



**THE PRESIDENT SEZ
Ty Ozgen, President**



I just don't know where time is going. Here we are, heading toward the end of 2010 and it just seems like we celebrated the onset of the new millennium, Y2K. Is it me or is someone pressing the fast forward button on time? Well, that's what life feels like.

This year was another successful one for our club and its members. We capped it off with our annual WCZC Birthday Party in November at the Seven Bridges Golf Club in Woodridge. Thanks to everyone who came out that night. There were door prizes for all attendees as well as plenty of raffle prizes. Everyone walked away a winner. Each of the officers gave a short speech to bring the members current information regarding the club. Elections were also held and fortunately we had some people step up to the plate. Yours truly will continue as your President for another year. Jeff Pleiter has changed his role to the Vice President of Activities. In his vacant place, Pat Sylvester has willingly accepted the role as Vice President of Administration. Thanks Pat! James Snyder has assumed the role as our Secretary in addition to our newsletter editor. Glenn Johnson will continue to be our webmeister and last but not least, Bill Bragg will forever be our Treasurer. My thanks to all our officers. I am looking forward to working together this coming year. Our first agenda; change the health care reform as it stands now. Ha Ha, just kidding (not really).

For those of you attending, you witnessed a new tradition start that night. I had an idea to do something special. Yes we do give out trophies at car shows but how about giving one to a Z owner with an interesting Z story. However not just a "how great my Z is" story but something different, something amusing. So what I did was take a small broken suspension part I had saved from my '80 Tenth Anniversary, mounted it on a plaque, placed the winners name on it and voila, a new tradition. This trophy was to signify a Z story that

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reflected a Z that created a "headache" for its owner at the most inopportune time. We gave it out to its first recipient, James Snyder. Why was he so deserving you ask? If you recall, James was recently married this year and his 280Z was all decked out with decorations that special day to take his lovely bride away. Obviously James' 280Z is an important part of his life and he was wise to have it partake in the wedding festivities. The Z sat outside, waiting patiently for the bride and groom to come out. But there was just one problem...it would not start. Oh the agony of it all. The irony, the embarrassment. How could this happen? Surely in lesser cars this may be expected but not in a Z. It's inhumane. That, ladies and gentlemen, is why we presented the trophy to James Snyder. Congratulations! Now keep in mind your stories for this upcoming year as another recipient will earn the right to hang this proudly on their wall.

As far as events this past year, I feel we had a good variety of activities. Let me refresh your memories. Let's see, we had our annual trek to the Chicago Auto Show in February which was interesting in that Nissan in the last minute decided to have a display. If you remember, they were tucked away in the far back corner. We also had our President's Night Out Dinner at Reza's Persian restaurant. Everyone was stuffed with great food that night. And how can we forget the Urban Oasis Cruiz down on the south suburbs? I still can't believe that we have these roads down there within a short distance from home. Our annual Cruizin Z USA Car Show at the Promenade Bolingbrook once again was a success with an excellent display of Z's. We had our annual picnic, our road trip to the Vintage Races at Road America, as well as a road trip to Fair

Oaks Farm in Indiana. As the year drew to a close we had our Oktoberfest Z Cart display at Continental Nissan (remember how nice the weather was that day?) and the Fall Leaves Road Trip to southern Indiana. That's a lot of stuff!!

I know that Jeff will do an even better job this year as he takes over the helm of V.P. of Activities. We have already met once this year at our ZGM to get the ball rolling for the 12th Annual Midwest Heritagefest. This will be held the weekend of June 10-12, 2011. We will be expecting guests from other regional Z clubs that weekend. So far we are narrowing down the details of the hotel, the car show as well as the Autobahn Country Club track touring. Won't you help us by participating at these meetings instead of just being a member? We really could use the help. Check your emails as to the details for upcoming meetings. Also our annual trek to the Chicago Auto Show will be Monday, February 14th. Tickets will be donated once again by Jay Weinberger of Continental Nissan. We will have more information in next month's newsletter. For now, I wish each and every one of you a great Holiday Season!

~ Ty

Jeff Pleiter
V.P of Activities



For those of you who did not attend the birthday party, I was voted unanimously as the VP of Activities for 2011. This was not surprising, since no one else volunteered as a candidate. My VP of Administrative duties will go to Patrick Sylvester, and the membership duties will go to James Snyder.

The next event will be a Planning Party/Z General Meeting to be held at 6 pm on January 9, 2011 at my house. The purpose will be to work on planning the Midwest Heritage Z Fest we are hosting in June and to look at events for next year. One new thing I am planning for 2011 is to use E-vites for announcing and receiving RSVPs for the club events. This will enable us to get the word out and RSVPs back with comments and so everyone is aware of who is planning to attend. So look for an E-vite for the next meeting with address and details. I will probably send it out between Christmas and New Year's. Also, Ty has confirmed that we will again be able to get about 20 tickets to the Chicago Auto Show. The date is usually the first Monday of the Show – Valentine's Day this year, so put it on the calendar.

Another thing I am going to do is try to get the year

scheduled out farther in advance to make it easier for people to plan on events. Many of our traditional events will continue, but I'll also be adding a few new ones. I put together a list and threw it out as a feeler at the December General Meeting. One possible event is a Z Progressive Dinner. The concept is to drive our Z's from host house to host house. We'll work out the details but we can do it either as an event driving from appetizer, to main course to dessert or possible a longer day for breakfast, lunch and dinner. Another event will be to attend the Mecum Auction held every fall in St. Charles, IL. They have not set dates yet, but it is usually in September. For a nominal spectator fee, you can walk among the tents of muscle cars, sports cars, and hot rods for sale. This seemed to be one that everyone latched on to, so I listed this on the calendar. Other popular suggestions were some sort of Zs and Coffee event, an engine cleaning group event prior to Heritage Fest, and a meeting/drive event with the Wisconsin or St. Louis Z Club, or possibly another car club such as the MINI club.

I'll revise my list and put together a more formal survey and send it out to all the members. I hear there is something called Survey Monkey that would be a good format. Meanwhile, if there is something you want to suggest or an event you want to lead, please email me at VillaZX10@comcast.net.

I will be listing regional Z Conventions in the Calendar, if you are planning on going to an event or are interested, let me know and we'll get a list going so all interested parties can get hooked up for each event.

The club is also looking for volunteers to help plan and run the 2011 Z Heritage Fest we will be hosting in June.

Welcome to new member Gladys Beard who moved here from the Tidewater Z Club. She sent us a picture of her 1977 280Z which we have included in the newsletter.

~ Jeff



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Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & Info
Jan 9 th – ZGM	Jeff Pleiter's home, watch for an E-vite!	villaZX10@comcast.net
Feb (TBD) – ZGM		
Feb 14 th – Chicago Auto Show	McCormick Center in Chicago	tmo212@aol.com
Mar (TBD) – ZGM		
June 10-14 – MWZ HeritageFest		
TBD – Z Progressive Dinner		
TBD – Mecum Auction	St Charles, IL	villaZX10@comcast.net
TBD – Fall Colors of Indiana	Indiana	
Nov (TBD) – WCZC Birthday Party		villaZX10@comcast.net



Gladys Beard's 1977 280z. Welcome from Tidewater Z Club, Gladys!



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