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Here we are in October again. Wasn't it another quick summer driving season? The days are shorter, the leaves are a falling, and the days are cooler. Yep, it's fall alright. I already got my Tenth Anniversary tucked away in the corner of the garage. I did take her out for a few local events and a few Sunday drives this year but it is usually the first to hibernate. I still may get another couple weekend drives in the '83 if time permits. Sometimes it's just nice to drive with no particular destination, just a man and his machine. Since it is a 2+2, the kids can come along as long as they don't break anything and of course, no food. Wife stays home on these drives; no room. The last to be stored is the '90. I'll keep driving it off and on to work on dry days until we get the first snow, then its put away. The only thing about parking outside at work this time of year is all the leaves I have to clean up from the nooks and crannies as well as the leaves that dragged inside the car with our shoes. It is a fall ritual.

Speaking of rituals, we had a great turnout at Continental Nissan for their annual Oktoberfest event. Jay Weinberger was our gracious host as usual, making sure we had plenty of food and drinks. I brought my '83 to the event (still running well if you are wondering). Of course, he had his array of new and used Z's nearby for us to look at and if I did not know any better, I think he brings the roadsters just to tease me. He must know that one of the things on my "bucket list" is a roadster but I have yet to pull the trigger. Space to park it is always an issue and do I really need another Z? At first I wasn't too sure about the lines of the 370Z roadster but I really have grown to like it. He had a 2012 370Z in Brilliant Silver with the top down for me to sit in. It's like leading a donkey with a carrot! Why do you do this to me Jay? I have

enough stress in life with work, raising a family and now getting the mind going on a roadster again. I think I need counseling. I don't remember it being this hard to even decide to get married. Umm, yeah, I guess it was a difficult decision. I can't remember. I think it's repressed in my memory. Anyway, it certainly is a lot cheaper buying a car than getting married. (PS: Don't tell him that if he really wants to get me thinking, he needs one with a gray interior and Navigation for next year). Anyway, I had a great time with all my Z friends and do express many thanks to Jay and his crew out there for their hospitality.

Our 37th Annual Birthday party is set for the 10th of November. Can you believe it? We are one of the oldest clubs in the country. We have members who are younger than the club! We moved it this year to the William Tell Banquets at the Holiday Inn in Countryside. \$25 will buy you 3 separate entrees, mostaccioli with meat sauce, green beans almondine, mashed potatoes, salad, dessert and coffee. The company of your friends is priceless though. The club is working on the raffle prizes but if you have anything that you'd like to donate, feel free to bring it. It really is getting more difficult each year to get prizes so everything helps. Of course, we will have our officers' state of the club address; have elections, my famous quiz as well as slides and pictures etc. Please join us as we celebrate another successful year.

~ Ty



Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities

Octoberfest,

or “ A Tale of Two test Drives.”

Ty worries about gas prices, - why is it cheaper on one corner and cheaper on the other, why is the Shell Station a mile away 5 cents cheaper than the one right here. I worry about the weather - what's the weekend going to be like, can I get the painting done (I'm painting the trim on the house), is it going to be dry enough to take a Z out for a drive. Today it is raining, so no outside painting, but I have some doors to paint indoors, and some prep and cleanup for interior window touch up.

When the club has an outdoor event, I worry more; what are the weather people predicting now for the weekend for the event, is the weather forecast going to change, be nice or nasty? You never really know for sure until you get a day or two away. Now that it is fall, the weather can be very volatile. Fortunately, as I wrote last time, the weather at the Cantigny event was gorgeous. The Octoberfest event forecast started out looking very iffy – at the beginning of the week they were calling for 40's and rain showers. Fortunately the rain was out of the forecast at the end of the week and the day turned out pretty decent with a sunny to cloudy high of 50. Once again Jay cordoned out a portion of his lot for our Zs and provided a buffet of brats, german potatoes, dogs, chips and sodas. Thanks again Jay! This always is one of the club's favorite events, we get a great turnout , with a lot of socializing. Some of the members get some maintenance done, and others take test drives, and do car shopping. We were one among others doing some car shopping.

As you all know, Allie has her heart set on a Nissan Cube. My son CJ is 16 and is working on getting his required hours in so he can get his driver's license, which should be this November. He hates the Cube with a passion, but for him it has a silver lining – he'll get my Mini Cooper passed down to him, while I'll get my wife's Pilot. I hear you saying – why not give him the Pilot? – the Mini is more fun to drive. Well the Pilot is newer, worth twice as much, is in better condition and more important to the family in general. Anyway, Allie test drove the Cube again, she wanted to make sure it was good enough on the highway for her needs. The Cube passed, and since Continental did not have the color and trim level we wanted on the lot, we have put them on the hunt for a Cube meeting her requirements.

So, why is this a tale of two test drives? Well, CJ did not want to even get in the Cube, so he did not go on the drive. When Allie and I got back, we joined up

with a group gathered in the parking lot, and Allie said to CJ “Why CJ, I'm surprised you didn't take a GTR out for a test drive while we were gone...” Well, Jay was there in the group, and held out the key to his personal GTR to CJ, and told him to go ahead and take a drive. CJ of course was flabbergasted, and Allie and I were unsure if Jay was just kidding him or serious. Of course when Jay was told CJ didn't have his license yet, he wisely retracted his offer to CJ. But then he turned to me, offered the key, and said “Go ahead take CJ for a drive.” Again, I was not sure initially if he was kidding, but it quickly became apparent that he was serious, and of course, how could I refuse?

So I took the keys, fired up the GTR and gingerly took it out on the street. Not being familiar with Nissan's supercar, and being in charge of Jay's personal car, made my very careful. Once we got going though, I found the car to have very good street manners and not difficult to drive at normal speeds. It even had a better ride than my stiffly sprung Nismo. With the heavy Saturday traffic, and the low speed limits in the area, we did not get to experience the car's full potential. Besides I wanted to get it back in one piece for Jay and no speeding tickets for me. While I did get on the pedal once or twice to get a feel for its power, it was only for a short period, and not much above the speed limit. So Jay, don't worry, I behaved. Which was a good thing, as the first time I did give it some juice and then backed off, I noticed a local police cruiser in a nearby lot. Phew, a little more, and I would have been back much later to the dealership, with a ticket in my pocket, and a lot of explaining to do. So 15 minutes later, we were back at Continental Nissan, having gone no more than 45mph (we went faster on the highway with the Cube). So thanks again to Jay for his generosity, - it was great and really made CJ's day.

Upcoming events are:

November 10 – The annual Windy City Z Club Birthday Party. Ty has the details and made all the arrangements. Thanks Ty.

Also, the dates are out for the 2013 International Z Car Convention: August 5 through August 9, 2013 in New Hampshire. Details will be posted in about 6 weeks by the hosts. A number of us are talking about going, so put it on your calendar.

~ Jeff

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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 by the 10th of the month.



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Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact Info
Nov 10 – 37 th WCZC B-day party	William Tell Banquets Holiday Inn, Countryside	Ty Ozgen - tmo212@aol.com
2013 June 14 - 15 Midwest Z Heritage Show	Nashville, Indiana	www.indyzcarclub.org
2013 August 5-9 Int'l Z Car Convention	Nashua, New Hampshire	www.zcon.org



2013 Midwest Z Heritage

Save the Dates: June 14 & 15, 2013

The Indy Z Car Club will be hosting this event in 2013 and we are already planning to return to Brown County, Indiana. Next year's hosting hotel will be The Season's Lodge in Nashville, Indiana. So start planning now to get away to rustic Southern Indiana and drive some twisty back roads, shop in the art colony of Nashville, hike in Brown County Park, visit the architectural gems of Columbus, IN, and explore the nearby wineries. Visit www.indyzcarclub.org, closer to the show dates, for registration information.

The hotel is now taking reservations! Yes, Prez Mick has done the deal and some folks are already interested in booking a room. Smart. The Season's Lodge has only 52 rooms. Twenty of those rooms are Standard rooms (\$109. Plus tax) and thirty-two rooms are Deluxe (\$129. Plus tax). These are slightly larger and have a fridge/microwave. One night's deposit required when booking and you may cancel up to 48 hours prior to arrival. If you want to assure a room of your choice you must book early! Overflow will be booked into other properties in Nashville owned by the same family. Please go to The Season's Lodge website, <http://www.seasonsloodge.com>, check out the accommodations and give them a call at 1-800-365-7327 to make a reservation. Identify yourself as being with the **2013 Midwest Z Heritage Car Show** to get the best rate. The hotel website is also loaded with information about attractions in the immediate area.

In addition, you might check out these websites and add a day or two to your Z road trip to enjoy Southern Indiana.

- <http://www.nashville-indiana.com/>
- <http://www.columbus.in.us/>
- <http://visitsouthernindiana.com/attractions/featured-attractions/wineries>
- <http://www.visitbloomington.com/visitors/>

Just remember to save the dates of June 14 & 15, 2013 on your calendars and start planning now to attend the 2013 Midwest Z Heritage Car Show in scenic Nashville, Indiana.

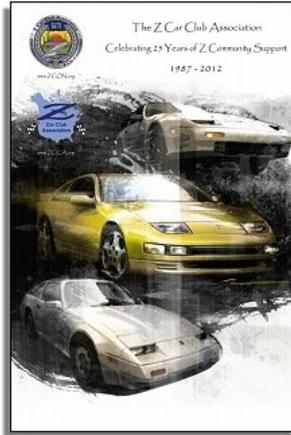
ZCON 2012 event posters - 24"x36"

ZCCA (www.zcca.org) commissioned artwork

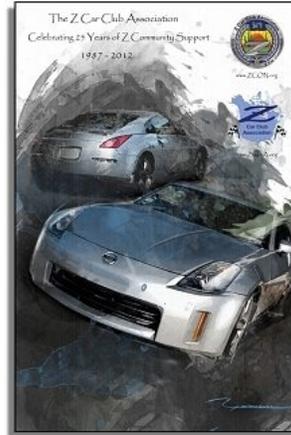
Artist: Randy Rodriguez - Designer of Nissan 370z



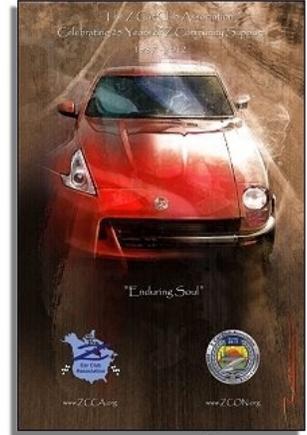
Poster: 280z/zx



Poster: 300zx's



Poster: 350z



Poster: 240/370z

Price / poster: \$20 shipped. Additional poster(s) \$5 each.

Please specify which poster you are buying!

Payments accepted via Paypal to: paypal@zcca.org, include your shipping address.

A good quantity of ZCCA-produced ZCON 2012 posters still available. These were produced based on original commissioned paintings by Randy Rodriguez, designer of the 370z.

The ZCCA had four posters produced to address all enthusiasts of all generations of Z's. The official "25th Anniversary" poster is the "Enduring Soul" design which depicts a 240z and 370z morphed together - this design was utilized for the event program cover and event t-shirts. These are quality posters, very vibrant 24"x36" size on heavy paper (100#) and would look great framed in your home or "Z" garage.

Proceeds from the sale of the poster, help us recoup our costs to have these produced and also help us to continue providing assistance to regional ZCCA member club events and sponsored events (i.e. Ztoberfest 2012, Z-Attack, ZDayz, etc.). First poster is \$20 shipped, each additional \$5 thereafter. If you have a larger quantity in mind, please email me for a quantity discount. The ZCCA will accept payments via paypal sent to: paypal@zcca.org. Posters will be (carefully) rolled up and shipped via USPS Priority.

Please email Christopher Karl, ZCCA Executive Director for more info at cvk@bricekarl.com

A recap on the 2012 ZCON by ZCCA Executive Director Christopher Karl:

I wanted to send out an official congratulations note for the ZCON 2012 convention team! This message is a bit belated as it took some time to get my day job back in swing! I'm sure the convention team is going to take a bit longer to decompress and catch up as well!!

In all well over 450 folks came out for the Phoenix event and braved the 108-110 degree (dry) heat. The Nissan ATC (Automotive Testing Center) experience was absolutely phenomenal, the Wildhorse hotel/casino served the venue well and everything else the ZCON 2012 team put together went off as flawlessly as we could have desired (including registration). It was an true honor to be able to have Mr. Matsuo (Designer - 240z) and Randy Rodriguez (Designer - 370z) both in attendance and Mr. K, now 103 years old, hung out (via Skype) for virtually the entire closing banquet (and almost stayed awake throughout!). :)

A huge thank you should go out to our sponsors, please frequent them as you need parts and service, there was an abundance of raffle and auction items! The results could be witnessed in the Registration/Z-Store area...the sponsorship team did a great job! This year, we had two Gold Award winners - one in Stock (Medallion) and one in Modified (Cup). This year's Gold Award Winners were Dan Slagle with his 1971 Datsun 240z (Gold Medallion), TP & Doug Bakke with their 1982 Datsun 280zx (Gold Cup).

There are some clean-up items folks have asked about regarding this year's event - please pass these to your members that may have been in attendance:

- Judging Sheets will be sent out by Fred Buoni here soon. These will be mailed to participant addresses in the registration database.

- ZCON 2012 "25th Anniversary" posters - we have four posters produced from original paintings commissioned by the ZCCA from Randy Rodriguez to commemorate the event. See previous page for details

- Save the date - August 5-9, 2013. Next year's convention will be in Nashua, NH - keep tabs on ZCON.org later this year for information and registration launch.

Again - great to see everyone that made the event, we know NH is going to be a great "reunion" of our community next year as well. Keep tabs on the ZCCA and ZCON websites for more information or you can also chat with us across the ZCCA Facebook group.

Cheerz,

Christopher Karl
ZCCA, Executive Director

Windy City Z Club



37th

Anniversary

Saturday, Nov. 10th, 2012

6pm - 11pm

William Tell Banquets

at the Holiday Inn

6201 Joliet Rd

Countryside, IL 60525

(708) 352-1101

Door Prizes!

Slide Show!

Officer Elections!

Good Times!

Name(s): _____

Chicken Vesuvio, Roast Sirloin, Italian Sausage with Sides and dessert.
Dinner will start at 7pm. Cash bar.

\$25 per plate for members and one guest

\$35 per plate for nonmembers

Kindly RSVP by October 31st.

Make Checks payable to: Windy City Z Club

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