

# WCZC News

## Newsletter of the Windy City Z Club

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## Upcoming Events

**February 10, 2025**

*Chicago Auto Show*

**February 16, 2025**

*General Meeting*

*Manny's*

**March 1, 2025**

*Rim Repair*

*Wellis Wheel Repair*

**March TBD**

*General Meeting*

*Manny's*

**May 28, 2025**

*Branson Z Fest*

*Branson, MO*

**August 24, 2025**

*Geneva Concours*

*Geneva, IL*

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## The President Sez

**Ty Ozgen, President**

So, how has your year been so far? It has not been the worst winter, but we still have several weeks to go. Yes, there has been some snow. Yes, there is salt on the roads. Yes, there are cold days. Overall though, not too bad. Any opportunity I have to wash a car at home I take advantage of. Today it was above freezing. 40° to be exact. I was outside and washed two cars. Even cleaned the winter mats and a little vacuuming. Both cars came out nice but as soon as you drive it any left over water in the crevices leaves white lines on the body. I guess I need some type of leaf blower like device for that. Anyone recommend one? Got some vitamin D from the sun as well. It was just nice to be outside doing car stuff. It relaxes me. Do I go to car washes? Rarely, unless I have no other options, but it has to be touchless. None of those grimy rags rubbing dirt and scratching the car for me.

I thought I would share my experience selling a car this past month. As many of you may know, my son is back home from Philadelphia. While he was out there, he was driving a 2016 Nissan Sentra SR. It served him quite well, but a couple times he got stranded due to a bad starter. Once that was taken care of, the car has pretty much been bulletproof. He drove home from Philadelphia in November without any hiccups. The car had 97,000 miles on it. Most of the time when my cars get to that mileage, I start thinking about getting another car. The car had no problems. It ran fine. Great gas mileage, and not bad to look at for a nine-year-old car. I also have every single record from new. But when you got an itch, you kinda have to scratch it. The last time I had a bad itch I was able to make it go away. That was a few

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## Notes

### Next Meeting

**February 16 at  
Manny's Ale  
House**



## The President Sez

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years ago. The itch was for a 370Z roadster. I had 3 kids that were soon going to college and that was the remedy. This particular itch still has not returned but it left a bad scar. LOL So, I started looking around for a replacement vehicle. Trying to stay in the Nissan family, I started looking at Sentra's again. Yes, we do have a 2021 Nissan Sentra SR and are very pleased with it so far. My other son has a 2017 Sentra SR at school. As I mentioned last month, Nissan is having a lot of financial issues at this time. Not that buying one car is going to save them, but I thought if I like the brand, like the car, why not?

They say December is a good time of year to buy a car. It's the last month of the year so sometimes you can get a better deal. Also with a lot of incentives due to the holidays and just being winter time. I looked around at certified preowned through Nissan and found a few here and there. Of course, I wanted all the options such as heated leather, heated steering wheel, Apple CarPlay, cameras all around. I also wanted a specific color - Atlantic Gray with a black top. I finally found exactly what I was looking for and went to look at it after work. A 2024 Nissan Sentra SR with only 3k miles, at a great price. I had to work hard to get my price and threatened to leave many times as it was taking forever, but I got it. A very pretty car that is pretty much the same as the 2021 we have, but with the auto stop/start feature. I found it odd that it did not have the auto-dimming rearview mirror like the 2021. I guess the premium package no longer offers it. Perhaps a cost saving maneuver. It was also interesting that they did not even want to take my 2016 Nissan Sentra in on a trade. They wouldn't give me a reason why. Maybe because it is toward the end of the year and the car might not sell, or maybe because of the mileage. They recommended I sell it myself. I had not sold a car by myself in many years so I just wasn't sure how long it would take. I got offers online from Carmax and Carvana. I declined. I put it up on Facebook marketplace to see what would happen and all of a sudden started getting tons of messages. I thought perhaps I was asking too low a price, but I think the strong selling point was that I had all the records and it had pretty much all the options that were available on it in 2016. Of course I had some good pictures of it as well. It's interesting how you get these messages from people lowballing you. I would not even respond to them. I would also get messages from people asking me to enter my VIN info to an online source, to get information on the vehicle history and then send it to them. Of course there is a cost for doing this. I responded by

just giving them the VIN number and said "go for it". Personally, I think these were scams looking to get me to pay money to these websites. I guess these are different than the Carfax report. Nevertheless, somebody from Chicago was very interested in the car and I was going to show it, but the remote start started having a problem. I told the individual I could not sell it now because the car had to be fixed before I put it on the market. Maybe this was the car's way of saying "Please don't rid of me...give me another chance". I tell you, anybody who buys a car from me is going to get a good car. Most people would just say you can take the car as is, but I would feel guilty selling a car to an individual, knowing that there is a problem. That's not my personality. I did get it fixed and reached back out to the individual. He came out, drove it around and we agreed on a fair price and the rest is history. Was it sad letting the car go? Sure I always get sentimental but hopefully they will take care of it like I did. I even left the records in the glove box for him.

I thought we had a great first Z general meeting earlier in the month. It was very well attended. I think everybody was glad just to get back together again with familiar faces. Basically, we discussed possible events for the upcoming year. No specifics so far except for the following: Monday, February 10 we will be heading over to our annual **Chicago Auto Show** outing. We are trying to get tickets from some of our sponsors. An Evite has been sent out. The tickets will be on a first come first serve basis. Two tickets per member are allowed. We plan on gathering at 6:15 PM near the Starbucks at the entrance of the car show. Worst case scenario, we get our own tickets, but it still promises to be a good time.

A couple other events I'm trying to set up include a wheel repair tech session at **Wellis Allow Wheel Repair** located in St Charles. Fortunately, or unfortunately, I have visited this business in St Charles several times through the years to get my rims fixed after hitting potholes. I just happened to be there a couple weeks ago for the same reason and they raised the entire car to see which rim was the culprit. I took the time to talk to the owner while I was waiting. Very nice family-owned business who have taken care of me several times. The worst rim I had to get fixed was on the 2021 Sentra. I know it was not me who bent the rim but I could certainly feel it in the steering wheel when I drove it this past summer. Nobody in the family admitted to it. Wellis was able to repair it. Nevertheless, we have tentatively scheduled Saturday, March 1 at noon, at their location. They do alloy wheel painting, welding, curb, damage, and corrosion repair as well as wheel straightening. An Evite will be sent out within the next couple of weeks, so put it on your calendar. Our next meeting is tentatively on 2/16. Just waiting on confirmation. Z Ya!



## Member Column

Jim Koolish

### A New Member of the Family

I bought my 1982 280ZX Turbo when it was new. I had 'ordered' a turbo 2+2 5-speed, from the long-gone Northshore Nissan in Highland Park, but the first car to arrive was a two seater. I spent a lot of time staring at the black 2-seater and an adjacent 2+2 and ultimately decided I liked the smaller car better. They told me that it was the first turbo 5 speed to arrive in the Midwest, but I had no way to verify if that was true.

I joined WCZC sometime soon after and spent decades, as one of the invisible members. When I had more time to spend, I started participating in club events and eventually volunteered to take over the newsletter, from James Snyder who was about to have his first child. Children must be time consuming, as he hasn't been seen since. (Obviously I don't have children.)

As my Turbo started getting older, I pondered joining the multi-z group of the club. I ultimately decided that a Z32 twin turbo would pair nicely with my S31 turbo. I searched online for available cars and signed up for notifications from Bring-A-Trailer. I noticed that most of the Z32s for sale were either red, black, or white. I wasn't interested in those colors, so I focused on finding a dark green or dark blue. The OEM greens are hard to find, and I've only seen one blue cross the line on Bring-A-Trailer.

Over the last several years, I have bid on a few cars on BAT but stopped at my predetermined maximum bid. I'll never understand why people bid early in the process as they are just driving up the price for the seller, and most don't bid at the end. Perhaps they have an agreement with the seller, or they just like to mess with the process.

Late last summer, a dark green (official color black emerald pearl) showed up on BAT. It only had 22K miles and was located in Wisconsin. I decided now was time and determined my maximum bid. I waited until the last 2 minutes, which is when all the real action happens. Unfortunately for me, there was someone else as determined as I was. I reached my limit and as I'm sure happens to many, I decided to keep going. (Thank you Nvidia stock). I reached my extended limit and made my final bid. The other guy didn't bid further, so I now have another toy with which to deal.

Linda and I drove up to Elkhart Lake to pick up the car, at a consignment dealer called Throttle Stop. Those who go

up there for the races should stop by to see their inventory and their small museum. Driving home I realized just how different it was from my 280ZX. I killed the engine a few times leaving the parking lot, getting used to a clutch that is much tighter than my other. The car is also blazingly fast compared to the '82. Yeah!

The only thing I did not like about the car, was the GReddy exhaust that the previous owner had installed. Perhaps if I was 50 years younger, it might have appealed to me. I found a Magnaflow exhaust system that I liked, as it resembled the stock exhaust. Magnaflow would not confirm that the exhaust would fit a twin turbo, as they had only tested it on a NA car. BAT has a list of local car shops that they recommended, so I contacted one in Northbrook. They told me they only worked on European cars and referred me to a place in Wheeling.

I ordered the exhaust system and had it delivered to Hochman Fabrication and Speed, in Wheeling. It is a good thing that they are a custom fab shop because the Super HICAS steering interfered with exhaust pipe routing. They were able to modify the pipes that came with the mufflers without having to procure more pipe. The GReddy will be available for sale on the website, in the spring.

So that's the story of my new "child". If anyone (other than Fred) has a story about their cars that they would like to share in the newsletter, please send it to me at [wczc.news@gmail.com](mailto:wczc.news@gmail.com). Z'all for now.



GReddy Exhaust



Magnaflow Exhaust

## WCZC 2024 Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
February 10, 2025	6PM	Chicago Auto Show	McCormick Place	Ty Ozgen Evite sent	Yes
February 16, 2025	12PM	General Meeting	Manny's Villa Park, IL	Ty Ozgen Evite to follow	Yes
March 1, 2025		Rim Repair	Wellis Allow Wheel Repair	Ty Ozgen Evite to Follow	Yes
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August 24, 2025		Geneva Concours	Geneva, IL	Genevaconcours.net	TBD
September 8, 2025		ZCon	Nashville, TN	Zcon.org	TBD
November 8, 2025	6PM	WCZC B-day Dinner			Yes

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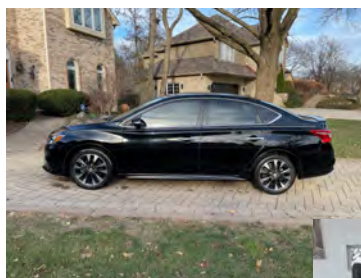
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## WCZC Activities

General Mtg. photos by Jim K.





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 240Z \_\_\_\_\_ 300ZX \_\_\_\_\_  
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 280Z \_\_\_\_\_ 370Z \_\_\_\_\_  
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How did you hear about our club? \_\_\_\_\_

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- 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.*

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