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Upcoming Events

November 4, 2023

WCZC B-day Party

Glen Ellyn, IL

February 2024

Chicago Auto Show

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The President Se^Z

Ty Ozgen, President

Well, here we go.... The weather is changing and the leaves are changing. We all know what's in the future for us in the Chicagoland area. Fortunately, we were able to get one last road trip in before that happens. Many thanks to Bob and Marlene Rosecrans for setting this up. The weather was definitely jacket weather, but the sun was out at times through the clouds and the Z's were looking good. I was going to go with my wife but my son was home from school for the long weekend. I asked him to join me and he agreed but on one condition; he wanted to drive. So I let him drive to the initial meeting point and then I took it from there. He did well but I had to remind him that my 90 TT does not have the safety features like traction control. The roads we traveled were wonderful with a lot of curves and hills. It is a great sight to see the Z's traveling in a row. The Lake Geneva area gets very crowded this time of year so there was traffic we had to get through. We ended up at a restaurant called Brat Haus, which is just south in Richmond, IL. The food was good but the "getting everyone together" was even better. From there, we dispersed home. Thanks again to Bob and Marlene for setting this up.

The one good thing about driving in cooler weather is that we don't have to worry much about bugs splattering on the windshield and front end of the car. Last month I made a road trip to Champaign, to visit my daughter and go to a football game down there. Illinois won that time but that's another story. On my way down there, the weather was excellent and my car was free of any substantial bug juices. However, on my return, which was in the evening, the story was different. There were so many bugs flying around and hitting the

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Notes

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The President Sez

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windshield. It sounded like when you're driving through a drizzle and all the raindrops are tapping on your windshield. I really thought that's what was going on until I got home and noticed all the spots on the front end of the car and on my windshield. I don't think I've ever had so many bugs on a car in all my years of driving. I guess that is what happens when you are driving through cornfields in the evening. I did wash the front of my car as well as the windshield the next morning.

One of my favorite events of the year is the annual car show at Cantigny. This always draws a huge number of cars, perhaps 400 or so. We tend to park together as a group and just hang out to enjoy the weather and good company. Unfortunately, this year the weather was not very cooperative. It was a very cloudy, rainy day. Not a day most people want to sit outside at a car show. As a result, it looks like no one from the club went, including myself. On the bright side, I received an email from the organizers

of the event a few days later. It looks like many other car enthusiasts were in the same situation and did not go. They were gracious enough to use the \$25 entrance fee that I had paid online and give me credit for it for next year. As a result, it looks like we will set that up for our club next September. Hopefully the weather will cooperate this time. Thanks again to the organizers for doing this as they did not have to do this, but it is much appreciated.

Every once in a while, I like to look at the Nissan website to see how the Z is selling. In the last quarter they sold 343 Z's compared to last year where they sold 86. And this current year to date they have sold 1309, which in my opinion is not a whole lot. I know it is an image car for Nissan but gone are the glory days when the Z used to sell like hotcakes. The Corvette sells about 2,800 per

month in comparison. The Supra sold 4952 units last year. I suspect all the other competition out there is making it more difficult plus in this current world, sports cars are just not practical, but were they ever? The 2024 Nissan Z Nismo is starting at \$66,085 base price does not help matters. It is only available with a nine-speed automatic. Interesting... I remember when the new Supra came out it got a lot of negative press because it was only available with an automatic. Like I said above, there is a lot of competition in this price range, including the Mustang Darkhorse, Toyota Supra, and BMW M2. The base Z starts at \$43,305 which is \$1220 higher than 2023. The current best selling car for Nissan is their Sentra which delivered 31,612 this past quarter. This is up 41% this year. As you know, I happen to own a 2021 version and am pleased with it so far. The Nissan Versa sales have increased 91% from last year. Probably the rising fuel costs contributed to those cars increasing in sales volume. As far as SUVs are concerned, the Nissan Rogue certainly is their bread-and-butter vehicle. This past quarter they sold 63,346 units which is up 62% from last year. And the electric Ariya has sold 4504 units. Not bad I guess



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