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I hope everyone had a great holiday since we last chatted. This winter is just flying by isn't it? Not a bad winter though so far though? January is over and February is a short month, even with the leap year. I start to get the itch for the warm weather which translates to getting the Z's out. I know it's still cold out there but we are on the second half of the season as opposed to the beginning half. It's not to say I haven't driven a Z this winter, quite the contrary. I drove 2 of them, just not mine.

As most of you know by now, my next Z will most likely be a Roadster. I don't know when that will happen but I like to scope out what's out there on the market anyway. The few features that are a must for me is the frost heated leather interior, navigation and probably an automatic, the latter one for the wife. It just so happens that I do let her take my '90 300ZXTT out every once in a while so I am sure the Roadster would be a given. The funny part of it is that whenever she drives my Z, she gets a comment from some guy like "Nice Car" etc. "Hey buddy, don't you see the ring on her finger?" "She has 3 kids ya know!" Anyway, it just so happens there are two qualified



Roadsters within a few miles from home, both 2008's. One with 4k miles, the other 10k miles. Both Pike's Peak White with all the goodies. It doesn't hurt to look right. So in my free time I went to check them out. I told my wife I was going to the store, just not specifically a car store. When I get to the dealers, I hate to misrepresent myself so I always say I am just

looking. I really am just looking. When I am asked to take it for a drive, well.....OK fine, if you insist. So I get in after the usual copy of the driver's license is obtained, start it up, and flip the switch for the heated seats. One thing that immediately caught my attention is how small the interior is in the Roadsters. All the other ones I sat in at dealer showrooms or at the Auto show were with the top down so it is not as apparent but with the top up, it limits the amount of space behind you so it seems very small. I guess I'm used to having the space behind me like my other Z's. It did ride rougher than I expected but then again the high

performance tires were probably cold and hard this time of year. Was there anything wrong with them? To the contrary, both examples were in mint condition. The only drawback was the Nissan sport rims that I am not too fond of. After the drive, I was asked to come inside to talk about the car. Well, I went in but really not sure if I truly was yet in the market to get one now, especially in December. Also what would

I do with 4 Z's? Would I need to sell one? Should I sell the 300? Maybe the 10th Anniversary since I don't drive it much. I don't know. If I do buy it then where am I going to keep it? I am out of garage space. Again I expressed my "I really was just looking" approach but if they threw me an offer I could not refuse, who knows. They gave me a price and to be honest I was

not impressed. I was told it was convertible and in the spring it would cost me even more but I just can't see a '08 Roadster going for \$29K. Bargain it ain't. So I thanked them and went on my way. I don't know gang. I'd like to get a Roadster eventually during my stay in this world but I'm just not sure if I want to sell one of the 3 Z's I currently own. They are part of the family after all.

Speaking of my "stay in this world", I had my first ever surgery on 12/30. Yep, you hit 50 and it's all downhill. Anyway, I tore the medial meniscus in my left knee playing tennis early in December and surgery was really my only option. Even though I am always sending patients to have surgery, this injured knee belonged to me, not a patient. I was really nervous about it. What if I don't wake up? Who's going to take care of my wife and 3 kids? Will my kids remember me as they get older? What's going to happen to all my Z's? Will my wife be able to sell them? Seriously, all these questions were on my mind. I've never had anesthesia before. Thank God, I did wake up after a successful procedure. Yes my knee was quite sore afterwards but each day it is getting better. The only problem still is that I cannot squat yet. This can be a problem since when I clean the lower aspect of a car or rims I'm usually in a squatting position. Hopefully by Spring I will have no limitations.

Thanks to those who joined us at the President's Night Out Dinner at Reza's in Oakbrook. For \$22 a person we ate like Kings and Queens with an endless supply of appetizers, shish kebab, salmon fillets, scallops, rice, desert and drinks. We all sat together in a circle in our own private room and everyone had a wonderful time. We all went home a couple pounds heavier too.

Finally, this is last call for tickets to the Chicago Auto Show. Jay Weinberger of Continental Nissan was once again gracious enough to get these complimentary tickets for us. He has never hesitated in helping our club with these events. Thanks Jay!! We are heading down on Monday, Feb 13th. Plan to meet at the Starbuck's located inside near the main entrance to the show at 6 PM. The tickets will be distributed then. I am really looking forward to it. Nissan will be there and who knows, they may even have a Roadster for me to sit in.....

~ Ty

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If you have photos or articles that you'd like to contribute to the WCZC newsletter, please submit them to wczc.editor@gmail.com



MARKET

1977 280z limited edition "Zap Car"

Needs a new home with someone who appreciates the 280z's. It is a limited edition "Zap Car" of which only 1100 were made in 1977. It is all original and I have all the work records for the car since I bought it in 1981. The engine runs strong and the body is in good shape for a 1977. I always stored the car in the winters but there is some surface rust. I put on new original front fenders in 1993. Asking \$3,000.



I live in Naperville, please contact me through my work e-mail address if you have any questions or want to see the car. - Rob - rktrading@sbcglobal.net



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Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact Info
Feb 13– Chicago Auto Show	McCormick Place, Chicago	tmo212@aol.com

NISSAN NEWS

Nissan North America had a stellar year for 2011 in motor vehicle sales. Nissan and Infiniti combined sold 1,042,534 vehicles in 2011 in the U.S., up from 908,570 vehicles in 2010. This reflects the most vehicles sold in a year for NNA. This translates to an 8.2% share in the U.S. market, up from 7.8% a year earlier. Nissan's bread and butter car, the Altima, continues to be the major product sold with 268,981 sold in 2011. Other vehicles of interest are as follows:

370Z sales:	Dec. 2011: 449 sold	2011 Total Sales: 7,328 sold (down 28%)
	Dec. 2010: 726 sold	2010 Total Sales: 10,215 sold
	Dec. 2009: 924 sold	2009 Total Sales: 13,117 sold
GT-R sales:	Dec. 2011: 35 sold	2011 Total Sales: 1,294 sold (up 47%)
	Dec. 2010: 38 sold	2010 Total Sales: 877 sold
	Dec. 2009: 119 sold	2009 Total Sales: 1,534 sold
Leaf sales:	Dec. 2011: 954 sold	2011 Total Sales: 9674 sold
Altima sales:	Dec. 2011: 25,976 sold	2011 Total Sales: 268,981 sold (up 17.3%)



NISMO in conjunction with JR Motorsports has announced the official release of the Nissan GT-R NISMO GT3 designed to meet the FIA-GT3 regulations. It has the same 3.8 VR38 DETT V-6 engine as found in the production vehicle with 530hp and 451 lb/ft of torque. The car was entered in the fourth round of the Blancpain Endurance Series at the Magny-Cours circuit in France and ran flawlessly for all 98 laps. This year's GT3 race series will certainly be interesting as the future looks bright for the newest contender in the GT3 series. GO NISSAN!!!!

WANTED

36 year old Z club looking for single/married, male/female, age 16-96 member to develop/share activities with. Must be a Z enthusiast, preferably owning a Z, condition not important but prefer running. I am not looking for a short fling but a meaningful long term relationship. Divorced Corvette, Mustang, Miata or NSX owners not a problem as I am open to all ideas. I love the outdoors and like to go on Road trips, do Tech Sessions, have parties and picnics. If this is you, please inquire within. I would love to meet you.



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