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I don't see what all the fuss is about. Everyone in this country is complaining about the price of gas and how we can not afford it anymore. All the SUV prices are bottoming out as the more fuel efficient cars become hot sellers. Vacation plans are cancelled because of these prices. Why I ask. If a person drives 500 miles for a vacation with an SUV that gets 15mpg, that equals roughly 33 gallons used. So if you are paying a buck extra per gallon these days, the cost is \$33 more. What is the big deal...just go on the vacation already. Pass on that souvenir and you come out even. As I write this article my local Shell is selling regular unleaded at \$4.25 a gallon and that my friends is a bargain!! You see, I recently got back from my vacation to Turkey and I was floored by their gas prices. You know what they are paying out there? \$13 bucks a gallon!! And we are complaining here. We should be glad!



Just about every car out there is a compact or subcompact. Some of the more familiar names are the Honda Civic and Fit, Toyota Corolla and Yaris, VW Jetta and even American Ford Focus and Chevy Aveo. Not to mention the other brands not available to us here such as Renault, Peugeot, Opel and Fiat. I know I mentioned this in the past but these European brand small cars are really nice looking. They have a style to them that is lacking in the small cars available here. My favorite brand out there was the Alfa Romeo's. There are several different models to choose from and they all have this personality to them. And you know what else; almost every one out there drives a manual. Even my 70 year old aunt was going through the gears as she drove us around. Ya got to love it!!!! Diesels are also abundant with just about every automaker having them available.

What about Nissan? Just like last time I was in Turkey, it's just not a common car out there. You would see the occasional Primera, a mid-size sedan, along with a Pathfinder or two. As far as Z's, just one. A red roadster and it was sitting in a used car lot in

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Istanbul. I am not sure why Nissan never took off out there. Maybe it was the timing or just too much competition. I am not even sure if they are available at Renault dealers or not. I will have to stop by a dealer next time I am there.

- Ty

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

Hey all! I am finally recovering from putting on the Heritage Show, and am looking forward to some upcoming events. I am sure Dave will be sharing some information on events, and we are always looking for more. One event of note: Our sponsor Sound Performance has moved to 554 N. York Road in Bensenville. They are having an open house on Saturday July 26<sup>th</sup> from 11 am to 5 pm. Dyno event, music, food, car show, and give-aways. [www.spracingonline.com](http://www.spracingonline.com) 630-893-5002. I am planning on going, barring other events.



Have you been watching the internet for 370Z information? I have - still no good pictures, just various speculative information and "confirmed" rumors, and "artist renderings" Saw one video of a claimed 370Z in cladding on the freeway. Looks like a November unveiling at the LA Auto Show. I missed last year's Chicago Auto Show. I'll definitely make it this year. Try [www.nissansportmagazine.com](http://www.nissansportmagazine.com) as a jumping off point.

Had new shocks and a new clutch put in the 280ZX this year. The shocks had been in obvious need of replacement, but the clutch not so much. But it has made a noticeable difference in handling and a good solid clutch engagement. Now I am looking forward to some cruising with the club.

The National Convention is near and the prices for registering go up on August 1. This is the closest the convention has been for a while, just a quick day drive to Columbus, Ohio. So if you ever wanted to go,

now is a great time. Let Dave Johnson or myself know if you are planning on going. If you don't want to or can't go, for the whole week, you can just go for part of the time.

- Jeff

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

Hey fellow Z'ers...it's the middle of summer and I only have a few events to announce...I've been uber-busy with my company so I've missed some events myself. I need people to volunteer to host an event, perhaps a Z picnic or maybe help organize a road rally or even just a cruise to the twisties in Madison, WI or Starved Rock, IL type of event. Please let me know if you're got an idea or want to put on an event!

There is an event with the ChicagoZ.com group in Chicagoland as follows:

Alright ladies and gentlemen, we did Hot Import Nights on May 10th, and did we ever rock the house at this event by taking Hottest Club at the event, and two of our members taking home awards, it is now time to defend our title and make sure we bring home another trophy! So ChicagoZ will be participating in Hot Import Night's "Nightshift" this coming August 23rd!

**WHAT:** HIN "Nightshift"

**WHEN:** Saturday, August 23rd

**TIME:** TBA

**WHERE:** Toyota Park in Bridgeview (outdoors)

<http://www.hotimportnights.com/events/event.asp?id=695>

So here is the deal, registration is already open for this event. Whatever you do, **DO NOT GO ON AND REGISTER!!!** We don't want to be big brother, but we are trying to save you \$\$\$\$. Larry and I are working with their event coordinator to get a discount code like we did for HIN, but we need to get a head count going. We are hoping for numbers like last time, if not more since most people like the outdoor event! log onto [www.chicagoz.com](http://www.chicagoz.com) into this link:

<http://chicagoz.com/v-web/bulletin/bb/viewtopic.php?t=13601> for details and the group discount. Lets make a statement to the surrounding states that there are more Z's in Chicagoland than anywhere else in the states! This could be great fun and a good way to meet with the "other Z Club" in the Chicago area. For another Z forum there is Zcrew, just over the border in WI: <http://www.wisconsinzcrew.com/forum/index.php> this brings me to what I believe we should do with the WCZC. I'm working with some IT friends to help show

me how to set up and run a forum for the WCZC to make our club more interactive and be able to talk to each other whenever we feel like it...sounds like fun doesn't it??

Zya soon and send me your suggestions to [buyaz2@hotmail.com](mailto:buyaz2@hotmail.com)

David



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## Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

| Date & Event   | Venue             | Contact & Info   |
|--|-------------------|--|
| July 26 – Sound Performance Open House<br>554 N. York Rd, Bensenville IL | Sound Performance | spracingonline.com<br>630-893-5002                                 |
| Aug 23 – HIN "Nightshift"<br>in Bridgeview                               | Toyota Park       | <a href="http://www.chicagoz.com">www.chicagoz.com</a>             |
| Sept 31- Oct 3 2008 National Z   | Cleveland, Ohio   | <a href="http://www.clevelandzclub.com">www.clevelandzclub.com</a> |

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