

WCZC News

Newsletter of the Windy City Z Club

Volume XLVI, Issue No. 2

Editor: Jim Koolish

March—April 2022

wczc.news@gmail.com



Upcoming Events

March 27th

*General Meeting
Portillos, Schamburg*

June 1

*Branson Z Fest
Branson, MO*

July 25

*ZCON
Birmingham, AL*

September 8–11

*Midwest Z Heritage
Eaglewood Resort
Itasca, IL*

See full schedule on page 3 for more details

The President Sez

Ty Ozgen, President

To go or not to go. That was the question, for me in February regarding the Chicago Auto Show. The COVID numbers were down. Some restrictions were being lifted. I had not been to one since pre-COVID. I had no complimentary tickets for the club (see last month's article) so, as a result we had no formal club outing to the event after doing this for as long as I can remember. But I wanted to go. So, I did!! There was only one question left to answer. This was a moral question. I potentially could get a free ticket from our former Nissan dealer sponsor in Countryside. This was because I purchased a 2021 Sentra SR from them last June. By the way, it is a great car full of options, especially with the premium package. And with gas prices the way they are, it certainly comes in handy. The problem with getting the free ticket was that I was still hurt that they no longer wanted to sponsor our club. Why should I go there to get the free ticket, to save me \$15? I felt that if I did that, I would be backstabbing the club. Here is Ty, the new President of the WCZC, getting a free ticket, from a former sponsor, yet leaving the club out to dry. **I SAID NO WAY JOSE!!!!** I cannot do that to my constituents. So, on a Tuesday morning, my day off, I drove to the show, with my credit cards in hand ready to fork over the money for parking and the entry ticket. I felt good about my decision. Now here is the interesting part! I am waiting in line to buy my ticket, with my hard-earned money. I just happened to look to my right side and saw a small table with 2 attendants. There was a sign next to them stating they had tickets for military and front-line workers. I thought perhaps they had a discount ticket for me, so I walked over there and asked. They told me the tickets were complimentary!!! **OMG!!!** I flashed

Continued on page 2

Officers

President

Ty Ozgen:
tyozgen@gmail.com

VP of Activities

Walt Kreitling:
hierbinich@mchsi.com

VP of Administration

Pat Sylvester: 847.895.6939

Secretary/Membership

Sue Chan: wczcmembership@gmail.com

Treasurer

Bill Bragg: 262.697.1779

Webmaster

Glenn Johnson: 630.363.2081

Newsletter

Jim Koolish:
wczc.news@gmail.com



400 Z

The first general meeting of the year, is on Sunday March 27th, at Portillos in Schamburg.

Be there!

The President Sez

Continued from page 1

them my hospital ID and voila, I had a free ticket. I felt that my allegiance to the WCZC rewarded me with this ticket. Thank you.

The show itself was smaller this year. Usually there are cars on both sides of the central hall but this year they were all on one side. Not a huge crowd but again I was there before they even opened the "doors". Such big names such as Mercedes and even Honda were not present. I even looked for our friends from Turtle Wax who usually have a display, but they were not there either. But Nissan was present so that is where I went first. The new Z stood alone, begging for me to come close. It was like a magnet pulling me in. It was dressed in Boulder Gray with a black top. The Z was beautiful!!! I walked around it, looking at all the different angles. I usually don't like the dark wheels, but it looked really good on this Z. Would I call it exotic looking like the new Vette? No. The Z's were never like that anyway. (maybe the Z32 was) It is just a great looking sports car at a relatively reasonable price. Very well-done Nissan!!! Unfortunately, it was locked. I tried to pull some strings stating I was the local Z club President, but it did not work. I could not even get an answer as to when it would be available for sale, as they did not even know. I hope soon we will be able to get an up close and personal look at it, at one of our local Nissan dealers. I will let you know.

I did venture out to the other car displays as well. I must be honest here; even though I am a Nissan fan, there are a lot of other nice-looking cars. Other Japanese, Korean, German, and even American cars, everyone has a great product and a ton of choices. Even though we do have an SUV in the family, I still like my sedans. Two door cars offer more attractive lines, but the sedans are still the way to go for me, as a daily driver. They are so much easier to get in and out of compared to my 300ZXTT. Even though I love that car, it's certainly not easy climbing out if it. I will have to see if the new Z feels the same way. Since the crowds were small, I took advantage of the Jeep ride toward the back of the show. In previous years, the line would be long so I would pass on it but this year I only waited 5 minutes. They took me on a bumpy, rocky course, up and down an incline, as well as tilting side to side. Yeah, it was fun but my lower back got a good workout as I tried to not rock too much. Note to myself: do not do that again in the future. I also ventured to an area where they had electric vehicle drives and hopped into a BMW iX SUV. Nice and quiet as I expected. The dash on it looked more like a traditional dash than what you find on a Tesla. I do understand that vehi-

cles are heading in that direction, but for now I still like my gasoline engine better. They have been perfecting it for over 100 years! To listen to the exhaust tone on a muscle car is like music to my ears. Check out this video and you will what I mean.... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cmTPCGd6uxM> Awesome!! Overall, I must give my vote to Subaru for having the best display. The area was decorated like a rainforest. Very green and earthy tones with peaceful acoustics playing. They even had an area with live puppies!! How can you go wrong with puppies? Does that sell cars? It certainly attracted the crowds, so I guess it does.

Z y'all soon!



WCZC 2022 Schedule of Events

For more information, contact Walt Kreitling, unless noted otherwise.

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
March 27	5PM	General Meeting	Portillos Schamburg, IL	Ty Ozgen Evite has been sent	Yes
June 1-6		Branson Z Fest	Branson, MO	Walt Kreitling Evite has been sent	Yes
July 25-30		ZCON	Birmingham, AL	Walt Kreitling	Yes
September 8-11		MZH	Eaglewood Resort Itasca, IL	Jeff Pleiter	Yes



Store

Contact Ty at tyozgen@gmail.com to purchase

License Plate Frame

\$3 ea. or 2 for \$5



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





Sponsors

Windy City Z Club has many sponsors. Most Nissan dealers will provide a discount when asked. We recognize and thank the following companies, for providing constant support to the club, our members, and the national Z community. Please let us know, if you think your company should be on this list.

Local Dealers:

Countryside Nissan, Countryside, IL 708.352.9200

McGrath Nissan, Elgin, IL 855.315.4191

Arlington Nissan, Buffalo Grove, IL 847.590.6100

Woodfield Nissan, Hoffman Estates, IL 847.310.1900

Gerald Nissan, Naperville, IL 630.355.3337

Local Specialty Sponsors

Sound Performance, Bensenville, IL 630.893.5002

Bennett Coachworks, Milwaukee, WI 414.298.2068

Associated Tire & Battery, Oak Park, IL 708.383.6673

National Sponsors

Tire Rack, South Bend, IN 800.428.8355

Motorsport Auto, Orange, CA 800.633.6331

Stillen, Costa Mesa, CA 866.250.5542

Courtesy Nissan, Richardson TX 800.527.1909

Jim Wolf Technology, El Cajon, CA 619.442.0680

Avalon Racing, Londonberry, NH 603.425.2270

Bennett



Owning an iconic car, especially a Datsun or Nissan "Z" is pure excitement. At Bennett Coachworks we know how you feel and share your pride. Whether it's for show, street or track, the Z car has been a passion of ours for many years.

We offer a full range of services that will help you with any level of project you have. Our expertise with paint, body and mechanical will assure its done right.

Whether you're looking to take your car to work, to a show or across the finish line, we have the experience, the people and the skill sets to help you meet your goals.

Call us today

414.298.2068

www.hotrodbuilders.com
email: projects@hotrodbuilders.com

Bennett Coachworks LLC
1500 North 4th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212

REBELLO **PROCHARGER**

Coach construction • Mechanical • Body • Paint • Upholstry • Stainless • Performance

Bennett Coachworks can make it happen.



Sponsors



**PROUD SUPPORTER OF THE
WINDY CITY Z CLUB**



Sales Hours
Monday-Thursday 9am - 9pm
Friday 9am-9pm
Saturday 9am-6pm
Sunday Closed

McGrath Nissan
945 East Chicago Street, Elgin IL 60120
McGrathNissan.com
Sales: 855-315-4191 • Service: 855-315-4192

Service & Parts Hours
Monday-Thursday 7am-7pm
Friday 7am-5pm
Saturday 8am-2pm
Sunday Closed



WINDY CITY Z CLUB

Jeff Pleiter, President - 630-832-7857

V.P. of Activities - OPEN

Patrick Sylvester, P. of Administration - 847-895-6939

Sue Chan, Membership - wczcmembership@gmail.com

Jim Koolish, Newsletter - wczc.news@gmail.com

Glenn Johnson, Webmaster - webmaster@windycityzclub.com

Bill Bragg, Treasurer - 262-697-1779

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____, 20____

Name _____ Dual Member's Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

(____) _____ - _____ (____) _____ - _____ (____) _____ - _____
 Cell Phone Home Phone Work Phone

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

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)

\$25.00 for one Associate year*

\$50.00 for two years (incl. foreign countries)

\$40.00 for two Associate years*

*Associates must live at least 300 miles outside Chicago

I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

Autocrossing

Tech Seminars

Trips-Touring

Hosting a club event

Rallying

Customizing

Car Restoration

Committee Volunteer

Road Racing

Club Representative

Social Events

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