

WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

February 8th

Z Heritage Planning Committee meeting

February 10th

*Chicago Auto Show
McCormick Place*

February –April

*General Meetings
Dates and Location TBD*

April/May

*Spring Fling
Location TBD*

May 27th

*Branson Z Fest
Branson, Mo*

June 25th

*Midwest Z Heritage
Location TBD*



The President Sees Z

Jeff Pleiter, President



The Midwest Z Heritage event committee has been busy working on Plan B for our host hotel since Pheasant Run has backed out. The hotel selected is the same hotel as the last time we hosted the event: The Hyatt Regency Lisle. By the time you read this, the www.midwestzheritage.com website should be updated with the link to make room reservations at \$114 per night (before taxes etc.). The website will also be updated to include our tentative event information, which still is in the process of being finalized.

Our next event is the annual Chicago Auto show. As usual, Continental Nissan will be providing us tickets, for Monday February 10th.

We will be skipping the usual WCZC general meeting on the first Sunday in February. A WCZC meeting/social dinner will be planned for late February.

The following information about the next Z has been reported widely over the internet and can be found on various sites. This is from Autoblog: *“Nissan is reportedly hard at work on the next-generation of its legendary Z car (although the company won’t explicitly confirm), and we’re hearing it will have a familiar look. Sources who have seen the upcoming sports car at dealer meetings told us it will feature heritage-inspired design. “They’re going back to the roots of the car,” one source told us.*

The silhouette and general shape is similar to the current Z, but the design is all new. The front end mimics that of a 240Z with a square mouth and near-round headlights. Its rear taillights are meant to follow that of the 300ZX from the 1990s.

On the inside, Nissan is finally going to move the Z into the new age. The 370Z doesn’t even have a modern infotainment system today – where one might expect a screen, Nissan instead has a storage cubby. The next-gen Z will get an interior design similar to other new Nissans like the redesigned Altima and Sentra. Finally, it will get a real infotainment system.

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Note:

Read Jeff’s column, for revised Midwest Z Heritage information.

Auto Show tickets are limited and are first come first served.

The President Sez

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From a powertrain perspective, we're told that a version of the 3.0-liter twin-turbo V6 from the Infiniti Q50/Q60 400 Red Sport will be pulled for duty. That engine is paired with a nine-speed automatic transmission only right now, but we're told a manual transmission will be offered alongside the automatic. As a reminder, Nissan did pair the 3.0-liter twin-turbo V6 with a manual in a 370Z SEMA show car previously, but it still hasn't seen a production application.

As for a possible Nismo variant in the future, one of our sources also tells us it's likely that we'll see this version join the next-generation Z car eventually. Close to 500 horsepower is rumored for this specific flavor of Z.

Nissan seems to want a change, too. We've seen spy shots of what could be a mule on the Nurburgring, and a previous Motor Trend report has essentially confirmed that the car is in the works and on the way.

There's no hard date for a reveal at this point, but it's rumored to be a year and a half to two years out still. Nissan has given us a steadfast no comment on everything, but that's the usual for matters like this. We were told that Nissan has plans to introduce 12 new products in the next 20 months. There's a chance this is one of them, but we wouldn't doubt it if a low-profit sports car were delayed. As it gets closer to a final reveal, we'll be on the hunt for spy photos and every scrap of detail we can find on the next-gen Z "

On other Nissan news, by now you have heard that Carlos Ghosn fled Japan where he was under house arrest for alleged financial fraud in hiding and reporting income. It was apparently a well-planned operation by a team of extraction experts. He was smuggled out of Japan in a large instrument case. He stated he fled because he did not believe he would get a fair trial in Japan. Carlos has had a few things to say about his situation, but one thing that caught my ear is that Motor Authority reports that Carlos told the prosecutor that Nissan will be bankrupt in 2-3 years. I hope that is either sour grapes or his intent to harm Nissan's reputation, and not actually true. Nissan has a lot of new product coming out, including an electric SUV and we hope a new Z, to turn things around."

Upcoming events:

- Chicago Auto Show: Monday February 10. An Evite has been sent out. Contact Ty Ozgen or me if you did not receive the Evite and want to attend.
- Midwest Z Heritage Planning meetings. Next committee meeting is February 8.
- Late February. TBD WCZC meeting and Dinner.

- Branson Z Fest May 27- May 30, 2020. www.branzsonzfest.com. If you plan on going let me know and I will send out an Evite.
- Midwest Z Heritage - June 25-28, 2020. See info above.
- 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. The host hotel is full and information on their website is available for overflow hotels. If you plan on going, I suggest getting your hotel registration now. Registration for the event is also now open. 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.



Events

Midwest Z Heritage Planning



WCZC 2020 Schedule of Events

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

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
February 8th		Midwest Z Heritage Planning Committee Meeting	Glenn Johnson's House		
February 10th	6:15PM	Chicago Auto Show	McCormick Place	Ty Ozgen Evite has been sent	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
May 27–30		Branson Z Fest	Branson, MO	Bransonzfest.com	TBD
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



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Z Events

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