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Upcoming Events

January 2024

General Meeting

February 12, 2024

Chicago Auto Show

McCormick Place

April/May 2024

Spring Fling

TBD

May 29, 2024

Branson Z Fest

Branson, MO

August 16, 2024

MZH

Michigan

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The President Sees

Ty Ozgen, President

Well, here we go again. Another year is coming to an end. It seems like everything is in fast-forward mode, doesn't it? As the year comes to an end, I tend to reflect on all the things that have happened in the past year both good and bad. We all tend to make those new year resolutions. Hopefully most of you have kept them. As far as our club is concerned, we lost Bill Graue a couple months ago. Many members, including myself, attended his visitation in Downers Grove. Of course, his beloved 240Z was present in the parking lot. Apparently it was not running due to a fuel pump issue, but his son was able to get it going for the visitation. Devine intervention perhaps? I hope his family will continue to participate in our club for years to come. Otherwise, I think we had a very good year. It's tough when we do not have an activities person, but I many people stepped up and we had several good events during the course of the year. From the Chicago Auto show outing, Jeff and Allie's going away get-together, destination picnics, to fall flings, we kept ourselves busy. The year culminated with our annual birthday party dinner celebrating our 48th year. Think about that... 48 years!! That is 1975!! We are one of the oldest and largest Z clubs in the country!! We should be proud. We returned to Reserve 22 in Glen Ellyn. This was our second year in a row at this location. The ambience was wonderful, the food was great, and the camarade-

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HAPPY

NEW YEAR

The President Sez

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rie was outstanding. I'm proud of the officers who helped our club out this year. We all have our families, work and other activities to do during the course of the day but yet we doing things to keep our club moving forward. I appreciate all their hard work. Also, to the members who helped out with other activities, thank you.

There were many prizes given away at our birthday party. I believe everybody walked away with something, in addition to fond memories. With the exception of Susan Chan, all your officers will remain in their respective positions. Susan will transition over her membership responsibilities to Mike and Karen Phillips for 2024. I would like to thank her for all her years of service to our club. She was instrumental in streamlining our membership dues. Both she and Al have been very active in our club and I know they will continue to do so. Thanks again. We still have the role of Vice President of Activities to fill so if anybody is interested, please let me know. If anyone has any ideas for an event, feel free to let me know as well.

A reminder about your membership: **Everybody who had their membership expire this year will be receiving a renewal notice next month.** We voted on this earlier in the year. Those expiring in 2024 will receive renewal notices in January of 2025. Everyone's membership will expire at the same time of the year. So please keep an eye out for it. Your dues help fund different club activities in addition to the insurance policy and dues that we pay through the ZCCA.

In the upcoming new year, we will resume our ZGM meetings. I hope to plan out some events for the summer during these get-togethers. I will try to get a Presidents night out dinner, perhaps in January. February of course bring us to the Chicago Auto Show and we will try to round up some tickets for the club as we have done before. I have listed the future events below to put on your calendar:

February 12, 2024

Chicago Auto Show

July 13, 2024

Road America Vintage races

August 16-17, 2024

Midwest Z Heritage in Michigan (tentative)

September 9-14, 2024

ZCON 2024 in Tampa

November 9, 2024

WCZC Birthday party

As far as my Z's are concerned, they are all pretty much put away for the season. I know it's not even January yet, but I am already itching to get them out. Perhaps because the weather has not been terrible yet this year. I feel that I just did not drive then as much as I would have liked this past year but I have no one to blame but myself. I do have good intentions but then life gets in the way. I do have a few winter projects though. As I was doing a brake fluid flush on my '90 300ZXTT a few months ago, I realized that my front pads were getting a bit thin so I did buy a new set. That's one project. Then on my white '83 280ZXT, I think I have water pump bearing making some noise. It is either that or an idler pulley. I have to figure it out and take care of it during its hibernation. Then on my other '83 280ZX I may have a head gasket issue. It runs fine, does not overheat nor blow out white smoke from the tailpipe. The oil looks fine but when I was checking the radiator cap earlier in the summer I noted a slight oily residue on it. If you all recall, the top radiator hose came off the radiator last year on my way to the Z Heritage fest. I did put it all back together and it seemed to be fine. I did drive it last fall without any issues. But is it fine? I am looking for a shop to investigate it for me. That's that hard part. Not many people work on these older Z's anymore. Any suggestions? Wish me luck.

In closing, I would like to wish everyone a **wonderful holiday season** and a great New Year!! Enjoy your friends and family!!!



WCZC 2023 Schedule of Events

| Date | Time | Event | Location | Contact and Details | WCZC Event |
|-------------------|------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------|
| January 2024 | | General Meeting | TBD | Ty Ozgen | Yes |
| February 12, 2024 | 6PM | Chicago Auto Show | McCormick Place | Ty Ozgen | Yes |
| April/ May | | Spring Fling | TBD | | Yes |
| May 29. 2024 | | Branson Z Fest | Branson, MO | Bransonzfest.org | TBD |
| August 16, 2024 | | MZH | Michigan | Midwestzheritage.com | TBD |
| September 9, 2024 | | ZCon | Tampa, FL | Zcon.org | TBD |
| November 9, 2024 | 6PM | WCZC B-day Dinner | | | Yes |

Z Store

Contact Ty at tyozgen@gmail.com to purchase

License Plate Frame

\$3 ea. or 2 for \$5



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WCZC Activities

WCZC Birthday Party photos by Jim K.



WCZC Activities

2023 Year in Review



General Meeting



Farwell Pleiters



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Kankakee Picnic



Fall Fling



Vintage Races



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____, 20____

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): _____
 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 _____ NISSAN Z _____

How did you hear about our club? _____

Membership Categories: Please check one

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

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

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