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Some of the telltale signs of autumn include the cooler weather, less daylight to enjoy, the leaves turning color and for us car enthusiasts, the storage of our summer cars. As usual the summer feels as if it just started and here we are going into December, already with our first snowfall. Time seems to be on fast forward, especially as we get older. As they say, enjoy your time here on earth since you never know when it will end. There is a plus side to winter though. I don't have to tend to the yard as much, like cutting the grass etc, and I only have to worry about 2 cars, my wife's SUV and my winter car as opposed to the whole fleet. My summer cars tend to hibernate for the winter. I like to store my Z cars in my own garage but I do keep my '88 BMW 635 in a barn in Sugar Grove. I have been doing this for 6 to 7 years now. This particular year after I dropped it off at the barn, I was walking toward my wife and family who were waiting for me in our SUV when I noted a black Acura NSX coming to the barn also. It's no Z car but it still has some nice lines to it. I tried not to pay attention to it since it was not a Z but then right behind it was a shiny red 300ZX; of course I had to look a little closer now. Both drivers were waving at me. As I looked a little closer I realized that it was Susan Chan and her husband Al who were bringing their cars to be stored as well. Yep, it's that time of year. I talked with them briefly before leaving. Yep, that's a nice 300ZX she has...the NSX is OK also.



Our 33rd Annual Birthday Party at The Grill Room in Downers Grove was a success once again. It was well attended with plenty of good food and spirits, good friends, plenty of prizes (the *hot* item being Pumpkin Spray) as well as my famous Z Car quiz. These parties are so laid back but so much fun. The elections were held at the dinner and I will be the President once again, with Jeff Pleiter as the V. P. of Administration, Bill Bragg as our lifelong Treasurer, James Snyder as our newsletter editor, and Glenn Johnson has stepped up to the plate to manage our

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website. The positions that are not filled include the V.P. of Activities and Secretary. If there is anyone out there who is interested in filling these positions please let me know. In the interim, I will be setting up the activities and I promise to you that we will have many more activities this year. Jeff has also been taking the responsibility of the Secretary so the club will continue to succeed.

It has been a difficult time for the automakers these last couple months as the economy has taken a hit. I think everyone is affected in one way or another. Nissan itself was down 33% this past October and 42% in November compared to 2007. Only 450 Z's were sold in November! Ouch! That has to hurt but still I feel they are better off than the Big 3 in that Nissan is more efficient in building their products and don't have the UAW bleeding them dry. I have even noted a drop in my practice with less patient visits. Plus people are not taking their medications regularly, breaking them in two to make them last longer, not getting tests done etc. I guess the only good thing is that you can buy a gallon of gas now for \$1.69. Can you believe that? Who would have thought we would ever see these prices again?

Anyway, if you can, please join us at our Z General Meetings this winter.

Ty

Jeff Pleiter, V.P. Admin. & Membership

Happy Holidays!

It's that time of the year when we tuck most of our Zs away and go into the Holiday season, and it's time to reflect on this past year and the future. And while we all love our Z cars that bring us together, it is the relationships, the people, in our lives that are the most important. Many of us joined together and



enjoyed camaraderie at the Z Birthday Party in November. Some of you didn't make it, but most of you got together for the Thanksgiving Holiday, and will do so for office parties, Christmas, New Years, and other holidays that you may celebrate with family and friends. The economy is tough on us and looks like it is not going to get better soon. The cost of gas may have kept us from driving our Zs as much as we would have liked this year. While I don't know everyone's situation, I think most of us still are well off compared to the much of the Country and the rest of the world. I have addresses for all the members so I know you all have shelter, and hope you aren't in danger of losing it. We have food on the table and other basic necessities met. We still live in the best country in the world based on what I see happening in the media. So I hope you still give thanks as I do, that despite our own individual crisis and uncertainties that that we all have to greater or lesser extents, we can enjoy our family and friends.

The Z community, as dint of our membership in this club, is part of our circle of friends. We love driving, washing, modding, and restoring our cars, but the fun is multiplied by the friends we share this passion with. I got a call from someone in Florida who had recently bought a Z32 2+2 and was looking for a Stealthbox subwoofer for it. The Stealthbox is no longer being made, so he was searching the internet for one. He found an old ad to sell my car and was hoping he could purchase the Stealthbox from me. I had sold it with the car, but we talked Z cars for a while, and it turned out he bought the car because like us he was a big fan of the car. He was not aware of the network of Z clubs, so we talked more about Z Clubs and the ZCCA and he will now be looking up the Florida Z clubs.

We are now entering the winter season of General Meetings, so join us the first Sunday of each month at 6 pm. Locations will be in the emails and newsletter. Help us plan the events you want to see and enjoy the friendship of the club over dinner. I expect we'll see the 370Z at the Chicago auto show, and I hope we can persuade the dealers to do an introduction to our Club so we can see it up close.

- Jeff



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