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Now put your right foot in  
Your right foot out  
Your right foot in  
Then you shake it all about  
And then you do the Hokey Pokey  
Turn yourself around  
That's what it's all about

Do those lyrics sound familiar? They should. It is one of those dance songs we hear at weddings, clubs etc. But did you know we are doing this every time we drive these days but in a little bit different fashion? Pay attention to these lyrics.

Now turn the wheel to the right  
And then turn it to the left  
Then you turn the wheel to the right  
Then you shake the car about  
And then you do the Pothole Shuffle  
Turn yourself around  
That's what it's all about

You see what I mean? These roads are a mess. There are some huge potholes out there and if you are not careful you will blow a tire or even bend a rim. I was talking to a person at Discount Tire a few weeks ago and he stated that they are replacing a ton of blown tires for this very reason. I have figured out the bad areas in my commute to work and anticipate these menaces as I drive but on those unfamiliar roads....look out.

Many thanks to Jay Weinberger from Continental Nissan for donating some free tickets to our club for the Chicago Auto Show. We went on the 11<sup>th</sup> of February and it was not too crowded thanks to the weather. As usual we headed to the Nissan area first to get a glimpse of the GTR. They had it on the turnstile, roped off from the crowds. What a sight it was. The excitement of getting this much-anticipated car on these shores is spine tingling. This supercar has gotten a lot of press in the automotive world for its power and ease

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of drivability. Just watching this thing standing still and knowing what it can do on the track is something that all car people can appreciate. Not to ignore the 350Z, it too was very popular with the crowds. My favorite Z was the red GranTouring Roadster. As far as other makes and models, the Challenger was certainly a beautiful car from the American fleet and the Audi S5 coupe was my favorite German car with its very sexy lines. I just love those coupes.

We have had two great meetings regarding the Midwest Z Heritage Event taking place on the weekend of June 6, 7 & 8. Everything is coming together nicely with great participation from our members. This is going to be a great deal of fun with people coming from other clubs in the Midwest. You definitely need to put it on your calendar. Please see the registration form and send it in. You should also consider staying at the hotel to get the full ambiance of the event. I am seriously considering it even though I live 10 minutes away. The next meeting will be Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> so please join us.

- Ty

**Jeff Pleiter, V.P. Admin. & Membership**  
Appraisals, Volo, and Rumors



I am planning on taking a car to Volo Auto Museum for appraisal. If you are interested in having your Z car (or other collector car) appraised by the Volo Auto Museum, or if you are just interested in touring the museum let me know and we can go up as a group. I have not set a date yet, perhaps April or May. Contact me at 630-832-7857 or email at Villazx10@comcast.net.

So far the latest rumors hitting the internet in regards to the next Z agree that it will be called the 370Z and will be powered by the latest 3.7 liter engine. Horsepower is rumored to match the 330hp in the G37 coupe. The body sounds like an evolution of the

current FM platform. Possibly shortened by four inches, slightly wider and lightened a bit to save a few hundred pounds. Initial reports put its debut as the 2009 370Z at the Paris Auto show in October, but it sounds like it will now be the Los Angeles in November. Looking for info on the next Z makes for a way to kill some time doing internet searches.

Also, the "Auto Sleuth" in the Chicago Tribune rumors that Infiniti may be getting a four door version of the Nissan GT-R. The 480 hp engine, all wheel drive and suspension bits would all underpin the FM based car. I suspect that the suspension setting may be softened for a smoother ride, and the interior and materials will be upscaled to be more luxurious. The body styling is not mentioned, but I would speculate it would be curvier and reflect a melding of lines from the G35 sedan and FX. Pricing would be higher than the GT-R.

Salt Creek Sports Car Club will be holding its first parking lot autocross on April 20 at Maywood Park in Maywood IL. For those who don't know, a parking lot autocross is a timed event driving your car through a course of orange cones set up in a parking lot. All you need is a car in good condition and a helmet. More information can be found on their website [www.scsc.net](http://www.scsc.net).

We also have received information on the Purdue Grand Prix Kart event and Car Show. The date is set for April 19<sup>th</sup>. The last couple of years a group of us have attended the event and showcased our Zs.

- Jeff

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

Hey everybody...spring is near right??? I'm really getting sick of the snow and going through some serious withdrawals without my Z and can't wait till spring. The really big Z event we have scheduled for this year is the Z Fest on June 6-8<sup>th</sup>. All the meetings have been discussing this HUGE event for our clubs in Chicago. Our next meeting is April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Fuddrucker's in Schaumburg, IL and as always all owners of Z's and G's are invited to come and meet new people and see whats going on this year with WCZC. We need a spring fling (TBA) and maybe a tech session somewhere...suggestions from anyone is welcome. I will have something posted for next month for activities and things to do around Chicagoland. Well thats all for now and I promise we'll have some coool activities for next month...back to wrenching on my Z,

Dave



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Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
April 6 <sup>th</sup> ZGM	6pm, Fuddruckers, Schaumburg	
April 19 Purdue Grand Prix	Purdue	<a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>
April 20 Autocross (solo II)	Maywood Park	Saltcreek <a href="http://scscc.net/">http://scscc.net/</a>
June 6- 8 Midwest HeritageFest	Marriott in Lisle, IL Autobahn Country Club, Joliet	See flyers
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