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Today is February 28, 2009...the last day of the month. March is here. The days are getting longer, the sun feels warmer, the temps seem to be slowly rising and I am getting the itch. It has been a cruel winter once again and I have not driven the Z's since the fall. Throw that in with the enthusiasm I got after going to the Chicago Auto Show, and I am in dire needs of the summer Z driving.

We had a large group this year that went to the show on February 16th and for a change it was actually a nice day weather-wise. As we entered the show it was nice to see the Nissan logo, especially since for a short period of time Nissan had pulled out of the show like they did in Detroit but our local dealers got together and convinced them otherwise. Of course they had the GT-R on the platform roped off but I was rather surprised that the new 370Z was just put out there with the other products on the floor and that no long haired model in a nice dress was briefing us about the new design and features for 2009. Anyway, we all gathered around the 370Z taking turns sitting inside it, taking pictures etc. It is really a nice makeover of our beloved Z, especially with the interior. It has a richer appearance as far as the materials used in the dash and doors than the 350Z. Also it just seems to have a more aggressive stance than the 350Z. The rear end view reminds of the Porsche 928. Well done Nissan!! The other Nissan products were nothing to ignore either. The new Nissan Cube, even with its quirky look, was certainly a crowd pleaser. I like the new Maxima better than the older version. Again the interior looks much richer than before which is befitting of this car, especially with this competitive market. The Altima has been the bread and butter car for Nissan and is certainly more attractive than its competition (the Accord & Camry). The new Murano is quite a handsome SUV or is it a crossover?...whatever... I like it.

Other non-Nissan cars caught my eye that night

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also. Now I am not talking expensive Ferrari's or Bentley's but more regular cars. I really liked the lines of the Volvo C30 R Design. It is a small hatchback that does not look like other small cars on the road. The Volkswagen CC also had some very elegant lines on it. The Saturn Astra 2 door (aka as the Opel in Europe) seemed to have a different look as well although the interior seemed a little bland for me. What about the Big 3 you ask? Well, don't laugh but the new Taurus SHO was impressive both inside and out as well as the new Buick Lacrosse. I guess that means I am getting older if a Buick caught my eye but it seemed like a nice looking everyday family car. Please don't impeach me!

Here is a true sign of the times though. Every year BMW has a hospitality suite by their display for BMW owners to sit down and have some refreshments, nuts etc. It is usually my halftime rest stop during the show. I just make sure I bring a key from my '88 BMW 635CSi and flash it to them to gain entry. This year I could not find the area so I asked one of the salesmen and I was told there was no suite this year due to the financial crisis. So I had to break down and buy my own Diet Coke. What a bummer.

Before I forget, I want to say thank you to our good friend Jay Weinberger of Continental Nissan who was kind enough to get us complimentary tickets for the auto show once again this year. If that is not enough, he has invited us to get more up close and personal with the new 370Z. Please do join us at Continental Nissan this Saturday, March 7th from 10 AM to 12 noon as we get detailed on the latest edition of our beloved Z. Please email me at tmo212@aol.com if there are any last minute people coming.

Looking into April in lieu of our normal Z General Meeting that is held the first Sunday of the month, we have decided to have a "Presidents Night Out" dinner outing on Saturday, the 18th of April. The restaurant is Ted's Montana Grill located in the Bolingbrook

Promenade Shopping Center, Bolingbrook, Illinois. This will be a casual event for everyone to get together and enjoy good food and spirits. I will have more information for everyone in next month's newsletter. As usual please RSVP to me again. Keep in mind that this center will be the location for our annual Cruisin Z USA Car Show, set for Sunday, August 2nd. This will be a great location for us as we will be parking our cars within the center for all to see. There are plenty of stores and restaurants for us to visit so the spouse and kids won't get bored. Put it on your calendar now!!!

See you Saturday.

- Ty

Jeff Pleiter, V.P. Admin. & Membership



Nissan 370Z First Impressions

This is just a quick take from seeing it at the Chicago Auto Show. I do like the car. My first impression is that it is smaller than I thought it would be. I know it actually is smaller, but I did not think it would be that noticeable at first glance. I think that the styling of the new body gives an impression that the size reduction is more than it actually is. This is a good thing. The 350Z had a bit of a bulky look to me. In previous photos, the "fangs" in the 370Z grill seemed very prominent. In person, they are not as noticeable. I think I could live with them, although I think I would wait for a later year and hope they revise the front fascia to something I like better. The fuel gauge and information center seemed more prominent than in photos. I hope they go back to an analog version in future versions. Maybe a dark red metallic color could be added. Overall, the rest of the car seems to be an improvement over the 350Z in every area. Since we have a tech session coming up at Continental Nissan, I didn't wait in line to get a few seconds to sit in the car while someone breathed over *my* shoulder. I shot a few photos, but I plan to get a more leisurely look next Saturday. Join us!

Nissan Cube

The Nissan exhibit was one of the locations that had very good crowds. The car that caught my wife's eye was the new Nissan Cube. This was the hit of the show for her. This looks like it could be a solid home run for Nissan as a competitor to the other quirky, boxy small cars out there. It looked pretty cool to me. I would certainly pick it over a Scion Xb, Kia Soul, or other similar vehicles. Based on the specs I saw, this looks like a cool, gas efficient, commuter and around town vehicle, with tons of space, great style and plenty of room for four. We'll have to test drive one when it

comes out. No Spec-V version, but if they had one, I would love it as daily vehicle. Maybe the Nismo catalog or the aftermarket will come up with a turbo and some suspension pieces.

Z Attack Nashville Tennessee April 17-18

The Middle Tennessee Z Club is holding this event Friday-Saturday in Nashville Tennessee. Friday is your choice of touring either the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green Kentucky, or the Lane Motor Museum in Nashville. Saturday is the car show. Friday reception, and Saturday lunch is included, all for a price of \$35.00. Since my wife is going to be in Bowling Green the same weekend, I am planning on going to this event. Let me know if you are interested as well. Details can be found at

www.windycityzclub.com or
www.middletennesseezclub.com.

- Jeff



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Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
March 7 th – 370z Tech Session	10am at Continental Nissan	Ty Ozgen tmo212@aol.com
April 18 th – Z Club Dinner	Ted's Montana Grill at the Bolingbrook Promenade Shopping Center	Ty Ozgen tmo212@aol.com please RSVP
June 26-28 - Midwest Z Heritage Fest	Nashville, Indiana Brown County Inn	www.indyzcarclub.com
Aug 2 nd – Cruisin Z Car Show	Bolingbrook Promenade Shopping Center	Ty Ozgen tmo212@aol.com



The Windy City Z Club at the 2009 Chicago Auto Show with the new 370Z.

Greetings All Z Clubs, Please **RSVP** for the **2009 MW Z Heritage Show**, once again held in beautiful Brown County, Indiana. The hotel is already taking reservations , so check your calendar and make your plans.

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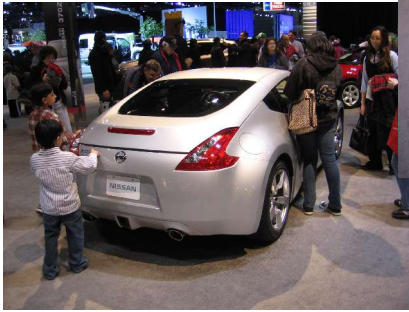
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Details will be announced at www.indyzcarclub.com as the event continues to take shape.

Chicago Auto Show February 16, 2009





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