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Boy oh boy, I just don't get it. What is it about buying new tires? Do you recall 3 years ago I had bought new tires for my '90 300ZXTT and within a few days had a bolt puncture the rear tire? I had to replace the tire as it was not repairable. This was the second time that this had happened for this Z, the first was with the previous set of tires I bought several years back. Not just that, the rear tire size is hard to find these days. Anyway, just recently I had bought new tires for my wife's SUV. They were pretty expensive tires, more than my Z's to be honest as they were 19 inch tires and my Z is running the stock 16 inch ones. For whatever reason I was asked if I wanted to buy a hazard warranty, etc. I usually pass on these things but by perhaps divine intervention, I said fine, whatever. The price wasn't terribly bad and it is my wife and kids who are usually in it anyway. Well, within 5 days, my dear wife just happened to mention right before I retired for the night that "Oh, by the way, the light came on for the tire pressure today." Um, hello, could you tell me before I crawled into bed? So I went back downstairs and into the garage. I thought that perhaps the monitor just needed to be reset or perhaps the pressures were not set properly. Wouldn't you know it, she had a low left rear tire and upon closer inspection, there was a decent size nail in it. Come on, what are the odds? I put some air in it and it seemed to hold for now. I rechecked it in the morning and it was OK. The earliest I could bring it in was in 4 days so I gave her the papers and she reluctantly brought the SUV in to have it looked at. I



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know it is usually a guy thing to do but so be it. Fortunately the tire was repairable....at no cost to me. Another thing I do not understand are gas prices. I know I have talked about it before but it still irks me. Here are some examples. As you know, there used to be a 10 cent difference between the grades of gas. This was pretty standard since I started driving. Over the last few years this had escalated to a 20 cent difference, so you would pay 40 cents more for premium than regular unleaded. I guess I kind of got used to that. Well, last week I pulled into a Shell (I seem to complain about them a lot) and it was advertising regular at \$4.03 a gallon (without a car wash) so I assumed it would be \$4.43 for the premium. I was wrong. The price was \$4.53 a gallon. Come on...what the! Who do you think you are? I left without buying gas and bought it somewhere else at the "expected price".

Not only that, our friends in Indiana seem to have it a bit better. We were in Munster, IN for a swim meet last weekend and I knew it would be cheaper out there so I timed it so my wife's SUV was going on fumes as we got there. I pulled into the Speedway and wouldn't you know it, their premium was only 30 cents more than regular unleaded. A steal! Ah, the good old days when all you would worry about was homework, girls and pimples. I topped it off and then some. I was smiling all day long.

Several members were able to go to the Midwest Z

event in June and had a great time. I was unfortunately unable to go but some of the attendees did send me pictures (AKA tease me) during the weekend festivities. I know for sure I will be going to next year's event as we are the host for 2015. We are in the early planning stages for it and the tentative dates are June 12-14, 2015. Look for an Evite in the future for a preliminary meeting.

July is going to be a busy month for the club. We have our Cruisin Z USA 2014 right around the corner. There will be "People's Choice" awards as we did last year. It seemed to work out well. The location should get us plenty of traffic and there are several restaurants and stores within walking distance.

An FYI about a show next month. My friend Steve is a member of the Willowbrook/Burr Ridge Chamber of Commerce and told me that Nissan is cosponsoring their annual Crusin 66 Fest Car & Bike Show on Saturday, August 9th from 11 AM to 3 PM. They will have on display some new vehicles and would like our club to display our Z's as well. This info is all from Steve as we have not been contacted by Nissan. My understanding is that we will be parking adjacent to their new cars. I'll have more information next month. See you this weekend.

~ Ty

Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities



Recap of past events: We had a great time at the Lisle Cruise Night in May. This is held the last Saturday of every month if you are interested. Allie and I arrived at 6pm, which was a little late for finding a

spot on the street, we'll need to get there at 5 pm or so next time when they open for parking. We ended up in a grassy lot just off the street, which was still not a bad spot. We actually spent most of the night in the Yerbebuena mexican restaurant having dinner. This is a good place for having some creative Mexican entrees.

A group of us went to the Midwest Heritage Z Fest in Aurora, Ohio. As we were driving east on I-80 we noticed a red Z32 entering the highway from the ramp just ahead of us. A quick speed upIt was none other than Tom and Sharon Keene! The weather was nice the whole time. If you have "liked" us on Facebook, you were able to vicariously participate through the photos and updates we posted on Facebook during the weekend. The Cleveland Ohio club did a great job with this event. There was a nice drive through the some good roads. They were able to get all the trophy winner car photos up during the banquet. I came home with tire covers from the raffle, and some quick shine as a door prize. As door prizes, Allie

picked up a large Michelin umbrella, and C.J a duffle bag from the previous National Z Con in Cleveland. "Mad" Mike again let C.J. drive his 350Z. This time I rode shotgun and navigated, we found some great curvy scenic roads. Thanks again Mike!

Congratulations to the WCZC trophy winners!

1st Gen Daily Driver: 1st Place Dave Jarrell

5th Gen Daily Driver: 1st Place Bob Rosecrans

5th Gen Stock: 2nd Place Jeff Pleiter

6th Gen Stock: 1st Place Bill Opperman,

2nd Place Walter Kreitling

6th Gen Modified: 1st Place Glenn Johnson

Walt Kreitling also won Best Exterior.

As always, keep an eye on the website, www.windycityzclub.com, our windy city z club facebook page, and the evites for up to date info and new events.

EVENTS Calendar:

July 13 - Cruisin' Z USA The host is "A Fireplace Store and More," 1202 B, 75th Street, Downers Grove. From 9 am to 3pm. Trophies will be by people's choice voting. Rain or shine.

July 19 - "The Hawk" Historic Races at Road America. Meet at the Lake Forest oasis on I-294 in time for an 8 am departure from the Oasis to caravan up to the track. Or meet us there – text or call when there to join up – my cell is 630-816-9282. Tom Miller will be racing his Z, so we'll have an opportunity to see how he does and catch up with him in the paddock. Entrance fee is \$50 at the gate. You can tour the Road America during lunch hour (for a fee) if spots are still available. Keep an eye our Facebook page and evite in case the weather is really bad and we cancel.

July 20 - Central Z Enthusiasts Car Show in Springfield, IL. If Road America is not your cup of tea, perhaps you'll be interested in this car show. More information is provided in the flier. This is a backup for me for this weekend should Road America be rainy and the next day looks fine.

July 27 - Breakfast Club Cruise-in at Volo Auto Museum. 9 am to 11 am. Special Interest cars. Free breakfast to the first 150 people (coffee and donuts). Museum admission is half-off. We have not been here as a club for a while. Perhaps we'll tack on a short cruise or other place of interest. Keep an eye on the website, facebook, or evite for more details as they become available.

August 5-9 - International Z car Convention San Diego, California

August 9th from 11 AM to 3 PM. As Ty notes, Willowbrook/Burr Ridge Chamber of Commerce says that Nissan is cosponsoring their annual Crusin 66 Fest Car & Bike Show with a possible invite for our club to

exhibit some cars.

August Additional events TBD We just received an invite to attend a time, speed distance rally on Aug 16.....any interest?

September 13th, (14th) rain date – Z's in the Wood Picnic Kokomo, IN Hosted by Dave Jarrell with Indy Z car Club. Plan is for food and a band. BYOB. More details to follow.

September 21, Cantigny Car Show – This is Rain or Shine. Last year was rain ☹.

Fall Fling date TBD. Rescheduled Poker Run put together by Carl Kush.

As always, we will be scheduling other misc events such as cruise nights and other possible driving events. We are open to event ideas. Email me at villazx10@comcast.net.

We will be forming a committee to start planning for our hosting of the 2015 Midwest Z Heritage Fest. Looking for people to plan activities and take charge of various aspect of the show – registration, cars how, other activites, hotel contact, etc. We will start setting up the committee at following Cruisin' Z.

~ 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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WCZC patch - \$3/ea
 License plate frames - \$3/ea or \$5/pair
 WCZC polo shirt - \$30, specify size
 Contact Ty at tyozgen@gmail.com to purchase

Windy City Z 2014 Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & other info
July 13 – Cruzin' Z Show	A Fireplace Store & More 1202 B, 75 th St, Downers Grove	Jeff Pleiter - villazx10@comcast.net
July 19 – "The Hawk" Historic Races	Road America	Jeff Pleiter - villazx10@comcast.net
July 20 – Central Z Enthusiasts Show	Springfield, IL	See flier
July 27 – Breakfast Club Crusie-In	Volo Auto Museum	
August 5-9 – Int'l Z Convention	San Diego, California	
August 9 (11-3pm) – Cruisin 66 Fest Car & Bike Show	Willowbrook/Burr Ridge	Nissan is sponsoring, the club may get an invite to display cars
Sept 13, 14? – Z's in the Woods Picnic	Kokomo, IN - Indy Z Car Club	
Sept 21 – Cantigny Car Show	Cantigny, Wheaton IL	
TBD – Fall Fling/Poker Run		Carl Kush



2014
Midwest Z
Heritage Fest
6/13-6/15

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Type of Zs Owned (Please indicate year and quantity):

240Z _____ 300ZX _____
 260Z _____ 350Z _____
 280Z _____ 370Z _____
 280ZX _____

How did you hear about our club? _____

Membership Categories: Please check one

- \$30.00 for one year (incl. foreign countries)
 - \$50.00 for two years (incl. foreign countries)
 - \$25.00 for one Associate year*
 - \$40.00 for two Associate years*
- *Associates must live at least 300 miles outside Chicago

I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

- Autocrossing
- Trips-Touring
- Rallying
- Car Restoration
- Road Racing
- Social Events
- Tech Seminars
- Hosting a club event
- Customizing
- Committee Volunteer
- Club Representative
- Leadership Role

If you have any questions concerning these categories, please call one of the Club Officers listed above.

Please make your check payable to the Windy City Z Club and mail it with this application to:
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 6770 Aspen Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532

Your membership packet will be sent to you by return mail within four to six weeks