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I want to share a thought I had this week driving to work. As usual I must endure some type of traffic just by living in the Chicagoland area but fortunate enough to be going in the opposite direction of the majority of people both in my AM commute and in my PM commute. Anyway, I was stopped at a light behind some other cars and to my left just a car length ahead was a Toyota Prius. We all know that these are Hybrid vehicles, running on both gasoline and batteries. They seem to do better in miles per gallon in the city than on the road because they “turn off” the gasoline engine while at a stop. I was with this car for a couple of lights and it was interesting to see it work. I would watch the exhaust and while at a stop, there was no smoke but as soon as it started forward, I could see the exhaust smoke coming out. Technology at work but a couple questions came to my mind. We always hear that most engine wear occurs at start up as opposed to just driving the car so if this engine cycles off and on as frequently as it does, does that mean that these motors are more likely go bad? What about the “warm up” during those cold days when first started. Does the gasoline motor warm up as a regular engine would? Does the battery portion stay off during this time until the gas portion warms up? If it does not, then it would take it longer to get to operating temperature and hence warm up the cabin. Plus the oil may never heat up as compared to a regular gasoline engine so it may have more difficulty in removing moisture from inside the engine leading to rust internally and early failure.... hmmm...I don't know. What about the exhaust system. Will it rust out prematurely as well? If the car does not warm up as much and the condensation in the pipes and muffler never gets blown out then will a person be replacing the exhaust system on a more frequent basis? I don't know the answer but I am sure these questions were thought of by the engineers involved. With gas prices continuing to increase for whatever reason these cars seem to be getting more popular but I am still not sold 100%. I personally feel

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diesel motors are a better alternative but people still have a negative impression of them here in the states as opposed to our friends in Europe. Rumor has it that Nissan will be bringing a diesel option for the Maxima for 2010 but believe it or not this is not the first time that they sold a diesel Maxima in this country. Does anyone remember when that was? I believe it was the 1981-1983 Datsun Maxima where they used the L28 block from the 280ZX. Now there is some interesting trivia.

Don't forget to send in your registration for the upcoming 9th Annual Midwest Z Heritage Show the weekend of June6-9. It is only two months away! We have been meeting monthly to make this an event to remember. We are always looking for help so please let us know if you are interested. Our last meeting was Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Notices for upcoming meetings will be sent through email.

- Ty

**Jeff Pleiter, V.P. Admin. & Membership**



The Midwest Heritage Z Fest is gaining momentum. Registrations are starting to come in from club members, ChicagoZ.com members, and from out of state. The details for the event are also coming together. We are still working on sponsors, but donations include 350Z camber kits from TH motorsports, Nissan Sport Magazine is sending hats and shirts, Nissan Special Vehicles is also sending shirts. Genesis Racing Development is hosting a free Bar-B-Que on Sunday at their shop in Villa Park including dyno sessions. Cost for a dyno session is yet to be finalized. Early registration is due May 1<sup>st</sup> and will save you \$5.00, as well as give us an idea of t-shirt sizes to order and a list of people for the track touring. Registration and information forms are available at <http://www.e-snyder.org/james/WCZC/> as well as at <http://www.windycityzclub.com/>

Speculation on the future 370Z is still popping up on the internet. I have included on photo shopped picture speculation from Left Land News that can be found on the Nissan Sport Magazine website. It was pulled together based on some Japanese magazine spy info. It looks like a cross between the 350Z and a Hyundai Tiburon to me. I hope Nissan is doing better than that.

Photos of the new Maxima are now out on the web. In my opinion that is a good looking car. I hope the handling and performance level is up as advertised.

I have not had any interest yet in attending the Purdue Show on April 19, so I have not set up a caravan meeting place. If you are still interested, email me at [villazx10@comcast.net](mailto:villazx10@comcast.net). Weather is still an iffy proposition this time of year, but last weekend I was able to fire up the Zs and take them out of winter hibernation for a short cruise. Of course this following week and weekend is forecast to be cooler and wetter, maybe even a chance of snow flurries Saturday. Winter never seems to end in Chicago.

- Jeff

### Dave Johnson Jr., V.P. Activities

Hello Z'ers well I finally got to drive my Z after the loooong winter, it was still a bit nippy out but on Minnesota back roads they don't spread any salt; most farmers out there have 4x4's and they don't want the salt to spoil their crops, pigs and cows. I've done some upgrading on my baby blue 2+2 over the winter and have been itching all winter to test them out...I found that I need to change my brake pads cause it was a little bumpy trying to slow down from triple digits to zero...anyhoo, we have some exciting outings that we can do and one of them is next weekend, on Saturday the 20th we can meet with some of the ChicagoZ.com people at their first outing at Dave & Busters, dust off your Z, take the cover off of it, put some fresh 93 octane in it and check it out and meet someone from the other "Z" club in Chicago. The other topic is the Heritage Z Fest in June: we still need volunteers for judging and other facets of the weekend, also need everyone from Chicagoland to register to entice others from other states to join in on the excitement of a big Z event for Chicagoland...Check out the calender for more events and we will send you updates of all new activities through your email.

Zya soon, Dave



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Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
April 19 Purdue Grand Prix	Purdue	villazx10@comcast.net
April 20 Chicago Z	Dave & Busters	www.chicagoz.com
April 20 Autocross (solo II)	Maywood Park	Saltcreek <a href="http://scscc.net/">http://scscc.net/</a>
May 1 <sup>st</sup> Midwest Z HeritageFest early registration forms due!		<a href="http://www.windycityzclub.com">www.windycityzclub.com</a>
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