

# WCZC News

## Newsletter of the Windy City Z Club

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## Upcoming Events

**March 22nd**

*General Meeting*

*Ike & Oak, Woodridge*

**April/May**

*Spring Fling*

*Location TBD*

**May 27th**

*Branson Z Fest*

*Branson, Mo*

**June 25th**

*Midwest Z Heritage*

*Hyatt, Lisle, IL*

*See full schedule on page 3 for more details*

## The President Sees

**Jeff Pleiter, President**



The Midwest Z Heritage (MZH) event committee has been hard at work planning the event. The [www.midwestzheritage.com](http://www.midwestzheritage.com) website is live, to make room reservations at \$114 per night (before taxes etc.). The website has been updated with event and schedule information, which is nearly complete with a few details to be finalized such as the car show location. The most recent committee meeting was March 8th and the finalized registration form is included in this newsletter. Please register early to help our planning. Right now, there are two options to register: Option 1 - Fill out the form, scan and email to us and pay via Paypal, Option 2 - fill out the form and send in with a check. There currently is not a form that can be completed online. We will let you know if we get that in place later. My last column said I would set up a WCZC meeting/social dinner for late February, but life intervened and it did not happen. Next event is our March WCZC general meeting. See info below.

### Upcoming events:

- Midwest Z Heritage Planning meetings. Next committee meeting is Sunday March 22nd followed by the WCZC General Meeting.
- Windy City Z Club General Meeting. March 22nd at 1:30 pm, for a late lunch at the Ike & Oak Brewery 6316 Main Street, Woodridge IL, 60517. This will be the location of our MZH social dinner for those who arrive on Thursday June 25th. The location is on Route 53 in Seven Bridges.

### Agenda for the meeting:

1. MZH information and volunteer opportunities
2. Other WCZC events for this year
3. General discussion
4. Lunch and Social - seeing other members, for the first time this year
5. Reason to drive the Z

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## Note:

Thanks to Continental Nissan, for once again providing tickets to the Chicago Auto Show.

Thanks to Ty Ozgen for chaperoning the event.



Rock & Roll Z Crew

## The President Sez

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- April WCZC General Meeting - date TBD
- May 16th. We plan to join the Chicago Region SCCA for some “fun with cars” on a spring backroads tour. The tour will be approximately 115 miles of driving (about 2.5 hours) on awesome Wisconsin backroads.

*The drive will end at the The Burg, a classic tavern and casual dining restaurant in Shullsburg, Wisconsin, where you can share some stories and laughs with the group as we gather for a pleasant mid-afternoon lunch from the restaurant's varied menu. After lunch you are welcome to walk through town and take in the sights. Be sure to visit the Shullsburg Cheese Store for cheese made by local farmers.*

*The start point will be Loves Truck Court, Roscoe Ill., at Rockton Rd. and I-90. Registration opens at 9:00 a.m.; drivers' meeting at 9:45. The tour commences promptly at 10:00. Details on cost and how to register will be provided at a later date.*

- Branson Z Fest May 27- May 30, 2020. [www.branzsonzfest.com](http://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 and on website.
- July 25 Road America Vintage Races
- WCZC Picnic - We have not had one in a couple years. We will have one this year
- 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](http://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.

## Activities

Chicago Auto Show by Ty Ozgen

Another Chicago Auto Show has come and gone and once again I would like to give my thanks to Jay Weinberger and Dennis Pecho at Continental Nissan for getting us complimentary tickets. This has been an annual tradition for them to help us attain tickets for this show and it is much appreciated. Thank you!!

As usual, I was able to get to the show by mid afternoon the day of our outing before the big crowds show up but for whatever reason this particular Monday was not crowded at all. Rumor has it that some brands such as BMW and Mercedes Benz did not participate in this event as a cost saving measure and perhaps to use their resources for other venues. I don't know if that was the reason for the smaller crowd or perhaps fear of the Coronavirus. The rest of the participating Z members showed up at 6 PM. As usual the first place we headed to was the Nissan display. They did have a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 370Z dressed in silver and black on display for the public. For as long the as the 370Z has been out (2009), it was still attracting a crowd. And why not? It is still a great affordable sports car with beautiful lines and a manual transmission. The new Z will hopefully be out in the near future and we will wait patiently to see what it looks like.

I know it's been tough for Nissan lately with the December sales of Nissan/Infiniti down 29.5% and 9.9% for the calendar year. Nissan is not alone with this as other manufacturers are also having there share of financial woes. The new Altima and the Nissan Kicks seem to be the only bright spot, as far as sales are concerned. Our beloved Z was down 21.8% for December (158units) and down 31.3% for the calendar year (2,384 units). This is pretty close to the number of Z's sold for model year 1996 (2,629 units). If you recall our beloved Z was absent for several years until the “new” 2003 350Z came out. For now it is still available minus the roadster version. We shall see. At least the new Sentra is out now and they did have one on display at the show. It certainly is an attractive compact and hopefully put more life into our dear Nissan brand.

Getting back to the auto show, Nissan had a lot of interactive displays. One was like a game show where the crowd could stand behind a computer screen and answer trivia questions as quickly as possible about Nissan. Several members joined in to participate in addition to a few other regular people from the crowd. I think we all thought being Nissan fans we would win this contest easily but we were wrong. The winner was some young kid, probably 14 years of age. Who was he and how did he know the answers? Hmmmm I feel we had all the questions answered properly yet he probably had quicker reflexes. Those young kids!!! We all got consolation prizes including a lighted cell phone holder for taking those “selfies” and a cell phone portable battery charger.

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## Activities

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Thanks Nissan!! Check our website for pictures. There was also an area where some of us picked up some rock band instruments and posed like we were singing. It was a lot of fun as we posed for the photo shoot. Nissan did have a 2007 Frontier pickup on display with over a million miles on it. It had the original 4 cylinder engine as well as the 5 speed transmission. Quite impressive!!

Another one our favorites had a prominent display at the Chicago Auto Show this year. It was none other than Turtle Wax. I saw our friend Rod demonstrating the Turtle Wax products to the public and I couldn't help but chime in. He was showing off the new Turtle Wax Hybrid Ceramic Polish and Wax which was not available when we visited them last May. He was using the product with an orbital buffer on top of a scratched black hood. It was quite impressive as it took care of the scratches and dull finish on the paint. Off course I mentioned how pleased I was with their products to him in a loud voice so that the audience could hear it. I'm sure the crowd thought I was paid to say that but it is true. They make a lot of great products.

So you might ask what my favorite cars were at the show. As far as the Nissan products, I still like the Rogue, especially with the SL trim. It just looks right. No wonder it has been a great seller for them. The new Sentra looks like a winner as well. In the Infiniti line the Q60 coupe is just plain beautiful to look at, inside and out. Rumor has it that its twin turbo V6 will power the new Z. As far as the American lineup, the new Corvette is definitely a gorgeous car. We all had seen pictures of it but to see it in person, it was just as appealing. It has some very nice lines on it. The new Z will have a tough act to follow but from what I have heard, it will also be a "looker". A car that you want to turn back and look at as you walk away from it. A big SUV that caught my fancy was the Lincoln Aviator. It's just a big classic American luxury barge for the family. I know it's a boat but it also had a nice look to it and exuded luxury.

Overall I had a lot of fun this year at the show and again I appreciate Jay and Dennis for getting us tickets.



## WCZC 2020 Schedule of Events

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

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
March 22nd	1PM	Midwest Z Heritage Planning Meeting	Ike & Oak, Woodridge	Evite Sent	Yes
March 22nd	1:30PM	General Meeting	Ike & Oak, Woodridge	Evite Sent	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



## Store

Contact Jeff at [villazx10@comcast.net](mailto:villazx10@comcast.net) to purchase

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WCZC shirts can be ordered directly from Cherokee Rose Embroidery. 630.941.3305. See the WCZC Website, for more information



MZH Planning Meeting



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dual Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Categories:** Please check one

- \$30.00 for one year (incl. foreign countries)
- \$50.00 for two years (incl. foreign countries)

- \$25.00 for one Associate year\*
- \$40.00 for two Associate years\*

\*Associates must live at least 300 miles outside Chicago

**I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:**

- Autocrossing
- Trips-Touring
- Rallying
- Car Restoration
- Road Racing
- Social Events
- Tech Seminars
- Hosting a club event
- Customizing
- Committee Volunteer
- Club Representative
- Leadership Role

*If you have any questions concerning these categories, please call 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

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

OR

- 1: Download form and print or save. 2: Attach completed form and email to: wczcmembership@gmail.com
3. Use the PayPal button on the home WCZC web page to send in your Payment



## Event Registration Form - DUE DATE 6/19/2020

**Primary Registrant:** \_\_\_\_\_ Nickname (for badge) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size (Check): S M L XL XXL

**Please Note – Primary registration \$70** includes (1) Awards Dinner for Saturday night, suds n’ shine, goody bag & T-Shirt, People’s Choice Car Show entry and Driving Tour. Volunteer to help Judge car show: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest Registrant(s):**

*“Children” are 12 years of age or younger):*

Guest #1	Name _____	Adult ___ or Child ___	Help Judge? _____
Guest #2	Name _____	Adult ___ or Child ___	Help Judge? _____
Guest #3	Name _____	Adult ___ or Child ___	Help Judge? _____

**Guest registration** is \$35/Adult and \$20/Child which includes awards dinner, suds n shine, driving tour.

### EVENTS:

**Thursday:**

- **Social dinner at Ike & Oak Brewery 5:30-8:30 pm** Number of People \_\_\_\_\_ Please let us know how many plan to attend for room headcount. Food and drinks are on you. No added registration fee.

**Friday:**

- **Driving Tour to Starved Rock** Number of Cars \_\_\_\_\_ Number of People: \_\_\_\_\_ (lunch at a Restaurant – you pay) 10 am departure. No additional registration fee -Please let us know if you plan on participating. Ends at boat tour, or back to hotel.
- **Fox River Boat Tour** 4:00-5:30 pm Number of People \_\_\_\_\_ Paddlewheeler with light refreshments \$30/person
- **Friday Evening Casual Food** Number of People \_\_\_\_\_ Dinner \$20/person  
In conjunction with Sud’s n Shine at Hotel, following Boat Tour.

**Saturday:**

- **People’s Choice**  Vehicle #1: (Make/Model/Year): \_\_\_\_\_  
(First vehicle Included with Primary Registration)
- \$10/additional entry  Vehicle #2: (Make/Model/Year): \_\_\_\_\_
- **Judged Car Show**  Vehicle #1: (Make/Model/Year): \_\_\_\_\_  
\$20 each entry Class (Daily Driver/Stock/Modified): \_\_\_\_\_
- \$20 each entry  Vehicle #2: (Make/Model/Year): \_\_\_\_\_  
Class (Daily Driver/Stock/Modified): \_\_\_\_\_

For additional details about registration, events, etc. – please contact us via website at [www.midwestzheritage.com](http://www.midwestzheritage.com)



- **Additional T-Shirts** Quantity of additional shirts \_\_\_\_\_ Size(s) Requested: \_\_\_\_\_  
\$15 each additional t-shirt
- **Awards Dinner at Hyatt** Number of People \_\_\_\_\_ Included in primary and guest registration

**Calculate your Event Fees**

- Primary Registration** \$ 70 (fee) x \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \_\_\_\_\_  
(Includes people's choice car show, driving tour, suds n shine, awards dinner goody bag and t-shirt)
- Guest Adult Registration** \$ 35 (fee) x \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \_\_\_\_\_  
(Includes awards dinner, suds n shine, driving tour)
- Guest Child Registration** \$ 20 (fee) x \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \_\_\_\_\_  
(Includes awards dinner, driving tour)
- Fox River Boat Tour** \$ 30 (fee) x \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \_\_\_\_\_
- Friday Casual Dinner** (at suds n shine) \$ 20 (fee) x \_\_\_\_\_ persons = \_\_\_\_\_

**ADD ONS:**

Additional People's Choice Car Show entries (\$10 per vehicle) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional Judged Car Show entries (\$20 per vehicle) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Additional T-Shirts (\$15 each) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTRATION FEE TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Options:**

**Option 1:** Payments accepted via Paypal ([www.windycityzclub.com](http://www.windycityzclub.com)). Please add a note when you pay via Paypal, and fill out and email this form with your information to [MZHregistration@windycityzclub.com](mailto:MZHregistration@windycityzclub.com).

Mark Here: Paid via Paypal \_\_\_\_\_ and Date Paid \_\_\_\_\_, to enable us to crosscheck registration forms and payments.

**Option 2:** mail this completed form with a check payable to "Windy City Z Club" to:

MZH Registration  
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 Villa Park, IL 60181

**REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE JUNE 19, 2020 IN ORDER TO BE GUARANTEED AWARDS DINNER AND BOAT TOUR SPACE**

**Registration for Car Show only are per car "add ons" fees above and can be taken up to and at the show.**