

WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

No events are currently planned, due to the continuing virus concerns and State restrictions.

See full schedule on page 3 for more details

The President Sees Z

Jeff Pleiter, President



I would like to thank Bob and Marlene Rosecrans for stepping up and organizing a couple of great events; the Oak Park and Rock River drives.

August 16 - Oak Park Coffee and Chrome and South Cook County Forest preserve Cruise: After a few members attended the Oak Park Coffee and Chrome, they were joined by additional members who cruised into the south Cook County Forest preserves. We brought lawn chairs, and had a picnic lunch meet, at the model airplane flying field. The flyers are another group of people who were as enthusiastic about flying their model planes and helicopters as we are about Z cars. The aircraft were large and more detailed than I expected and the flying was impressive. Lunch was followed by additional driving through the preserves and finished with ice cream at the Plush Horse.

October 4 - Lisle Coffee and Chrome: A few members attended the Main St. event, in Lisle. The cool weather and unofficial nature of the event kept the attendance to a minimum. The four member cars were the biggest group there.

October 12 - Rock River Cruise: Bob and Marlene led a group of 10 cars and about 16 people on a drive out to Rockford and then down Illinois Rt 2 along the Rock River to Dixon. After meeting at the Belvidere Oasis, the first stop was lunch, again a socially distanced bring your own picnic lunch, at the Blackhawk Springs Forest Preserve, where we also did short hike to view a bubbling spring and a scenic river overlook. It was good to sit around and catch up with friends we have not seen in a while. The weather was perfect and the scenery on the drive along the river was great, with the colors changing and near the peak. A turnout along

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Note:

The annual WCZC Birthday Dinner, typically held in November, has been canceled for this year due to the virus.

If conditions allow, it may be held in the spring of 2021.



The President Sez

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Rt 2 provided a photo opportunity, and we ended up in Dixon, at the Dixon Riverfront Park / Heritage Crossing, where we spent some time enjoying the view, the weather, and each other's company before getting back on the road for the drive home.

ZCON 2020 Sept. 14-19, 2020. The event went on against all odds. A number of events that were initially planned were cancelled, changed or moved venues. Many people decided that it was just too iffy to attend. Still, over 500 people were present. I wouldn't have been surprised if there would have been over 1000 without the pandemic effect. While there were policies and procedures in place, both for the convention and the hotel, there were many people that ignored them much of the time. Allie and I tried to be as careful as we could. We did skip the bus ride and downtown Nashville visit, as we just were not comfortable with the crowds. The banquets were also a bit concerning, as there was very little mask wearing. However, we came out of it without any health impact.

Of course, being a car convention, much of it was outdoors where the risk of transmission was low. The judged car show seemed to have less participants than usual, but the people's choice car show was large. I think this has been a trend in change of participation over the years. There were quite a few rare Zs there including two 432s of which I believe there are only 6 in the states, and a barn find 240 with less than 400 actual miles. There are a lot of pictures and videos that can be found on-line if you would like to see more.

The Z proto unveil was pretty cool. Nissan pivoted to a drive-in style event, where we parked in our cars and viewed the unveiling on a couple of large screens. A bag filled with movie style and size candies was handed out to all. The unveiling fell on Mr. Ks birthday and included interaction with our Z convention. Food trucks were provided and there were a number of cars from the Nissan Heritage collection to view and as a photo op. This unveil is also available online.

Octoberfest - No Octoberfest this year. In fact, Continental Nissan was sold and became Countryside Nissan as of October 1. See the press release at the end of this column. I just stumbled across the post on their Facebook page. I did go in and meet Charlie Swenson who is the new manager, when I dropped off the Nismo for its

annual pre-storage maintenance oil change. Charlie was very receptive and assured me the club discount was still active. We will be discussing more opportunities for this relationship going forward. Note that Lynn Davidson has also moved on from the Service Manager position.

November Birthday party. The consensus is that we will not have this event this year due to the pandemic. The current officers will stay in the offices for the time being. Will look into having officer elections electronically or delay until Spring. Our VP of Activities position is still open, if you might be interested next year, or let us know if you are interested in any of the other positions. We will also set up some Zoom calls, for our winter general meetings.

If anyone has an idea for another event let me know, especially if you are willing to take the lead on the event.

Press Release—Countryside Nissan

MINNEAPOLIS--([BUSINESS WIRE](#))--[Walser Automotive Group](#), a Minneapolis-area based dealer group, has announced it will buy Continental Nissan of Countryside, Illinois. The single-point purchase, which closed October 1, will mark Walser Automotive Group's entrance into the Chicagoland market. The store will transition to the name of [Countryside Nissan](#).

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"Continental Nissan and the Continental Automotive Group have a longstanding history in the greater Chicago area. Their commitment to serving their employees, customers, and the community reflect our values and the way that Walser does business," said Walser Automotive Group CEO Andrew Walser. "We are thrilled to carry on that legacy of success."

The purchase is Walser Automotive Group's second acquisition this year, buying into the newly formed [Hello Auto Group](#) in May, a three-rooftop dealer group based in Santa Clarita, CA.

"This year has been a tremendous challenge for everyone. Thankfully, we were able to pivot quickly from surviving to thriving," Andrew Walser said. The group has focused heavily on its [platform of digital retailing](#) and transacting car deals online through the development of its own in-house software, a suite of products under the umbrella of FUSE

"This has really allowed us to continue selling and servicing safely while keeping our eyes open for acquisition opportunities such as this. We are excited to take this next step into a dynamic Midwest market," Walser said. Walser Automotive Group operates 17 new and used vehicle retail locations in greater-Minneapolis / St. Paul, Minn. It also operates nine luxury new and used stores on the [Walser Auto Campus](#) in Wichita, Kansas, which was acquired in 2016.

WCZC 2020 Schedule of Events

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

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event

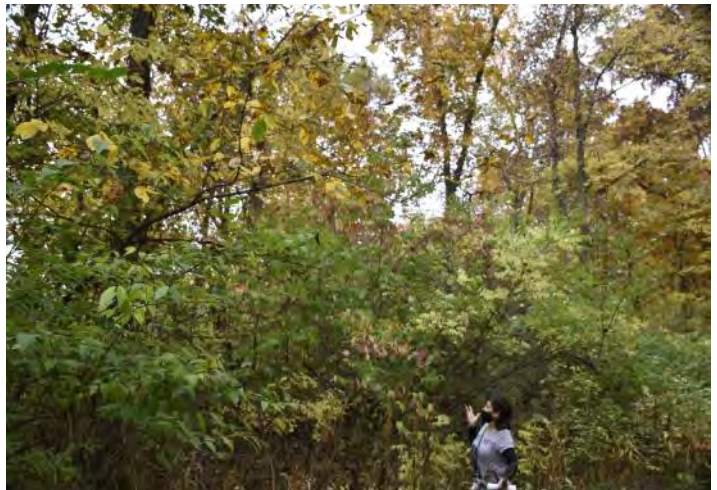


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Oak Park Chrome and Coffee Photos by Jim K



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Event Photos

Rock River Cruise Photos by Jim K





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

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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

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- Trips-Touring
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- 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:

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 6770 Aspen Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532

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OR

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