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You know what Z my friends, sometimes I wonder, "What is this thing we call life?" What is the purpose of it? Why do we exist? How did we get here? Do you ever ponder those questions? You probably are thinking that I have way too much time on my hands or that I finally cracked due to "Obamacare". You are wrong. I am perfectly sane. We are all born, young and naïve. We learn to crawl... we learn to walk... we learn to go poo poo in the big potty. We learn to speak, ride a bike, play T ball, etc. Then school starts. We learn our ABC's, we learn to do math. From elementary school to middle school or junior high, then to high school. Ah those high school days. I remember them well. Some of us pursue college (I remember those days very well) or further graduate school, others a trade to make a living. Then you meet that special girl or guy and fall in love. Isn't love grand? You say your "I do's", "for better or worse". God willing you have kids. In my case, as most of you know, I had 3. If you are lucky enough you even get to buy a Z. Can life get any better you ask?



So you have that Z car. It is a nice spring day (is there such a thing this year?) and you decide to do your own oil change. You go buy your oil and filter, drive the Z around to get the oil nice and hot and pull into the garage. You pop the hood, get all your tools ready and crawl under the car to open up the drain plug. You feel good. You are doing something productive to keep that Z of yours in tip top shape but then..... life as you know it comes to a **screeeeeeching** halt. You hear a noise, a very unpleasant noise. It is as if the world

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stopped. You look around but your view is limited as you are on your back underneath your Z. However you do see something. It's a pair of feet. They seem to be straddling a small bike. It seems awfully close to your prized Z. Gulp!! You start to breathe heavy as sweat starts to roll down your forehead and you're not even hot. You try to crawl back out from under the Z. It seems like eternity to get out but you finally do. You stand up, only to see your middle son looking at you smiling. You walk over to him and ask what happened but you already know. You see the handlebar of his bike

but not just a handlebar. You see the one that the rubber grip had peeled off exposing fender bending bare metal within inches of your Z's front fender. You're afraid to look but you must and there it is. A scratch.

Not just a scratch but one as deep as the Grand Canyon and just as long. I could swear the scratch was bleeding. No wait a minute. That was my heart that was bleeding. I looked at him. He knew that what he did was not nice. He did apologize. What could I do? I crawled back under the Z and changed the oil. Which Z was it? That's for me to know. You think I would tell you?? No way!! Wait till after our Heritage fest Car show. I would not want those judges to know just in case I bring that particular Z there.

~ Ty



Jeff Pleiter
V.P of Activities

Thanks to Dave Anderson of Michael's Automotive, (12425 S. Rhea Drive, Suite D, Plainfield IL) for holding an open house on a Saturday to see his shop. Over coffee and donuts we met Dave and his staff of mechanics, and were able to discuss his shop and work philosophy. Dave and his crew seem knowledgeable and honest. The shop was clean and organized. They are willing to use the parts you bring in, which is great for those of us who have particular requirements for their Z Car. Bill Opperman brings them the filter and oil for the changes in his 240Z. Bob Rosecrans has used them for repairs on his daughter's Honda and was happy with the service he received. Dave Werdegar also had them do an injector work on his Z32 [See his review elsewhere – Ed.]. Michaels is primarily focused on repairs and maintenance, but will also do upgrades if requested and within their capabilities. If the upgrade you are looking for tends to the more extreme side, they also work with a shop a couple of doors down that does more of that work.

A number of people have been asking for references for shops to repair their Zs and if Dave's shop is close enough for you to consider, I would encourage you to do so. Dave is southwest of the Chicago Area, and we'll also be looking to add a few more open houses to introduce other shops that Z members suggest or recommend in other areas for both general maintenance and upgrades from mild to wild. If you have a suggestion, please let me know.

The next shop will be Project X which is owned by Larry Kenney of Chicago Z. Project X is has invited us to an open house BBQ on Sunday May 15th at 1pm, 2025 Johns Drive Unit D, Glenview, IL 60025. This event is open to other car clubs as well, so a good crowd is expected. If our May 14 Spring Fling drive goes on as scheduled, I expect that those of us who attend might not be able to go to both events. But if Spring Fling is rained delayed to May 21, if you are not driving the Fling, or are up in the North 'burbs, this is another option for the weekend.

The next Z General Meeting will be held May 7 at the Culver's 2500 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove at 6 pm. Hopefully the weather is nice and we can grab the outdoor tables.

Our Spring Fling is scheduled for May 14 with a rain date of May 21. I'll be sending out an evite to get an idea of attendance. The general schedule is as follows:

Meeting Point 1 is behind the Fudruckers in Downers Grove where we usually have our WCZC

meeting. This is near both I-88 and I-355. We will leave there at 8:30 am and head to the LaSalle Canal Boat and Lock 16 visitor center (741 1st St., LaSalle IL) Head directly here if it works better for you.

We'll arrive at the LaSalle Canal Boat and Lock 16 Visitor Center at about 10:00 (Meet us here if Meeting Point 1 does not work for you) and then take the 10:30 canal boat tour (about an hour- tickets are \$14). We'll grab lunch in the Lock 16 café, and then follow the Illinois River Road down to Peoria (about 1-1/2 hours). We'll get out and spend some time stretching our legs at the water front and attractions along the Peoria Riverfront. Once ready to get back on the road, we'll take the Illinois River Road on the other side of the river up to Hornbaker Gardens (about an hour and 10 min.) At that point you can spend as much as little time and money as you wish in this destination garden/nursery. If you are a gardener, you may want to plan on bringing a blanket or box as needed to protect your Z if you plan on making a purchase. We'll be close to I-80, so once done we'll head back on home.

The Illinois River Road is a designated National Scenic Byway. www.illinoisriverroad.org for more info. www.lasallecanalboat.org provides more info on our first stop, and www.hornbakergardens.com provides more info on our last stop. Expect that the Spring Fling trip will take most of the day. I am still working out a few details.

**REMEMBER TO TURN IN YOUR
REGISTRATION FOR THE JUNE
HERITAGE FEST!**

~ Jeff



My Experience With Michael's Automotive

Since our tech session in April, I've used Michael's Automotive twice for repairs on my 300ZX. I thought it would be useful to Club members to provide feedback on the quality of their work.

Injector problem – Ultimate Z originally diagnosed

my rough engine as a failed #1 injector. After they went belly up, I gave Michael's the job. They confirmed a bad #1, and I gave them a \$200 deposit to cover the cost of the injector and the plenum gasket. Just prior to pulling the plenum, they discovered that the real problem was a bent prong inside the wiring harness connector from the Power Transistor Unit. They straightened it and the #1 cylinder kicked in beautifully. All they charged me for the job was my original \$200 and they volunteered to eat the parts cost. Very commendable.

Rear stabilizer replacement – In the course of a general body check on the car, they found that my rear stabilizer was broken. They got the Moog replacement parts kit, and I supplied a serviceable bar from a NY junk yard. The total repair was two hours and \$175 plus my \$50 for the bar.

Bottom line – These guys do good, honest, reasonably priced work. I'd certainly recommend them to the Club.

~ *Dave Werdegar*

~ **New Member** ~

A warm welcome to our newest member Sharif Terry of Chicago, owner of a 2007 350z. We look forwards to seeing you at an upcoming event!

~ **WCZC, circa 2001** ~

Ten years ago, your Z Club was keeping busy with its usual array of interesting activities. Our then President Lee Plasmier was talking about waxing his Vette and riding his Harley. Wait a minute, why was he our President? He did have a '91 TT. We had a Tech Session at a ZGM where we had invited a gentleman from Meguiars to talk to us about their car care products. We went up to the Volo Auto Museum to check out some old cars for sale as well as other nicknacks. We were planning a Spring Fling Road Trip to Starved Rock State Park to have a picnic. Also we were planning our Cruisin Z USA '01 car show at the new Ultimate Z location in Streamwood. The other location had burned down (Unfortunately rumor has it they are now closed.) People were planning their summer vacations around the National Z Car Convention in Kingston, Ontario. Last but not least there were talks about the new 350Z and what motor it would have. No turbo's were in the works according to the automotive news.



MARKET

Looking for that Z or part? Have one for sale? Email wczc.editor@gmail.com to post in Z Market

Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
May 7 – ZGM	Culvers 2500 Ogden Avenue, Downers Grove at 6 pm	
May 14 – Spring Fling	Illinois River Road, Ottawa	
May 15 – Project X BBQ	Project X, 2025 Johns Drive Unit D, Glenview at 1pm	
May 21 – Spring Fling rain date	Illinois River Road, Ottawa	
June 10-14 – MWZ HeritageFest	Lisle, Bolingbrook	
July 18-23 – Intl Z Convention	Savannah, Georgia	
TBD – Z Progressive Dinner		
TBD – Fall Colors of Indiana	Indiana	
Sept 15-18 – Mecum Auction	St Charles, IL	villaZX10@comcast.net
Sept (TBD) - Octoberfest	TBD	
Oct 8 – 24 hrs of LeMons	Autobahn Country Club, Joilet	
Nov (TBD) – WCZC Birthday Party	TBD	villaZX10@comcast.net



12th Annual Midwest Z Heritage Show

June 10-12, 2011

~ Registration Form ~

Registration (postmarked by May 15th) is \$35 per car.
 Registration from May 16th to June 1st is \$45. Day of Show registration is \$50. Spectator attendance at the track is \$5, free for all other events.

Registration includes: Car show entry, a goodie bag, one T-shirt & door prize ticket.

Autobahn Country Club "Track Touring" is \$10 per track car & \$5 per attendee (including driver), paid at the track. You must register for the HeritageFest to be eligible for track touring.

Please complete and return this form with your check.

First _____ Last _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Club Affiliation (if applicable) _____

Car(s) - Please indicate category for Z-car judging as Stock, Modified or Daily Driver. You can register for both the show & track touring. (There will be one category for Nissan/Datsun/Infiniti non-Z models.)

Year _____ Model _____ Category _____ \$ _____

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T-shirts(s) - Indicate the number of shirts and sizes desired. M _____ L _____ XL _____ 2XL _____ 3XL _____ \$ _____
 One is included with registration, additional shirts are \$10/ea.

Saturday Dinner & Awards Presentation - Buffet Meal includes: hamburgers & cheeseburgers, BBQ chicken, vegetables, potato salad and cole slaw, cookies and brownies. Soft drinks & coffee. Prices: Adults \$25 Age 12 & under \$13.
 Vegetarian meal available upon request.

Adults _____ x 25 = \$ _____

Vegetarian _____ x 25 = \$ _____

12 & under _____ x 13 = \$ _____

Vegetarian _____ x 13 = \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Volunteers - Would you be interested in volunteering? Yes _____ No _____
 in judging? Yes _____ No _____

Names of all attendees to Track Touring

Track Touring - Autobahn Country Club in Joliet will charge \$10 per track car & \$5 ea. person attending, to be paid at and to the track.

No extra or special safety equipment is required. # of cars _____

Early Registration due May 15, 2011

Mail this form with a check payable

to Windy City Z Club to: HeritageFest Registration

For more info visit:

www.windycityzclub.com

623 S. Euclid

Villa Park, IL 60181

Jeff Pleiter (630) 832-7857 for event questions

Disclaimer: The organizers of the 12th Midwest Z Heritage Show (including but not limited to members of the Windy City Z Club) do hereby disclaim any responsibility for any injury, damage or other claim which may arise from your participation in an event known as the Midwest Z Heritage Show, held on June 10-12, 2011. This agreement applies to all claims, past or future, known or unknown that may arise to you or to your heirs, successors, assigns, agents, servants or employees.

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Track Touring is not a race, timed event or driving school. Please be aware that some insurance companies exclude coverage for your vehicle on non-public roads (e.g. the track). Please review your insurance policy to determine your coverage.



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 June 10-12, 2011
 ~ Schedule of Events ~

Event Questions: Jeff Pleiter (630) 832-7857

Hotel: Hickory Ridge Marriott Conference Hotel
 (800) 228-9290 or (630) 971-5000
 1195 Summerhill Drive
 Lisle, IL 60532

[Single \(Queen\)](#) [Queen w/ Sofabed](#)
 Use above links to get WCZC rates (~\$95/night)
 or go to windycityzclub.com

Track: Autobahn Country Club
 3795 S. Patterson Rd
 Joliet, IL 60436

www.autobahncountryclub.net
 (815) 722-2223

Friday Registration, Car Clean & Socializing

- 10-6pm Registration at Marriott in Lisle opens
- 7 pm Chicago area Cruise

Saturday Car show at Bolingbrook Promenade, Autobahn track tour, Awards Dinner

- 8-9:30 am Registration at the Marriott
- 10 am Entrance and registration at Bolingbrook Promenade opens
- 10-6 pm Car Show ----- Show Trophies: 1st, 2nd, 3rd for stock, modified & daily driver for each generation of Z cars. One class for Datsun/Nissan/Infiniti Non-Z cars. Also Best of Show, People's Choice & Best Survivor.
- Track Touring
- 10 am Line up to caravan to Autobahn Country Club
- 10-Noon Check in at Autobahn Country Club for "Track Touring"
- 12:30 Drivers meeting ----- \$10/car, \$5 ea person attending (incl driver) to be paid at the track. No extra or special safety equipment is required. Waiver to be signed at the track.
- 12:45 Cars to pit lane
- 12:50-1:20 Tour the Track
- Dinner & Awards ----- Hamburgers & cheeseburgers, BBQ chicken, vegetables, potato salad and cole slaw, cookies and brownies. Soft drinks & coffee. Adults - \$25 Twelve & under - \$13. Vegetarian meal available.
- 7:30 pm Buffet Dinner at hotel
- 8:30 pm Awards & Door Prizes ----- Door Prizes - need not be present to win (arrange for a friend to receive the prize in your stead)

Sunday No scheduled events, enjoy Chicago!

- Shopping: Chicago, Woodfield Mall, Oakbrook Mall
- Museums: Volo Auto, Field, Art Institute, Shedd Aquarium, Planetarium, Science & Industry
- Sports: Sox vs. Oakland Athletics (1 pm)
- Nearby Towns: Naperville, Wheaton
- Amusement park: Six Flags at Great America (Gurnee, IL)

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