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Here we go again. Just when you get used to the nice weather it starts to hint at the fall coming up with the earlier sunsets and cooler evenings. That certainly does not mean we hibernate quite yet. We probably still have a good 6 weeks of good weather to do things and enjoy our Z's. We have been busy trying to help Dave out in setting up some activities so if you have an idea, please let us know. I want to thank Scot and Joellyn Milford in helping set up a cruise night to Rolling Meadows a few Fridays ago. The weather was great and of course I brought the wife and kids along so that they could enjoy the DJ and play with the hoola hoops. This event is one of the biggest cruise nights around the area and there were not any spots left to park after a while. Of course we parked our Z's together and they certainly did attract a lot of attention. We will have another cruise night on Friday, the 19<sup>th</sup> of September in Roselle with a band called Spinal Tappets. I believe they start at 7PM but I will try to get there around 5:30PM to get a choice parking spot and perhaps get together with everyone to get a bite to eat. For directions, visit [www.cruiseroselle.com](http://www.cruiseroselle.com).

Also much to my dismay I had to miss the Wine Tasting tour to Michigan that Carl and Judy Kush set up. It seems that these trips tend to fall on a weekend that I am on call so I gotta hang out locally. Is that on purpose now? From what I heard the weather was perfect and the drive even better except the trip back through Gary which seems to always be congested. Many thanks to them!

Speaking of driving events, I have scheduled the trip up to Lake Geneva for Sunday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. I will set up a lunch at a well known restaurant called Gordy's which is located on the Lake. Rumor has it that there is quite a view. This will be followed by an Ice Cream Social Boat Cruise on Lake Geneva from 2:30 to 3:45 PM. I will email everyone with the time and place to meet within the week for the drive up there. I am working on the price for the boat trip. If we can get 20 or more people the price is \$18. Please let



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me know if you will be attending at [tmo212@aol.com](mailto:tmo212@aol.com).

Also it is not too late to sign up for the National Convention this year being held in Cleveland the week of September 29 thru October 3rd. There are some WCZC members going so if you would like to caravan out there, let me know. I can get you in touch with those people. Unfortunately I am not able to go. The timing just does not work for me with my schedule once again.

- Ty

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



We had a couple of great events this last month. See the pictures. Our yearly trip to the Rolling Meadows cruise night was attended by eight WCZC Z cars that were able to make it into the show area, plus a couple of other members who arrived after the lot was full. When the Milford's say they can hold the spots until 7 pm, that's it. There are 400-500 muscle cars, street rods, and sports cars fighting for spots and many more cruising to get in. Weather was especially great that night. I sure Ty will cover that also, so I'll move to the next one.

Once again we had a perfect day for the next event. Carl and Judy Kush set up a tour into the southwest Michigan wine area for the "tweeners; - members of both the WZCZ and the Indy Z Car Club. We cruised out and met the Indy people at the Kush's house at 10 am. Carl had bags all set up with the various winery tour and location options. Once we were all there we all cruised some great back road to the Tabor Hill Winery where Carl had made reservations. Lunch was delicious – I had the Scallops. The restaurant had a great view of the vineyards and surrounding countryside. After lunch, Allie and I headed back home as we had another commitment for dinner we had to make, but the others continued touring on to other

wineries and back roads. Ultimately the rest of the group ended up back at the Kush's for some light food and drink, before setting on back home. From the emails from the other participants, it sounded like the rest of the afternoon was great.

For those interested in 370Z tidbits. My350z.com has a 370Z forum. One recent thread in the 370Z forum was from a member who attended a focus group on the 370Z. The thread makes for a very interesting read as copied below:

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"Ok, just got home. Sorry to keep everyone in suspense. The actual car was not there, but I they showed some pics.

We first reviewed 3 tv ads they were still in the beginning stages which were very similar to this ad that all have us seen already: The car was a drawing, so nothing new to report

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5ViAzyMM0uk>

2nd we reviewed 4 print ads most were photoshopped, but one had a side shot that was clearly the new design profile. It's much sexier then anything I've seen so far.

Now for info about the car:

Front end- had the tooth-style front bumper, but much smaller then in previous photos. I didn't note anything else drastic about the front bumper. The pics that have been posted on this site in various sections are pretty spot on.

Hood- Has the design accents of the 03-06, non-bumped hoods. There were two slots that followed the body lines in equal fashion.

Lights - boomerang lights, they had a R8 type led-mod that wrapped around the housing, very similar to the design that Cin-city has been doing. The boomerang design didn't take away from the overall design of the car. I Noticed that it looks exactly like the new Maxima.

Rear-view mirrors- The pictures that I was shown had a two tone theme with the top color matched to the car and the bottom blacked out. I didn't notice a side-marker indicator on the actual mirror.

Front fenders - Z emblems like the 350z, didn't notice anything else that stood out.

Side skirts - looked lower than ours, they had a slight design to them as well. To me it looked like a half-nismo skirt, but nothing too crazy.

Wheels - Had a similar design theme to the new maxima, pictures were not that clear, looked like 19"s.

Side-rear windows- very similar to what has already been shown. They are very squared off at the top.

Roof- side profile seems lower. It looked mean.

Overall Length - seemed shorter than ours, and by a noticeable margin. I think the rear

Rear - The below camo pic is very true to what the car looks like without it.

Rear bumper- There was some sort of tow hitch item at the bottom. It looked really out of place. As the camo pic shows, the rear exhaust exits are a little bit flared, adds a nice touch to the rear end.

Lights - were boomeranged as well. Nothing major to report. Gone are the rear-turn signal/reverse lights.

High-mount stop light- I didn't notice one on the car itself. The camo pic doesn't have one either.

Hatch- the hatch was quite high looking, but flowed well with the car. Also, there was an antenna shark on top of the roof, looked pretty cool. I didnt notice a rear-wiper either.

Interior- very, very similar to the picture that was captured below. I forgot to see if there was paddle shifters, but the shift knob was very similar to this one. The gauge pods were very high on the dash, and had less of a recessed look to them, they were almost sitting on top of the dash in the manner that a portable navi would sit.

Engine - confirmed that it would be the 3.7, with 330hp. No 0-60 times were discussed nor curb weights.

Transmission - One thing that kept being brought up was the rev-matching. I thought nothing of it since it is something we have all been hearing for some time now with auto-trans Z's when shifting into manual. They asked what we thought about the following "worlds first rev-matching manual" I will let you guys determine if this is even plausible.

Color - Maybe was a photoshop, but its was killer. A combination of the the Ultra yellow and the solar orange. It really popped.

Price - TV ads & print that we were shown reiterated a starting price of \$29,500.

Overall, I think what I was shown was very close to the final product. The camo pictures and the pictures from the Nissan 360 event are really telling. The big grey-area is the interior and of course the curb weight.

Alright, that's all I can really remember. I thought it was pretty thorough, but if you need clarification on anything just let me know."

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If you plan on going to the International Z Car Convention in Cleveland Sept 28 through Oct 4 please contact Dave Johnson or myself. I believe Dave is planning on going for the whole week, leaving on Sat or Sun. I am planning on going Monday for the opening reception, Tuesday Car Show, and coming back on Wednesday.

- Jeff

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

HELLO fellow Z'ers...the biggest event of the year is finally here!!! At the end of this month SETEMBER 28th thru OCTOBER 3rd ...International Z Car Convention in Cleveland OHIO. I've personally been waiting all year for it. I have done a whole bunch of upgrades to my car for this event and can't wait to finally do the 8 hour drive from Fox Lake to Cleveland....yes I said Cleveland. If it wasn't for the International Z Car Convention I personally would not be making my vacation spot in Cleveland but on a good note it will be with a bunch of Z owners. I've talked with Chris Karl of ZACO and he's informed me there are alot of Z's headed there from all over the country including alot of Canadian Z's. It should be a great time and if anyone hasn't ever been to a convention this is too close to miss...go to this link to register <http://www.clevelandrockz.com> We will organize a group to caravan to the convention.

On another note, we still have to annouce of when and where the Fall fling is going to be and I haven't heard about Octoberfest this year...We will try to keep everyone informed thru the email when we have updates.

David



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Sept 19 Roselle Cruise Night	Roselle, IL	<a href="http://www.cruiseroselle.com">www.cruiseroselle.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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