

WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

July 30, 2023

*Z Drive and Picnic
Kankakee, IL*

July 31, 2023

*ZCon
Ontario, CA*

August 17–19, 2023

*MZH
Ohio*

August 27, 2023

*Geneva Concours
Geneva, IL*

September 17, 2023

*Cantigny Car Show
Wheaton, IL*

The President Sees

Ty Ozgen, President

For as dry as this summer started out, unfortunately our club events seem to be scheduled around inclement weather. If you recall, we were going to have a car show in May up at Nissan of Kenosha. It would have been a great way to show off our club. However due to snow showers that day, the event was canceled. Then the next event was a get together at the Superdawg eatery in Wheeling, Illinois. This famous eatery seems to cater to car clubs quite often. If you check their website, they have many car clubs that go there to enjoy their good food as a group outing. We decided to give it a try. The day started out quite dry as we gathered together, but at the very end of the three hour get together, the clouds started to roll in and a slight drizzle started, though brief. The crowd started to disperse. On my way home, the rain did start. I don't mind a little rain, but the possibility of hail concerns me. Fortunately there was no hail and it gave me a reason to wash it for the first time this year.

The next event was our trip up to Road America in Wisconsin for the vintage races. The weather was lousy the evening before, but the rain finished by the morning. As I headed out in my '90 300ZXTT, the roads were still somewhat wet but by the time I got on the interstate it was pretty much dry. We met at the northbound Lake Forest oasis. Shortly thereafter we left toward the track. The weather was wonderful. Not a drop of rain during the whole day. I had not been to Road America since 2019 due to COVID, as well as other issues and I forgot how much I enjoy it. As I was driving up there, I did a lot of reminiscing. I thought about the other times I had been up there. I recall being up there when my kids were young. No Z was used but I did have a Maxima at

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Every time a bird craps on my car, I eat a plate of wings on the front porch to show them what I'm capable of.

Photo by Ty O.

Notes

Next Event is the Drive/Picnic on Sunday July 30th.

The President Sez

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that time. We used to have an area up there called the “Z Zone” where we would park all of our Z cars together to watch the races. We even had our own picnic tables up there. I would bring a portable playpen to place my young son into as we enjoyed the day. He is 22 now. Even Mr. K, the father of the Z car, had gone up there with us years ago. As we pulled into the track area, I enjoying looking at all the cars that people drove there. Many people bring their nice cars. You will see everything and anything during this event, from old school muscle cars to exotics! We found a great location underneath some trees and placed our chairs down. The view was wonderful as we watched the cars race by but boy is it loud. We had to cease our talking several times. By lunchtime we headed to the pit area where all the race cars were being prepared for future events. As far as Datsuns, we saw some 510s as well as 240Zs and one 260Z. It's so much fun to just walk through here looking at these cars. You must be there to understand. By the late afternoon the races were winding down. We headed up to the Osthoff Resort area to check out the car show. Just a ton of gorgeous cars, including 2 blue 240Zs. It's so much fun to talk to the owners of these cars and hear their story. Everyone has a story to tell. Just like us and our Z cars!!

It was so nice driving up there in my '90 300ZXTT. This is the most I have driven it since going to Ohio for the Midwest Z heritage event in 2019. The car ran quite well but one thing caught my attention. It seemed to bounce around a little bit after hitting some larger bumps on the road. I don't recall doing this in the past. Granted it is a sports car and I'm probably used to my daily driver sedan but it just seemed different. It makes me wonder if the shocks are starting to go bad on the car as these are the original shocks on it. The car has 92,000 miles so I suspect they could be a little bit worn. Out of curiosity, I looked to see if original shocks are still available for it. You know me, Mr. Original. I did find some from a Z car source for \$2k! Not cheap by any means. If you do not know, these twin turbos have 2 settings on the suspension, firm and touring. I don't need coilovers. On smooth roads, it seems to be fine though. I did make an appointment for it at a trusted source in Villa Park. I'll let you know what happens.

Speaking of the Midwest Z heritage event, the next one is August 17-19 in Columbus, Ohio. You should have received an Evite. It is hosted by ZROC of Columbus. They are a great bunch of enthusiasts and very supportive for our Midwest event. We had our turn last September if you recall. There are several members who are heading

out that way for the event. At this point in time, I'm not sure if I can make it as I will be bringing my daughter to college that weekend. Unfortunately life does get in the way sometimes. Click on this link for more information. <http://midwestzheritage.com/>

Please keep an eye out for some future evites, including a drive to Kankakee and a picnic, on July 30th.. We don't have an activities person so I am trying my best to set things up. Any help would be appreciated.

Photos below, from the Volo Car Show 07-23-23 By Jim K.



WCZC 2023 Schedule of Events

| Date | Time | Event | Location | Contact and Details | WCZC Event |
|-----------------|-------|----------------------|--|--|------------|
| July 30, 2023 | 10 AM | Drive and Picnic | Kankakee, IL (Meet at the Promenade in Bolingbrook) | Ty Ozgen Evite has been sent | Yes |
| July 31, 2023 | | ZCon | Ontario, CA | | TBD |
| August 17, 2023 | | MZH | Columbus, OH | Ty Ozgen Evite has been sent | |
| August 27, 2023 | 10 AM | Geneva Concours Show | Geneva, IL | | TBD |
| Sept. 17, 2023 | 9 AM | Cantigny Car Show | Wheaton, IL | Jim Koolish https://cantigny.org/event/cantigny-car-show-2/ | Yes |
| Nov. 4, 2023 | | WCZC B-day Party | Reserve 22 Glen Ellyn | Ty Ozgen | Yes |

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Club members own cool cars other than Z's?

WCZC Activities

Superdawg , photos by Jim K.



WCZC Activities

Vintage Races , photos by Ty O.





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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): _____
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Type of Zs Owned (Please indicate year and quantity):
 240Z _____ 300ZX _____
 260Z _____ 350Z _____
 280Z _____ 370Z _____
 280ZX _____ NISSAN Z _____

How did you hear about our club? _____

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- Trips-Touring
- Rallying
- Car Restoration
- Road Racing
- Social Events
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- 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

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