

WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

July 21

Vintage Races

August

Summer Fling

September 8-9

Rosemont Car Show

October 16th

Z Con

See full schedule on page 4 for more details

The President Se^Z

Jeff Pleiter, President



I am listening to new music, as I write this column. Our church has a bulletin board where people can exchange free items. A while back I put up an ad that I would take free vinyl albums. I still have my own vinyl, a turntable I had purchased in my college days, and I still spin some occasionally although I mostly listen to CDs. My Honda Pilot has a 6-disc changer that gets a workout pretty much every day that I go to work. Funny that vinyl is making a bit of a comeback while CDS are disappearing. Best Buy announced they are going to stop selling CDs. Anyway, I do get a few free albums now and again based on the ad I put up. I thought it might be a good way to get new music to listen to that I would not normally buy. Right now a big band compilation is on the turntable. Much of what I get are old jazz, classical, Latin, folk and other misc. stuff like children's records and soundtracks. Very little of it is rock, blues, and other stuff I would normally buy.

For me, good music is almost always a part of the driving experience, and when I have a choice, I get the best sound system in the car that I can. Unfortunately, neither of my Zs have a good sound system. The 280Zx radio/cassette seems fully functional except all you can hear is static and very faint radio sound. One of these days I would like to get it repaired, probably with speakers upgraded behind the existing grills. The Nismo was intended to be the top track performing 350Z so it came with just a base radio with single CD and no other option. It is a pain to try to switch a CD while driving. At least the Nismo has a decent exhaust note. Since I generally want to keep these two stock, I don't want to go with an aftermarket system such as I had put in my 300ZX. That was a great system.

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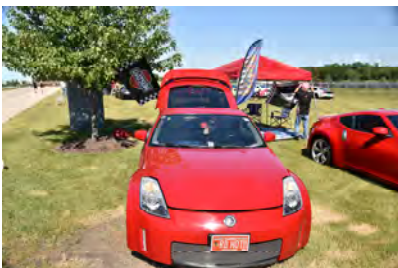
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Please send any event suggestions to Walt. He would also appreciate help in organizing and shepherding the events.



Autobahn

Photo by Jim K.

Activities

Walt Kreitling, VP of Activities



Greetings, Fellow Z-ites.

July turned out to be a very busy month for WCZC activities. My original plan was to have our weather delayed Spring Fling (Summer Fling) in July but a raft of requests from members to include events in their area took us in different directions.

First up was a couple of emails from Jim Koolish and Keith and Ree Keca about a "Race, Watch, Show" event at Autobahn Country Club. Seven members (6 cars) said "yes". Unfortunately, I already had a commitment to visit friends in Wisconsin so I could not attend so I "deputized" Jim Koolish and the Kecas to gather the flock on location. Below you'll find an addendum from Jim detailing the day's events.

Ironically, our friends in Wisconsin suggested we go over to Lake Lawn Lodge in Delevan, WI because they were having a car show on the grounds. It turned out to be quite an event involving about 1100 cars, many vendors and food spread out over the grounds of the lodge on beautiful Lake Delevan. It may be something we may want to look into for next year.

Keith and Ree Keca also asked if the club would be interested in attending "Import Night" at the Plainfield, IL Tuesday night Cruise-in. This was my first time in down town Plainfield and it is a very pleasant village, with lots of businesses and restaurants (I second Jeff's recommendation of the restaurant Mora) and a very well organized staff running the event. Keith Keca was on the spot early and managed to make himself large enough to cover enough parking places so that the club could line up together. We had 10 WCZC members and 7 cars present in addition to 2 other non-member Zs and a GT-R nearby. Nissan was well represented and the variety of other vehicles was remarkable considering the event covered about 10 blocks of Main St. and a few of the side streets. Altogether, a fun evening.

As I mentioned earlier, I had intended to plan a "Fling" this month and July 14th was the day I had in mind. However, a request came from member Tony Antiporek to send an Evite out for a Benefit Car Show in honor of a young man who lost his life in a car accident in the Lamont area. It was held in the Christ Community Church Parking lot which was a good thing because as it turned out, if it had been on something other than pavement the car show might still be there. We had 8 members and 6 cars scheduled, until Saturday morning, when the rains from Noah's second flood started. By the time I waded to

the location about an hour later than I intended, mine was the first Z to arrive (The people greeting arrivals congratulated me on my fortitude). It was also the last Z to arrive. Tony's Z was not in the mood to attend. There was a total of 3 imports there and maybe 50 cars total. Very friendly people and a wide spectrum of vehicles. After 2 attempts to dry our rides the rain finally stopped permanently and the show proceeded as planned with raffles, a Turtle Waxing contest, and awards. I felt badly for the organizers because they did a fine job and, with a little help from Mother nature, I am sure it would have been much more successful.

But July is not over yet and there is still one more scheduled event for WCZC, that being Vintage races at Road America on the 21st. So far we have 3 confirmed attendees and 11 "maybes". Depending on how many of the "maybes" convert to "yesses" or other interest appears there will not be much to organize. Worst case, I will email the other two and see how we would like to proceed. Either a very small caravan (caravanette?) or just individual travel and meet at the track.

As far as future events, of course don't forget ZCON in Atlanta, GA in October. There is also the Classic Auto Show at the Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, IL on September 8th and 9th. This is not like any of the car shows we have been involved with, at least as long as I have been in the club. This will include 600+ cars and 50 car clubs. They anticipate 20,000 people will go through the gate (they get 30,00 for the same show in LA). We are registered and because we registered early there are no entry charges for the club or cars that enter. Our car club will be listed on the event website and on the On-Site Directory. We have space for 10 cars reserved for us. It would be ideal if we had at least one example of each Z generation. That's the up side. The other side is that the cars will be staged on Friday September 7th from 6:00am to 6:00pm. You can imagine that setting up 600 cars and 50m clubs can't be done Saturday morning. Also the cars will stay in the Convention Center until Sunday night at 6:00pm. So there will be some ancillary transportation necessary on all three days which we will have to organize. This is a bit of a commitment but it could be a real PR boost for the club and might even be a fascinating experience. I will send out an Evite this week and include the pertinent info.

I am still going to plan a Fling, so help me. Recently Mary and I went to visit friends in Lake Carroll, IL up near Rockford. Found some very enjoyable roads and I am looking at a trip to the Frank Lloyd Wright house in Rockford, with a return trip along the Rock River through Dixon and back along Rt. 30. I will have more info in the next couple of weeks and a date in August. Stay tuned.

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The President Sez

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Since my teens, part of the enjoyment of the whole driving experience is having great music playing while driving along with warm weather, top down or windows open. My tastes in music have changed and evolved over the years, but certain music, groups or songs seem to lend themselves to driving. They seem to need to have a compulsive beat, and a feel that the song is going to keep going and never end, but it does end a bit sooner than one would like. There are too many to list and I am sure you have your favorites. A couple of mine are Tom Petty's "Running Down a Dream" and John Hiatt's "Memphis in the Meantime"

I made it to the Plainfield Cruise night for the first time. Generally hard to do for those who typically stop working about 5:00 - 5:30 as you have to get there early to get a spot, but I made a plan to leave at 4:30 that day. Drove the Z to work, and Allie met me there. We left at 4:45 as she had been delayed in traffic due to an accident, and so we arrived just in time to get one of the few remaining spots. Their cruise night was very well attended by both car exhibitors and spectators. The weather was great and we had a great time with other Z members. I do recommend the Asian Fusion restaurant called Mora in downtown Plainfield. The food was excellent.

Ty was at the cruise night and he had the hard copies of the last two issues (Winter 2017 and Spring 2018) of Z Car Club magazine, so if you want a copy of each, let me know and I can bring some to the next event. The next upcoming event is the Vintage Races at Road America on July 21.

As an engineer and car enthusiast, the emergence of daily usable electric cars is interesting to me. Yesterday I watched on You Tube a three-way comparison between the Chevy Bolt, new generation Nissan Leaf, and Tesla Model 3. The Nissan Leaf came out on top, as the one the three hosts would buy at this time. The Tesla was generally the one with the best driving experience but had some fit and finish issues. The Tesla's as tested cost of about \$50k was also an issue, as the \$35,000 base models are currently not being produced. They said that a \$35k Tesla might have topped their list. The Chevy Bolt has a longer range than the Leaf was fun to drive and had good ergonomics and versatility, but the interior was too cheap. So the Leaf won out as being the best all-around car with an affordable price. They noted that only the Tesla would likely be good for long trips due to their supercharging network. The Leaf is also coming out with a

longer range battery in 2019. Am I ready to buy yet? No, but I keep watching.

Activities

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Thanks to Keith and Ree Keca for helping out with the two events and thanks to all who attended.

Keep the shiny side up.

As Jeff noted, in his column, we had 6 cars and 7 people, at the show and track event at the Autobahn. Most of us arrived at the same time and Keith wrangled his favorite spot near one of the few trees. Ree came separately, with the Keca tent, chairs, and the Z club banner. Food was available, at the café, and a few track cars were providing some entertainment, in addition to the car show.

There were a lot more cars than last year (too many, in my opinion, for the track, as the pace car was right behind the last car). The laps this year were slower, due to the large number of cars, but the Mustangs in front of us slowed down, to create space for some acceleration though various turns. All in all it was a good time both on and off the track. As Jeff and Ty can probably attest, trying to make high speed turns, in a 280ZX with full sidewall tires, is a challenge. Fun none the less.

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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 21		Vintage Races	Road America	See Evite	Yes
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

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Autobahn



Plainfield Cruise Night



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