

WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

April 2023

General Meeting

April/May 2023

Spring Fling

TBD

May 31, 2023

Branson Z Fest

Branson, MO

July 21 2023

MZH

Ohio

November 4, 2023

WCZC B-day Party

Reserve 22

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The President Sees

Ty Ozgen, President

Yes, my fellow Z citizens, we are going in the right direction. We are now in March. The daylight is getting longer each passing day. The temperatures are creeping up. I see the hint of bulbs emerging on some plants. Yes sir, car season is fast approaching us. What a wonderful feeling!! All in all, I don't believe we had a terrible winter though. No terrible snowstorms, at least in the Chicago area. We just missed one a week ago. No terrible cold spells. That means less salt on the roads and hence less potential rust on our daily drivers. So much for the Farmer's Almanac predicting a unseasonably cold and snowy winter for us. I will take it. We did get rain during the winter so it wasn't completely dry. All good things.

We had a great time at the Chicago Auto Show last month. This is always a favorite winter activity for me. It just breaks up the monotony of the winter after all the holidays are done. This year we were able to get a hold of some tickets from Scott Gabrenya, the Fixed Ops Director at Woodfield Nissan in Schaumburg. They are our newest WCZC sponsor and seem very responsive to our club. They did help us out with donations for our Midwest Z Heritagefest last September which was very much appreciated. Pat Sylvester and I met with them a few times over the last several months and they are a wonderful team. They do have people who do work on the Z31s, Z32s as well as the newer Zs of course. I am waiting on a quote for my 1990 300ZXTT timing belt service as I write this. I figure it is about due as I have 92K miles on her and the last time I did it was at 58K miles in 1999. What do you think? I have heard to go by the "miles" by some, go by the "time" by

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Jan Mtg at Manny's

Notes

Next Event will be the General Meeting in April. Time and location to be determined.

The President Sez

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others. I don't know the right answer. I just know I don't want to snap my timing belt. I look forward to working with them. Also thanks to Stan Beckman, a former WCZC member and past President, for getting some tickets for us as well. Although he no longer has a Z, he still helps us out when he can. Thanks Stan.

As far as the auto show, I got there about 2:30 in the afternoon and shortly after, met with Bob and Marlene Rosecrans. We sat together for about an hour and just talked about life outside of cars. We shared a lot of personal things and I appreciate their friendship!! That's what I'm talking about my friends. This is not just a car club. We did finally venture out to look at some of the cars and most definitely electric cars were making their way into the auto show circuit. Everyone had them on display and several manufacturers had a short course to get a driving experience with them, including the Nissan Ariya. We were able to get a ride in the Nissan Ariya, the VW ID.4, as well as a few others. They all seemed to have a similar price point but then you add the extended range and you are adding \$10K to \$20k. I know it is the future perhaps, but I am just not there yet. The thing I dislike the most on a lot of these electric cars is the dash, or perhaps the lack of a dash. Many of the electric cars just have a display, like an iPad or something. I like having a dash! It makes me feel like I'm driving a car rather than an electrical appliance. Time will tell. The rest of the group joined us at 6:30 PM and as usual, headed right to the Nissan display area. There were 2 Z's present. One in Passion Red Tricoat and the other in Seiran Blue Tricoat. Both looked beautiful under the lights but only the blue one was open to sit inside. Of course, we had a group shot together and we were fortunate to have Mary Kay Kleist, the CBS Chicago meteorologist who was doing a segment near the Z, join us. Her blue dress was perfect next to the blue Z. She asked who the leader of the club was and appropriately handed me her microphone for the picture. Thanks! Other Nissan products represented were the Sentra, the Versa, the newly revised Altima, the Rogue, and the Pathfinder. No GTR this year. No Maxima either. From my recollection, 2023 is the last year for the Maxima which is sad. I have had a few of them through the years so it is sad to see the original "4DSC" coming to an end. Nissan only sold 7,110 of them last year, down from 16,386 in 2021. Compare that to the Altima which sold about 139,955 last year and the Rogue which sold 186,480. As far as new Z, Nissan de-

livered 177 last quarter. I am still not aware of any sold delivered 177 last quarter. I am still not aware of any sold in the Chicagoland area the Chicagoland area. Are you? There is an interesting YouTube video from Chip Foose about his rendering of the new Z. This individual is a famous designer in the automotive world having produced many award-winning designs. I really do like what he did with it. Check it out at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NQtWd-KtVeo> Other non Nissan cars that I was intrigued with were the Corvette E-Ray which was just a beautiful looking car as well as the Lamborghini Countach with a MSRP of \$2.8 million!!!! I really thought it was a typo but it wasn't.

I want to bring up a topic we have been discussing at the last 2 ZGM's. We are trying to streamline our membership dues and renewals to make it easier for us. At this point in time, we are proposing that all memberships will be renewing on January 1st. To make this happen, we are going to extend everyone's membership for a certain amount of time based on your own expiration date. For example, if your membership expires this year in 2023, you will be granted a free extension until 1/1/24. You will receive a renewal reminder at that time. If your membership expires in 2024, you will get a free extension until 1/1/25. As far as new members, we are still working on how to accomplish that, but they may be prorated somehow. The membership dues will remain at \$30 annually. Your dues go to the birthday party, social events, and ZCCA expenses such as insurance. Please give this idea some thought, as we will be finalizing it at the next ZGM in late April.

Another question is I am asking everyone is the names of the past recipients of the coveted "**Broken Z Award**". It may have been even you! We had given it to Keith Keca in 2019 and I have tried to retrieve it from him. He has not answered my phone calls, emails etc. I even went to his house in Plainfield. Apparently he moved in 2022. The names I can recall are Carl Kush, Lee Witkowski, Glenn Johnson, Larry Klem and James Snyder. There are 4 more names I need to recall. I am in the process of making a new award for the current "owner", Dave Werdeger, if I cannot get the original one back.

We are also looking into events for the upcoming summer. The position of Vice President of Activities is still open. If you have any ideas, please let me know. I can tell you we are having our birthday party on 11/4/23 so put it on your calendar. We will go back to Reserve 22 as this location was well received by everyone who attended. See you in April.

WCZC 2023 Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
April 2023		General Meeting	TBD	Ty Ozgen	Yes
April/ May		Spring Fling	TBD		Yes
May 31. 2023		Branson Z Fest	Branson MO		TBD
July 21,22 2023		MZH	Ohio (ZROC)		TBD
July 31, 2023		ZCon	Ontario, CA		TBD
November 4		WCZC B-day Party	Reserve 22 Glen Ellyn	Ty Ozgen	Yes

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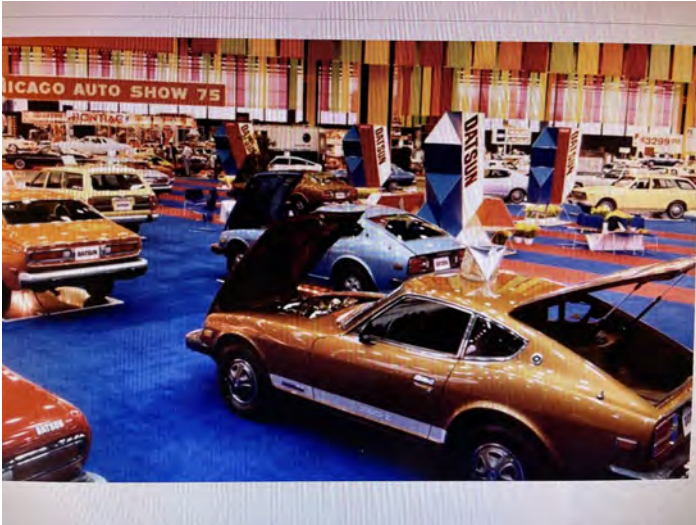
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Jan Mtg & Auto Show



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Auto Show History Photos by Ty O.





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