

WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

January 5, 2020

Can't Wait 'Till Spring

Spring Grove, IL

February –April

General Meetings

Location TBD

April/May

Spring Fling

Location TBD

June 25th

Midwest Z Heritage

Location TBD

See full schedule on page 3 for more details

The President Sees Z

Jeff Pleiter, President



We have come to that time in the north where most Zs hibernate over the winter season. I had parked my Zs in the garage in October, thinking I would get a couple more chances in November to drive it before Thanksgiving, when they usually get put away. Unfortunately, November did not cooperate and I finally gave in and aired up the tires and put the scented drier sheets in the cars to keep the mice away. I had already topped of the tanks and added Stabil. It is going to be a long 5 or 6 months before Spring, which seems to be having a cold and rainy start each year.

Enjoy the Holiday times with your family, as time passes by quickly, and your family, friends and Z friends are much more important than the Z Cars that we use as an excuse to get together and have some fun. It is important to have time together, but also nice to have time alone as well, to recharge. Some of us are more on the extrovert spectrum and some on the introvert spectrum. Enjoy the time as it passes, experiences are more important than stuff. Although we all need stuff to make our way in life, stuff should not rule our lives.

No more details are available regarding if and when we will have a new Z. I watched the Mach E reveal with interest and the Tesla Cybertruck reveal with amused interest. I am not a truck guy, but it could be another groundbreaking disrupter to the auto industry. Despite the naysayers, I think Tesla is here to stay. Their Model 3 is outselling the equivalent German luxury vehicles combined. Their charging network is a big advantage that the others have not equaled yet, and the Model Y could outsell the Model 3. Nissan's BEV SUV is supposed to arrive in 2021. I am watching with interest the many new battery EVs that are coming out soon. One could very well replace my Pilot or my wife's Cube in the future. If the Z arrives with a

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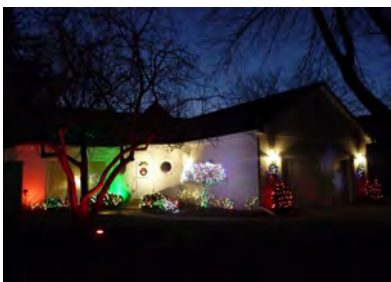
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Casa Kreitling

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS**

The President Sez

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hybrid and/or an electric only option, I can accept that and make it a potential purchase. I know a lot of Z enthusiasts would find an electrified Z abhorrent, but I am willing to look to the future and see that change not only will happen, but is inevitable. The point where cost, range, and charging availability is equal to combustion vehicles may be coming quickly, BEVs have not trickled down to mass market levels, despite the Model 3. I see it coming, but it won't be without growing pains.

Enjoy the holidays!

Past Events:

The November birthday party was held at D.O.C Wine Bar in their "Loft" space. The party was well attended with about 40 people. The space was new and was vary nice as you can see in the photos of the event. We were one of the first to use the new space, and their TV screens were not operational yet, so the year in review slides will need to wait until another event. The food was delicious and I received many compliments on the both the food and the location. As usual, sponsors were generous in their donations. And they deserve a round of thanks. Keith Keca was the recipient of the broken Z award this year because of his totaled Z as I related in the last column. He gave us a great acceptance speech.

The November Birthday party also includes officer elections. There were no other volunteers or nominations, so the people remain in the same positions. The V.P. of Activities position was not filled, so again I expect that like last year, a number of people will suggest and volunteer to host various events next year.

November 17 was our Movie and Dinner Date - Ford vs. Ferrari at the AMC Oakbrook IMAX theater was awesome, while there were a few liberties taken with details and history, it was a compelling film from the story perspective as well as the excellent racing scenes. I highly recommend the movie and seeing it on a big screen. We followed movie with dinner at California Pizza kitchen.

Upcoming events:

January 5, 2020 - The Windy City Z Club Can't Wait 'Til Spring Party. The Kreitlings have graciously volunteered to host an open house style party at their home in Sugar Grove. Start time at 4pm. Casual with refreshments and hors d'oeuvres. Watch for the Evite.

February, March, April - Windy City Z Club general meetings. Usually held the first Sunday of the month. Dates and locations to be confirmed.

Midwest Z Heritage Planning meetings. To be scheduled

June 25-28, 2020 - Midwest Z Heritage -. For those who have not heard, we had put a deposit down and sent in a contract to Pheasant Run Resort. Shortly after that, the resort announced they were restructuring and laying off 75% of their work force. Our contact told us our contract had not been approved, although they did deposit our check. We are following up on that. In the meantime, we are looking at Plan B to go back to the Lisle Hyatt as host hotel. Contract is not signed yet. We will update the membership as soon as we know more.

Sept. 14-19, 2020 - ZCON 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. You can now register at the host hotel. Their first block of rooms has already been spoken for, and they have opened a new block. IF you plan on going, I suggest getting your hotel registration now. Registration for the event is no open yet, but should be soon. The website is www.zcon.org

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.

Z Events

Shanty's Car Show



WCZC 2020 Schedule of Events

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

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
January 5, 2020	4PM	Can't Wait 'Till Spring!	Casa Kreitling	See evite	Yes
Feb–April		Monthly Meetings	TBD	Evites to follow	Yes
April/May 2020		Spring Fling	TBD	Evite to follow	Yes
May 2, 2020	10AM	Supercar Saturday	TBD		No
June 6, 2020	10AM	Supercar Saturday	TBD		No
June 25, 2020		Midwest Z Heritage (Hosted by WCZC)	TBD	Evite to Follow	Yes
September 14, 2020		ZCon	Nissan Franklin, TN	Evite to follow	Yes

Store

Contact Jeff at villazx10@comcast.net to purchase

License Plate Frame

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Ford v. Ferrari Dinner, Photo by Jeff P.

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Events

WCZC Birthday Party Photos by Jim K





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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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\$25.00 for one Associate year*

\$40.00 for two Associate years*

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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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