

WCZC News

Newsletter of the Windy City Z Club

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Upcoming Events

January 2025

General Meeting

February 2025

Chicago Auto Show

McCormick Place

April/May 2025

Spring Fling

TBD

May 28, 2025

Branson Z Fest

Branson, M5

September 18, 2025

ZCon

Nashville, TN

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The President Sez

Ty Ozgen, President

As we close the year, I just would like to say thank you to everybody who has made this a very successful Windy City Z Club season. There is a reason why our club has been around for so many years. It's the members like you, the officers, our sponsors, as well as the support of the ZCCA!! We will be celebrating our 50th year next year. THAT IS HUGE!! We are one of the oldest Z clubs in the country. Sure there are a lot of other car clubs out there and I do belong to some of them, but the Z club is certainly my favorite. Some of you may recall there was another Z club in the Chicago area, but unfortunately, that has folded. We are here and we are strong.

Our last event of the year was the Windy City Z club birthday party. This is always a great event to cap off the year. This was our third year going to the Reserve 22 facility. (Hint: we will return on 11/8/25) The food was once again delicious. The camaraderie, as always, was great! Everybody walked away with presents and raffle prizes. Our club donated gift certificates for \$25, \$50, and \$100. Also, we had a \$50 gift certificate from Motorsport Auto. Other sponsors included Griots Garage, Z1 Motorsports, Jim Wolf Technology as well as Turtle Wax. Many individuals also donated items for the raffle. Thank you!! The Broken Z Award was won this year by none other than then Fred Grosz. We all know the struggles he had with his 280ZX 2+2 Turbo during the "attempted" restoration, at a well-known shop in Milwaukee. Congratulations Fred...I think!! I also want to thank all the officers and all their hard work. It takes a team to put this club and its activities together. I really do appreciate their help. The current slate will remain for the next year, and I look

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The President Sez

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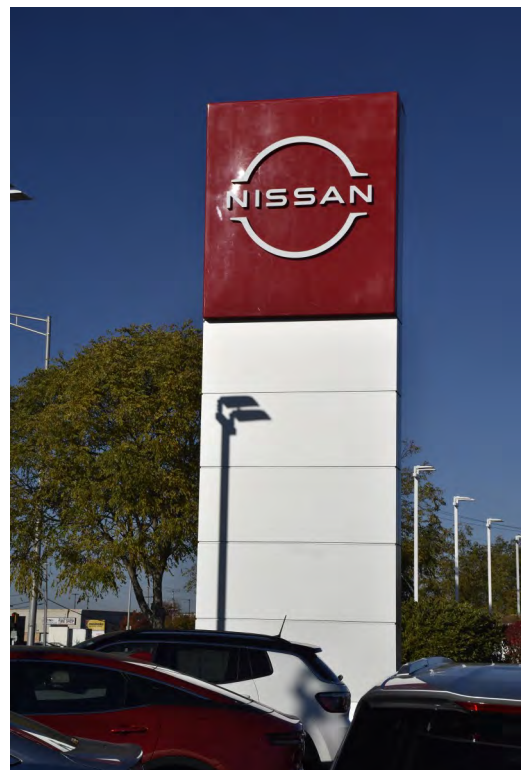
forward to working together with them. Unfortunately, there is no activities person so if anybody is interested, please let me know. In the meantime, we will continue to do like we did this year and set up activities as a group at the Z general meetings. We hope to duplicate many of these events in 2025.

As the new year kicks in, many of you will receive renewal notices. You certainly can send us a check or pay via PayPal on our website. Just make sure you put membership renewal in the memo section if you use the latter. Unfortunately, many of us have our Z's parked away for the winter. Living in this climate is not conducive to them being used year-round. I know some of you do drive your cars regularly during the winter, but I am not one of them. That's what my daily driver is for. It sacrifices itself for the safety of my Z's.

As many of you have heard, Nissan is in financial trouble again. Apparently, they had a terrible third quarter this year and lost 85% of their operating profit. Some are saying they have 12 to 14 months to turn things around before going bankrupt. I know it is difficult in the automotive world as there is a lot of competition. A report states that Foxconn, a Taiwanese company, that makes the Apple iPhone is interested in Nissan. There are also reports that Nissan and Honda may be merging. Nissan also owns a 24% stake in Mitsubishi. This merger would create the world's third largest automotive group by vehicle sales, behind Toyota and Volkswagen. Again, whatever happens I hope they pull out of this slump and continue to produce the products that we have enjoyed through the years. Nissan has a very rich history and has produced many iconic cars. We all know about the Z of course, as well as the GTR, but they are also known for selling sturdy trucks as well as very nice sedans, including the original four-door sports coupe otherwise known as the Maxima. (now extinct). Ex-Nissan CEO Carlos Ghosn has even mentioned that this merger sounds like a desperate move on Nissan's part. I know they are trying to make their vehicles competitive in the market and have brought out an all-new Nissan Kicks and will be bringing out an all new Murano as well. Some say part of the problem is their lack of hybrids, as Toyota and Honda have manufactured. I really don't know what to expect. Having several Nissans in the household as well as being an enthusiast of the brand I hope they will continue to survive and put out good products. I've been in a few dealerships in the last

month and have not heard any unusual comments from anybody. We are rooting for you Nissan!!!

I wish every one of you a wonderful Holiday Season and a great New Years. See you at the ZGM in January.



WCZC 2025 Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
January 2025		General Meeting	TBD	Ty Ozgen	Yes
February ,2025	6PM	Chicago Auto Show	McCormick Place	Ty Ozgen	Yes
April/ May		Spring Fling	TBD		Yes
May 28. 2025		Branson Z Fest	Branson, MO	Bransonzfest.org	TBD
TBD		Midwest Z Heritage		Zcca.prg	
September 8, 2025		ZCon	Nashville, TN	Zcon.org	TBD
November 8, 2025	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



WCZC shirts can be ordered directly from Cherokee Rose Embroidery. 630.941.3305. See the WCZC Website, for more information



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WCZC Activities

WCZC Birthday Party photos by Jim K.



WCZC Activities

2024 Year in Review



Woodfield Nissan



Cantigny



Geneva Concours



Picnic



Barrington Cars and Coffee



Klairmont Kollection



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Iron Gate

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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 \$30.00 per year: New memberships due at time of joining. Renewals due January 1st of every year:

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
 27447 S. Wildwood Drive, Monee, IL 60449

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

OR

- 1: Download form and print or save. 2: Attach completed form and email to: membership@windycityzclub.com
3. Use the PayPal button on the home WCZC web page to send in your Payment