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James Snyder, Editor

### THE PRESIDENT SEZ Ty Ozgen, President

It was a grand ole time.....yesiree. The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual WCZC Birthday Party is now in the past and it turned out to be a great time. We had 40 people come out on a nice Saturday evening to the dinner banquet at Finley's Grill Room to celebrate and everyone went home a winner with door and raffle prizes. The current officers each mentioned a few words and were reelected to their positions. I of course will continue but we are still looking for someone to be the Vice President of Activities as well as the Secretary. Any takers out there? It is not too late. In my speech I talked of how proud I was of our club. We have been around since 1975. Only 3 other Z Clubs in this country have been around longer, Group Z in southern California, Z Owners of Northern California and the Z Club of Houston. Here we are in the middle of the Midwest with our not so perfect weather and we are going strong. I think it is due to our officers, current and past, and members throughout the years that make us what we are. Thanks everyone. Also thanks to our sponsors who donated prizes, which includes Nissan North America, Continental Nissan, Meguiars, Tire Rack and your Windy City Z Club. My famous quiz went well with Jeff Pleiter getting the most correct answers but how come he missed the NISMO question???

Also congratulations to James Snyder. He recently became engaged to his girlfriend Janice [yippee! -ed.] who has already made a few appearances to some events. James has promised to continue as our newsletter editor, even as he moves on with his life. Thanks. They got their first experiences hearing the silverware tapping the glass at our Birthday Party and promptly responded with a kiss. No practice needed



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there.

As this year winds down, you can go back and see that we had a year full of great events. Just look at our website and you will see the pictures of all our recent activities. From the Chicago Auto Show visit in February, tickets compliments of Jay Weinberger, to the Tech Session at Continental Nissan for the 370Z and GTR, to the Cruise Nights in Rolling Meadows, our annual picnic and Cruisin' Z USA Car Show, this year held at the Bolingbrook Promenade, to our drives to Galena and Northern Indiana to name a few, they all were memorable. Thanks to all who made these events possible.

The days of driving my Z's this year are slowly coming to an end as the winter approaches. I am done driving the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary for now. It is tucked away in the back corner of the garage with its tires over inflated, full tank of gas with Stabil, battery disconnected, and car cover on. The '83 may still have a weekend day or 2 left, weather and family permitting. The '90 will be used to go to work off and on until the first salting of the roads, then into storage it goes, just like its siblings. The only thing different I do with the '90 is that I pull the fuel pump fuse and let the car run out of fuel. Why do I do it? I feel this will keep the fuel injectors from gumming up. I have no proof it helps but it seems to make sense. I have replaced those injectors too many times and am tired of it. It has pretty much become an annual ritual just like raking the leaves in the fall.

Keep an ear out for our upcoming Z General Meetings which start in December. I am also in the midst of setting up a Tech Session or 2 during the

winter months. We will let you know as they are set up.

I hope everyone has a Happy Thanksgiving and even better Holiday Season!!

~ Ty

**Jeff Pleiter, V.P. Admin. & Membership**  
Z Stress Reliever



To some people a car is just a means to get from here to there. Because you are a Z Club member, I assume you are in the fraternity of car lovers where the vehicle is an extension of yourself and a means to see and enjoy the world. A drive in your car whether it is in a Z, the family car, or a daily driver engages all your senses and affects your mood. In an ideal world all the roads to work, to the store, and to your relatives house would all be wide open, curvy and scenic and you would have a great car to drive. In reality this is very seldom the case. So we seek it out when we can. We buy cars we fall in love with. We find excuses to drive away from the daily grind, to find the perfect road on the perfect day. That's one reason we join the club and go on our club road trips. I don't know about you, but when I was a teenager and got my first fun car (1971 Mustang Mach 1), I would get in it just to go out and drive around, whether it was by myself or with a group of friends.

I still try to do that with my Zs when I can. Ideally I would like to get out each weekend, but the reality of life makes that difficult. Often I don't get out due to chores, weather, other schedules etc. Sometimes it just ends up being just a half hour with the goal to keep the juices flowing in the car, the tires from flatspotting, and pieces from freezing up. Cars like to be driven to keep them in top mechanical condition— without exercise they tend to break down. Every once in a while though you get that drive that is what you are looking for, the reason we spend our time and money on this hobby.

I hit one of those a couple of weeks ago when we had a warm streak at the end of the week and through the

weekend. Allie was out of town and I stayed home on Friday burning some PTO time and worked Friday and Saturday to get the fall yardwork chores done. I am an early riser, so Sunday morning I found myself up and feeling good at 7:30 am. The kids were just getting up, and we didn't have to leave for the church service until 10. So I grabbed the 280ZX keys, left them to feed themselves and get dressed (it's wonderful when they finally get to that age) and headed south on a beautiful fall morning. The morning had that early morning golden sun, the weather was a just a little cool but warm for November. There were just enough leaves on the trees to look good, and the road was Sunday morning empty. I just cruised, doing the speed limit, enjoyed the drive and spent time driving on some nice roads I don't usually travel. A guy in a Subaru STi pulled alongside, checked out the Z and gave me a thumbs up. We waved and went on our way. An hour after I left, I pulled the Z back into the garage much relaxed.

Sometimes this passion is about wringing out all you can get from a sports car, and sometimes it's just about cruisin'. The 280ZX often gets less respect than the other generations, but I tell ya, it's great for cruising. I'll have to do that Sunday morning drive again. Too bad winter is almost upon us.

I do have one more winter car storage spot available. It is in an unheated, locked, detached garage in Villa Park (western suburb). \$50 per month for Z club members - \$60 per month for non Z Club members. You can pretty much put the car in when you want in the fall and take it out when you want in the Spring. Contact me via cell: 630-816-9282.

~ Jeff



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Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
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TBD – Tech session	TBD	tmo212@aol.com



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