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Upcoming Events

November 9, 2024

WCZC B-day Party

Reserve 22

fGlen Ellyn, IL

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The President Se^Z

Ty Ozgen, President

So, you guys are all my friends, correct? And friends are supposed to give good advice correct? Well, I would like to give you two examples of what friends can do to influence your life. AKA peer pressure. The first example started in August. We were gathered at the Geneva Concours sitting under the canopy I brought. It was quite a warm day. As we were sitting there, many conversations took place. It's interesting all the things we talk about. It's not always cars. We talk about life, current events, family, and occasionally the weather. One of the conversations involved ZCON 2024 that was coming up in September. It was in Tampa this year and it had been several years since I went to one. Back in the day when I was a single dude, it was pretty much an annual thing. I went all around the country with my Z's. Even when my wife was pregnant with our first (7 months along) we went together to Kingston, Ontario for ZCON 2001 in my 1990 300ZXTT. It really wasn't that bad, at least I didn't think so. She did not go into labor in Canada so that was a good thing. Then after kids, it became more intermittent or should I say rare.

One of my favorite activities during the ZCON week is the judged car show. I love walking around these cars and just looking at what people do to them and how well they have been maintained. Everyone has a story to share and they're so proud of their Z's. Anyways, Glenn and Tracy Johnson were talking about going to Tampa and how much fun they were going to have. I was jealous. I had no plans on going, as I already took 2 weeks' vacation in May, but they got me thinking. Maybe, just maybe I could go to the judged car show. It was on a Wednesday and my

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Glenn Johnson at ZCon

Notes

Payment for the WCZC B-day Party is due no later than November 2nd

The President Sez

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day off is Tuesday. I would miss only one day in the office. They encouraged me to go. I thought about it and that evening I checked for flights, as well as hotels. I found a flight at a great price and viola; the rest is history. I was even able to get a room at the host hotel, which is always a must in my opinion. The ZCON event typically starts on Sundays as everyone drives in until the following Sunday when people depart.

I flew in Tuesday morning as my flight was at 8AM. I had a hunch it was going to be a good couple days for me. I did get a rental car at the airport, even though I was just going to be there for a short time. I clicked on an SUV when I was making the reservation and didn't really have any expectations. However, when I got to Tampa, I was given the keys to a 2023 Nissan Rogue SV. How appropriate! Did they search my profile and see I was a Nissan aficionado? It was black with a black interior, and I might add it was quite comfortable to cruise around in. As I got closer to the host hotel you would see the Z cars driving around the neighborhood. As I pulled up into the check-in area, the Z's were everywhere. What a wonderful site!! I was really excited to be here **I made the right decision to visit!!** Thanks again Glenn and Tracy!!

I started seeing people that I knew from around the country, which was nice. If you've never been to ZCon, you are truly missing out. The hotel is decorated with Z banners from around the country as well as Z cars in the main lobby; very neat. As soon as I checked in and unloaded my stuff, I headed right back outside to the parking lot. This is where the action is; walking around, looking at cars, talking to people, seeing old friends. People were getting their Z's ready for the judged show the next morning. I did not have a Z to get ready so I was a free spirit to roam around. It doesn't get any better and I even ran into former Windy City Z club members Jeff and Allie Pleiter. They heard me talking while they were relaxing by the pool. They drove down from South Carolina where they now reside. It was nice catching up with them. We got together for dinner with Glenn and Tracy Johnson, as well as Brian and Karen Gracie from Ontario. Just a nice casual dinner with friends.

The next morning, I got up early and had breakfast at the hotel, checked out of the room, and loaded up the Nissan Rogue with my carry-on bag. It was the big day for the car show. This is why I was down here. I did not have a car to prepare so I had

no need to worry about that. When I got to the indoor convention center, all the show cars were pretty much in place. I am glad it was indoors as outside was hot and humid. People were doing their last minute detailing. I literally looked at every single car there. from original 240's to modified new Z's! As I didn't have to worry about sitting by my car waiting for the judges, this becomes much more enjoyable. I talked to many people about their cars and what they have done to them and how they came about acquiring them, etc. Just a wonderful group of Z people from around the country. Check out the WCZC Facebook page for pictures.

I did have to leave the show by 3 as I had a flight to catch at 5. Overall, I had a great time getting away but sad I had to leave as there were plenty of other activities left during the remainder of the week at ZCON 2024. Congratulations to Glenn Johnson for winning First Place in the Modified 370Z class. He was nervous because he almost forgot to clean up the bug splatter within the "Nissan emblem" in the front of the car. That could have cost him his trophy.

My next example of peer pressure happened a few weeks ago. As you know, I am a fan of the 280ZX's as I have three of them. I always like to look at different ones that are online just to see what they're going for pricewise. No intent to buy. A fellow 280ZX enthusiast by the name of Fred Grosz sent me a message about a 1982 280 ZX turbo that was for sale up in Wisconsin on Facebook marketplace. It was orange mist metallic in color with the beige interior. It had 91,000 miles on it and the sale price was \$15,000. He really thought I should be going up to take a look at it. I did look it up and it sure was pretty. Apparently, it had one spot of rust from a rock chip on the hood but otherwise clean. It really was a good deal actually. Fred and I messaged back and forth about it. He would have liked to get it if he had the room and I certainly was not in the mood for another 280ZX but it was relatively local. Maybe I can just look at it. I reluctantly passed. We agreed that the carbon canister filter probably was never changed so that really was the deal breaker. So you can see, one influence was acted on and the other was passed on.

We had a great turnout for the annual Cantigny Car Show. Most of the group met at Danby's Station in Glen Ellyn so we could parade in and park together. Others were waiting near or at the entrance to the park. We had about 12 cars and even allowed the Chan's to park their NSX and Bob Rosecrans's cousins to park their Mustang with our group. It was a beautiful day and we managed to escape the sun under my tent. Bill and Cheryl Opperman won one of the awards for import cars, to conclude a great event.

Many thanks to Scott Gabreyna of Woodfield Nissan in Schaumburg for inviting us a couple Saturdays ago. Our club had an informal car show/get together in their parking lot. It was an absolutely beautiful fall day

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WCZC 2024 Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
November 9, 2024	6PM	WCZC B-day Dinner		Evite has been sent	Yes
January 2025		General Meeting	TBD		Yes

and was very well attended. I think we showed them what a wonderful club we have with a full assortment of different Z cars. They supplied coffee, donuts, and bagels for us. Thank you so much for being our host. We look forward to doing more things together.

Don't forget the WCZC birthday party on November 9th at Reserve 22. **I need your payments by 11/2 to reserve your spot.** An Evite has already been sent out. This is always a great time with a slide show, speeches from your officers as well as raffle prizes. See you then.



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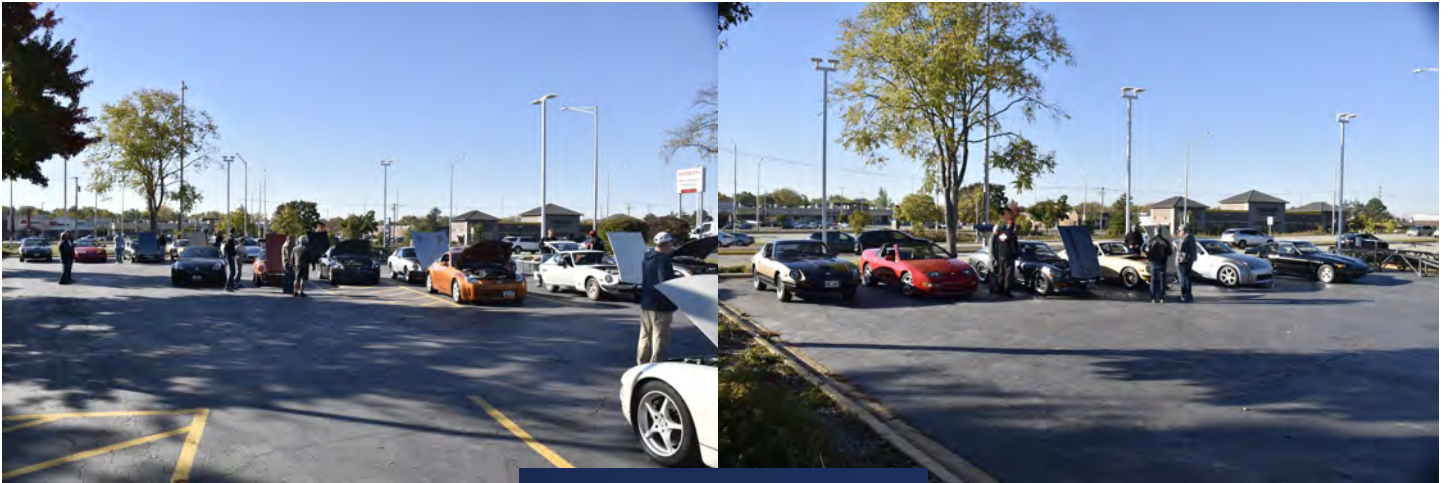
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Type of Zs Owned (Please indicate year and quantity):

240Z _____ 300ZX _____
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If you have any questions concerning these categories, please call one of the Club Officers listed above.

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