

# WCZC News

## Newsletter of the Windy City Z Club

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## Upcoming Events

### September 11th

*Riverrboat Cruise*

*St. Charles, IL*

### September 19th

*Cantigny Car Show*

*Wheaton, IL*

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## The President Sees

Jeff Pleiter, President



As previously noted, we have postponed the Midwest Z Heritage Show again to next year. We are looking for suggestions for a host hotel. The one we had selected for September is very nice but not near a car show location or other activities. We will keep it as a possibility, but looking for some other suggestions from our members. Preference is for an interesting hotel, and or in an interesting location. Also, any ideas for car show locations. We are thinking of holding MZH in July to split the difference between the various Z June events, and ZCON next year which will be in the fall in Birmingham, Alabama.

### Events:

September 11 2021 at 11:00 am. Paddle Boat in St. Charles. 1-hour Tour on the Fox River followed by lunch, at the Filling Station Pub and Grill. The club is picking up the cost for the boat tour. Thanks for your patience this year. An Evite has been set out, please RSVP through Evite or to Walt. This is a rain or shine event, as the boat has an enclosed lower deck for inclement weather. Any questions contact Walt Kreitling 312-865-5104 or [hierbinich@mchsi.com](mailto:hierbinich@mchsi.com). Meet at Pottawatomie Park in St. Charles. There is plenty of parking in the lot.

September 19, 2021 at 8:00am Cantigny Car Show. We will meet for breakfast at Danby Station 750 Roosevelt Rd., in Glen Ellyn at 7AM. For those not interested in breakfast, we will leave the Danby parking lot at approximately 8AM. The show runs from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. \$18 pre-registration or at the event per car. Details at [www.cantigny.org](http://www.cantigny.org). I have a conflict, so will not be attending. This is also a rain or shine event. This is nice 400 car

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## Notes

Take note of the request, in Jeff's column, for suggestions regarding locations for the 2022 Midwest Z Heritage functions.



## The President Sez

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show, at a location with great grounds. Music, food, and beverages are all on site.

Beyond that, WCZC will look at options for an Octoberfest event, drive, and our birthday party.

The new Z was unveiled in New York during the opening banquet at ZCON. The blue Z car was then trucked from New York to ZCON, for viewing by the attendees on Friday and Saturday. The specs can be found on the internet but include a twin turbo 400 hp V6 with manual and automatic transmission options. Looks like a base model and a performance variant. No Nismo announced at this time. Z1 Motorsports has posted details from Nissan if you want to see all the options and colors available. Tentatively about \$40,000 base price with Spring 2022 availability. There will also be 240 limited edition Z Proto Special Editions at launch with the yellow color and other exclusive touches. Hopefully Covid and the chip shortage won't affect the production too adversely. I will need to see and drive it in person before I make any purchase decisions. However, I think it looks good and prefer it in the blue over the yellow. Some people complain that it is based on the 370, but if that is what it takes to get us a new Z, I am all for evolutionary improvements. I suspect this will be the last fully gasoline powered Z. Next generation I expect to be either hybrid or fully electric. Unlike some, I am all for moving to electric power. I expect one of our next two cars will be fully battery electric.

## Member Column

Z Con - Carl Kush

Memories from 2021 ZCON 34

After wrapping up our Indiana event, our focus turned to preparation for ZCON 34. After fourteen years and many ZCON adventures, at the top of the list was a new battery and tires along with a full wheels-off cleaning including new paint on the inside wheel barrels. After several days the car was looking great.

Friday August thirteenth on the road again. One hundred and fifty miles in we were startled by a very loud stone hit. Farther down the road we stopped for lunch and checked out the damage. The good news was there was no dent only an abrasion just above the windshield. At our first hotel stop in Iowa we went shopping for dark blue nail polish to cover the stone hit and it was an okay temporary fix.

We made one more stop in Lexington, Nebraska, where

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we met up with Bob and Marlene Rosecrans. The trip through northeastern Colorado was uneventful and rather desolate prompting my lovely partner to note that the corn fields we drove past in Indiana, Iowa, and Nebraska were very green and there were even trees and flowers that we did not see in NE Colorado.

We arrived Sunday August 15th in Colorado Springs at the sprawling Hotel Elegante. Sunday was move in day with a brief rain storm while unpacking. Glenn and Tracy arrived later that afternoon and the WCZC six pack settled in for dinner at the hotel restaurant.

Monday's adventures included a stop at The Cliff Dwellings Museum and roaming around the beautiful Garden of The Gods with Bob and Marlene leading the way.

Next up was the eight AM group drive to the top of Pikes Peak on Tuesday morning. Our leader gave us a fairly quick ascent past some perilous narrow shoulder areas with no guardrails that were a little unnerving. After about a half hour admiring the scenery, the descent was mostly in first and second gear with a mandatory stop for brake temperature check. After the Pikes Peak drive and back at the hotel with a very dirty car, show prep got underway about two in the afternoon. My prep time for a judged car show is normally at least 10 hours and we had about 4 hours that day.

Wednesday, at the car show, we had less than an hour at the Flying W Ranch before towels down. This was the shortest time we have ever had getting ready for a judged car show especially after over 1,200 miles of driving. After the first round of judging, good news, a second judging. Our street modified 350 ZED and another 350 piloted by JoAnn, a very nice lady from Ohio, were at the top of our class. With the judging complete, dinner at the Flying W was on tap along with a country and western show after dinner. Several drink tickets were offered so I took the opportunity to create a new rum drink with rum, sprite, and lime juice. My WCZC six pack offered a mixed response and were very kind in their opinions.

Thursday was a recovery day for us with an evening bus trip to downtown Denver. The good news is we were able to celebrate Bob and Marlene's forty ninth wedding anniversary, with dinner at the hotel and a Happy Anniversary toast in Denver.

After a short drive to the Pikes Peak International Raceway on Friday, we wandered around trying to find some information on where to line up for the parade laps. Finally locating the tunnel to the track infield, we were able to line up on the track. There was drifting competition in progress and of course the big reveal of the new Z. Everyone was able to get up close and personal. The new Nissan Z led the three parade laps, then there was a little more time to inspect the new ride. Thursday evening we dined with Glenn and Tracy then shuffled over to the tech talks that gave us insight on the development of Z engines as told by Peter Brock as well as a lot of infor-

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## WCZC 2021 Schedule of Events

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

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
September 11th		Riverboat Cruise	St. Charles, IL	Evite will be sent	Yes
September 19th		Cantigny Car Show	Wheaton, IL	Evite will be sent Cantigny.org	Yes
TBD		Oktoberfest	TBD		Yes
TBD		Fall Cruise	TBD		Yes
TBD		WCZC Birthday Dinner	TBD		Yes

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mation about drifting by Fielding Shredder (Netflix Hyper Drive). Who knows, maybe there will be drift rides in a newly developed four passenger drift car at the next ZCON.

The Closing Banquet started off with Mad Mike and other distinguished speakers and many items were auctioned for the benefit of Make-A-Wish. The judged car show results started with Daily Driver, then StreetModified. This year the 350Z final tabulation gave first place to Jo Ann from Ohio. The 350Z from Indiana came in second. Later on we learned there were two Gold Cups awarded to 350Zs, one to Indiana with a score of 293/300 and one to Ohio. A little luck goes a long way. Glenn Johnson (Tracy's man) didn't need any luck with his beautiful black cherry 370Z blowing away the competition with a first place in Nissan Modified.

As always ZCON graces us with new friends and renewed relationships. So was 2,500 miles and 100 gallons of fuel averaging \$3.85 a gallon worth it? In my opinion, YEP.

## Z Events

ZCon Photos by Judy and Carl Kush





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280ZX \_\_\_\_\_

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- Leadership Role

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