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What an unbelievable spring we have been having this year, especially after the mild winter. I barely had a chance to use the snow tires this year. I look forward to testing them in the snow, particularly during stops and turns. In my opinion, that is just as important as getting started on a snowy road. The tires saw more warm dry pavement than cold snowy ones. Not only that, they came off the daily driver Accord in early March which is quite early. No sense wearing them out in the warmer temperatures we have been getting. Even the snow blower was barely used this year. I am certainly not complaining but we could use the rain. Unfortunately I have not been able to pull the trigger and get the Z's out quite yet. It is not that I don't love them anymore; it is just not physically possible at this time with all the patio furniture etc sitting in the garage near the cars. However it is not just that. We are in the midst of doing some major remodeling in the house and there are several boxes and small pieces of furniture piled up in the garage as well. It is just too much of a hassle to move things around to get to a Z but in a couple weeks everything should be done and I should have no excuses anymore.

I have to tell you a funny story that happened to me last month. I was fortunate to get out of town for Spring Break with the family. We went to Sarasota



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again for the week. Part of the fun of getting to sunny Florida is that you appreciate the difference in the weather as you leave the Chicago area and 2 ½ hours later (if you fly) you have the warm, sunny weather at your disposal. This year the difference was not as notable as in the past. Anyway, I usually attend a conference during the week (aka tax write off), being done by noonish most days. This gives me the afternoons to try to do something fun with the family such as going to the beach or some tourist attraction. One day we decided to do something different so I rented an 8 passenger boat for the afternoon. We brought food and snacks and plenty of sunblock. The hotel we were staying at just happens to have a small marina next to it so why not. After the attendant went over some general information, we were off. Even though I don't have a lot of experience driving a boat, how hard could it be? It has a throttle and a steering wheel just like a car, just no brakes. Pretty simple. We had to leave the marina at a slow pace as there are manatees in the area and they are endangered. After we got out to some more open waters, I opened up the throttle and up went the bow (that's the front of the boat for those non-nautical readers) as we whizzed along in the open seas. We had the Florida sun in the sky, and the gulf air breeze in our face. Life is good. The kids had a great time as did Sonnie and I. We were able to see some beautiful

homes along the water's edge. We would wonder as to who lives in them and what it's like to have this magnificent view.



As we were slowly moving along gazing at these homes we came to a sudden halt. Did I hit a manatee? A Great White? I looked around curiously and then looked in the water. We were on a sandbar. Great! Now what? I know now what it felt like to be the captain of the Costa Concordia, just to a smaller extent. Was the boat going to tip to its side? Do we need to abandon ship? Man the lifeboats!! Women and children first!! Technically since I was just renting the boat, do I need to go down with the ship? All these thoughts crossed my mind. How could this happen? Me, the President of the WCZC. I don't remember seeing any road hazard signs. How embarrassing. I wasn't really sure how to get out of this predicament. Since I was not going too fast, the stern portion (the back of the boat) did not dig in the sand bar so I put the thing in reverse, raised the motor up a bit and was able to back myself out. Phew! I just saved a natural disaster. What if the boat started leaking all its fuel into the gulf? My name would be plastered all over the news. I would be compared to the BP oil spill. Oh the agony of it all. To add insult to injury my troubles were not done. Eventually we headed back to the marina and I had to park the boat where I pick it up from. What a disaster. I forgot I have no real brakes and the handling is nothing like a Z. I banged the boat back and forth, side to side; hitting everything in sight but eventually was able to get it docked. If it had been a car, every single panel would have been dented big time. Fortunately it was not the case and there were no witnesses to this fiasco other than the family. They wouldn't squeal on me but they certainly laughed about it the rest of the day. I do have a greater appreciation of how captains do maneuver those larger ships now.

As far as the club is concerned, the position of the

V.P. of Activities has been filled so please do not send me any more applications (that was a joke). Jeff Pleiter has reenlisted to the role he resigned from and I really do appreciate it. I think he felt sorry for me and thought I was sinking just like the boat. Thanks Jeff!!! As you can see, we do have a Tech Session coming up at Wheels America on the 28th so please RSVP soon. You should have received an E-vite already. They will show us how they repair scuffed up or dented rims to make them look brand new. It should be very informative. See you then.

~ Ty

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FOR SALE: 1977 280z limited edition "Zap Car"
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Windy City Z Upcoming Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact Info
April 28 – Tech Session	Wheels America, Elk Grove Village	tmo212@aol.com
May – Spring Fling?		tmo212@aol.com
May 30 - June 2	Branson Z fest, Branson MO	http://www.bransonzfest.com/
July 6-7 – MZHS	Dublin, Ohio	http://www.midwestzheritage.com/index.html

2012 Midwest Z Heritage Show

Registration is now open for the 2012 Midwest Z Heritage Show in Dublin, Ohio, July 6-7. This year it will be “a show within a show” as part of the Arthritis Foundation Show that attracts over 1200 cars. The registration site is up and the hotels in the area are taking reservations...but mention the Arthritis Foundation to get the show rate.

See these links for full information.

Thanks, Dave Jarrell, IZCC, CD

<http://www.midwestzheritage.com/index.html>

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