

# WCZC News

## Newsletter of the Windy City Z Club

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## Upcoming Events

**June 2nd**

*Branson Z Fest*

*Branson, Mo*

**August 16th**

*ZCon*

*Colorado Springs, CO*

**September**

*Midwest Z Heritage*

*See full schedule on page 3 for more details*

## The President Sees

**Jeff Pleiter, President**



Happy Spring everyone! Or shall we call it Winter/Summer? As often happens, we get weeks of cool weather followed by a jump into summer heat with a quick pass through 60 and 70 degree temperatures.

Our first meet this year was a masked, socially distanced, bring your chairs and sit outside at Fuel/ Crème in Villa Park. A small hitch was thrown in the plan as shortly after we arrived and a few of us got food from the food truck, they shut it down because they were hosting a wedding reception. No warning on their site, and who would expect a wedding reception sourced from a prairie path side food truck? This event was a bit on the cool temperature side but it was the first time some of us were able to get together.

Next event was planned by Walt Kreitling and was a lunch at Aquaviva Winery followed by a 45 mile drive through the country. We were able to sit outside on the patio, maskless. Not a huge number of members, but we had a very nice lunch followed by a drive through the usual farm roads with a few more curves than you might expect. Walt has an article in this newsletter, so read that for additional detail. Turned out to be a nice Spring day.

Countryside Nissan (previously Continental Nissan) hosted our club for what I called the Spring Shine event. The format was similar to our annual Octoberfest event, which was canceled last year, due to the virus. The dealership provided a tent and some chairs, a grill, burgers and bratwurst, water, and pop. We had a good turnout on a warm mid 80s day and it was great to see and catch up with more WCZC members that we have not seen in many months. A couple newer mem-

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## Member Survey

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## Notes

Thanks to Countryside Nissan, for hosting the Spring Shine Event.

## The President Sez

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bers, and a couple new people that attended based on our social media invites also attended. The dealership also provided a few small giveaways that will be used as door / raffle prizes at our future belated Birthday party. Please check out the photos in this newsletter and our website page.

### EVENTS

At the moment, there are no specific club events with set dates, so keep an eye on the website, Facebook page, and Evites for future events. A June drive, and a belated Birthday party are possibilities.

**Midwest Z Heritage (MZH).** Things are now looking up with the Covid situation and vaccine deliveries so that we might be able to do a September event. We do need to find and secure a venue. If you know of an interesting host hotel or resort, on the outskirts of Chicagoland, please contact me ASAP.

**Branson Z Fest** is happening June 2<sup>nd</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>, so if you are looking for a regional event the website and registration is live. [www.bransonzfest.org](http://www.bransonzfest.org).

**ZCON 2021** August 16 - August 22 in Colorado Springs. Hotel reservations are possible now, and registration is open - [www.zcon.org](http://www.zcon.org).

In Z news, it appears that production of the 370Z has stopped and there are few if any 370Zs left at dealerships. Nissan reports only 28 370Zs were sold in the first quarter of this year, in the US. There will be no 2021 370z and it appears likely that the next Z will be introduced at the end of this year, as a 2022 model. Nothing official from Nissan and who knows how the semi-conductor shortage and other supply chain issues will affect release rate and production. There have been a few sightings of the new Z in the US, which I assume is being used for testing purposes.

Evites have been issued for Branson and ZCon events to gauge interest and determine who will be attending.

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

## Member's Column

Walt Kreitling

It was Alfred Lord Tennyson who observed that, "In Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of Love". Recently another less renowned observer of the effects of Spring (who might look a bit like me) opined that, "In Spring a car freak's fancy turns to what has been hibernating in the garage all winter". This led to a suggestion that perhaps a visit to a local Winery and a drive through the surrounding countryside might be just the event to bring club members and their favorite vehicles together and enjoy the Spring weather that has finally arrived.

To that end, 9 members; the Pleiters, the Kreitlings, the Osborns, the Phillips, and Jim Koolish all gathered at Acquaviva Winery in Maple Park, IL. Acquaviva is, to the best of my knowledge, the Wine Capital of Kane County, IL (also may be the only winery in Kane County) and is located about 5 miles west of Elburn, IL on Hwy. 38. It is a significant installation, with an imposing main building, a B&B, patio and pergola, with vineyards across the street and behind the winery. The environment was reminiscent of California or even Tuscany if you disregarded the grain elevator, silos and the Union Pacific Railroad in the distance. All kidding aside, it is a very pleasant place to sip good wine and eat good food. The weather cooperated as well.

We were seated together, at a collection of tables under the pergola, and were offered a variety of both red and white wines produced on location. The menu offered a variety of Italian dishes, pizza, seafood pastas, steaks, and salads. Among the selections made were homemade gnocchi, pizza (Margherita as I recall) Panko crusted Whitefish, and Rigatoni Bosciola (pasta tenderloin tips and mushrooms in sauce).

Acquaviva also has tastings and tours but we did not take advantage of either. After our meal and some socialization, which we all appreciated after our year of Covid isolation, we adjourned to our Zs where we "socially distanced" on a tour of the surrounding area. The tour covered 45 miles of my favorite type of road, two lane blacktop through the countryside. The group travelled from Maple Park to Big Rock, Kaneville, Little Rock, just south of Sandwich, then to Hickley and returning via US 30 to the Sugar Grove area, where we went our separate ways to our respective homes. Altogether a pleasant drive, little to no traffic and only three stoplights; one at the beginning and two at the end. Trees were leafed out and corn fields were just beginning to show signs of corn that by July would be 3 or 4 feet high. Roads were mostly section roads meaning they were straight, but some obscure byways were found with curves and hills to make driving interesting. No one got lost and no mechanical impairments were suffered by the participants. Altogether a pleasant Spring day. We look forward to more such events this summer, to enjoy the fellowship of members.

## WCZC 2021 Schedule of Events

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

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
June 2–6		Branson Z Fest	Branson, Mo	Evite has been sent <a href="http://www.bransonzfest.org">www.bransonzfest.org</a> .	Yes
August 16–22		ZCon	Colorado Springs, CO	Evite has been sent <a href="http://www.zcon.org">www.zcon.org</a> .	Yes
September		Midwest Z Heritage	TBD		Yes



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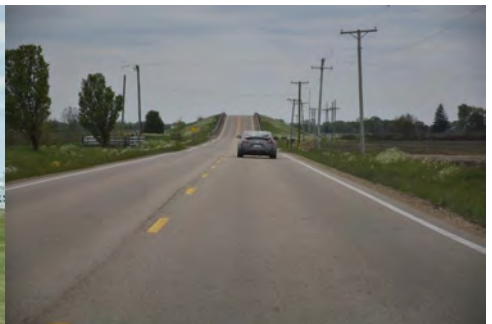


Villa Park Event Photo by Jim K.



## Z Events

Walt's Winery Tour Photos by Jim K & Jeff P.





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Countryside Nissan Spring Shine    Photos by Jim K.







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