the BRE livery. He worked closely with the painters to finalize the details and make sure it met his exacting standards. "Because the 370Z has

strong, sculpted shapes, I was able to make the livery even bolder and more aggressive," said Brock. "It was good to be in the paint booth working out the details of the design. I look forward to seeing it in a race track setting at The Mitty."

The new BRE 370Z is not just a show car, however, it's built for the track as well. As is appropriate to commemorate the championship car, it was built to current SCCA T2 racecar regulations and will see track duty later this year. It will also be on display at multiple Z® Club events around the country, including ZCon 2010, the annual Z convention, from July 28 to August 1 in Nashville.

#### About the Nissan 370Z 40th Anniversary Edition

The 370Z 40th Anniversary Edition starts out as a 370Z Coupe Touring model equipped with manual transmission and Sport Package (including SynchroRev Match™, front chin spoiler, rear spoiler, Nissan Sport Brakes, 19-inch Rays forged aluminum-alloy wheels and viscous limited-slip differential) and adds a premium "40th Graphite" exterior color and red leather-appointed interior.

Additional exclusive equipment includes a high-luster smoke wheel finish, red brake calipers and 40th Anniversary badges on the rear hatch and front strut tower brace. Inside, along with the red leather-appointed seats are red door panel inserts, 40th Anniversary seatback and floor mat embroidery, red stitching on the center stack, shift boot and kneepads, smooth leather steering wheel with red stitching and a plaque of authenticity. Only 1000 examples of the 40th Anniversary 370Z will be available in the U.S.

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**Bob Bienick**  
**Fall Colors of Indiana**

How about a weekend tour to see the leaves change color? If mother nature cooperates this will be a beautiful driving tour. The roads will also be a treat.

Called the "Fall Colors in Indiana" - Hoosier National Forest is beautiful this time of the year. This trip would be 2+ days.

**Day 1 - Friday October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Plan A Meet at the Lincoln Oasis mid afternoon, quick stop along I-65 to pickup any Indiana members, have dinner at one of the top steak houses in Covington IN noted for their buns, then drive to Crawfordsville IN.

Plan B Drive down to Covington or Crawfordsville independently. This is about 125 miles and 2.25 hours from Lincoln Oasis.

**Day 2 - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Travel the scenic and curvy byways of central and southern Indiana for the fall colors. Lunch in Nashville, overnight in Jasper, and walk over to a great German restaurant for dinner.

**Day 3 - Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

Again travel the scenic and curvy byways to Corydon/Edwardsville IN area. We will arrive very early afternoon. Time for a quick lunch, then head home on the interstate. From Corydon/Edwardsville area about 280 miles and 4.5 hours to Lincoln Oasis, plus we pick up an hour in the time zone change. Plenty of rest areas without getting off I-65 if you fill up before you start.

**Max 12 cars.**

Some items may change but this is the basis of the tour. If interested please contact me by June 6th. If we have enough folks I will put together the details of the trip. Thanks and see you on the road soon.

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*Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar*

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
June 4-6 – Branson Z Fest	Branson, MO	<a href="http://www.bransonzfest.com">www.bransonzfest.com</a>
June 12 <sup>th</sup> – Car show	Morris, IL (6-9pm)	<a href="http://www.morriscruisenight.com">www.morriscruisenight.com</a>
June 25-27 – Midwest Z Heritagefest	Aurora, OHIO	<a href="http://www.clevelandrockz.com">www.clevelandrockz.com</a>
July 11 <sup>th</sup> – Cruisin Z USA	The Promenade, Bolingbrook	<a href="mailto:tmo212@aol.com">tmo212@aol.com</a>
July 28-Aug 1 – National Z Car Convention	Nashville, TN	<a href="http://www.zcon2010.com">www.zcon2010.com</a>
Oct 22-24 – Fall Colors of Indiana	Indiana	<a href="mailto:bobbienick@comcast.net">bobbienick@comcast.net</a>





*Urban Oasis Cruiz*  
*May 16, 2010*

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