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Upcoming Events

July 25

ZCON

Birmingham, AL

August 12-14

Lake Michigan Crossing

Manitowoc, WI

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

It's the middle of July, one month into the summer, and what have you done lately with your Z? Life certainly gets busy with work, family...everything. We were fortunate to get in a spring drive last month along the Kankakee River. Many thanks to Bob and Marlene Rosecrans for setting this up for the club. The weather was questionable at first which kept a few people away. I chose my '90 300ZXTT to drive. I may have had a sprinkle or 2 hit the windshield on the way to the meeting point in Channahon but that was it. No rain at all otherwise. From there we headed to the Launching Pad restaurant in Wilmington, which is on the famous Rt 66. This restaurant is known for the Giant Gemini statue landmark. This was named after the Gemini space program in the 1960's. Very cool!! The restaurant was very quaint with a lot of old pictures and memorabilia. The people were quite friendly as well. One of the workers noticed the Zs in the parking lot and struck up a conversation with us. He told us how much he regretted selling a 2004 Le mans sunset 350Z roadster he had. He loved that car and missed it dearly. Of course, we were happy to talk to him about our Z's and our club. From there we caravanned down along the river to the Kankakee State Park and found a quiet area near the water to set up our chairs and have lunch. This was probably my favorite part of the day. Just a lot of fun talking among friends about life, family, military service etc. **The Z cars bring us together, but the people make it worthwhile!!** After a couple hours, we packed up and headed back home. All in all, it was a great time and very relaxing. Thanks again Bob and Marlene.

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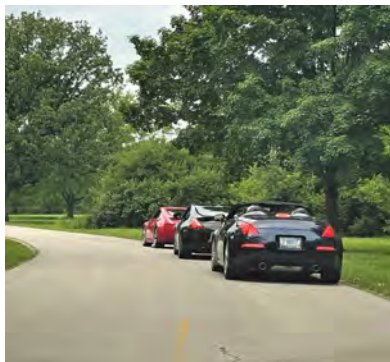
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See the MZH column on page 3 regarding event description and reservations



Kankakee River Drive

The President Sez

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Speaking of some not so relaxing things, I have had a lot of issues with tires and rims lately. If you recall, I had a tire pressure issue a few months ago on a rental car. This time it was with my own cars. It all started last fall when I started to notice front end vibration on my daily driver 2011 Mercedes E350. The car had about 100K miles on it so I figured things were just wearing out in the front end. I did get the tires balanced and it did help a little but not 100%. I brought it to a shop in Villa Park and was told the lower ball joints were the problem. They were replaced, but no luck. Still present. It's not that it was a terrible vibration but more of a nuisance. I don't like nuisances so I brought it to the dealer for a second opinion. They actually lifted the vehicle and put it into gear to see what the culprit may be. This maneuver duplicated the driving as all the wheels, the driveshafts etc were turning as it was on the lift. The cause? Two bent drivers side rims! How in the world did that happen? I don't recall hitting any large potholes recently but nevertheless, the problem was found. They put the bent rims to the back and the good rims in the front. Better but now I still had 2 bent rims in the back. Fortunately it was in November so I just removed all the rims and mounted my snow tires onto the car. I took the 2 bent rims to a shop in Bensenville and they were able to repair the rims for about \$100 each. I was told most of the time the rims get bent on the inner aspect as opposed to the outer aspect so I had not noticed it myself. They got them back to me within a couple days, but I had to wait until the spring to remount these tires to officially test them. But something was bothering me. I had 2 rims that were now repaired to a perfectly round state and then I had the 2 "good" rims. I am kind of anal when it comes to things like this. Should I get the other 2 rims fixed as well. The dealer said they were ok but maybe they were bent just "a little". I could not resist. I brought them in. They said they would check them first and let me know. They were not in terrible shape, but I told them to get them repaired anyway. This way I have all of them taken care of. My mind was at ease. In March, I took the snow tires off and mounted the 4 repaired rims. Smooth as silk!!! I was a happy camper.....until May. I was driving home one night from a wedding. I was in the middle lane on I-294 in the construction area. And there it was. The Grand Canyon of all potholes. I could not avoid it as there were cars on both sides of me and I nailed it with the driver's side tires. Fortunately the tires did not lose air but the vibration was

back. I said a few choice words that I won't mention. The next day I dismantled the rims to inspect the inner aspect and it was obvious, they were bent. Once again, I had to get the rims repaired. What a hassle! I called the toll-way and was told there was nothing they could do. I guess there was no proof that their pothole bent my rims. Typical.

The other issue that came up was with my wife's SUV. I was washing it one day and I noticed a small screw on the tread of one of the tires. I sprayed some soapy water on it to see if it was losing air and I did not see any bubbles. That's a good sign. The pressure seemed to be OK as well. The screw was about 2 finger widths from the sidewall. Do I dare unscrew it out or do I let the professionals do it? If it starts to lose air at least they could fix it. Or so I thought. I brought it to a well know tire shop and was told it was too close to the sidewall for them to repair it. They have a certain distance from the sidewall that they use to decide whether its repairable or not. It was a liability issue. In my opinion it was right on the line. They said they would be happy to get me a new tire or even a set of new tires. Of course they would, that's more money in their pocket. The tires still had 7/32 tread left. I did not want to buy just one tire, nor 4 tires for \$1,300. I politely declined. I knew it was repairable. I asked around and someone in my office mentioned a tire center in Joliet to try. I brought the car to them and they looked at it. "No problema" I was told. They dismantled the tire, patched it up and in 30 minutes I was back on the road. Cost? \$20 and I gave them a \$5 tip. That was a month ago. Still holding air! I feel good about it!!

Have great rest of the month and I'll see you at the next event.



MZCH

Jeff Pleiter, Committee Chair

Update on the Midwest Z Heritage event we are hosting September 8-11 at Eaglewood Resort in Itasca, IL. The registration link for the event is 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. You could also call the hotel and say you are reserving for the Midwest Z Heritage / Windy City Z club 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.

Please register for Hotel and Event as soon as possible. August 18 is our cutoff date for the hotel or they release our rooms. We need hotel and event numbers for planning purposes.

The Thursday hotel block has been filled and we are working on getting more rooms - we may not know until Aug 15 about Thursday. Friday and Saturday still have rooms available. The website will have ongoing updates for event and sponsor info.

Schedule is as follows and in more detail on the website:

Thursday. Early arrivals/registration and informal pay for your own meal 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, and a drive and visit to Volo Auto Museum using secondary roads as well as the traditional suds and shine on-site

Saturday. ZCCA judged car show and People's Choice show, at the hotel. Awards Dinner in private dining room at the resort. Trophies and sponsor raffles. Added Saturday Special Guests Keith Bergey and Randy Lewis to talk about the Scarab Z Engineering and History. See detail info elsewhere in

newsletter.

Sunday. Travel day home.

There will be car wash stations, trailer parking availability, door prizes, merchandise etc.

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

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.



WCZC 2022 Schedule of Events

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

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
July 25–30		ZCON	Birmingham, AL	Jeff Pleiter	Yes
August 12–14		Lake Michigan Crossing	Manitowoc, WI	Walt Kreitling Evite has been sent	Yes
September 8-11		MZH	Eaglewood Resort Itasca, IL	Jeff Pleiter	Yes



Store

Contact Ty at tyozgen@gmail.com to purchase

License Plate Frame

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Kankakee River Drive



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____, 20____

Name _____ Dual Member's Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 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)
 - \$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

I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

- Autocrossing
- Trips-Touring
- Rallying
- Car Restoration
- Road Racing
- 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:
 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: wzcmembership@gmail.com
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