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I have to share a personal story with you regarding one of my cars. As you probably know, I have a small collection of cars that I am quite fond of. Of course I love my Z's but I also do have a couple non Z cars that I have grown attached to. I take pride in taking care of all my cars both cosmetically and mechanically. Anyway, I am in the process of selling one of them (not a Z) and a funny thing happened that kind of shows how "car crazy" I have become. I have a 2001 Mercedes CLK55 with 18k miles on it that is on the market. The car is mint and has only seen rain once since I have owned her and that was because the weatherman did not do his job that day in predicting the forecast. I think my price is reasonable for the car, especially with the low miles and still being under warranty. I have had some calls from around the country and of course I got people low balling me but I still have it. Well, a couple weekends ago someone came to look at it. A young fella, probably in his late 20's had called from the area and came to see it. He seemed impressed with the car, took it for a test drive and all. I was talking to him as well, trying to see what his intentions were with it...kind of like a father questioning a boy before he takes his daughter out. Of course my daughter will not be dating for another 30 years but that is another story. Anyway the guy's answer was that he plans to use it as his **daily driver**. I almost died!!! I was thinking to myself "Is this guy nuts?" How could he use this everyday, especially in the winter with the salt and slush? What if someone slides into my car....I mean his car? He said he has already priced some winter tires for it. How could I give my car to someone who will not take of it like it deserves? It has had a good upbringing, using all the finest lubricants and waxes and has never had any stitches (dents). In fact, it still has that baby fresh smell (aka new car smell). My car needs someone who can appreciate her and cater to her needs. Isn't there any nice guys left out there? The ideal buyer would be in his 40's, mature, well established, nonsmoker with a

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good driving record. He needs to live in a nice community, preferably in the south with a nice garage. I don't know but truly it really did bother me. Some people would say that it is just a machine so sell it but to me it is more than that. Does any one else feel like this? Am I really going overboard here? He did not make an offer but said he'd call me but I really don't want him to call. I really don't want to sell it to him. I'm so confused. Maybe I'll take it off the market....

I want to thank all of you who attended our annual birthday party on the 10th. As usual it was a success with plenty of good conversation, good food as well as everyone going home with a prize. What a great way to end another successful year for this club. All the officers gave their "State of the Club" address. Unfortunately, Bob Rosecrans stepped down from his V.P. of Activities position after 5 successful years to allow someone else to have an opportunity to set up activities. This is a busy position and does get difficult but it can be quite rewarding with all the friends you make. Thanks Bob for everything you have done for our club. I know that you will still be very active with the club's activities and I look forward to seeing both Marlene and you there.

We did have a new person elected to take over this important role and it was none other than Dave Johnson Jr. Dave is no stranger to our club and is also known throughout the Z community in this country. He, like all of us, has a strong passion for the Z car, owning several through the years. We look forward to working with him.

We still have a position vacant: the secretary/ membership position so if anyone cares to step forward, please let us now. Jeff Pleiter has been assuming this role along with his V.P of Administration role. James Snyder will continue being our newsletter editor and Bill Bragg is forever stuck being our treasurer. Last but not least, John LaMaide will continue as our

webmeister, our gateway to the internet world.

Speaking of activities, have I got one for you. Mark your calendars for the weekend of June 6, 7th, and 8th next year. We will be hosting the Midwest Z Heritage Event. It is in the beginning stages but we are expecting members from the Ohio, Indiana, Wisconsin, Michigan and probably St. Louis clubs. It will consist of social events, a car show and a touring of the Autobahn Track similar to the Octoberfest event. Jay Weinberger of Continental Nissan was gracious enough to arrange this track part for us. I'll keep everyone up to date as time goes along. It promises to be a great event. See everyone at the next ZGM in December.

- Ty

Jeff Pleiter, V.P. Admin. & Membership

I finally did it. I bought a new 350Z. I started talking about it when Nissan announced the return of the Z car. When the 350Z came out, it was a great car. But I thought, well let them work the first year bugs out, and maybe they'll come out with some improvements. Maybe they'll come out with a special model with a turbo or something. *So I waited.* No turbo, but word came on the convertible. *So I waited.* I had not had a convertible in a long time and was ready for another one. The convertible debuted and the styling just did not give me the oomph factor I was looking for. *So again I waited.* I was tempted by the 35th Anniversary, but it was pretty much a cosmetic package. I wanted more performance to go with it. *Then the Nismo 350Z was announced and things started to look more interesting.* Handling enhancements – yes. Functional aero enhancements – yes. A more purposeful performance look – yes. Limited Edition – yes. More power – well, no turbo & rated at the same 306 as the rest of the 2007 line. So close, but was I ready to buy yet? Well, maybe, but the next generation is due shortly with rumors of more power and lighter weight. *Maybe I should wait.*

Then down to the National Z Car Convention. A whole week of Z car related fun, and just my wife and I at Daytona Beach. How much cooler can a vacation be? Well, let me tell you. Sitting in the lobby was a Nismo 350Z, serial #0001, to be auctioned off during the convention, proceeds to Special Olympics of Florida. Bids were written on a sheet during the week, but would culminate in a live auction at the closing banquet. The winning bidder would also receive a certificate of authenticity from Nissan, and items signed by Mr. K: sun visor, Nismo brochure, and window sticker. Also multiple pictures of Mr. K signing. Now that would be a very cool car to own. But hey, the rumor was that a serious collector or two



were coming in to bid on it, so it seemed the car would be bid out of range of most Z enthusiasts. So while I dreamed scenarios and thought about what I could afford to bid, and what would be a “well bought” price, I never gave it a real thought. Prior to the closing banquet, the bidding had gone up above MSRP, but not hugely so. It was still under what would be my maximum price, and what I and many other conventioners thought would be a well bought price. An auctioneer had been brought in to sell a number of items, with the Nismo 350Z #0001 going last. Bidding on the Nismo Z started with a few quick bids back and forth, but then hit a lull, and it became apparent that the rumored collectors had not shown. Bidding was just among the Z enthusiasts present at the convention. The last bid was still just under my theoretical maximum bid, and what I would consider well bought. After a quick consultation with my wife, I yelled out my maximum bid. Thinking I would be out bid quickly, we waited. The auctioneer went back to the last bidder and then around to other bidders in the room. No more bids? What? We won??? **We won!** Total shock! How cool for Nissan to offer #0001 to the Z enthusiast community. How cool for Nissan to donate the car to charity; Special Olympics of Florida received the full proceeds of the auction. How cool is it that I now own Nismo 350Z #0001?! Will it be a good investment? Who knows? They say buy what you love and you'll never be disappointed. The car won't be my daily driver, but will be a regular at Z Car events.

“Love Cars, Love People, Love Life” – Mr. K.

- Jeff

Dave Johnson Jr., V.P. Activities

I wanted to start this with a THANK YOU to Bob Rosecrans for the five years that he was our VP of Activities. My name is David Johnson and I'm your newly voted in VP of Activities. For those who don't know me...I have been in the WCZC since 1992 and a Z owner for more than 20 years. I currently have the stay forever with me 1976 Datsun 280z 2+2. It is painted custom Baby Blue Pearl with ghost graphics in the paint. I also will own several more Z's throughout 2008 so if you need a Z just ask and if I don't have one for sale I probably can find your dream car for you... ask some of our other members if you don't believe me. I've attended several local, regional and national shows with my car and its been received well everywhere. There aren't too many activities to report other than a meeting or two during the winter and hopefully “FREE” tickets for the Chicago Autoshow... I will hit up several of our sponsors for tickets. I have some good ideas this year to help us with expansion and

finding new and fun sponsors for the WCZC and with the ChicagoZ.com members getting warmer to our club we should have a really fun 2008. I belong to their site and have attended several of their events over the past few years. The 1st generation Z's as well as all the generations and G35's and G37's are welcome at their events. With the addition of the ChicagoZ owners and Infinity owners our club can grow to what it was when I joined in 1992. We had one of the largest and we are one of the oldest Z clubs in the USA. I'm going to try to fill the calendar with so many activities that no one will have an excuse of why they can't be involved in some sort of way with their Z. I will convince the ChicagoZ.com peeps to add a thread to the forum with a link to the WCZC.com website so there is another spot for all members to go to for more local, regional and national shows and activities. This is going to be a fun and a bit different from the past for all of us so sit back for now and get your Z ready for a fun 2008 Z season... BTW, I'm going to push for a 50+ Z car showing from Chicagoland for the 2008 International Z Car Convention in Ohio in Sept/Oct.

Zya, David Johnson



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John J. Song, jsong@mepcom.army.mil
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Robert Hettler at (561) 439-6622

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Right: taken when my
'77 Z was brand new.



Left: my present '78 Z, taken
right after an eight month
restoration at Pete Posemato's
shop in Gurnee. The two
photos were taken 30 years
apart in the driveway of my
former home in Waukegan.


Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar


Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
Dec – Gen Mtg 2008		Tmo212@aol.com
February 8-17 Chicago Auto Show	McCormick, Chicago	
June 6-8 Midwest HeritageFest	Autobahn Country Club, Joliet	
Sept 31- Oct 3 2008 National Z	Cleveland, Ohio	www.clevelandzclub.com

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