

WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

August 25th

Concours d'Elegance

Geneva, IL

September 7th or 8th

Fall Fling

TBD

September 15th

Cantigny Car Show

Wheaton, IL

September 22nd

MZH Planning Meeting

Glenn Johnson's House

October 5th

Octoberfest

Continental Nissan

October 12th

Chrome and Coffee

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The President Sees

Jeff Pleiter, President



One of our members mentioned, at the August MZH planning meeting, that Nissan will no longer be offering us the 370Z Roadster for 2020. I usually am up on Z news, but I had not heard this before. A quick search of the internet confirmed that about May 1st Nissan announced that 2019 would be the last year for the roadster. The rest of the lineup continues on for 2020. In July, Nissan sold 226 370Zs, and year-to-date 1,478 Zs. The year-to-date figure is a 32% decline over same period last year. That is less than 3,000 Zs per year. The Z32 sold just under 3,000 in 1996 when it was cancelled. Still no word on a Z replacement however.

In July, Nissan also reported a 90% drop in profit for the previous quarter, and that it was axing about 12,500 mostly auto plant workers. The Carlos Ghosn arrest distraction, internal management and sales incentives, have all been brought up as related to the decline. Nissan has said they aim to focus more on profitability. What does that mean for our favorite automaker and the Z Car?

We just wrapped up the latest 2020 Midwest Z Heritage Planning meeting and are close to choosing a host hotel, car show venue, and have a tentative plan for a fun social event Friday evening. We hope to share more with you in the next newsletter, and have the MZH website and Facebook page updated.

Activities:

August 25 - Geneva Concours d'Elegance. We have registered as a club for the car club area. An Evite has been sent out and advanced registration is required. The town of Geneva, IL hosts a major automotive event called the Geneva Concours d'Elegance. The organizers offer a reserved parking lot behind the County Court House for individu-

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Notes

Please contact Jeff and attend the September 22nd planning meeting, if you are interested in helping plan and run the 2020 Midwest Z Heritage, which is being hosted by WCZC.

The President Sez

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als and car clubs for a \$20.00 charitable donation per car (Beneficiary: LIVINGWELL CANCER RESOURCE CENTER). The Court House parking lot is 1/2 block off of 3rd Street down the entire length of which the Concours entrant's cars are displayed. So, you literally step out of your car and you are in the middle of the event. The parking lot is limited to registered vehicles but is also viewed by event spectators. You may arrive and depart at your leisure; however, the event starts at 10:00am and it would be best to arrive before that time. As mentioned, it is located on 3rd Street which is a major shopping location. There are dozens of shops and boutiques and almost as many restaurants and ice cream/gelato/chocolate emporiums. This is a great opportunity to view some fabulous rolling art, historic vehicles and show our car club colors, at an event to which we we don't usually have access. See you there.

Watch for new Evites for the upcoming events:

September 7th or 8th - Fall Fling

Sept 15 - Annual Cantigny Car Show. We attend this most years as a club event. This is open to all makes, models and years.

September 22 - Next MZH planning meeting at 4:30 pm at Glenn Johnson's house.

October 5 - Continental Nissan's annual Octoberfest show and shine. Lunch and drinks will be provided by the dealership and there usually are a few give aways as well.

October 12th - Iron Gate Chrome and Coffee 9 am to 1 am Cruise-in. Japanese car theme. Ty will ask the to save spots in front of his motor condo. Let the parking guides know you are with the Windy City Z Club.

Other events under consideration: trip to Galena or Lake Geneva, drive to Monroe / New Glarus area and brewery. Chicago Wheels tech session.

If you are interested on attending any of the above or have an idea for another event let me know, especially if you are willing to take the lead on the event.

ZCON 2020 Sept. 14-19, 2020. Announced at ZCON 2019 as a celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Z. It will be held in Franklin Tennessee at Nissan's Headquarters.

Member's Column

Oscar Krieger, New Member

Greetings Windy City Z car enthusiasts! My name is Oscar Krieger. I am a retired university professor currently residing in Mokena, IL. My interest in the Z car began in 1978 when I owned a 280z 2+2. That car like so many other Zs began to rust, and after five years it was time to move on. I wish I had better foresight. Fast forward 41 years and my interest was rekindled. While on vacation in Arizona, I attended a Barret Jackson Auto Auction in Phoenix where there were three 240z'on display. They all sold for \$30,000 plus. Although that was out of my league pricewise, I decided to see what was on the open market and began an internet search. I ended up purchasing a 1978' 280z coupe 5-speed with 66,000 miles, as part of an estate sale near Toledo, Ohio. The car runs fairly well and is closer to restoration than a junk yard.

Although I am not a mechanic, I am attempting to do as much work on this car as I can. With the aid of the Factory Service Manual and a couple of friends, I find myself enjoying the journey and learning more about the Z than I did 41 years ago. To date, I have repaired the horn, wiper and washer motor, rebuilt the entire rear deck, sound proofed and replaced the headliner, performed a tune up, and with the aid of Carriage House Automotive in New Lenox, replaced the entire suspension with stock struts, springs, and bushings. The car is now a daily driver suitable for car shows or a long trip (minus air conditioning). Future projects include replacing the dash, reupholstering the seats, sound proofing the remainder of the cabin, replacing the air conditioning, and potentially repainting with the original code 110 red/persimmon. I look forward to being involved in the club and meeting other members down the road.



WCZC 2019 Schedule of Events

For more information, contact Jeff Pleiter, unless noted otherwise.

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
August 25	9AM	Concours d'Elegance	Geneva, IL	See Evite Contact Walt K.	Yes
September 7	10AM	Supercar Saturday	Arboretum South Barrington		No
September 7th or 8th	TBD	Fall Fling	TBD	Evite to follow	Yes
September 15	10AM	Cantigny Car Show	Wheaton, IL	Evite to follow Cantigny.org	Yes
September 22	4:30	MZH Planning Meeting	Glenn Johnson's House	Evite to follow	Yes
October 5	TBD	Octoberfest	Continental Nissan	Evite to follow	Yes
October 12	9AM	Chrome and Coffee	Iron Gate	Evite to follow	Yes



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Oscar Krieger's 280Z



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E-mail address (please print): _____

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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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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:

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6770 Aspen Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532

Your membership packet will be sent to you by return mail within four to six weeks