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Before I start with my enlightening article, I would like to apologize to Walt Kreitling. I forgot to mention his name in my last article. He was the proud 1st place winner in the 6th Generation stock class at the Heritagefest with his 2013 370Z. My apologies Walt. I know you spent time getting the Z ready and it certainly deserved to be a trophy winner.

As far as our Cruisin Z USA event, we had a good turnout on a hot July afternoon. This time we decided to keep the price low for our members just so they could get their Z's to come out. This was not a judged event but a People's Choice event where you the people would vote for your favorite Z in each generation. It seemed to be well received. Once again we chose the Bolingbrook Promenade for our event. Plenty of stores to shop at and restaurants to dine in for those spouses who came along. I brought my 1983 280ZX 2+2 Turbo and of course had the T Tops off. Not quite like a roadster but better than a sunroof I guess. I do appreciate everyone who took the time to come out. The trophy winners were as follows:

- 1st Gen: Dave Johnson 1976 280Z 2+2
- 2nd Gen: Jeff Pleiter 1980 280ZX Tenth Anniversary

- 3rd Gen: Rich Kalashian 1984 300ZX Turbo
- 4th Gen: John Song 1993 300ZX Roadster
- 5th Gen: Robert Cooper 2005 350Z
- 6th Gen: Glenn Johnson 2011 370Z

Congratulations to all the winners. We will



hopefully have everyone's picture who attended on our website soon so check it out.

I hope those that attended the National Convention in New Hampshire had a great time. There was quite a few people going from our club from what I heard so perhaps one of you can send an article or pictures for us to enjoy. I unfortunately was not able to go as we had

other vacation plans. At this time Sonnie and the kids are vacationing in Turkey overseas so I have been by myself for the last 2 weeks. I was given a "honey do" list which I got to for the most part but I was also able to get to my list as well..... like casual drives with the Z's. I even got my 1971 Ford LTD convertible on the road again after 2 years. This is 1st car I ever had, having owned it since senior year in high school. I know it's a boat but that's OK. It had been sitting on the lift and I just did not have the time to get it down until recently. Also it needed a new carburetor. It's hard to

believe but parts are still readily available for it, even at 42 years of age. I got the rebuilt carburetor in 2 days, pulled the old one off, put on the new one and fired it up. No adjustments, no nothing. It hasn't run this well in years. I can only empathize with the owners of the older Z's with the triple carb setup and how hard it must be to synchronize them. Anyway, I drove it alot, top down of course, and finally was able to empty the

tank and refill it with fresh gas. Yep, that's my boat. I even showed it at a local show and got quite a few compliments. Don't worry; I still love my Z's.

The newest Z Car Club Magazine is available now. This is the second edition of this new magazine, available to Z clubs only. To reserve yours (quantity limited) please send me a note. See you at the next event.

~ Ty



Jeff Pleiter, V.P. of Activities

I was not able to make it to the National Convention but from facebook postings, it sounds like everyone who went had a good time. If you attended, and would like to do a newsletter article, please submit it to the newsletter editor (wczc.editor@gmail.com). Myself, I have started spending my raffle gains from the Z Heritage Fest. From Concept Z, I picked up a Nismo oil fill cap. From Motorsport Auto - items that are not that noticeable, just replacement items for old parts, spark plugs, fuel filter, spark plug wires. Working now on getting rubber bits replaced, suspension bushings, trans insulator, motor mounts from Z Car Source of Arizona. Parts - all courtesy of gift certificates from generous sponsors to the Z Heritage Fest.

September 15: Cantigny Car Show. We had such a great time last year, we plan on going again this year. Download the registration form from our website or the Cantigny website. Pre-registration is \$12, at Gate is \$15. Show is from 9 am to 3 pm. Plan on a pre-meet at the McDonalds at the northeast corner of Roosevelt Rd and County Farm Road at 8 am so we can cruise in and park together. Note that you can bring the newer Zs, not just the older ones. Address is: Cantigny Museum 1S151 Winfield Rd. Wheaton, IL 60555

Sept 28 Wine Tasting and Dinner @ Lynfred Winery 971 N Milwaukee Ave Wheeling, IL 60090. Wine tasting is at 4pm, for about an hour. Cost about \$6-7 dollars as long as we get 10-15 people due to a certificate I got at a charity auction. Normally this is \$9 per person. Plan on going to dinner afterwards, or join us for dinner if you don't want to do the wine tasting. First come first serve for the RSVP. Limit is 15 for the tasting. Dinner location TBD. I am open for dinner suggestions.

October 5 Continental Nissan Octoberfest. More details to be provided as they become available. Usually runs from about 12 am to 3pm.

Oct 13: Fall Fling Drive. Route to be determined. May use Oct 20 as a weather backup date. Save the date.

Please keep an eye out for evites to the events, sent out via email. Dates and info are subject to change as details get finalized. As always, we are open to event ideas. Email me at villazx10@comcast.net.

~ Jeff

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Nissan News

submitted by William Bragg

2014 NISSAN SPORTS CARS

Nissan GT-R

Following performance enhancements last year that upped the horsepower and torque of the GT-R's advanced VR38DETT 3.8-liter twin turbo V6 to 545 hp and 463 lb-ft of torque, the development and refinement of Nissan's legendary supercar continues for the 2014 model year – including the addition of a new limited production 2-seat GT-R Track Edition*.

Enhancements for 2014 include:

- Improved engine response in the mid- and upper-rpm ranges
- Increased body rigidity and specification changes to the shock absorbers, front anti-roll bar and springs that result in a lower center of gravity, resulting in improved high-speed handling and more refined ride comfort
- An aluminum nameplate is added to each engine showing the name of the individual engine builder (every GT-R engine is hand-assembled in a special clean room)
- Addition of a new Premium Interior Package, which features hand-stitched Amber Red semi-aniline leather appointments (front seats only)
- A new red-accented steering wheel is added to Black Edition models
- New GT-R Track Edition features a specially tuned suspension, special brake cooling air guides, front spoiler with carbon fiber air ducts and a lightweight quilted cloth mat where the rear seats usually reside
- Availability of the GT-R Track Edition is limited to 150 units for the United States
- The 2014 Nissan GT-R is offered in three models – GT-R Premium, the GT-R Black Edition and new GT-R Track Edition
- New Special Edition package, featuring special paint

and trim, will be available in late 2013 in limited numbers

- On sale now at select GT-R certified Nissan dealerships nationwide

*Damage resulting from racing, competitive driving, track and/or airstrip use not covered by warranty. See your New Vehicle Limited Warranty and Owner's Manual for proper vehicle operation and complete warranty details.

Nissan 370Z Coupe

The 2014 Nissan 370Z continues to offer extraordinary performance design and an unmatched heritage as one of the most iconic sports cars in automotive history. There are no major enhancements for the 2014 model year.

- Offered in 370Z and 370Z Touring models
- Available now

Nissan 370Z NISMO

The 2014 370Z NISMO, which is set to go on sale at Nissan dealers nationwide this summer, follows the new NISMO design theme with distinctive new exterior and interior accents. Enhancements for 2014 include:

- New dark gray coloring is added to the front and rear fascias, lower side sills, side mirrors and NISMO rear spoiler, with each element (except side sills) featuring NISMO-style red pinstripe accents
- Solid Red replaces the previous Magma Red as one of four 370Z NISMO exterior color choices
- Interior enhancements include the addition of a new steering wheel with Alcantara® appointments and red accents, and a red NISMO tachometer
- Continues to offer 350-horsepower 3.7-liter V6, close-ratio 6-speed manual transmission, sport-tuned suspension and brakes and 19-inch forged aluminum-alloy wheels
- Offered in one fully equipped model
- Available late summer 2013

Nissan 370Z Roadster

Like the 370 Coupe, the 2014 370Z Roadster offers unique design, performance and value – with the added exhilarating sensory experience of an advanced fully automatic convertible design. There are no major enhancements for the 2014 model year.

- Offered in 370Z Roadster and 370Z Touring Roadster models
- Available now

~ ~ ~ *New Z*

submitted by Jeff Pleiter

From the Motor Trend website.

One of Japan's most iconic cars is making a comeback. A descendant of the game-changing 240Z that debuted in 1969, an all-new Z car (code-named Z35) will honor the legendary Datsun with a stylized 21st-century interpretation of the original's long nose, short deck, and perfect proportions. That first Z was designed to appeal to buyers in its main market of the United States, and the new model will be no different. Just get a load of one artist's vision of the dynamic silhouette.



While the car will feature a low-slung, swooping body, it will be downsized from the current 370Z to dimensions that resemble the original's. That means the car will lose around 2 inches in width from the current 72.6 inches. Our insider mentions that lightweight high-tensile steel will be used to further reduce the car's curb weight by up to 420 pounds to a class-leading 2866 pounds. According to a source close to Nissan, the Z35 will be powered by a choice of V-6 and four-cylinder engines at first. Company bosses want to phase out the V-6, though a small but strong fan base might lead engineers to retain it. Nissan feels that it has to "wean" the motoring public off the six cylinder, which has been its mainstay powerplant since the very beginning, and switch to a more fuel-efficient four. We are told that the new four-cylinder will be a 2.5-liter turbo unit and incorporate direct injection to make at least 330 hp. But our insider explains that Nissan bosses are concerned about fuel economy and CO2 emissions, a fact that will almost certainly force them to reduce power to around

280 hp. For a gutsier Z, we can look to the company's in-house tuning arm Nismo, which is rumored to be working on a 330-plus-hp model.

The Z33 of 2002 was a big hit and its low-\$30,000s price tag helped it drive out showroom doors. With the Z34, Nissan created a good-looking, sharp-handling coupe, but by Nissan targeting rivals in the BMW Z4, Porsche Cayman, and Audi TT, the price went into the low \$40,000s and hurt sales. The new Z35 must pick up where the Z33 left off and reinvent the Z car all over again. That means downsizing while creating a compelling design and minimizing its sticker price. And employing four-cylinder turbos will do the brand no harm in lowering prices, CO2, and fuel consumption.

We can expect to see the Z concept unveiled at the Detroit auto show in January. The final production version should debut one year later at the same show with a price tag starting under \$30,000.

Per the attendees at the National Convention, some more info will be released in November at the Tokyo auto show.

Read more at www.motortrend.com/future/future_vehicles/1308_new_nissan_z_car_code_named_z35_in_pipeline/

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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
September 15, from 9-3 Cantigny Car Show	Cantigny 1S151 Winfield Rd. Wheaton, IL	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net
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