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Are my Z's unfit to drive? I got to pondering this question today as a result of getting tires for one of my non Z cars (2002 Mercedes E55). This car is driven as my summer daily driver car and the tires were pretty much worn all the way down to the wearmarks. I really don't abuse this car but due to the power at the rear wheels, I suppose it does go through tires quickly. Anyway, I was hoping to at least get another summer out of them but I noted lately that the right rear tire had an ever so slow leak. I might have to add a pound or 2 every month. Upon closer inspection recently, I noted 3 small nails in the tread so I decided to go for it. In addition they certainly were noisy which I suspect is from the belts. So, I bought a set of Bridgestone RE760 tires from Tire Rack and had them installed today and wow, what a difference. The car is so quiet all of a sudden. It's unbelievable what a difference a new set of tires can make. It's like a new car. The only bad thing is that I am afraid to lay rubber (not that I do that anymore) for fear of ruining a new set of tires. I have to break them in first. So when I got home, I immediately put the date and mileage into the E55's folder (every one of my cars has a folder with records and receipts etc). Pretty anal huh? I don't know, that's just me.

Since I had my drawer open I decided to check to see how old my Z's tires were. I can't remember the exact figures but apparently tires should be replaced every 6 or 7 years, irrespective of mileage so as to avoid a dangerous blow out etc. After reviewing the folders I think I'm done for my friends. I don't really notice a problem with any of my tires when driving the Z's though. I do admit, my '90 300ZXTT does whine a little but it did get to Road America and back this past weekend without a problem. How old are the tires you ask? I last replaced them in April 1998, that's 13 yrs ago. GULP! I did look at them and the fronts looked okay but the rears were wearing on the inside pretty

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bad. I did not see any cracks or dry rot. Lions and Tigers and Bears, oh my!! What should I do Dorothy? Well, maybe I can stretch them through the summer safely and look into new tires next spring after the winter hibernation. We shall see. How about the others? Well, according to my records, the last time I changed my '83 280ZXT tires was in May 1999. They still seem smooth and quiet in my opinion with no signs of abnormal treadwear at all. I'll keep driving those for now I guess. How about the '80 280ZX Tenth Anniversary? They were replaced in July of 1996. They also seem to be doing well but to be honest, they have only about 2k miles on them. Here's one more, my 1971 Ford LTD convertible. This is my first car ever and it is currently designated as a "Sunday Ice Cream" car. I last replaced the tires in July of 1989. Ouch. That's 22 years ago. Still seems Ok when driving it though. Then again those cars were not meant to give the driver much feedback from the road. It does have those cool whitewalls which was pretty standard issue then. Do they still make whitewalls? I do know that the spare is even older and sports dual white walls that originally came with the car. I haven't look at it in years. I hope there is air in it just in case. As far as activities, this years National Convention in Savannah, Georgia is now a thing of the past. I know a few of our members did go down there and I hope they had a great time. Hopefully one of them will fill us in with all the details when they return. Locally, keep an eye out for Jeff's E-vites as well as our website for new activities. Z ya next time...

~ Ty



Jeff Pleiter
V.P of Activities

July events included checking out two cruise night locations we had not been to before.

Carol's Garden Restaurant cruise night is in Carol Stream at 515 Schmale Road. This seems to be a fairly small Thursday cruise night. There were only maybe 10 cars the day I was there, although the weather was threatening, it held off in the western suburbs but hit the lake side hard. They do have a cruise night dinner special, and they gave away dinner and gas gift certificates. Good for a last minute destination excuse to drive the Z, but you won't see a whole lot of cars here. No problem finding a parking spot. The Oppermans were there the same night, and also Marlene dropped by.

The Arboretum Mall at South Barrington has a pretty good cruise night on Wednesday night. The setting is similar to the Bolingbrook Promenade with interior street parking that they close off. They say they have space for about 230 cars. It is limited to pre 1985 cars and they do enforce it. They have a band and often have giveaways. There were a pretty good number of cars. This is one to come back to later this year. The Milfords stopped by near the end of the night to say hello. I was surprised when Scot said that the Rolling Meadows cruise night is no longer happening. It was getting to be too much work, and the president of the Rolling Meadows Cruisers decided to disband the club, much to the surprise of the rest of the club.

These two events were made on short notice, so be sure to check your email for Evites to events.

We also attended the Brian Redman historic races at Road America this year. This is often on our calendar. This year Ty, myself, Dave Johnson, Bill Bragg, and Mike Bennett attended, although except for Ty and myself who caravanned together we all arrived and drove separately.

For August events, we plan on attending the Sunday cruise in at Volo museum on August 14. Each weekend is hosted by a different car marquee or club. This weekend's focus is early Fords. They have bands, food and drink and room for a lot of cars outside. Cruise in participants (all in car) are free, not limited to early Fords, but are limited to cars at least 20 years old. There is a nominal charge for the outdoor show for spectators. The cruise in is from 11:30 am to 4:00 pm. We'll send out an Evite with more info in the beginning of August.

The Arboretum of South Barrington also hosts Supercar Saturdays. All ages of cars are welcome, so our members with the newest generation cars can show

here. Plan on attending September 3. They have a website www.supercarsaturdays.com. Beginning 2 weeks ahead of time you can RSVP for a reserved spot for the best locations through the website, although it is not necessary to RSVP. They say it is not limited to Supercars, exotics etc. The event is from 9:00 am to noon. I am considering making this a double header since this is located off I-90 and Rt 59. We could have lunch and head out to the Anderson Japanese garden south of Rockford for the afternoon. You could attend either or both of these events. Email me at villazx10@comcast.net and let me know if you are interested in either or both of these events.

In September we are planning to attend the Mecum Auction in St. Charles Illinois on Saturday September 17.

A couple of events in the planning stages:

I have previously mentioned a progressive dinner. I picture this as an event where we drive to and from a few members' homes that are willing to host, where the food is simple picnic style and can be prepared ahead of time, or is easily cooked like burgers on the grill. Please let me know if you are interested in hosting. The date for this event would be dependent on the availability of volunteers. I believe the club can kick in to cover the cost of the food and drinks, as this will replace the picnic we often have where the club has paid for catered food.

The Fall Fling has not been set yet. If you are willing to set up this drive let me know.

~ Jeff

~ WCZC 10 years ago ~

Ten years ago, our club had its annual Cruisin Z USA Car Show at the new Ultimate Z store in Streamwood. They were not quite open for business but they were kind enough to let us have our show there as well as check out their facility. I had also attended the 14th Annual National Convention in Kingston, Ontario. We had 15 members attend including my wife who was 7 months pregnant with our first. She had no problem traveling in the passenger seat of my '90 Twin Turbo. I do recall hoping that she would not go into early labor so as to deliver in Canada. I would have to make for the border ASAP. Mr. K. and his wife had attended that year which is always a privilege. The new 350Z concept was there in its driveable form. Everyone was taking pictures of it, especially when Mr. K was sitting in it. Some of our members had also attended the Import Drag Wars/Show at the Great Lakes Dragway in Union Grove, WI. Of course some trophies were won by our members.

~ Ty



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Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
Aug 14 – Volo Sunday Cruise	Volo Auto Museum, 11:30 - 4	
TBD – Z Progressive Dinner	Various member's homes.	
TBD – Fall Colors of Indiana	Indiana	
Sept 3 – Supercar Saturdays	Arboretum of South Barrington 9-12	www.supercarsaturdays.com
Sept 17 – Mecum Auction	St Charles, IL	villaZX10@comcast.net
Sept (TBD) - Oktoberfest	TBD	
Oct 8 – 24 hrs of LeMons	Autobahn Country Club, Joilet	
Nov (TBD) – WCZC Birthday Party	TBD	villaZX10@comcast.net



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