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Well my fellow Z friends, the end of the summer is near and the earlier daily rains have let up so that means you have been driving your Z, right? I can say I have been driving mine to various things. Of course the '80 and '83 are for more casual driving events like a Z club event or just a drive for the fun of it. The Tenth Anniversary has gotten its fair share of car shows this year and it is not to say I do not love the others. One reason is to empty out the gas tank. I might put 100+ miles on it a summer and that is not enough to go through the tank. I drain the rest for the lawnmower or tractor. The '83 does get driven more as seen during the cruise down to the Frank Lloyd Wright house in Kankakee earlier in the year. The '90 gets more use over the summer for a few reasons. One is that it has the best air conditioning of the 3 Z's. The other is that it still has regular plates and regular auto insurance on it rather than antique vehicle and collector car insurance. It can go to work, to the store, to pick up the kids (at least one) from swimming practice or something. However I may have to think twice about its use in the future. In a recent article I received from Haggerty Insurance, the Z32 (1990-1996) was list as a Top 10 Emerging Collector Vehicle calling it a gorgeous car that handled well. Yeah baby. I kind of already knew that. Even my oldest (soon to be 14) now has expressed interest in the car as he likes how it looks. He refers to it as the twin turbo and asks if he can have it one day. Wow, I'm glad he has started an interest in cars but my twin turbo? Hmmmm.

I wish I had the time to attend the National Convention that was held in Memphis last month but I had just gotten back from a 2 week trip to Turkey. It is kind of hard to come back, only to take another week off. From what I heard talking about it to the other members the event was a lot of fun but hot. Jeff has a nice write-up of his most excellent adventure. As far as

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overseas, once again I was scoping out all the different cars available out there. As far as Nissan, the Qashqai is quite popular. It is a SUV that is a bit smaller than the Rogue. Most of the cars out there are smaller anyway with smaller engines for fuel economy purposes. My cousin has one with a 1.5 litre diesel in it which I believe is rated at over 50mpg. His wife has one with a 2 litre gas engine, which is rated in the upper 30 mpg range. When I asked him about the two, he liked the diesel version better because of the quicker acceleration and the better miles per gallon or should I say kilometers per litre. I did ride in it and was quite impressed. For a small SUV, it was quite smooth and it had good pickup. Was it a Z...no.

When I got back to O'Hare, I was greeted in an interesting way. We had just gotten off the plane after an 11 hour flight. We had to take the escalator down to the Passport Control. As we traveled down it, we were greeted by a huge poster advertising for the Nissan GTR. You couldn't miss it. Everyone entering the country at O'Hare is sure to see it. Welcome to America. That must have cost a pretty penny.

Anyway, we still have several things coming up for the club including the picnic on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September. We will cater from Buono Beef, having roast beef and bread as well as soft drinks and water. Please feel free to bring a side dish to share if you like. It will be from 11ish to 4 PM. There is a pavilion for us to sit under. Please check the WCZC website and Evite for more up to date information.

~ Ty

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## 2015 ZCCA Judged Car Show on Beale St.

### Daily Driver Class:

Awards – Datsun 260Z Daily Driver

*Winners:*

1st Place – David Jarrell (1212)

Awards – 5th Generation Daily Driver

*Winners:*

1st Place – Bob Rosecrans (1497)

### Stock Class

Awards – Datsun 240Z Stock Class

*Winners:*

1st Place – Ted Targonski (1330)

Awards – 2nd Generation Stock Class

*Winners:*

1st Place – George Furbush (1490)

Awards – 5th Generation Stock Class

*Winners:*

2nd Place – Jeff Pleiter 1355

1st Place – Tom Keene 1321 (in a 370Z!)

### Street Modified Class

Awards – 5th Generation Street Modified Class

*Winners:*

1st Place – Carl Kush (1313)

Awards – 6th Generation Street Modified Class

*Winners:*

2nd Place – Glenn Johnson (1328)



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

### **Z's in the Woods August 15, 2015**

Barb and Dave Jarrell again hosted Z's in the Woods - a joint Indy Z Club and Windy City event once more. Dave and Bard provided food and non-alcoholic drinks. The music from Jason Skaggs Band was great. Despite rain in Chicago, the weather was rain free and great in Kokomo. An impromptu dance party broke out to "Uptown Funk" – dancing led by Carl Kush in his fashionable Minion goggles eyewear. Check out the video at the Windy City Z Club or Indy Z Club Facebook pages. Might be on our website as well.

### ***Upcoming events:***

**WCZC Meeting/Picnic - September 13.**  
Details/Location to be determined, but plan on an

outdoor picnic, we'll get Bueno Beef or something catered in, plus potluck side dishes/desserts.

### **Cantigny Car Show September 20.**

This is always a nice show with the museum, gardens, and mansion on the grounds for touring. Registration is 7 am to noon. Show is from 9 am to 3 pm. Cost \$12 to pre-register, \$15 at the gate. We'll meet for breakfast first and go in together. [www.cantigny.org](http://www.cantigny.org).

### **Octoberfest hosted by Continental Nissan.**

Saturday October 3. We will be providing details soon. Keep an eye on our website, Facebook page and evites.

### **Fall Fling Drive.**

TBD. Probably Wisconsin, probably Oct. 10 or 17.

### **WCZC Birthday Party.**

Tentative Saturday November 14 – Ty is working on arrangements.

As always, keep an eye on the website, [www.windycityzclub.com](http://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 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](mailto:villazx10@comcast.net).

### **Report of the International Z Car Convention:**

HOT FUN, HOT FUN, HOT FUN. That describes the International ZCCA Convention in Memphis. The temperature all week included highs in the Mid to Upper 90s. Heat indices were often above 100 due to the high humidity. The highest reading I saw on the car thermometer was 105°. The trick was to manage your activities based on the heat. I was glad I decided to drive the 2007 Nismo with excellent A/C. It is a trick to get 2 people and their carry-on luggage, car cleaning supplies, soft sided cooler, one camp chair, umbrella and a bag of snacks in the hat of a 350Z.

We made the trip down on Monday, before the official activities started on Tuesday. It was 9 hours at a more or less leisurely pace with stops. Once there, we joined other WCZC and Indy Z Club people for dinner in the hotel. I think we had 14 in the corner of the restaurant and had a great time connecting up with everyone. Allie and I then headed out and hung out at the pool with Mad Mike and a few other Z people.

Tuesday was up early to wash the bugs and road dirt off the Z before it got too hot. The concept Nismo convertible that debuted at the Chicago Auto show was in the hotel lobby. Since I did not make it to the auto show, this was my chance to check it out. I have to admit it was very cool - I hope they build it. This was the Suds and Shine day and we spent most of the day just hanging out, both in and out of the heat, and

checking out the many Zs and talking to people, with a Target run thrown in to get some food and drink. Registration was in the afternoon, followed by the opening reception in the evening capped by the traditional Texas chili party.

Wednesday was a scheduled track day at the road course, and since I was not doing that, we made that the day for doing some Memphis exploring. Many of you know that Allie does a knitting travel blog, where in addition to the knitting shop interviews she gets from the shops their recommendations for local places to eat, coffee shops, desserts, and destinations. We started out at Gibson's World Famous Donuts, where the owner gave us a tray of his specialties. This included bacon maple donuts, lemon drops, fresh from the oven glazed donut holes and other specialties. Delicious! The owner insisted we needed to go to Soul Fish Café for lunch, ask for the manager, and request the D.D. Special. The D.D. Special was not a menu item, but was his personal off the menu plate. So of course we had to do so for lunch following the first knitting shop interview. Turns out the D.D. Special is a plate that included a catfish filet, some shrimp, hush puppies and fries. A great meal at a charming place - recommended. We then headed out to a recommended clothing store - Timna, and Muddy's Bake Shop where we bought cupcakes. We were not very hungry yet, so we decided to eat the cupcakes later. Allie thought it would be bad form to bring the cupcakes into the next knitting shop, even though we were concerned about leaving them in the hot car. Unfortunately, that was when the temp hit 105 on the thermometer - we came out and the cupcakes had melted in a puddle of liquid. They were in a bag, so no harm to the Z, but we can't report to you how good they were. A few more stops followed before we headed back to the hotel, spent some time in the pool, and then met a group at Marlowe's BBQ for dinner. I had the ribs, but while they were good, they were not any different then we can find in Chicago and not as good as some - not the legendary Memphis BBQ.

Thursday was another motorsports day, so we headed out for more Memphis exploration. Following a leisurely morning we hit Corky's BBQ for an early lunch. Not in the mood for BBQ, I had a catfish sandwich which was delicious. But many others ate there and recommend the BBQ. It was also a local recommendation. Next up was the Ornamental Metal Work Museum. We found a Groupon, so the cost was very little. It is a museum of forged, cast and worked metal. Outdoor there were larger sculpture items, and sections of ornamental fences, gates etc., as well as a working forge and blacksmith. The internal museum

included art pieces and a few more doors and gates. The museum was on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi so there was a great view. We then headed to the Stax Records museum of Soul music. I would consider this a must see for music fans visiting Memphis. It gives the history of Stax record studio and its musicians - people like Sam and Dave, Ray Charles, Otis Redding, and Booker T and the MGs. Thursday was also the screening of Winning - The Paul Newman racing documentary. Z convention goers filled the theatre. The movie was exclusively about his love of racing, and of course most of his racing was in Datsun/Nissan products. I recommend that you go see this if you have a chance.

Friday was the judged car show on Beale Street. Another hot day! While the women went to the Peabody hotel in the morning to drink coffee, eat pie, and watch the duckmaster bring down the Peabody ducks from the Penthouse, the guys spent the morning sweating and cleaning the cars, followed by hiding in any nearby shade we can find once the "towels down" notice went out. It was a pretty cool site to see 70 some Z cars all lined up along Beale Street. The judging went pretty quick - I did not envy their job in the heat. Once people were judged, many of us left by 2 pm to get out of the heat and back to the hotel to cool off and get cleaned up for the riverboat dinner cruise.

While we had fun with the people we were with on the cruise, this was despite being bused to the river on pathetic buses with AC that was virtually non-functioning. The AC on the river boat was not much better, there was one bar with one bartender - the line was always long, and the line for the food was right next to and almost indistinguishable from the line for the bar. The food line went pretty quick though and was decent BBQ pulled pork and other sides. The last 20 minutes we went up on the top deck and finally had some relief from the crowds and a nice view of the sun starting to set. Many people then took the buses to enjoy the night life on Beale Street. Allie though had reached the end of her limited heat tolerance, so we headed back to the hotel for the night.

Saturday was the People's Choice car show at Milikin Airport. Because of the heat, I was one among others who decided not to enter the show as planned, but to go to the show to spectate for a while, and to check out the Nissan, Nismo and other sponsor booths. They did have a good live band - Memphis Jones, who managed to go on once some challenges on getting the power turned on in the hanger were resolved. Two food trucks had been scheduled, but notified the ZCCA at 11 pm the night before that they had "mechanical issues" and could not make it. Plan B turned out to be

ordering Dominoes Pizza. As we were getting hot, the Bob and Marlene Rosecrans, Allie and I decided we had enough of the heat and we headed to The Commissary for lunch. Now here was the legendary BBQ, with the just right amount of smoke taste and BBQ flavor. Then off to the hotel to cool off prior to the Closing Banquet. The night was full of awards, raffle prizes, and speeches from ZCCA and Nissan representatives. Next year's convention will be in Toronto Ontario, August 9-13. They had a terrific video that can be seen on the ZCCA website. Mad Mike gave his usual Don Rickles style roast routine, and also described his time with Mr. K and the memorial service as he had done at our Midwest Z Heritage Show.

There was really no information on the next generation Z, although Hiroshi Tamura-san – Chief Product Specialist at Nissan for the GTR discussed his design philosophy, talking about both the GTR and the Z. He described his philosophy of the Z as being more of a “dance partner”, and the engine of the GTR being not appropriate for the Z. As mentioned in my previous article, my impression (this is just me talking) is that Nissan is looking at taking the Z closer to its roots and more as a competitor to Mazda Miata and the Subaru BRZ / Scion FR-S twins: Light, nimble, emphasis on handling, naturally aspirated 6 cyl. All-in all, it was one of the more enjoyable conventions I have attended. With my wife along, we made this a Memphis focused vacation with a bunch of great Z friends from here and around the country.

~ Jeff

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### NISSAN NEWS

The 2016 Nissan 370Z has the new available Bose® audio system incorporating Active Noise Cancellation (ANC) and Active Sound Enhancement (ASE). A new Deep Blue Pearl exterior color replaces the Midnight Blue color. Otherwise essentially unchanged

The eighth-generation Nissan Maxima "4-Door Sports Car" arrived at Nissan dealers in June. It sports the new 3.5-liter DOHC 24-valve V6 with more than 60 percent new parts – rated at 300 horsepower @ 6,400 rpm and 261 lb-ft torque @ 4,400 rpm and high specific output of 85.7 hp/liter. It starts at \$32,410.

The strong selling Altima is expected to see a significant refreshing for 2016. We can hopefully see it at the Continental Nissan Oktoberfest next month.

In our own backyard, Brad Jaeger and B.J. Zacharias took a podium for the fourth time in the last five races, finishing second at Road America on 8/9/15. The drivers of Doran Racing's #14 Nissan 370Z dominated at times, both leading the 150-minute Continental Tire SportsCar Challenge (CTSCC) race.

370Z sales for the year are at 4,674, down from 4,750 this time last year.

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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 10th of the month.

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## *Windy City Z 2014 Events Calendar*

<b>Date &amp; Event</b>	<b>Venue</b>	<b>Contact &amp; other info</b>
Sept 13 – WCZC Picnic 11am-4pm	Smart Oaks Park in Darien 1500 N Frontage Rd	Catering by Buono Beef
Sept 20 – Cantigny Car Show, 9-3	Cantigny, Wheaton IL	\$12 pre-register, \$15 at gate
Oct 3 – Octoberfest, 11-2?	Continental Nissan	
Oct 10? 17? – Fall Fling	TBD – Wisconsin?	
Nov 14? – WCZC Birthday party	TBD	



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