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Everywhere you look these days, people are driving while talking on their cell phone. They can be young or old, male or female...everyone. Even with these snowy days I see people yapping away when really they should have both hands on the wheel, keeping the car from losing control on the slippery roads. I have even seen police officers do this but the scariest in my opinion is the truck drivers, especially the 18 wheelers. Just yesterday I saw one turning left at a light, cell phone on the left hand, right hand on the wheel as he turns it yet somehow shifting the gears. Is that skill or just plain dangerous? Do I do it? Yes I have, but most of the time I have my phone off unless I get paged. I have at times even pulled off to the side just to talk. I don't know the answer. If you are talking just to talk, then I would save it for another time. What's my point, driver distraction I guess. Don't even get me started on texting...

On a lighter note, there are other distractions that can occur while we drive. I am not referring to my 3 screaming kids in the back seat but that certainly is way up there. What I am referring to is looking at the odometer. Do you ever catch yourself looking at the odometer as it approaches a certain milestone? For example, just today my wife's SUV just turned over 95k miles. I knew it was approaching and I kept a close



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eye on it as we were driving as soon as it hit 94,999 miles. The bad part is that it is a digital odometer and I had to just watch it closely, and then look at the road, then back to the odometer. This repeated itself until it hit 95,000 and then it was all over. With the older

cars, at least you had a little clue with the tenths number. Then at least you could pace yourself knowing that the moment was near and finally you would watch that tenth digit swing up and turn all the other numbers. So cool!

I had the privilege of driving my 1983 280ZX as it turned over 100k miles. That happened October 16, 1994.

How do I know that? I put it down on the folder that contains all the records for her. Pretty sick huh? Maybe, but that is just me.

Anyway, we had a great turnout for our WCZC

dinner at Reza's Persian Restaurant. I sensed a little hesitancy in the crowd as to what the food was like but my wife convinced everyone to go with the mixed entree which had a little of everything from beef to chicken to seafood including side dishes, desert and coffee/tea. The food was delicious and I do

believe we all put on a few pounds. I know I was stuffed. Thanks to everyone for coming. It really is nice to get people together in the middle of winter to just hang out at a restaurant having fun.



Speaking of fun, the Chicago Auto Show is right around the corner. Rumor has it Nissan/Infiniti will not be represented this year. Bad move in my opinion, especially with all the trouble Toyota is having. This would have been a great opportunity for people who have quality concerns about Toyota but are still interested in a Japanese car to check out Nissan and see what they have to offer. Now they may look towards the Honda vehicles instead. I hope they know what they are doing. My thanks to Jay Weinberger from Continental Nissan for once again getting us tickets for the event.

Don't forget about our Z General Meeting on Sunday, March, 7th at 6 PM. Once again it will be at Fuddruckers, 1500 Branding, in Downers Grove.

Other do not miss events to put on the calendar include the Midwest Z Heritagefest Show from 6/25/10 to 6/27/10, this year hosted by ZACO. You can check them out at www.clevelandrockz.com for more information. Then we have our annual Cruisin Z USA 2010 Car show on July 11th, at the Promenade Bolingbrook, followed by the 23rd Annual National Z Car Convention this year in Nashville, TN, just a short 8 hour drive. The dates are from July 28-August 1, 2010. We have many members who have already committed to going. For more information, check out their website at www.zcon2010.com/.

One more thing to look forward to is being set up by one of our newer members Bob and Pat Bienick, proud owners of a 2009 370Z. They are working on a Fall Colors of Indiana road trip the weekend of October 22nd to 24th. They are looking to see if there is any interest in this weekend trip. I know that this several months ahead but if this sounds tempting, please let me know at tmo212@aol.com.

~ Ty

Jeff Pleiter, V.P. Admin. & Membership



An interesting Z Car showed up on e-bay recently. ASC, a well known shop that modifies cars for manufacturers created a one off retractable hard top convertible concept as a proposal to Nissan. It was built based on a 1991 300ZX 2 +2 for the 1992 Geneva Auto Show. Nissan passed, but the concept lived on in the Mitsubishi 3000 Spyder retractable hardtop. The car was bought by a member of zcar.com, and I expect we'll see it at the National Convention.



In addition to the release of Nissan's Leaf full electric vehicle, rumors are now flying about a 2011 Hybrid 370Z. Word is that the car will have the same 3.7L engine with the addition of an electric motor capable of up to 35 mpg.

If you plan on going to the National Convention July 28 to August 1, registration is now open, a discount is now offered to Z Club members, and early bird registration ends April 1st. I would recommend that if you are considering attending, to put in your hotel registration now. A group of us, including my family, are planning on going. Information and registration is at www.zcon2010.com.

The regional Midwest Heritage Z Fest will be held in the Cleveland Area June 25-27. Friday includes a suds-n-shine event, Saturday a car show and a z cruise. Info can be found at www.clevelandrockz.com. Rumor is that they are considering added a trip to the Vintage Grand Prix of Mid-Ohio, who announced that Datsun/Nissan will be the featured marquee this year. Even if they don't add it to their schedule, it can be wrapped into the weekend independently by stopping Friday on the way to Cleveland or Sunday on the way home. Full info on this event is not posted yet on the Mid Ohio website, but what there is can be found at www.midohio.com/Schedule/Vintage-Grand-Prix-of-Mid-Ohio-2010.

~ Jeff

James Snyder, Newsletter Editor

On a more personal note, many of you know I became engaged to Janice last fall, which Ty was gracious enough to announce at the Annual WCZC Birthday Party. Some of you may have met her at the picnic held last summer as well.

Janice is a terrific lady, she works at Children's Memorial Hospital as an Oncology/Hematology Nurse in administration. She also loves the old Zs and enjoyed the various Z outings.

March 6th is the wedding date, less than three weeks away! The ceremony will begin at 10:30am at First Evangelical Free Church in the Andersonville neighborhood; 5255 N. Ashland Ave, Chicago 60640. We would love to see you there. Rumor has it that a certain silver/black 78 280z will make an appearance... now, if I can only get that radiator fixed!

Please contact me at james@e-snyder.org if you have any questions. Andersonville is a terrific swedish neighborhood with plenty of great eateries & eclectic stores.

Looking forwards to a new Z year!

~ James



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Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
March 6 th - James & Janice Wedding	10:30am at First Free, 5255 N. Ashland Ave, Chicago	james@e-snyder.org
March 7 th – General Z Meeting	6pm at Fuddruckers - 1500 Branding, Downers Grove	tmo212@aol.com
June 25-27 – Midwest Z Heritagefest	Aurora, OHIO	www.clevelandrockz.com
July 11 th – Cruisin Z USA	The Promenade, Bolingbrook	tmo212@aol.com
July 28-Aug 1 – National Z Car Convention	Nashville, TN	www.zcon2010.com
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