

WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

November 3rd

WCZC B-day Dinner

Glen Prairie

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The President Sees Z

Jeff Pleiter, President



I am writing this column a bit early as I will be heading out to ZCON, with a couple of other stops on the way. For those wondering about my last column, I am back too normal after a brief medical issue that took about a week to get over. A couple of doctor visits and some prescriptions and I am back on the road. As they say, it sucks to get old. Not that I consider myself old yet, but we are all heading in that direction.

Thanks again to Continental Nissan for hosting Oktoberfest. The weather was ok, with fall temps, clouds, and only a few drops of rain. The weather I am sure kept some cars away and attendance down, but for those there Continental provided a catered lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, bratwurst, and soft drinks. Each attendee also walked away with a goodie bag and Continental provided a few items, for giveaway at our Birthday Party. Dennis Pecho is the new (6 months) general manager, but he has been in the Continental Motor group for many years. He was very enthusiastic about the club being there. The dealership had three Zs, one of which was a Nismo edition, which was out on a test drive more than it was there. I would not be surprised if it sold that day.

You won't have seen me at the Iron Gate Motor Condos Japanese car event, as I will be out of town visiting my daughter. Ty is hosting in his garage and will be providing coffee. That event will be over by the time this newsletter hits print.

The next event after ZCON will be our annual Birthday party, which will be held at Glen Prairie Restaurant. An Evite, and RSVP form has been sent out. The restaurant is in the west side of the Crowne Plaza Lombard/Downers Grove Hotel

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Notes

Officer elections will be held, at the Annual Dinner on November 3, 2018. Let Jeff know, if you are interested in running for any of the offices.

Thanks to Continental Nissan for once again hosting Oktoberfest



Ty's Dream

Photo from Glenn J...

Activities

Walt Kreitling, VP of Activities



Greetings Fellow Z-ites

This month's Activity Report will be found below and will be submitted by our "Senior WCZC Activities Field Reporter, Ty Ozgen. The best that I can deliver this month is a WCZC Inactivities Report. As you I know, after the miles pile up significant maintenance becomes necessary. In my case automotively speaking, the right McPherson strut (leg) was worn out and the steering knuckle and shock absorber (knee) had to be replaced. Bad news is there are no original or new old stock parts available for a 1945 Walt. Good news is the aftermarket is making Universal Replacement parts but a great deal of custom fitting is required which requires much modification to the original mounting hardware. Long story short (too late) I have been off road since October 3rd and will be for a while yet (cars don't have to heal, 1945 Walts do).

Therefore, I was not able to attend any of the October events. So Ty will fill in the details for the Continental October Fest and this month's Iron Gate Chrome and coffee. I wish to thank Ty for both hosting the events and submitting the following part of this article.

To use a quote from the one and only Michael Jordan, "I'm back". At least for one newsletter article. I thought I would step in a write a few words about some of our recent events, as our current VP of Activities is recuperating from a procedure. Walt has done a great done this past year for us and I want to thank him for all of his efforts. It is tough to set up events and wait for people to sign up and show up. It's kind of like when you throw a party and hope for people to show up. It can be stressful. I do miss being more active in the running of the club but on the other hand; it's also nice being just a member for the last 2 years. Did you all miss my articles? I thought so.

To start off I want to express my condolences to the family of Andy Kyrk, as he succumbed to prostate cancer at a young age. I had met him several times over the years, mostly through David Johnson, a former member of our club. He used to live in the area but had recently resided in California. I don't believe he was ever a WCZC member but he was an avid Z fan and very knowledgeable about working and fixing them. May he rest in peace. David has also been going through tough times recently

with his own health, as many of you are aware, and is still in the hospital at this time. I wish him a speedy recovery so that we can see both him and that baby blue Z here in Chicago again. Please keep David and Andy's family in your prayers during this tough time.

As far as activities, October was a busy month for our club. On October 6th, we were once again invited to Continental Nissan in Countryside, for the annual Octoberfest event where the WCZC proudly displayed our Z's. Thank you Jay Weinberger for allowing us to convene at your dealership, as well as the Dennis Pecho, the general manager, for being our host for the day. They had burgers and brats cooked to order as well as drinks. The tables were set up inside the dealership for us to eat. Of course they had the brand new Nissan products for our viewing pleasure. My favorite was a gorgeous white 2018 370Z NISMO. What a beautiful Z that is!!! Such great lines!! I'm telling you, if I did not have 3 college educations coming up in the near future, I would be all over that. The weather could have been better, as it had threatened to rain all day, but fortunately we only got a little drizzle. It's funny how the week prior to this day I started to watch the forecast to see if was going to rain or not. What is even funnier is how the forecast changes each day, even a few times during the day. I brought my '83 280ZX and it just got a light mist on it so I was able to just use a spray detailer and clean it off when I got home. I learned something new that day. As may of you know, I am a big fan of the 280ZX's and I learned that Madonna had a white 280ZX in her music video "Borderline". Go ahead and watch it. I had to look at it that day, at the table with my wife's nephew Kaan, and it was pretty cool until she spray painted it with red paint. We both got disgusted. How dare she do that!! I hope that the Z had a good wax on it or at least someone took some clay to it shortly after the video was shot. Was there such a thing as a clay bar back in the mid 80's? Hmmmm

The next day Bob and Marlene Rosecrans had an informal cruise, for the club, through the forest preserves. Again I was watching the weather for it and thought for sure that the rain would cancel the event but I guess the rain went north and south, allowing a dry drive. I was not able to partake because of my kids swim meet but they did have an enjoyable drive with a stop for ice cream.

The next weekend I opened up my car condo, at Iron Gate Motor Condos, for the Japanese themed Chrome and Coffee. For those who have never been here, you have to come check the area out. It is truly a unique arrangement. There is nothing like it in the Chicago area. It was a dry but cool, to start the morning, but the sun felt nice and warm. I thought there was a good turnout, as we

WCZC 2018 Schedule of Events

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

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
November 3rd	6PM	Annual B-day Party	Glen Prairie Glen Ellyn	See e-vite. Return form by October 26th	Yes

The President Sez

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building, 1250 Roosevelt Rd., on the northwest corner of Finley Road and Roosevelt Road, in Glen Ellyn. (yeah the name is different than the address - weird) The menu was not available yet, as they use locally sourced food as much as possible. We'll be selecting the menu and sending it out about a week and a half before the event. The club is picking up some of the cost of the meal, as part of the perks of membership. As usual, we will have a slide show, raffle, and having officer elections at the meeting. If you are interested in one of the officer positions, let us know ahead of time or at the birthday party. I am willing to continue as president, but if anyone else is interested I am also willing to step back and let new blood in.

I decided to be safe and replace the 12-year-old OEM tires, on the Nismo, before driving to ZCON. I had the usual great service from Tire Rack (note they will be providing a raffle prize at the party). The tires were shipped the same day I ordered them and delivered the next day to DuPage Tire and Auto, who did a great job mounting them. I went with the Continental ExtremeContact Sport XL. Next month I should be able to tell you my opinion of their performance.

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parked the Zs in front of my unit. I left my Zs inside the garage. I had the coffee going inside with a fresh box of Munchkins for every one to eat. I even had a DVD playing on the TV screen from the 2011 Midwest Z Heritagefest. Carl Kush was kind enough to put this together back then and it was a lot of fun to watch it again. Thanks Carl. Our turn to be the host again for this weekend event is coming up in 2020. The Z31's were the only Z not represented that day. We got plenty of compliments from the spectators, especially with Bill and Cheryl's 240Z. Our Zs are truly the original Japanese sports car and they are certainly becoming more collectable as time goes on. You see, it's really an investment so enjoy the ride!!

Finally, don't forget the WCZC birthday party coming up on Saturday, November 3rd. It should be a lot of fun. Ty

Despite summers being over there are still some events on the agenda. Even as I write this there are members on their way to the Zcon meeting in Nashville and we look forward to that article in the November/December Newsletter.

And of course November 3rd is the WCZC Annual Birthday dinner. It will be held at Glen Prairie, 1250 Roosevelt Road in Glen Ellyn from 6:00pm to 10:00pm. A flyer/reservation form has been sent to all members. If you have not received it one is attached to this newsletter. Unless something unusual happens with my repair, I plan on attending and look forward to seeing you all there.

Keep the shiny side up and watch out for potholes. Talk to you again, in the next issue.

Z Events

Oktoberfest Photos by Glenn J. & Jeff P.



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Iron Gate Photos by Glenn J. & Ty O.





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WINDY CITY Z CLUB

ANNUAL BIRTHDAY DINNER

Saturday, November 3, 2018

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Cash bar. Dinner approx. 7:00pm

Glen Prairie

1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

www.glenprairie.com

Appetizer, salad, entree with tea/coffee/bread and WCZC birthday cake,
Specific menu information to follow (they are switching to fall menu)
Let me know if you have any special food considerations.

Officer Elections, Door Prizes, Year in Review Slide show

Cut and mail RSVP: _____

Member Name: _____

Guest Name: _____

\$25 per person for member and guest, \$30 per person for non-members

Amount Enclosed \$ _____ No. of People _____

Make Checks payable to Windy City Z Club. Checks and form due by October 26.

Mail to: Jeffery Pleiter
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Date: _____, 20____

Name _____ Dual Member's Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(____) _____ - _____ (____) _____ - _____ (____) _____ - _____
 Cell Phone Home Phone Work Phone

Occupation _____ Birthday (Mo/Day) _____ Shirt Size _____ Dual Member's Birthday _____ Shirt Size _____

E-mail address (please print): _____
 Your e-mail address is important because we send the WCZC newsletter and club notifications via e-mail.
 Please remember to keep us updated if your e-mail address changes.

Type of Zs Owned (Please indicate year and quantity):

240Z _____ 300ZX _____
 260Z _____ 350Z _____
 280Z _____ 370Z _____
 280ZX _____

How did you hear about our club? _____

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- \$30.00 for one year (incl. foreign countries)
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- Car Restoration
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- Social Events
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- Hosting a club event
- Customizing
- Committee Volunteer
- Club Representative
- Leadership Role

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

Please make your check payable to the Windy City Z Club and mail it with this application to:

WINDY CITY Z CLUB
 6770 Aspen Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532

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