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Wow, is it over yet? What a winter this has been! Sure it's nice and pretty with all the white stuff but come on, give me a little greenery and some sunshine. If we are going to get more precipitation, let it be rain so all the salt (the other white stuff) can be washed away in preparation for our Z's coming out of hibernation. I give those people who drive their Z's in the winter my condolences as I know the salt probably was not friendly to them this year. My Z's sit tucked away under their blankets but I used to drive my '83 year round when I first bought it and it really was not a bad winter car. The tires were thinner than what is on the newer Z's and being an automatic it never had a problem with the snow. It had a great heater as well. No heated seats but the sheepskins on the seats certainly kept me comfortable.

Photo by Ty Ozgen

As bad as it has been, we were able to have some fun this year with the club. We went out to the annual "Presidents Night out" dinner at Reza's Persian restaurant in January. We did have a snowstorm that day but about an hour before the scheduled dinner time, the clouds separated leaving a clear but cold moonlit sky. Unfortunately some members were not able to attend but those who did were treated to a wonderful meal. We had a great time sitting around the table with friends. I know I was full.

Our annual trek to the Chicago Auto Show was not marred by weather but it was cold. Again I want to thank Jay Weinberger from Continental Nissan for getting us the free tickets. His generosity and support



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of out club through the years has always been appreciated. Our usual Starbucks meeting point was moved to the other side of the floor but we were still able to find each before we headed in. As usual we headed straight for the Nissan display to see the beloved Z. They had a 2014 NISMO in Solid Red with a sticker price of \$45,180. That's it, no other Z's. Sure it was nice and all but as a consumer for a sports car, this is pretty pricey. If I were in the marketing business for Nissan, I would certainly tell them to put a more

affordable Z on display, perhaps the base \$29,990 version. Many buyers are looking at this price range to buy a sport car. The Subaru BRZ starts at \$25,595, the Scion FR-S at \$25,255 and the Hyundai Genesis at \$26,350. Granted these are not in the same class as the Z but back in 1969-1970 when the 240Z came out, it undercut the other sports cars out there with the price but it had the handling etc to match. That's where it all

started. I would hate to see Nissan loose Z sales to these other cars who are now undercutting the Z in price but the truth is that Z sales are indeed down and in my opinion, this is a big reason for it. As far as other Nissan products, the Altima is definitely a nice 4 door sedan with cleaner lines than the Maxima which is getting a bit dated. The whole display was kind of bland, again in my opinion. No pizzazz. I know I have

critiqued their display in the past but even Honda and Toyota could have used more spice. Just like the Japanese cars came in to the market 40 yrs ago, now the Koreans are taking their spot in building flashy cars with a lot of “bling bling” but at a reasonable price. Hyundai has a nice looking lineup and now Kia is definitely coming along as well.

As far as Infiniti, why did they change the names of each model? Maybe I just have to get used to it but to me, a G37 is a G37, not a Q60...or was that a Q50. Hmm.

My favorite car of the show? This year, the award goes to the Jaguar F-Type. A beautiful 2 door coupe that was dressed in red. It also is available in a convertible but the coupe had better lines.



Also, I don't know if you had the time to go to the back but they had a Chicago Auto Show time-line with various pictures and special events shown. They even had a picture from the 1976 Datsun area with a 280Z. Pretty cool!

Anyway, keep your eye on the E-vites for upcoming activities as we get into Spring. See you at the next event.

~ Ty



Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities

As I write this column on Saturday morning March 8, the snow is coming down again. There is a still a thick snow cover on the ground and enormous pile of snow from plows everywhere. However, yesterday was above freezing and most of the days next week are expected to have highs above freezing. So there are signs of spring. I have even noticed a few 350Z and 370Zs on the salty roads. I think they, like us, are getting impatient for Spring.

As always, keep an eye on the website, www.windycityzclub.com, and our windy city z club facebook page for info and updates for the following events:

March 22 or 23: “Need for Speed” movie. I don't expect this to have an Oscar winning plot, but I think that we will enjoy a car movie in anticipation of Spring. I am thinking a Sunday matinee followed by dinner. I'll check movie times and locations when it comes out on the 14th. That will give us time to get the word out for the following work and determine time/location.

April 6: 6 pm. WCZC General Meeting – Fuddruckers or possible alternate location. Keep an eye out for the evite.

Other possible April events:

- Dust-Off Drive. Date TBD. If we get a good warm weekend -short drive in the country backroads. Lunch in Sandwich IL. Keep an eye out for a last minute evite.
- Ty has a possible informational event in the works for Iron Gate Motor Condo to be built in 2014. This is a garage/condo concept. www.irongatemotorcondos.com

May 17 or 18 (tentative): Spring Fling - Currently planned as a variation of the drive from last Spring in the Monroe - New Glarus area. More info to be provided in April.

May 25: Sandwich, IL car show: 8 AM - 3 PM
 42nd Annual Auto Show & Swap Meet Sandwich Fair Grounds in Sandwich IL, 60548
 Breakfast and Lunch on grounds. Show Cars \$10.00
 Car Corral: \$20.00 Cars For Sale in Show Area: \$30.00
 Admission: General Admission Donation - \$5.00
 UNDER 12 FREE Sponsored by: Silver Springs Chapter Illinois Region AACA. This is a non-judged show-n-shine event, rain or shine, no-preregistration, open to all years and cars – just show up.

June 13-15. Midwest Z Heritage Fest – Aurora Ohio. A good group of us will be attending. Website for the event, including hotel information is at www.midwestzheritage.com. Schedule is:

Friday

1-8 Registration

2-7 Keg and Clean parking lot party

Saturday

8 am Guided car show parking

10 am Judging starts

ZCCA rules. Stock, DD & Modified
 1st, 2nd, 3rd place trophies

People's Choice: Generation, Engine
 Interior, Exterior, & Non-Z
 70(!) trophies awarded at the dinner

2:30-5 Road Rally
 Awards Dinner
 7:30-9:30 Casino Night
 Sunday
 Departures & Informal Breakfast at Bertram

July TBD Cruisin' Z USA We have a new location planned for this.

July 20 Options: Trip to Road America Historics and/or Join Central Z Enthusiasts for Car Show in Springfield, IL. Let us know if you like one or the other – we could do two groups based on interest.

August 5-9. International Z car Convention San Diego, California

September 13th, (14th: rain date) – Z's in the Wood Picnic Kokomo, IN Hosted by Dave Jarrell with Indy Z car Club. Plan is for food and a band. BYOB. More details to follow.

Fall Fling date TBD. Rescheduled Poker Run put together by Carl Kush.

As always, we will be scheduling other misc events such as cruise nights and other possible driving events. We are open to event ideas. Email me at villazx10@comcast.net.

We will be forming a committee to start planning for our hosting of the 2015 Midwest Z Heritage Fest. Looking for people to plan activities and take charge of various aspect of the show – registration, cars how, other activities, hotel contact, etc. We will start setting up the committee at our April meeting.

~ Jeff

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Nissan News

Sold! Barrett-Jackson Lot #686 - 2003 NISSAN 350Z 2 DOOR COUPE VIN #0001



Detailed Information

Lot Number: 686 Auction: SCOTTSDALE 2014
 Status: SOLD Sale Type: NO RESERVE Price: *\$21,450.00 Year: 2003 Make: NISSAN Model: 350Z Style: 2 DOOR COUPE VIN: JN1AZ34E13T000001 Exterior Color: SILVER Interior Color: BLACK Cylinders: 6 Engine Size: 3.5L Transmission: 6-SPEED MANUAL

Details

This is the very first production vehicle to roll off the assembly line for the new launch of the Nissan 350 Z series in 2002. It is VIN # 0001 with a well-documented history. It was originally purchased in 2002 by Hugh Hall, the owner of Performance Nissan in Everett, WA and put in his personal collection and on display in his dealership. It has just over 250 original miles, title shows exempt. It has been very well taken care of. This car truly is still brand new. It has always been garaged and meticulously maintained. Everything works as it should be in this one-of-a-kind rarity. From the Scott Thomas Collection.

*Price Includes Buyers Commission

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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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 License plate frames - \$3/ea or \$5/pair
 WCZC polo shirt - \$30, specify size
 Contact Ty at tmo212@aol.com to purchase

Windy City Z 2014 Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact Info
March 23, 24? – Need for Speed movie	TBD	Jeff Pleiter - villazx10@comcast.net
April 6 – Z General Meeting	Fuddrucker's in Downers Grove	Ty Ozgen - tmo212@aol.com
May 18 or 19 (?) Spring Fling	Monroe – New Glarius	Jeff Pleiter - villazx10@comcast.net
May 23 – Sandwich Car Show	Sandwich, IL	
June 13-15 – Midwest Z Heritagefest	Aurora, Ohio	
July TBD – Cruzin' Z Show	TBD	Jeff Pleiter - villazx10@comcast.net
July 20 opt1 – Road America Historics	Road America	Jeff Pleiter - villazx10@comcast.net
July 20 opt2– Springfield	Springfield, IL	
August 5-9 – Int'l Z Convention	San Diego, California	
Sept 13, 14? – Z's in the Woods Picnic	Kokomo, IN - Indy Z Car Club	
TBD – Fall Fling/Poker Run		Carl Kush



Chicago Auto Show

Photos by Ty Ozgen



Bugatti Veyron 16.4

MSRP: \$1,487,640
 Engine type and size:
 W16 8.0L Quad Turbocharged
 Horsepower: 1001 hp
 Top speed: 253 mph
 0-62 mph time: 2.46 seconds



1976 Datsun 280Z

Imports were gaining in stature in both sales and display quality at the Chicago Auto Show in 1976 when a segment of the Datsun area showed a 280-Z with slatted rear window in the foreground, and a simulated wood-trimmed 510 wagon and B-210 behind it.





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