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It is hard to believe that in less than two months we will be hosting the 2015 Midwest Z Heritagefest. It just came up so fast didn't it? I feel we are in good shape though with our planning. Jeff has been instrumental with this and I appreciate his efforts. As a club, I really believe we will put together a great event. The only thing not in our control is the weather. Let's keep our fingers crossed, especially on Saturday. We are always looking for help so do not be afraid to volunteer.

My Z's are still in hibernation but I foresee the day they awaken to be not far away. We finally are getting some decent days with the weather. Even the trees and shrubs finally have changes, though a bit behind previous years in my opinion. I have noted a few sports cars out there in traffic in the last few weeks, even a Z roadster with the top down. Once I park my Zs for the winter, I usually do not touch them other than just charging the battery periodically. Some people say you should start them every now and then. I don't know if that is the right thing or not.

This winter I decided to tackle something on my "Z things to do" list. Some of you know that my radio system in my '90 300ZXTT has not worked in years. It used to crackle a lot in the speakers and then lately nothing. The radio would turn on; the antenna would go up but no sound. I thought it was the radio as it seemed to happen somewhat rapidly. That was not the case. The problem was the speakers. All 5 of them. The 2 door speakers, the 2 rear hatch speakers and the front center speaker. Apparently they have an amplifier in them that tends to go out. I just seemed weird that they all went in a short time frame but they did. I really did not want to tackle pulling the door panels and rear panels off as I thought it was too much of a hassle. I wasn't really sure what the right approach was anyway. This winter though I decided to try it. With the help of a few videos I was able to pull up on Youtube, I was able to do figure out what needed to be done. The car

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is just hibernating anyway. So I did it. I uncovered it, opened up the doors and rear hatch, took the panels out and pulled all the speakers. Not too bad, I just hoped I would remember how to put it back together again. Believe it or not, there is a place called Factory Car Stereo Repair, just north of Orlando that rebuilds these things. If it wasn't for them, I would have just left them in as is and not used the radio. Some people had suggested that I just replace the speakers and radio with an aftermarket system but you know me, I like them stock. So I boxed the speakers up and mailed them. I put \$500 insurance on them in case the USPS lost them as these things are impossible to find. Within 2 days after they received them I got a call stating they were ready to be shipped back. That's great but I was hoping it would take a bit longer since I was leaving on spring break with the family in a few days. I did not want them delivered when I was not home. Hmmmm, what should I do? Then I got an idea. I'm going to be driving down to Orlando the following week, why don't I just pick them up. It'll save me the shipping cost anyway. That is exactly what I did. Once again we had rented a minivan, the only way to travel with kids. It was full of a suitcase, a few carryon size bags, tennis rackets and of course a cooler. I made sure there was plenty of room for the speakers. The first Monday down there, I drove up to them and picked up my speakers, about a 30min drive. They were located in an industrial park and it was more or less a 1000sq foot room with 2 people repairing OEM radios and speakers. Nice people and he even gave me a lifetime warranty. Thanks. I was really anxious to get home to put them back in. Actually I was more nervous about remembering how the put them back together, hoping

that the sooner I do it, the fresher it would be in my memory banks. Well, after a week of vacation and 3,000 miles, we were home. No it was not the first thing I did. I was tired. I tackled it the following weekend and you know what? They work, I have a radio. Better yet, I can listen to my cassettes! Everything went back together fine with one exception. I had one extra screw on the passenger side door. I went back several times trying to figure it out but no luck. The door shut properly, the window went up and down and no rattles! I have a spare screw now. Cool.

~ Ty

Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities



We had a great turnout at the WCZC general meeting in April. I didn't count the people there, but we had 25 people RSVP. Bill and Andy, two new members, also attended. Bill has a nice 280ZX and Andy a 350Z Roadster. The plans for the Heritage Z Fest are coming together nicely. Make sure you make you turn in your application so we can get our headcounts for the show and dinner. We already have people coming from as far as Canada.

A bit of "Mad" Mike news as posted by Chris Karl on Facebook:

Mad Mike Taylor (part of the ZCCA team and long time Z enthusiast/advocate) happened to be in Chris's neighborhood this week as he stopped in on folks on his way back toward home and had intended to stop and see the Delta/Memphis guys on the way back to TX. ...His trip back was met by a "hiccup".

Enroute from Nashville to Memphis, his Nissan Xterra was rear-ended by a semi-driver not paying attention as traffic slowed for an accident scene...propelling his vehicle into the one in front of him.

That's the bad news. There are two elements of very good news to this story - Mike was not seriously injured (just sore from the impact). The second positive is that our Z community came through yet again to help a Z friend in need. Jimmy Rogers...part of the Delta Z Club skipped a convention team meeting to drive with his dad 4 hours to where Mike was and gave him a ride another 4 hours to Memphis. The Delta gang found a place for Mike to stay and Mike had another local club member out of Texas drive through to come get him.

The power of Z community is strong - thanks to Jimmy [Rodgers](#) and his Dad for helping Mike out and to the Delta Z guys for making sure Mike was taken

care of (for those who know Mike [Taylor](#)...there's a lot of need there!

Hagerty Insurance has also posted a YouTube video: Datsun 240Z Buyers guide. Check it out! Also on Hagerty's website is a story about an enthusiast search for the black and gold 280zx turbo that got away.

On a personal Z note, I did take my 280ZX up to Bennett Coachworks for some minor repairs to the air dam, interior vinyl repair/replacement, and some other misc. repairs - kind of a "sympathetic" restoration to do without losing its nature as a survivor. On the way there, there was a short scraping noise and a bit of burnt smell. Gauges for oil pressure, temp and alternator seemed still good and there was no other evidence of a problem. A quick stop and inspection off the next exit found that the belt for the air conditioning broken and caught up in the engine compartment. Fortunately that was all that particular belt runs, so I was able to continue with no more ill effects and one more item for Bennett to take care of. Turns out it was the clutch for the A/C compressor that seized up. I'll keep you all posted.

Under the Dome Car Show May 2nd Bridgeview Sports Dome, 8900 S. 77th Avenue Bridgeview, IL 60455. Staging from 7 to 9 am. Registration is \$15. Pre-registered attendees get a "participation gift. We did this show a couple of years ago. It is inside the dome, so it will be warm and dry even if it is not so outside. The registration form can be found on our website.

Next WCZC Meeting Date is May 3, 2015. We will be meeting again at Buona Beef on Army Trail Road at 6 pm. Bring out that Z!

May 16 or 17 Spring Fling Drive. I am looking into a drive to, and tour of the B. Harley Bradley Frank Lloyd Wright house in Kankakee. **Watch for an evite and email.** I am still determining the allowable tour group size. Tour is \$15 and last about an hour. We'll plan on lunch and there a couple of nice roads along the Kankakee River. If this does not work out, I'll plan something else for this weekend, so hold the date.

Midwest Z Heritage Fest, June 12 to 14, 2015. We are hosting in 2015. Hotel will be the Lisle Hyatt, Car Show will be at the Bolingbrook Promenade. You can go on-line now and reserve your room for the event. Our website has a direct link to the hotel website to get the discount. Please register as soon as you can if you are planning on attending. Visit our website or www.midwestzheritage.com

July 11 Fundraiser Ride for Myasthenia Gravis. This is a motorcycle ride, but Bob Rosecrans has confirmed that the Z Club will be welcome. Starts in the Harley Davidson shop in Countryside and ends at

the Kettle Moraine State Park in Oconomowoc, Wisc. \$25 donation goes to the Myashenia Gravis Foundation of Illinois. More detail will be provided in next newsletter.

International Z Car Convention July 14-19.

Memphis Tennessee. Hotel and event details can be found at: www.zccazconvention.com. A number of club members and spouses are going. Not all members are leaving at the same time. Leave a RSVP message on the evite. Or email me if you want to join up with other WCZC members for the drive.

Z's in the Woods August 15, 2015 Barb and Dave are hosting Z's in the Woods again this year and make it a joint Indy and Windy City event once more. Start time is 2 pm EST. BYOB. Food, soft drinks and water will be provided. Live music will be Jason Skaggs Band, a local Kokomo group. People's Choice car show casual non-detail car show. This time there will not be a rain date and if the weather is bad we all will park on the street and driveway and move the party indoors. More details will be provided in the future. 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.

We will be scheduling other misc events such as cruise nights and other possible driving events. We are open to event ideas. A few have been sent in and are on the burner. Email me at villazx10@comcast.net.

~ 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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Z Boutique



WCZC patch - \$3/ea
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For Sale: 15” tires, came on my 1976 280Z, has 205R60-15 tires. Very Good condition. Center cap is aluminum with a black Z decal added. Asking \$200 for the set. 815-343-4205 – Rick Uranich

Windy City Z 2014 Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & other info
May 2 nd – Under the Dome show Staging: 7 - 9am	8900 S. 77 th Avenue Bridgeview, IL 60455	
May 3 rd – WCZC General Mtg, 6pm	Buena Beef, Glendale Heights	Ty Ozgen – tyozgen@gmail.com
May 16-17 – Spring Fling	TBD: Bradley Frank Lloyd Wright house, Kankakee IL	
May 22-24 – NISMO Fiesta	San Antonio, TX	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net
June 12-14 – Midwest Z Heritage Fest	Hyatt Hotel, Lisle, IL	Jeff Pleiter – villazx10@comcast.net
July 11 – Ride for Myasthenia Gravis	Harley Davidson, Countryside to Kettle Moraine State Park	
July 21-25 – Int'l Z Car Convention	Memphis, TN	www.zccazconvention.com
Aug 15 – Z's in the Woods, 2pm EST	Kokomo, IN	

IZCC's 2015 "Z's In the Woods", Saturday, August 15th For Indy Z and Windy City Z Members Hosted by The Jarrell's at 2001 Greytwig Drive, Kokomo, IN 46902

We want to fill the yard with a multitude of Z's of every generation. We will provide all the food, soft drinks and water. All we ask is that you BYOB of your preference. (Please drink responsibly) Your only requirement is to show up!

We plan to gather by 2 PM, Kokomo time, (1 PM Chicago time) and eat shortly after everyone arrives. We will have Jason Skaggs Band, a local Kokomo group, to keep you awake during the People's Choice car show. Within the past year they have opened for Booker T. Jones (of MG's fame) and Here Come the Mummies.

Don't worry about the car show. Please, no detailing, bugs welcome!! Bring your car show folding chairs. This is a rain or shine event. If the weather is bad, we park on the drive/street and move the party indoors.

Please RSVP by Friday, August 7th to Dave & Barb Jarrell, orthodoc13@hotmail.com or via the E-vite sent by Windy City Z and the IZCC.

Find us on MapQuest: <http://mapq.st/Ph8YZ6>



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 280ZX _____

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