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I finally got the garage cleared out of all the furniture and boxes it had harbored for over 2 months during the house renovation. That means that I now have access to the summer toys that have been hibernating over the not so bad winter. It is amazing how quickly they fire up after sitting for several months. With my '90, I took off its cover, hooked up the battery and turned the key and without any hesitation it was running. It is as if it was saying "get me out of here". I pulled it out of the garage and let it idle as I check for any leaks or puddles under where the car was sitting. I let the air out of the tires back to its correct pressure. Looks good so far. Next I slowly drive around the neighborhood and listen for any funny noises and then to the nearest expressway to get it warmed up. When I get home, the oil and filter gets changed and voila , it is ready for another year of driving pleasure. Oh yeah, except for one thing. I have newer tires on it. If you remember from last year, I wrote about how the rear tire size is getting obsolete for the twin turbos. I had to settle for the "Fusion" tires from Tire Rack as this was the only tire they had and you know what?, they are all sold out now. So I am in a stressful situation. I have to be gentle on these tires as in no burnouts, no donuts, no drifting anymore. Aw shucks, I was getting to enjoy the drifting. Even in every day commuting, there are obstacles I have to avoid. I kid you not; there is road construction all around me. On my way to the hospital in the mornings they have some major road repairs going on so I have to take alternate roads so not to run the risk of running over a jagged piece of metal or debris. Then I get to the office OK but on the way home, same thing, road construction. Again I take alternate roads. It probably adds about 5-10 minutes each way to my commute but what can I do? I don't mind driving, just not in traffic. I feel that I am paranoid but hey that's me. I just don't want to deal with a flat, especially if the tire is not

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repairable. Then what? I just might have to buy new rims and tires next time.

Speaking of rims, I want to thank Paul Moreno from Wheels America for taking time out of his busy Saturday to give us a tour of their facility in Elk Grove Village. He gave us a step by step presentation on how they repair wheels that have been curbed or bent from the moment they come in the door to the last details as they get returned to the customer. It is amazing what they can do and certainly is cheaper than getting a new rim. It was a great learning experience for me and I know I will use their services in the future.

As you probably know by now, Jeff Pleiter is back in full swing with planning activities for our club. I know he works hard to do these things in addition to his regular job and family duties. Thanks again Jeff for helping out. I really do appreciate it. I look forward to having a great season with our club and all the friends I have within it.

~ Ty



**Jeff Pleiter  
V.P. of Activities**

Yes, as noted in the previous newsletter, I am back as VP of events. Thanks to Ty for setting up the Wheels America Tech Session. It was an interesting and informative session on repairing and refinishing wheels. As always, if you are interested in arranging an event, or want the club to consider a particular event, let Ty or myself know.

**On to upcoming events:**

The next club event is attending the annual Branson Z Fest May 30-June 2 in Branson, Mo. A number of us are driving scenic Ozark Roads followed by a car show

and dinner with other Z enthusiasts.

This will be my first time attending, I hear that it's a great time. Since many of you are not attending, there are two events during that weekend near home you might be interested in. Supercar Saturdays have returned on the first Saturday of the month. The June 2<sup>nd</sup> event will be held at the Bannockburn Green, 1301 Half Day Road in Bannockburn, IL.

On June 3<sup>rd</sup> Project X Customs will be holding an open house BBQ at their new location at 645 Morse Avenue in Schaumburg. Larry Kenney of Project X has been very helpful at the Heritage Fest events. The event is from 11 am to 9 pm, so show up for food, raffles, and other fun, and take a look at their new shop and talk with the other car clubs attending. I am planning on arranging a more private tour of their facilities at a later date if you would like to get a more in depth view of what they can do for your Z. Their website is [www.projectxcustoms.com](http://www.projectxcustoms.com). You'll find their invitation on [www.ChicagoZ.com](http://www.ChicagoZ.com).

Next up is the Spring Fling Drive, which has been delayed until early summer to give me time to set it up. The date is set for June 24, and the destination will be Wisconsin. Details to come.

The Midwest Z Heritage Show is July 6 and 7 in Dublin Ohio. This year the event will be held as part of a huge car show that benefits the Arthritis Foundation. Our Z's will also be judged per ZCCA rules as usual. Details can be found on the following websites: [www.midwestzheritage.com](http://www.midwestzheritage.com), and [www.arthritisautoshow.com](http://www.arthritisautoshow.com). Register soon for the hotels (multiple choices) and the event.

The Brian Redman Vintage Races will be held July 12-15 at Road America this year. We always have a caravan go up on Saturday to watch the old vintage race cars go at it, walk through the pits, and if you want, track touring is available during lunch.

Keep an eye out for WCZC evites for these and other events. Cruise nights and other events will likely come by evite on shorter notice, so keep an eye on your emails.

~ Jeff

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## Nissan News

Nissan 370Z sales: April 2012 785 sold

Year to date: 2850 (3054 in 2011)

Nissan total Sales: April 2012 64,200 sold

Year to date: 360,341 (322,287 in 2011)

Nissan Frontier ranked #1 Compact Pickup in Vehicle Satisfaction Survey by Autobytel and AutoPacific based on over 75,000 survey respondents. This in addition to the "Least Expensive to Insure" award it had received as well as the Kelly Blue Book's Best Resale Value Award.

Nissan Innovation makes Tire Inflation easy: In the 2013 Nissan Altima, when the tire pressure monitoring system senses a tire low in air, a display shows the pertinent tire or tires. As the driver fills the tire with air, the flashers start to blink indicating that air is going in. When the tire is full, the horn chirps to alert the driver. If too much air is put in, the flashers blink faster and the horn beeps 3 times. As the correct pressure is reached, the horn chirps again.

Nissan Delta Wing

<http://www.deltawingracing.com/>



Nissan is supplying the engine for this radical racing car concept which will be unofficially competing in the 24 hours of LeMans endurance race June 16<sup>th</sup>. The engine is derived from the 1.6 liter turbocharged plant found in the Juke. Massaged to 300 bhp, it's significantly less than the 500+ bhp typically found in LeMans race cars, which it makes up for with a body design that is much lighter (1,300 lbs vs !) and has a drag

coefficient of only 0.313, which is nearly half the power, weight and drag of a typical LeMans race car. Michelin developed special long wearing tires for this car.

The car has been undergoing testing at Buttonwillow Raceway in California and made its public debut at the Sebring International Raceway on March 15<sup>th</sup>. Managing partner Don Panoz is looking to bring the car to the ALMS in 2013, so look for it on our shores next year!



## BOUTIQUE



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If you have photos, articles or Nissan news of interest that you'd like to contribute to the WCZC newsletter, please submit them to [wczc.editor@gmail.com](mailto:wczc.editor@gmail.com) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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## *Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar*

<b>Date &amp; Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Contact Info</b>
May 30 - June 2	Branson Z fest, Branson MO	<a href="http://www.bransonzfest.com/">http://www.bransonzfest.com/</a>
June 2 <sup>nd</sup> - Supercar Saturday	The Bannockburn Green 1301 Half Day Rd, Bannockburn	<a href="http://www.supercarsaturdays.com/">http://www.supercarsaturdays.com/</a>
June 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 11am- 9pm	Project X Customs Open House BBQ 645 Morse Ave, Schaumburg	Larry Kenney <a href="http://www.projectxcustoms.com">www.projectxcustoms.com</a> <a href="http://www.ChicagoZ.com">www.ChicagoZ.com</a>
June 24 <sup>th</sup> – Spring Fling	Wisconsin - details to come	Jeff Pleiter
July 6-7 – MZHS	Dublin, Ohio	<a href="http://www.midwestzheritage.com/index.html">http://www.midwestzheritage.com/index.html</a>
July 12-15 – Brian Redman Vitage Races	Road America Elkhart Lake, WI	<a href="http://www.roadamerica.com/Races/RaceInformation.asp?id=244">http://www.roadamerica.com/Races/RaceInformation.asp?id=244</a>

## *2012 Midwest Z Heritage Show*

Registration is now open for the 2012 Midwest Z Heritage Show in Dublin, Ohio, July 6-7. This year it will be “a show within a show” as part of the Arthritis Foundation Show that attracts over 1200 cars. The registration site is up and the hotels in the area are taking reservations...but mention the Arthritis Foundation to get the show rate.

See these links for full information. ~ Dave Jarrell, IZCC, CD

<http://www.midwestzheritage.com/index.html>

<http://www.arthritisautoshow.com>



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