WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

April 2

April Club Meeting

Location TBD

April TBD

Chrome and Coffee

Iron Gate Motor Condo

April 21-22. 2017

Z-Attack

Nashville

TBD

Spring Fling

Details to follow

See full schedule on page 4, for details

The President SeZ

Jeff Pleiter, President

My last article talked about taking the Z out for a drive since the forecast for the following weekend was for temperatures in the 50s. Well the weekend exceeded that and was in the 60's. I think the temperature at O'Hare actually made it to 70 degrees. So I did take the 280ZX out for a nice hour drive. I have Hagerty insurance, they don't base usage on you putting it away for the winter, just an agreed value, so no need to call up the insurance company to put the insurance back on. It started right up and everything worked as it should. It was probably good for it to get the fluids going and it was certainly a nice winter break. Of course the other shoe had to drop and I am writing this on March 13, after about an inch of snow fell overnight. Your amount may have varied. Where I live, they are also forecasting lake affect snow overnight. At least it is supposed to be into the 50s again over the weekend. Too bad there will be about an inch of salt left on the road. Oh well, that's Chicago I guess. Better than the New England where they are going to be slammed by another N'Easter undergoing "bombogenesis" or the west coast where they are being hit with more rain and landslides, and I just saw the yearly report that they are overdue "for the big one".

So I was thinking, if I want to leave the State of Illinois flatland with all its budget problems and boring roads, where would be the ideal location to move based on weather, Z roads and other Z enthusiasts to share

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March 12th meeting at Fudruckers

Photo by Jim K

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Activities

Kristian Lalik, VP of Activities

Happy Spring Everyone! With the cold weather gone (recently it may not have felt that way) but it's getting warmer and we're finally seeing the sun again. It was great seeing everyone again, at the March meeting, after having a few months off. We could sense the excitement of getting back out on the road. For our next monthly meeting, we'll be returning to the Sand Bar in Downers Grove, IL. It'll provide a more casual atmosphere and give us some more space and privacy. We'll be ordering off the menu this time so everywhere will have more choices compared to last time. After speaking with a few people about the dinner times, we're going to be moving up the start time to 5pm. The date for this will be April 2nd so watch for the Evite coming soon.

The next small event will be Chrome and Coffee at Irongate Motor Condos in Naperville on Saturday April 8th from 9-11am. Dodge/Mopar will be the marquee so it'll be a little different than last time. I was thinking we could get a drive in afterwards and get some lunch together, if the weather permits. If anyone has any ideas on a location please let me know. Ending the month of April with be Z Attack in TN.

We are aiming for May, for the Turtle Wax event, but we don't have an exact time and date yet. I wasn't in the club last year for this event but I've heard a lot of great things about it and can't wait to attend. We're also going to be looking at smaller shows and events throughout the summer, including an early summer cruise. If there's any ideas or events that pop up, please send them to me so I can get some things organized.

Member of the Month

David Pearcy, New Member

Hi, I am David Pearcy, and I am a new member of the Windy City Z Club. I recently moved to Chicago, from Grand Rapids, Michigan, when my company closed the Michigan office. I was ready for a change and this has worked out well for me. I am married and have three children, all in various stages of college.

I have a 2014 370Z. This is my second Z car. I had a 280ZX back in the 80s and really loved that car. It was so much fun to drive. For many years I wanted another Z car. I had a 2004 Corvette Z06 and traded that in for the 370Z. I am interested in participating in track and autocross events. I am looking forward in participating in Club activities and getting to know the other members.

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The President SeZ

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with? If not going far, Madison in Wisconsin seems like a nice town, good roads nearby, but I don't know of many Z cars or enthusiasts are there, and it might take some more global warming to make it livable in the winter. Southern Indiana, in the Brown County area, has some nice roads and Columbus seems like a nice town. Indy Z Club is not far, and winter still makes an appearance but is milder. St. Louis? Not quite as attractive as it seems to be very humid in the river valley. Farther away? The southeast? Texas? They all have pros and cons. I would be curious what you all think. Maybe I'll put a poll on our Facebook page.

Kristian should be including info on upcoming events. A few of the club members are going to Z Attack at Nissan headquarters in Franklin Tennessee. I plan on leaving Thursday so there is more time there to do things based on the 8 hr or drive it takes to get there. Check out the Evite and let us know if you have interest.

We had a nice turnout of 16, of the core members and spouses, at our March meeting. Weather was a bit cold with the threat of snow, so no Zs were present that I saw in the parking lot. Hopefully we will get a bunch of Zs, at our next meeting on April 2nd. We plan to have the meeting, in the back room at Downer's Sand Bar, so we can get a room to ourselves. We'll order off the menu, if you are interested in dinner. Pray for good weather and put the meeting date on your calendar. Also, I would like to make a push to get potential new members at this meeting. If you are on social media, Facebook, etc., please advertise the meeting as a chance for people to meet and learn about the club.

We would like to thank Continental Nissan and Bennett Coachworks for renewing their advertising this year and for their annual support of our club. We welcome McGrath Nissan as a club supporter and advertiser.

Also I would like to remind you that if you have had an item posted for sale on our website, please let us know if it sold, so we can take it down and you won't get any more calls.

More and more the WCZC latest info is being put on our website and Facebook page, so to keep up to date with the WCZC, please visit our pages. We post information and photos there on a timely and sometimes real time basis.

Nissan News

Veteran Nissan designer Shiro Nakamura has retired. He will be replaced by Alfonso Albaisa, who currently heads design at Infiniti. Albaisa in turn will be replaced at Infiniti by former BMW brand design boss Karim Habib.

Nakamura was brought in by Carlos Ghosn in 1999 to oversee design at Nissan. It was the start of Nissan's revival from near-bankruptcy, and in the years after his appointment Nakamura would oversee the creation of some iconic designs such as the 350Z and GT-R sports cars as well as the Infiniti FX coupe-like SUV and Essence concept car.

The 67-year-old Japanese native learned his trade at Tokyo's Musashino Art University. He also studied at the prestigious Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California.

His replacement as head of design at Nissan, Albaisa, has been in charge of design at Infiniti since 2013 and started working for Nissan as far back as 1988. The Brazilian graduated from Pratt Institute in New York and also attended the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit, Michigan

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WCZC 2017 Schedule of Events

For more information, contact Kristian Lalik, unless noted otherwise. upriseinc@gmail.com

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details
April 2	5:00PM	WCZC Meeting	Downers Grove Sand Bar	
April 8	9:00AM	Chrome and Coffee	Iron Gate Motor Condos	Possible cruise and lunch after
April 21-22		Z-Attack	Nashville, TN	www.middletenesseezclub.com See evite
April/May		Spring Fling	TBD	Details to follow
May 17-21		Zdayz		Details to follow
May31–June 3		Branson Z Fest	Branson, MO	bransonzfest.com
May TBD		Turtle Wax	Turtle Wax	Contact Ty O. Tentative, to be confirmed.
June 18-June 25		Z Con	Austin. TX	www.zcon.org See evite, contact Jeff P.
July 21-23	9:00AM	Midwest Z Heritage	Springport, MI	See evite
TBD		Joint Event with St. Louis		TBD
July 20-23		Vintage Races	Road America	Details to follow

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o Hosting a club event
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o Club Representative
o Leadership Role

If you have any questions concerning these categories, please contact one of the Club Officers listed above.

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