

THE PRESIDENT SEZ

**Ty Ozgen
President**



I know the holidays are all in the past now and it may seem quiet from a Z point of view, but your officers are actively meeting to put together another successful year for you and the *Windy City Z Club*. We had a good meeting in January as we went over the basics for this year. We have a lot of good ideas for upcoming events both new and old. A nice relaxing dinner followed our meeting as other club members joined us at Portillo's. We will have our next Z General Meeting in March, skipping February due to the Super Bowl. GO BEARS!!

It is never too early to start thinking about future road trips to events outside our local club area. I have been in communication with other clubs around the country and the 20th Annual National Z Car Convention is now officially open for registration. This event will be held at Daytona Beach, Florida during the week of October 1-5, 2007. I know this seems like an unusual time of year for a convention but my understanding is that they were trying to avoid the hurricane season. Those of you who have never been to a convention they truly are a class event for Z lovers of all types and their families. If it is something of interest to you, you can get more information at www.flza.com. My understanding is that the following year, the National Convention is in Ohio... just a hop, skip and jump from here.

If something closer is more for you, there is a regional event being hosted by the *Indy Z Car Club* that has been set for the weekend of July 13-15, 2007. The 8th Annual Midwest Z Heritage Show will be held in Nashville, Indiana, which is about an hour south of Indianapolis. Think of this as a "Mini Convention". The events so far include a Wine Event as well as a Keg & Klean Party for Friday, a car show on Saturday with a BBQ Party set for the evening, and possibly a

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drag racing event for Sunday. The host hotel is the Brown County Inn (www.browncountyinn.com) where a block of 60 rooms has been reserved. The cost is around \$99.95 per night I believe with a promotional code of "2144". For more up to the date information, you can go to www.indyzcarclub.com. This sounds a like a very tempting event and I already ran it by the boss (aka my wife) and she stated it would be fun. That sounds like a yes to me.

Another year has come to an end as far as sales are concerned for Nissan. The Z continues to sell well, totaling 24,635 Z's sold in 2006. In previous years, 27,278 Z's were sold in 2005, 30,690 for 2004 and 36,728 for 2003. It does show a slow decline but I remember when Nissan pulled the plug on the Z in 1996 due to sluggish sales (5000+/- sold). Fortunately we are no where near those numbers.

The 2007 350Z officially went on sale January 5th. I am anxious to see it at the Chicago Auto Show this year. From the pictures I've seen, it is sporting a different hood design, perhaps for a V8 in the future. We will be attending this show on Monday, February 12th.... my birthday. I can't think of any better way to spend this day. Once again, many thanks to Jay Weinberger at Continental Nissan for getting us tickets for that night. You need to let Bob know if you would like to reserve a spot because the tickets are on a first come basis. I know he has already sent an email to everyone regarding this. See you there!

- Ty



Jeff Pleiter
V P Admin. & Membership

What's new with the 350Z?

Maybe like me, you have been wondering where the 2007 350Z is. I was in the dealership the other day, and there were brochures for the 2007 Altima and 2007 Sentra, but no info on the 2007 350Z. Have not seen anything in Nissan Sport or any of the usual car mags. Finally found something, that if you blinked, you would miss it. The Tribune had an insert section on the upcoming Chicago Auto Show that had short blurbs on the various 2007 model cars. According to the blurb for the 350Z, the 2007 will begin showing up in the showrooms in early 2007 with an upgraded version of the 3.5 liter V6 making in the neighborhood of 310-310hp with 80% new parts. True? Maybe we'll find out at the Chicago Auto Show.

What about 2008? You may have missed the short blurb in page 18 of Nissan Sport if you have not read it closely cover to cover. It says the next generation 350Z is expected for the 2008 model year with "considerably more performance", "give a visual stimulus beyond today's Z" and horsepower and torque gained "initially through displacement changes" Source per Nissan Sport: VP Larry Domique. Hmmm... 2007 could be an interesting Z year. Maybe the National Convention would be a good place for Nissan to share the news on the next generation Z with the Z community.

Closer to home, the Great Lakes Regional Z Heritage Fest sounds like a great time for a long Z weekend July 13-15. You may want to add it to your calendar. Bob will fill you in on events as usual.



Bob Rosecrans
Vice President for Activities

The weather is bitterly cold outside and it's hard to think about the upcoming Z season but we do have a couple events on the schedule. First, on February 12th the WCZC will be attending the Chicago Auto Show at McCormick Place. Jay Weinberger from Continental Nissan has again offered us free tickets for the show. If you are interested in attending, please email me as soon as possible to reserve a ticket because there are only a

few tickets left. We plan to meet be at 6:00 pm outside the Starbuck's Coffee Shop which is located across from the main entrance to the Auto Show.

The board met in mid January to discuss plans for the upcoming season. A number of ideas were talked about but to make it successful we need your input and help in planning the events. We're talking about a couple of short drives to maybe Starved Rock or Lake Geneva, a possible road rally, the Purdue Car Show on April 21st, the Midwest Heritage Fest in Indianapolis in July, and looking for ideas and contacts for a tech session.

What are thoughts on the Cruisin' Z Car Show? Last year the club held the event on the grounds of the Volo Auto Museum. If you did attend the show, what did like about the show? If you attended the show, what didn't you like or what could be improved. If you didn't attend the show was there a reason besides a scheduling conflict. Email your responses to me, we look forward to the input.

Z Ya, Bob



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Windy City Z Events Calendar


February - General Meeting	- cancelled -	
Chicago Auto Show	February 12 th	Contact Bob Rosecrans
March - General Meeting	TBA	
Event	TBA	
April - General Meeting	TBA	
Event	April 21 st : Purdue Car show	
May - General Meeting	TBA	
Spring Fling	May, TBA	
June - General Meeting	TBA	
Autobahn Track Day	June 4 th , Autobahn Country Club	
July - General Meeting	TBA	
8th Annual Heritagefest	July 13-15th, Nashville, IN	
August - General Meeting	TBA	
August Event(s)	TBA	
September - General Meeting	TBA	
Fall Fling	TBA	
Septemberfest/Octoberfest	TBA	
October - General Meeting	TBA	
National Z Convention	October – Daytona, Florida	
November - General Meeting	TBA	
Birthday Party	November - TBA	



A 350Z finished fourth, on January 26, in the 200 mile GrandAm Cup race at Daytona.

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