

WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

September 17, 2023

Cantigny Car Show

Wheaton, IL

November 4, 2023

WCZC B-day Party

Glen Ellyn, IL

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The President Sez

Ty Ozgen, President

It's official!! The car has passed the test. If you recall a few months ago we purchased a 2016 Nissan Sentra SR for my oldest son to use at college this year. Being a senior in college, he had stated he's going to be doing some shadowing and needed transportation to go to and from. We put about 2000 miles on it over the summer using it for various trips in the Chicagoland area to make sure all was in good order. Fortunately, there were no problems with it during this time. Last week I decided to change the oil in preparation for him taking it to school. Its' last oil change was done at the Toyota dealer that I bought it from right before we purchased it. I assumed they did it properly. I did drain the oil and it just seemed like it was a little bit more than I expect to be in the pan. The owners manual calls for 4 1/4 quarts of 0W20 synthetic oil. I measured it to be 5 quarts. So obviously, they put too much oil in it. Was it even the right type of oil was my next question. My gut feeling says they didn't even bother looking at the specific recommendations and just put in the oil. I don't think any damage was done, but I certainly am glad I was able to change it and add the proper amount of oil, as well as a Nissan oil filter. I also changed the air and cabin filters, as well as rotated the tires. Finally, I put a coat of Turtle Wax seal and shine on it for protection against the elements. It was ready to go. My son and I drove the car out to Philadelphia this past weekend. It was about an 11-hour drive and the car did fine. We averaged roughly 38 miles per gallon during this trip which was fantastic. I hope he takes care of it, as I will not be able to check on it as I do with my cars that are at home. I showed him how to check the oil and antifreeze levels, the

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Notes

The Motor Trend article about ZCON

https://www.motortrend.com/features/zcca-zcon-nissan-z-2023-social-custom-car-show/?lid=n3o8xs6mmdfz&eml=organic%3Aeml%3Aabr2&utm_source=braze&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=editorial

The President Sez

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lifeline fluids of cars. I even looked up a local Nissan dealer for his next oil change. Maybe he will appreciate how I take care my cars and learn a few things. We shall see.

The club was able to take a nice drive to the Kankakee River State Park a few weeks ago. The weather was very cooperative. We gathered together at the Starbucks in Bolingbrook and shortly thereafter we were on the way. I brought my '90 300ZX. As I noted on the evite, I knew I would be the only Z32 present. Of course we need to have different generations displayed on the drive for all to see. Our first stop was the Gemini Giant, which is located in Wilmington on the famous Route 66. Unfortunately, the restaurant was closed for whatever reason. Their website does not even make any comment on them being closed. We looked around at some other local stores and then back on the road. From there, we leisurely traveled along the Kankakee river to our destination picnic area. We took out our chairs, our food, and gathered in a circle underneath some large trees right by the water. It was a very relaxing time with friends just talking about life, in addition to Z cars. The main topic was Fred and all the issues he had in getting his 280ZX 2+2 Turbo "restored" in a proper manner at the shop in Milwaukee. At least he got it back after 4 dragged out years. I look forward to seeing it in person soon.

One of the other topics that we discussed was future events. Bob Rosecrans had mentioned he had gone to the Westmont cruise night and felt it was a great location with plenty of cars, food, and music. So off we went later that week. It was a wonderful summer evening and we were able to park all of our Z's together. Again, the lawn chairs came out as we sat behind our cars. Of course, there were many admiring spectators talking to us about our cars. Everybody had a story to tell about the cars and people they knew who had one, etc. I am glad we were able to go as a group. It just makes it more fun that way. I brought my 1980 Tenth Anniversary out for the occasion. It was the first time I really drove it this whole summer. I might put about 100 miles on it during summers through the years. That's OK as I try to keep the mileage relatively low. I bought it in 1996 with 26k miles on it. Now it has over 28k. It's almost broken in.

A few people have asked me to host an event up north one day. I would love to, but I don't know the northern suburbs and what events are going on. If anyone has

something that might be fun, let me know. I would be happy to plan it. I know we will be doing a drive in the fall to Wisconsin but that's about it for now. I was not able to attend the 2023 ZCON in California, nor the Midwest Z Heritage event in Columbus (had to bring my daughter to school) but if anyone went and would like to write a small article, feel free to. Z y'all soon.

Westmont Cruise Night Photos by Ty O.



Guest Column

Bob Rosecrans

The 2023 Midwest Z Heritage Fest in Columbus, Ohio was a great event and my hat goes off to all the people on the organizing committee. Going to Columbus was a challenge. Marlene and I met Carl and Judy Kush on Route 30 in Indiana for lunch and then we caravanned to Columbus. When I was loading the Z at home it started to rain and the storm followed the entire trip to Columbus. I was white knuckled the entire trip. We registered at the Z desk on Thursday evening just before it closed. A trip that should have taken 6 hours took almost 9 hours. At registration, ZROC told us they are a driving club and we all were hoping the weather would break.

Friday morning was bright and sunny; a perfect day for a drive. The area around Columbus is hilly and perfect for driving. The group was divided into two, fast and touring. WCZC had 8 representative people in the touring group: Carl and Judy Kush, Jeff and Allie Pleiter, Bob and Judy Zwahlen, and Marlene and I. The touring group was noted as being a spirited drive, I can't imagine what the fast group was like. Saturday was another driving cruise through the Amish country and we got back to the hotel around 3:00 pm.

The People's Choice Car Show was in the hotel parking lot from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. We all were hustling to get the cars cleaned up. There were four voting categories: Paint, Engine, Interior, and Best of Show. As expected during the Show, there were friendships made, comradie, and just a good time. The banquet was scheduled for 7:00 pm, so off to our room for a quick shower. The dinner was help yourself style with an unbelievable number of choices, with different bbq meats, potatoes, and vegetables, etc. After dinner the awards and trophies presented. My 370Z was awarded best Paint Award. The most impressive award, Best of Show was given to a 350Z owned by Carl Kush! Yes, WCZC took 2 out of the 4 awards. Plus, WCZC won the travel award and Marlene and I accepted the trophy at the banquet. Next year the Midwest Z Heritage Fest will be in Detroit, MI.

What's a car trip without some drama and stories to tell. After breakfast on Sunday with all the WCZC people, we packed our cars and took off for home. On Interstate 865 before it merges into 65 around Indianapolis, my rear passenger tire blew. I pulled off into the left lane with trucks whipping by the Z. Marlene called Haggerty Insurance, I emptied out

the car to get the spare tire and jack. I took the tire off the Z and was ready to put the on the spare, but Marlene kept begging me to stop convinced I was going to be killed by a passing truck. She said Haggerty was on their way and it was covered under the policy. I acquiesced and we waited for the repair guy. The first thing he said was you've already done all the work. He put the spare tire on the Z and then the fun started. The blown rear tire did not fit into the spare tire wheel well. The repair guy leaves and now Marlene and I have to figure out how to get two carry on suit cases, two chairs, car cleaning equipment, and the traveling trophy, to fit around the blown tire sitting in the back of the Z. Well the cleaning equipment fit in the wheel of the blown tire and somehow we were able to get the carry-ons and chairs behind the seats. But will the hatch close? The tire rim is sitting pretty high and I don't need a broken window to boot. Whew, the hatch closed putting some towels around the rim to protect the window. We're done - well almost, where do we put the Traveling Trophy? I love Marlene so much. Not only did we spend our anniversary, Saturday the 19th, in Columbus but she sat with the big Traveling Trophy box on her lap the entire trip home. Because of the temporary spare, I never drove above 55 mph, while running with my flashers on. We got off I-65 near Merryville, IN and took Rte 30 all the way home. We made it home safely, exhausted, but looking forward to the next Z adventure.



Photos by Jeff P.

WCZC 2023 Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
Sept. 17, 2023	9 AM	Cantigny Car Show	Wheaton, IL	Jim Koolish https://cantigny.org/event/cantigny-car-show-2/ Evite Has Been Sent	Yes
TBD		Fall Fling Drive	TBD		Yes
Nov. 4, 2023		WCZC B-day Party	Reserve 22 Glen Ellyn	Ty Ozgen	Yes



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WCZC Activities

Kanakee River Picnic , photos by Jim K.





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MECUM AUCTION RESULTS at MONTEREY 2023

Just recently completed at the Mecum auctions was the Mike and Debbie Rogers Datsun Collection. I have not met them, but they have displayed their Zs at various ZCON's as well as other venues. Click this link to get their story. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DQDonQPphCY> The prices these Zs sold at is amazing!!!

1980 Datsun 280ZX Tenth Anniversary: stored for 42 years 1 of 500 in Black/Red 28 miles \$231,000

1984 Nissan 300ZX 50th Anniversary: 9,487 miles 1 of 5000 for the US market \$49,500

1977 Datsun 280Z ZZZAP edition: 1000 made 69,266 miles Datsun promoted this Z in a video game \$71,500

1978 Datsun 280ZX Black Pearl Edition: 1 of about 1,500 made for the US 1st year for black paint 61,283 miles \$90,200

1969 Datsun 240Z: 1 of 195 1969 production 240Zs know. This is 193 restored \$132,000

1983 Datsun 280ZX Turbo: Black with beige interior 32,357 miles \$99,000

1969 Datsun Fairlady Z432: R hand drive 54,255 km Best of Show ZCON 2021 1 of 420 produced between 1969 and 1973 432 stands for 4 valves per cylinder, 3 carburetors, 2 camshafts \$297,000

1972 Datsun 240Z: 1 of 37 of a planned 200Z's restored by Nissan in 1996 \$66,000



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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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\$30.00 for one year (incl. foreign countries)

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- 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

Your membership packet will be sent to you by return mail within two to four weeks

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