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Upcoming Events

July

Summer Fling

September 8-9

Rosemont Car Show

October 16th

Z Con

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The President Sees

Jeff Pleiter, President



We are just back from a good Z time at Midwest Z Heritage Fest in Nashville, Indiana. It was a good turnout with 50+ cars and 100+ people. The weekend was a bit hot with weather in the 80's and 90's but at least no rain during the event. Allie and I stayed an extra day to explore Nashville and meet up with relatives I have in the area and the sky opened up with a storm about noon just over Nashville, so we didn't completely miss getting rained on. We all noticed that gas in Indiana is not the comparative bargain it used to be. Indiana has raised their gas tax.

Friday was primarily a travel day with a car wash set up. I didn't join the caravan down as I had promised Allie she could sleep in and pack in the morning, but a number of people met at the Lincoln Oasis and traveled down together. The evening arrived with soft drinks, water, adult beverages, and pizza. It was good to get together and catch up with the Z folk from the other clubs.

At the show we met a very nice and enthusiastic lady named Laurie who owned the only (and very nice) 280ZX at the show. She owns one of the shops in town and found the event in the local paper shortly before the event. She regularly parks her car in front of the shop and gets a few extra customers and an occasional offer to buy her Z. Before we left she indicated her intent to join the Indy Z club.

Saturday brought the car show, during which I had volunteered to judge, so I did not really get to see all the cars in detail, just the engines of the various classes of daily drive and modified cars I was judging. Three bottles of water later I was done.

The dinner brought both the raffle prizes, of

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Please send any event suggestions to Walt. He would also appreciate help in organizing and shepherding the events.



Midwest Heritage Z Fest

Photo by Jeff P.

Activities

Walt Kreitling, VP of Activities



Greetings Fellow Z-ites,

The BIG NEWS for June is, of course the Midwest Z Heritage Show in Nashville, TN. If this were an article in Variety the headline would read: **WCZC BOFFO AT Z FEST IN N'VILLE!** But I'm getting ahead of the story. On June 15, 4 Zs met at the Lincoln Oasis (the Oppermans, Johnsons, Kreitlings and Ty Ozgen) for the journey to Nashville. We would be joined there by the Pleiters, Kushs, Kecas, Rosecrans and Mike Phillips who traveled separately. The caravan journey was largely uneventful with the exception of a slight detour which may have been caused by someone who looked like me. The lane change turned out to be one going to Columbus, OH instead of Columbus, IN. No great delay and Bill Opperman had a chance to refuel so we were on our way in no time albeit one of us was a bit red faced.

The Fest was held at Season's Lodge and was attended by about 100 people and 50+ Zs with all generations being represented. Notably absent this year were any Infinitys or GTRs. Despite temperatures in the 90s everyone was out cleaning and shinning their "rides". Judging took place on Saturday morning and by 1:00 pm all vehicles were inspected and the tallies were in. A few of us (the Rosencrans, Kecas, Johnsons, and Mike Phillips) took a very pleasant drive through the turns and hills around the area to a place called Story, a community of less than a half dozen whose main attraction is a General Store/Bar with a couple of old Standard Oil gas pumps. Very quaint and according to the sign "Located inconveniently in the same location since 1851". After some re-



freshments we returned to the Lodge and attended the

dinner/awards/raffle/silent auction presentation.

To say that our participation in the Midwest Z Heritage Show was successful understates the case and our surprise. The list of winnings is as follows:

Silent Auction

Mike Phillips - Stabilizer Bars for Gen 1
Ty Ozgen - Griot's Garage Wash Set
Karl Kush - the Katayama Book

50/50 Drawing for the Jackson Center for Conductive Education, the charity to which Z Heritage proceeds will go.

Judy Kush (who donated her winnings to the Jackson Center)

Raffle

Jeff Pleiter - \$50 Gift Certificate from Z SPEC
Glenn Johnson - Titanium Strut Nuts for Gen 6
Rock Auto Gift Certificate

Show Awards

Mike Phillips - 1st Place Gen 1 Daily Driver
Bill Opperman - 2nd Place Gen 1 Modified
Ty Ozgen - 1st Place Gen 4 Daily Driver
Jeff Pleiter - 1st Place Gen 5 Stock
Karl Kush - 1st Place Gen 5 Modified
Kieth Keca - 3rd Place Gen 5 Modified
Walt Kreitling - 1st Place Gen 6 Stock
Bob Rosecrans - 2nd Place Gen 6 Stock
Glen Johnson - 1st Place Gen 6 Modified

All together not a bad showing. I think it says a lot about how much we enjoy and maintain our cars. Congratulations to all the WCZC participants.

The 2018 Midwest Z Heritage show was very well organized and the members are to be congratulated on a very smooth and efficiently run program. What is more remarkable is that the total membership is currently 10 people, all of whom were involved in some fashion but the operating committee who bore most of the responsibility was composed of 5 of the members. That shows commendable organizational skills and remarkable efficiency. I think we were all impressed.

Next year's event will be in Ohio on the same week end so mark your calendars.

After all that good news unfortunately there is some bad news. The "Evening with Tesla" event scheduled for July the 12th has been cancelled by Tesla of Westmont. Shortly after I received the go ahead from my contact at the dealership I received an email from Ryan Needles informing me that there had been a major restructuring of the distribution organization at Tesla and they would not be able to accommodate our event. Upon returning home on Monday I opened Evite and cancelled the event with an explanation to be sent to all members. However, the program did in fact cancel the event but nothing went out. So

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The President Sez

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which there were many, and the awards of which the Windy City Z Club made a good showing. See the photos in the newsletter, online website and on our Facebook page.

Hold the dates of June 13, 14, and 15 of next year open for Cleveland Z Club will be hosting next year's Midwest Z Heritage event in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. That is an additional day with tentative plans for the suds n shine and welcome on Thursday, Friday an autocross and/or cruise possible with the car show and dinner on Saturday. They will be updating the Midwest Z Heritage website in the next month or so.

Time to clean the bugs of the Z! I hope to see you at the event next year!

While we were there, Walt told me that the Tesla event had fallen through, but he was working on some other events which I am sure he will share his column.

I have a couple of things in my attic I am looking to pass on if anyone needs them: Stock sway bars from my 94 2+2, and the Bose radio from the same car - the head unit worked fine when pulled, and so did the speakers when I brought it in for installation on an aftermarket system. Unfortunately some of the speakers were damaged by the shop during removal to install the aftermarket speakers. While I saved them, I don't really know what parts of the speakers might be usable. Contact me if you have any interest.

Nissan 370 Z sales continue to slow down. 343 were sold in May of 2018 down from 447 sold in May of 2017. Mad Mike was present at the show, and as usual could not say anything, if he knows anything, about the next Z.



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Activities

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I resurrected the event and resent it with an explanation and the message as I received it from Ryan Needles. It was sent but apparently not everyone has read the "Host's Comment" and I have received several "yes" and "no" responses. So I may have to update the message again. To say the least I am disappointed that the event will not take place and also in the somewhat marginal explanation for cancelling, but there is not much to be done.

I am already looking into another event for July and will have something out in the next few days. Longer term, you have received an Evite for Z Con in October in Atlanta. Please give this your consideration.

In last month's Newsletter I talked about a Car Club participation at The Classic Auto Show on September 8-9 at the Stephens Convention Center. This is a big deal as there will be about 600 cars and 50 car clubs present. The fly in the ointment is that the cars will have to stay in the arena for the duration of the show which will require some ancillary transportation on both days. In talking to the organizer they expressed an eagerness to have us join the event. I will send an Evite with the details and would be interested in feedback from anyone who would be willing to participate.

There are two car shows on the immediate horizon. On Sunday June 24th at Iron Gate Motor Condos, 2212 Ferry Road, Naperville, the 5th annual International (!?) Auto Show is taking place from 10:00am - 2:00pm. It is a rain or shine event, food and beverages available for purchase, open to the public no charge or preregistration necessary. Also, July 8th, Autobahn Country Club, 3795 Centerpoint Way, Joliet, is having a "Watch, Drive & Show" event from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Show your car, watch the members race, food is available for purchase at their café and there will be a Touring session on the member's track.

See you soon.

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WCZC 2018 Schedule of Events

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

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
July	TBD	Summer Fling	TBD	Evite to follow	Yes
July 7	9AM	Supercar Saturday	Arboretum of South Barrington	Supercarsaturdays.com	No
July 8	10AM	Show and Drive	Autobahn Country Club		TBD
August 4	9AM	Supercar Saturday	Arboretum of South Barrington	Supercarsaturdays.com	No
September 1	9AM	Supercar Saturday	Arboretum of South Barrington	Supercarsaturdays.com	No
September 8-9	TBD	Classic Auto Show	Stephens Convention Center Rosemont, IL	Evite to follow	Yes
September 16	7:30am	Cantigny Car Show	Cantigny Wheaton, IL	Cantigny.org	TBD
October 16–20		Z Con	Atlanta, GA	Zcon.org	Yes

Events and Cars

Midwest Z Heritage Fest Photos by Glenn J. and Jeff P.





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 280ZX _____

How did you hear about our club? _____

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- Hosting a club event
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- Committee Volunteer
- Club Representative
- Leadership Role

If you have any questions concerning these categories, please contact one of the Club Officers listed above.

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