

WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

April 24th

*General Meeting
Manny's Ale House,*

May 21st

*Cars and Coffee
Elkhart Lake, WI*

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 4 for
more details*

The President Sez

Ty Ozgen, President

April showers bring May flowers. That's what they say but there certainly has been a lot of showers (even a bit of snow) around here. I guess it's OK since all that rain does wash the salt off the roads. I am still waiting for those really nice weekends to take one of the Z's out. Those days are coming. I was fortunately able to get away in late March for a week down to Florida, to enjoy the sunshine. We flew into Tampa and spent some days in Orlando and Sarasota. The weather was just perfect!! On our last day it rained, in the evening. That's it, the rest of the days were upper 80s, with hardly any humidity. Whenever I go down there, I keep my eyes open to see how many Zs are driving around and I have to say it was a bit disappointing. I perhaps saw a total of 5 the entire week. They were 350s and one 370. I remember years back when I would see a lot of Z32s driving around as well as 280ZX's. Not anymore. I did see a Corvette club with about 30 cars driving together across the Sunshine Skyway bridge toward the St. Petersburg area. What a beautiful site but it made me miss our Z club doing this. Hopefully we will have many similar events, in the near future.

One of the perks of traveling is that I get to test drive a different car that I don't have in my fleet. In the past, our family of 5 would drive down to Florida. We would rent a minivan locally to take all the gear. Minivans are the way to go for long trips as you can carry everything. We would bring plenty of clothes but also a lot of other necessities for Florida like a beach umbrella, beach towels, large cooler, etc. For those traveling with kids the most important part is that they can each have their own chair and not be touching each other. This is very

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The next general meeting is on Sunday April 24th, Manny's Ale House, in Elmhurst

Be there!

The President Sez

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important! The typical minivan would be the Dodge caravan, especially with the DVD player and rear seat screen. This also was a must if you have children. The anal person in me would give the minivan a quick check before the trip. I would check the oil and even the tire pressures. Yes they technically would clean it before I picked it up but not the way I clean my cars. For example, one of my pet peeves are dirty rims and these rental agencies just would not clean them. Now don't laugh but I have been known to clean the rims at home before the trip and even spray a little tire dressing on it. I have to look good you know, whether it's a minivan or a Z. To be honest, I would actually vacuum the interior after we returned, especially if there is sand in the carpet from the visits to the beach. I don't want to be fined for an excessively dirty car. When you fly, you don't have that luxury. You get what you get. Last year we were given a 2021 Nissan Sentra SV. I was quite impressed by it. It was roomy, full of options, and rode quite well. In fact, I liked it so much that when I got home, I started looking around for a new Sentra to replace my kids 2017 Sentra SR. This was the older body style and it just did not have the same feel as the newer ones. Within 2 months we had a 2021 Nissan Sentra SR in the driveway. Perhaps car companies do sell the cars to rental agencies as a means to sell more cars as you get a long-term test drive and for me it worked.

This year as we approached the parked rental cars, I was told I can choose from an array of cars. One was a Dodge Charger; this was a very plain white sedan that looked like a unmarked police cruiser. I passed on it. The other was a Nissan Altima SV that was just a bigger version of our Sentra. Nah, I pass. And finally a Ford Fusion. I went with the 2020 Fusion. It was their top-of-the-line Platinum edition with all the bells and whistles. It was dressed in white with black leather. Actually, it was a very nice-looking car. Of course, I walked around the car to make sure there is no damage as I don't want them blaming me for something I didn't do. We got into the Fusion and fired it up. Quite roomy to be honest. If I recall Pat Sylvester had one of these, as a company car, and he had nothing but praise for it. As soon as we got out of the parking structure and on the open road, I noticed a problem. The tires were noisy! I mean very noisy!! I recognized the sound as being a worn tire with potential belt issues. It drove OK without any pulling though. It was late and I just not want to return back to the airport, so I

just dealt with it. The next morning, I looked at the tires and the treads seemed to be OK without any unusual wear pattern, so I kept it. Throughout the week I kept wondering why the tires were as loud as they were. The car had about 36k miles on it. I still did not notice any drivability issues with it. Anyway, as I was playing with the buttons on the steering wheel, I was able to get to the tire pressure display and I was in for a shock. The front tire pressures were in the 45-50 range while the rears were in the upper 30s. Was this normal? I had never heard of this. Maybe the sensors were bad. Was the car safe to drive? It did not seem to be a harsh ride. I checked the B pillar and it called for 37lbs for all 4 tires. I was not really sure what to do. I did let out some air from the front tires to get them to the 42-43 lb range as I did not feel comfortable with those high readings. I did not change the ride character at all. The noise was still there as well. Fortunately, in the week we had the Fusion, it did not leave us stranded. I did bring the tire pressure and noise to the attention of the attendant that was on duty when we returned it. He said they'd look into it. Sure.....

As far as our club, the most recent Z general meeting was well attended. It was nice to see everyone out together. I did have a talk with Walt and we will certainly have a lot more fun this summer with the club so keep your eyes on the Evites. The next general meeting is Sunday April 24th. See you there.

Activities

Walt Kreitling, VP Activities

MZH

Jeff Pleiter, Committee Chair

Greetings Fellow Zites,

The snow is gone, and the roads are salt free but Winter is not so much gone but merely diminished. It is still not warm but it is rainy (and according to the long range prediction on the Weather Channel this morning, the rest of April will be much the same) and not at all climatologically inspiring for brining your favorite sports car out of hibernation. I've only had mine out twice in between storms all month.

It can't continue like this forever so we will be optimistic make some plans now. The first event on the horizon, at this time, is at one of our favorite places, Road America at Elkhart Lake, WI. Hagerty Insurance is sponsoring a **Cars & Coffee Car Show** at the track on Saturday, May 21st. This will be in conjunction with the SVRA Vintage Festival Week-end.

A full docket of racing events for all classes of vintage sports/racing cars is scheduled in addition to the Hagerty Car Show. There is a \$75.00 fee for each car show registration that includes:

- 2 Weekend passes (2 people Sat. & Sun) to the Vintage & Trans Am races

- VIP Parking

- Touring laps on the Road America race track in your show car

- Full access to the race car Paddock

- All car clubs will receive their own corral

Check-in is on Saturday morning at the track. We will have to arrive together so we will meet up at a location outside of the track. You can attend for the day or the weekend. There are a few details that I still have to clarify and I am contacting the event coordinator to do so. All final details will be included in the official Evite which will go out as soon as I receive them. Stay tuned.

The WCZC General Meeting is Sunday, April 24 and there will be more discussion about upcoming events at that time. See you there.

Update on the Midwest Z Heritage event that we are hosting September 8-11 at Eaglewood Resort in Itasca, IL. By the time you read this newsletter the registration link for the event should be live on the website. We encourage everyone to register and pay online. Payment is via PayPal. The registration link and the link for hotel rooms reservations can be accessed at www.midwestzheritage.com. I expect you could also call the hotel and say you are reserving for the event, to get the discount. If you are unable to register online or don't use PayPal, let us know and we can provide a registration form you can mail in, with a check. Be aware we have less hotel rooms blocked out for Thursday than on Friday and Saturday.

Keep your eyes on the event website and Facebook page, the club website and Facebook page, and the newsletter for more updates and sponsor info.

Regarding activities, we are still working on finalizing details. Schedule is as follow: (see the website, for more details) In addition, expect car wash stations, trailer parking availability, door prizes, merchandise etc.

Thursday: Early arrivals/registration and informal pay for your own meal dinner gathering on-site, at the Prairie River Restaurant which has indoor and outdoor tables and a large firepit.

Friday: First full day of registration and events. Events include a Turtle Wax tech session at their headquarters, a drive and visit to Volo Auto Museum using primary and secondary roads, a Fox Lake area drive, as well as the traditional suds and shine on-site

Saturday: ZCCA judged car show and People's Choice show, likely at the hotel. Awards Dinner, in a private dining room at the resort. Trophies and sponsor raffles.

Sunday: Travel day home.

We currently have a planning committee. We are looking for volunteers to help with registration, parking, car show, etc. on site during the event. Let me know if you want to help out. Email me at villazx10@comcast.net.

Stay healthy, safe and hope to see you when the weather breaks.

WCZC 2022 Schedule of Events

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

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
April 24	5PM	General Meeting	Manny's Ale House Elmhurst, IL	Ty Ozgen Evite has been sent	Yes
May 21st		Cars and Coffee Etc.	Elkhart Lake, WI	Walt Kreitling Evite to follow	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



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

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Type of Zs Owned (Please indicate year and quantity):
 240Z _____ 300ZX _____
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 280ZX _____

How did you hear about our club? _____

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 - Hosting a club event
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 - 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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