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Upcoming Events

February 25th

General Meeting

Manny's Ale House

April 1st

General Meeting

Location TBD

June 16th

Midwest Z Heritage

The President Se^Z

Jeff Pleiter, President



My last column was written just after the first widespread snow of the Winter. Since that time there was almost no snow... until a couple of days ago when the Chicago area was slammed on a Friday, with a few smaller waves following. My snow blower has had more use this year than last. If you made it to the Chicago Auto Show, you saw Nissan's answer to Chicago winters with a whimsical take on the 370Z called the 370Zki. (pronounced 370 ski). Our Facebook cover page has been updated with a photo of our member Tony Antiporek sitting in it during the social media day that precedes the show. Add a set of tracks instead of rear wheels, and add a set of skies instead of front wheels, raise the whole thing up and you have a 370Z that can tackle winter everywhere. Of course it is a one off that you won't be able to buy it at a Nissan dealer, but is sure looks like it will be fun to drive.

Our next event will be a general meeting which will be held on February 25 due to my and Walt's schedules for early March, but I want to promote a couple of the larger events for next year. The first is the Midwest Z Heritage Show hosted by the Indy Z Club and to be held in Nashville Indiana on Friday June 15 and Saturday June 16 this year. About 4 hours from Chicago, it is as close as this regional event gets, without us actually hosting it. Nashville is a very cool artist's colony town that is worth a visit, and therefore has galleries and shops that are a cut above the typical tourist town. Also, Nashville is in Brown County, which was untouched by glaciers so still is rather hilly and has a good number of hills and curvy roads for your Z driving pleasure. The event website is www.midwestzheritage.com.

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Perfect for the weather

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Notes

Thanks to Nicole Smart and Corey Seldomridge, from Nissan North America, and Glenn Johnson for providing the Media Day passes.

Thanks to Jay Weinberger, from Continental Nissan, and Ty Ozgen for the Car Show tickets.

Activities

Walt Kreitling, VP of Activities



Greetings Fellow Z-ites. As I'm sure you've noticed, winter is upon us and has added a level of complication for your new Activities VP. There have been 3 WCZC events in January-February, two-thirds of which have generated significant snowfalls and reduced attendance. I guess I will have to improve my weather management skills. But being hearty Midwesterners no event cancellations were needed. On January 7th the first general meeting of the 2018 season was held at Manny's Ale House in Elmhurst. A somewhat abbreviated group arrived, despite some rather treacherous roads, for good food and beer and to discuss weather, surviving the Holidays and activities for the coming year. Among the possibilities were road trips both one day and possibly overnight journeys as well. We happen to be well located between a number of highly regarded Auto Museums (Gilmore in Hickory Corners, MI, Auburn Cord Dusenbergl in Auburn IN, Studebaker in South Bend to name a few) which offer other non-auto points of interest and some interesting roads to and from. Wisconsin offers Old Wisconsin (a living out door Museum), a significant Oktober Fest in La Crosse, and a variety of lake front festivals, museums and such in Milwaukee. Yours truly will be looking at these and some other possibilities, as well as some local activities that I am researching. If any members have ideas please let me know, as I welcome new ideas.

The immediate events looming in February were the next General Meeting and of course, the Chicago Auto Show. Because the Super Bowl fell on our usual meeting date and because the CAS was so close after that date, it was decided to cancel the General meeting.

As it turns out, we had a second car show opportunity courtesy of Glenn Johnson. Glenn had a connection with the group that was organizing activities for Nissan North America and was able to acquire credentials for the media preview on Feb. 9th. For those who have never been to CAS on Media Day, it is a treat. There are no crowds, no lines, and there and the booths are well staffed with people waiting to answer questions. Even the various ride and drive demos have no lines. The only drawback is that it is only open from 8:00 to 2:00, which kind of limits participation. A hasty Evite went out and we received 13 Yes and 8 Maybe responses. Unfortunately, Old Man Winter intervened and dumped copious amounts of snow,

which made travel difficult and only four of us made it in (Jim Koolish, the Antiporeks and Yours Truly). There are or will be shortly, lots of pictures on the website. Hopefully, we can call on Glenn's good offices next year as well and I will try to arrange better weather.

Fortunately, the WCZC/CAS day (Feb. 12th) dawned cold and clear and all 8 members and one new member from Wausau WI, Dan Maguire, had no trouble meeting at the show entrance. This time our thanks go to Ty Ozgen, whose connection with Continental Nissan yielded free tickets. As you recall, last year we gathered in a circle around a non-present 370Z in the Nissan booth. Apparently our chiding of the staff about this omission had some effect as there was a 370Z Cabrio there this year.....sort of. If you ever wondered what a 370Z snowmobile would look like check the pictures on the website. The folks at the Nissan advertising department have got to stop putting that stuff in their coffee! No new sports prototype or even an indication of a new Z, however. The attendance was fairly light, which made the show more pleasant. After converging at the Nissan booth, the group sort of drifted off to their specific auto interests to enjoy the rest of the show.

As for future events the March General Meeting will be on February 25th at Manny's Ale House. Jeff has conflicting commitments in March and I will not be able to attend, as I will be in Arizona. I will get an Evite out very shortly and will monitor it by remote control. Watch for the Evite for more details. Further out, keep a date open for the 18th Annual Midwest Z Heritage Show on June 15th and 16th at the Season's Lodge in Nashville. Information and registration forms are on their website <http://midwestheritage.com>. There is a possibility of extending the Z Heritage trip by a day watch for further details. Also the International Z Car Convention will be in Atlanta, GA from October 16-20th. For more details, please review Jeff's column and/or go to ZCON.org.

Stay warm and keep it between the curbs. Zee you Later.



Members of the Month

Paul Fox, New Member

My name is Paul Fox and I live in the southwest suburbs of Chicago. I own a distribution business in New Lenox Illinois and reside in Manhattan Illinois. I own a few collector vehicles and have recently become the proud owner of a 1974 Datsun 260 Z. As an avid viewer of the Velocity channel, I have come to fall in love with the early 70's Z cars. I always dreamed of owning an early 70's 2 seat 5 speed sports car.

I had decided early last year that the time had come to purchase a 240 Z or 260 Z. I did not want a full blown restoration project vehicle, as I had already been on that field trip with a few other collector vehicles I have owned and sold. So I traveled to the Mecum Auction in Indianapolis last May to look over this nice red 1974 Datsun 260 Z. When I saw the car I fell in love instantly. The vehicle looked as if it had been through some thorough reconditioning. The body seemed solid, as I had expected, since it was a Texas car. Although the engine was modified from the original, it looked as though someone had put a lot of hard work and money into it. So I decided I would bid on it. Although 260 Z's do not command the same value as a 240 Z, I still wanted the vehicle. Although I paid a little more than I wanted to for the vehicle, I won the bid. I drove the car several times last summer. This only convinced me that this vehicle would remain in my stable for a long time. There are a few issues with this wonderful car; the speedometer does not work, I think someone put an after-market suspension on it, and she idles a little rough. I have also noticed that the clutch is a little worn. Therefore, I have purchased some original shocks and a working speedometer on the internet. I am now ready to take the car to a qualified shop to get the work done. I am hoping someone can refer me to a qualified shop in the Chicagoland area that specializes in early Z cars. I look forward to the opportunity of meeting other Z



The President Sez

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The host hotel is The Season's Lodge (www.seasonlodge.com and 1-800-365-7327). There is a group rate, and I think you need to call to get it. I believe that if you check via their website, it shows as sold out for those dates. Registration is not open yet, but I want you all to consider going. Our club has not been well represented at this event the last two years (for a number of reasons). I would really like to get a good showing this year, as we really need to represent our club well. One thing I would suggest is attending an extra day to make this more of a weekend vacation and spend some additional time in Nashville or the surrounding area. This would be arriving Thursday a day early or spending the day on Sunday and leaving Monday. We'll get a Evite up soon.

The other event I want to promote is the International Z Car Convention which will be held October 16-20 this year in the Atlanta area. This event is hosted by two clubs this year: Fairlady Alliance Club, and the Georgia Z Club. Z1 Motorsports is a main sponsor. They annually host a large Z event in Atlanta called the Z Nationals. This year, Z Nationals is joining forces with ZCON 2018 and this event promises to be the biggest convention in years. The event will include track time at Road Atlanta, car shows, mountain drives, and the usual dinners and social events. Since it is in October, it should avoid the heat that has plagued recent conventions. The website is www.zcon.org, and registration for the convention and the hotel is now open.

Something I want to pass on that I have been seeing online lately is a problem with oil gallery gasket failures on the HR engines from 2007 to about 2011. 370Z for years 2012 and above come with upgraded gaskets. Symptom is a lower than normal oil pressure at idle.

Hope to see you at our March meeting.

Keep an eye on our Website and Facebook page for other updates.

WCZC 2018 Schedule of Events

For more information, contact Walt Kreitling, unless noted otherwise.

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details
February 25	5PM	General Meeting	Manny's Ale House	Evite to follow
April 1	5PM	General Meeting	TBD	Evite to follow
June 15–16		Midwest Z Heritage	Nashville, IN	Evite to follow Midwestzheritage.com
October 16–20		Z Con	Atlanta	Zcon.org



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Paul Fox's 260 - See member column on page 3



Events - 2018 Car Show

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