WCZC News

Newsletter of the Windy City Z Club

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Upcoming Events

May 18, 2025

Spring Fling

Montgomery, IL

May28, 2025

Branson Z Fest

Branson, MO

June 21, 2025

Cars and Coffee

Calibre Coffee

July, 2025

Picnic

TBD

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The Brain Trust

Photo by Mike's Dad

The President Sez

Ty Ozgen, President

So how is everyone's spring going? We finally have some decent weather to take the Z's out. Have you gotten yours out yet? I got my '90 300ZXTT out and I sure did miss it. All I had to do was connect the battery, check the fluids and tire pressure and off I went. For being 35 years old it sure was willing. I put 100 miles on it the first day by the time I got home and of course changed the oil. Ready for the summer!!

An interesting observation I came across recently while driving was the location of manhole covers. Have you ever noticed how they seem to be randomly placed on different sides of the lane? If you try to avoid them, you'll be swerving side to side. If you have an officer behind you, they're probably thinking you are under the influence. Why don't they place them in the middle of the lane so we do not hit them while driving? To me, that just makes sense. But some are on the right side, some are on the left side, and some are in the middle of the lane. It's sheer madness! Can you say suspension wear? I'm sure some engineer has a reason for placing these like that, so if anybody has an idea, please let me know. Usually, they're not big enough to warrant damage to the rim or blow a tire, but still, I try to avoid them.

Speaking of bent rims, I had to visit our friends over at Wellis Alloy Wheel Repair last week. Once again, it was the 2021 Sentra. It rode OK but I did notice a subtle bend in one

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Map for Z Across America is attached to the Newsletter

The President Sez

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of the rear rims. I just jacked up the rear and spun the wheel. It was due for a four wheel rotation and balancing anyway so I brought it to my local Costco where I bought the tires and had them check it. I did ask them to take a look at all the rims for other bends. They told me everything looked fine and no bent rims. Come on guys, I saw it with my own eyes. No bent rims? I did not feel like arguing about it so I made an appointment at Wellis and went up to have a professional look at them. I had Warren, the owner, take a look at it for me. Warren was the individual who gave us a tour of the shop last month if you recall. He checked all four tires and saw the bent rim, repaired it on the spot. He asked me if I wanted to check the balance on all the rims and I said why not. Let's see how they did on balancing. If they can't tell a bent rim who's to say they can balance it properly? Three of the four were not balanced properly. Obviously, I was quite frustrated as one wants to trust these local tire places to do their job correctly. After he repaired the bent rim and balanced the tires properly, the car runs wonderfully down the road now. Not even a subtle shake. Thank you Wellis so much for taking the time to do this for me. If you ever have an issue with a rim, give them a call.

We had a wonderful tech session a couple weeks ago getting Linda's 1994 300ZX running. It had not been started in over four years and had been sitting in her garage on a trickle charger. She was hoping to start it, but was worried that the gas might be bad and possibly some other issues as well from sitting so long. Linda and her late husband Bob, are the original owners of this Z. We decided at one of our general meetings that we should do an event where we get together and get this thing back on the road. So, we set aside a date and got the job done. Two days before the event Mike Phillips went to Linda's house and got the Z into his trailer. He brought it to his house and got it set up on his lift. We met at his house on Saturday morning and got to work. Lots of cobwebs underneath it but no leaks. First thing was to drain the oil and put a new filter on it. Next was to drain the old gas. I learned something that day about these cars, and that they have two drain plugs for the fuel tank. We were able to drain all of the gas out of the car. In my opinion, the gasoline did not smell bad at all, but nevertheless, we needed to change it. We also flushed the gas out of the fuel lines just to be safe. Then we changed the fuel and air filters. Next we replaced the battery. The air filters were of the K&N brand and definitely needed cleaning or replacement. We contemplated replacing the spark plugs, but decided against it, due to difficulty in accessing some of the plugs. Next, we lowered it and put some fresh gas into it. We had Linda's son Jason do the honors to start it. Viola, it fired right up and purred like a kitten. We were all pleased with the outcome but not as much as Linda. Check out the Facebook page for its first drive. We hope to see it at future events. Thanks so much to Mike and Karen Phillips for their hospitality!! Those who weren't there missed the opportunity to see Mike's spectacular garage, for all his toys.

Now on to the Z Across America Relay. This event last occurred in 1995 prior to the Z car Convention in Atlanta. The ZCCA is doing it again this year, and again it will be going through Chicago. We have been asked by the ZCCA to help this process as it goes through our area. The 7000 mile caravan will be coming to Chicago Sunday, 24 August, in the evening. We are looking for a hotel for these drivers to stay at. We will have a social event that evening as well. The next day we hope to convene at a Nissan dealer for a quick get together and then leave toward Cleveland. During this trek, we are hoping to have a couple tourist destinations to stop and visit (Tire Rack?) as well as some regular gas/pitstops. We are looking for members to perhaps drive from the Chicago area to Cleveland on that Monday with the caravan. You don't have to go all the way unless you want to. There will be some participant giveaways for those attending. This promises to be a fun couple of days. We will have another meeting in June to start formalizing plans.

Last but not least don't forget to RSVP for our spring fling that Bob and Marlene Rosecrans set up for us. The date is March 18. Plan to get together at about 9 AM. Please see the Evite that was sent out last week. Hope to see everybody there.

Member Column

From Linda's Perspective *By Linda Strain*

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And the Z Starts

My 300ZX has come alive again, after almost 4 years!

Thanks to the members for the club, especially Mike Phillips, for volunteering to bring the Z to his *dream garage* , in Monee. Also thanks to Mark, Fred, and Bill who came to my house to help load the car into Mike's trailer. Mike's plan worked flawlessly.

At the Saturday tech session, Mike led the group draining the oil and gas, checking hoses etc.. New oil, filter, gas, gas filter, battery and air filters were installed. Glen cleaned all the cobwebs off the wheels and undercarriage. It was now time to start the car. It took only a couple turns and the car sprang to life! Applause and relief!

My son Jason had the honor of driving it out of the garage and take a short test drive. It sounded great! We drove it home to Naperville without incident.

How Z ownership al started for the Strains.

We lived in Idaho Falls, Idaho where I worked at the local Datsun dealer just as the Z was coming out. We got our name on the list in March and in June our name came up. The lst of name was not long, as there is only a few weeks of summer in Idaho. You took the car that came in or waited for the next one. We took a white one thus beginning our obsession with white cars. We paid the sticker price of $3,596, with no add-ons like AC,

After moving to Chicagoland in 1972, we joined Salt Creek Sports Car Club where we participated in parking lot autocross and attended race events, as spectators. The '71 240Z was involved in an unfortunate accident and we were Z-less for a few Years.

In 1994 we joined the Windy City Z Club, after buying a 1977 280Z. In 1995, our son Jamie worked for Nissan Forklift and saw a family and friends deal to but a new 1994 300ZX. We went to OCntinental Nissan and they found our car in Champaign.

Here we are 30 years later and ironically the tech session was the day before the 22nd anniversary of my husband Bob's death. He would be glad to see that the Z is still going. Actually, that day 22 years ago, the club had a tech session at Sound Performance where the car was put on the dyno. Bob was thrilled that it tested so well, as he was thinking of changing the chip.

Thanks to Ty for pushing me to do a tech session that got me on the road again. Z friends are the best!

WCZC 2025 Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
May 18, 2025		Spring Fling	Montgomery, IL	Evite to follow	Yes
May 28. 2025		Branson Z Fest	Branson, MO	Bransonzfest.org	TBD
June 21, 2025	8AM	Cars and Coffee	Calibre Coffee South BArrington	Evite to follow	Yes
July (TBD)		Picnic	TBD	Evite to Follow	Yers
July 19, 2025		Road America Histor-ic Races	Elkhart Lake, WI	Evite to Follow	Yes
August 16, 2025		Road America GT-4	Elkhart Lake, WI		No
August 24, 2025		Geneva Concours	Geneva, IL	Genevaconcours.net	Yes
August 24, 2025		Z's Across America	TBD	Participate in the ZCCA event	Yes
September 8, 2025		ZCon	Nashville, TN	Zcon.org	Yes

Z Store

Contact Ty at tyozgen@gmail.com to purchase

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

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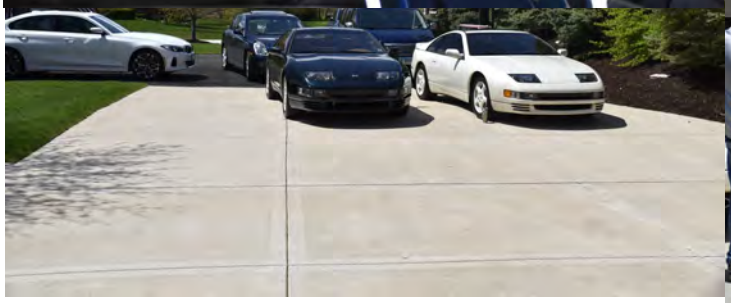
WCZC Activities

Starting Linda's Z (Photos by Jim K)



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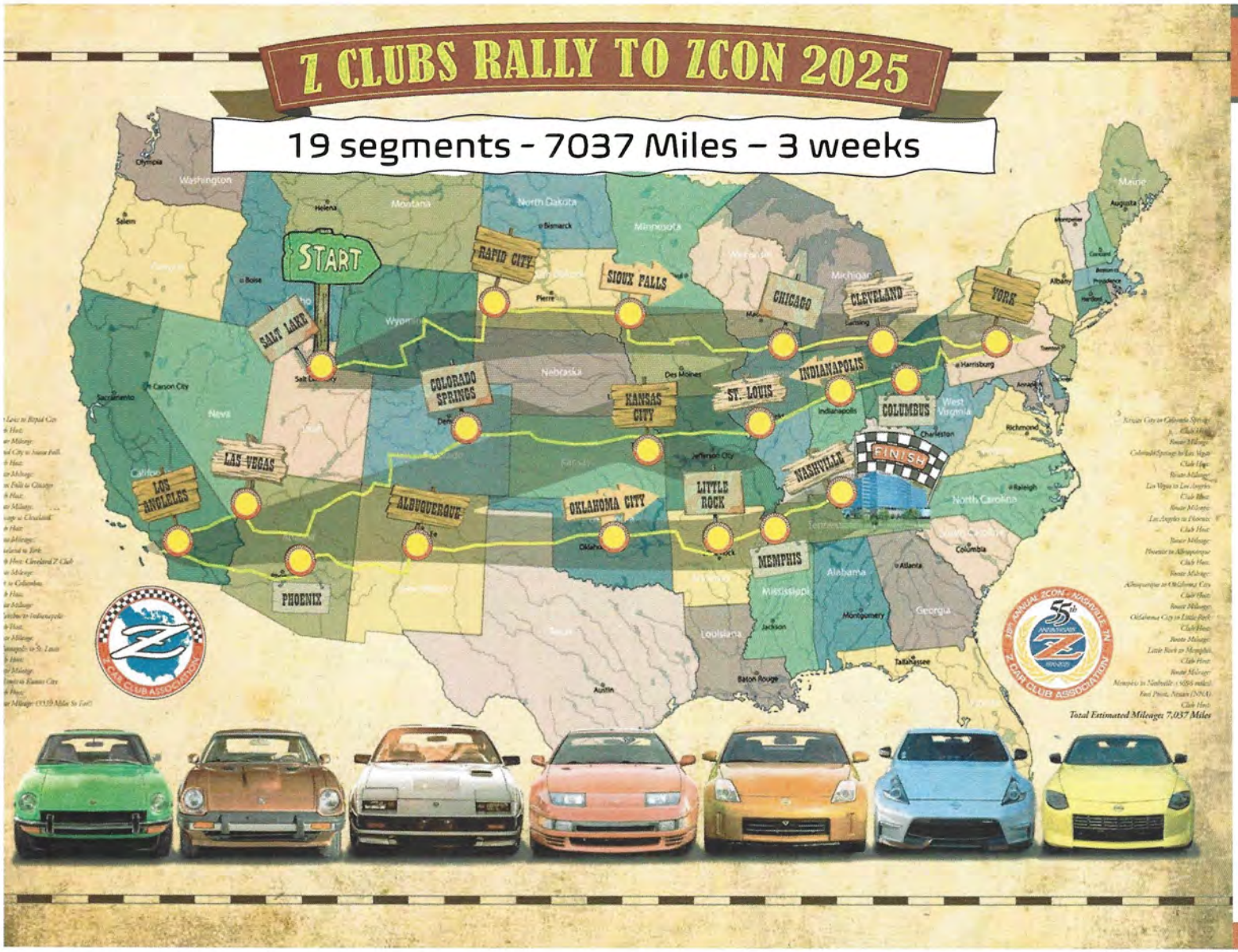

Legs of the route to be hosted by various Z Car Clubs.

Some stops will be coordinated with dealer-hosted parts working with Nissan

We need YOUR help to "host" a leg of the rally which ends at NASHVILLE ZCON!

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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? _____

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- ○ Hosting a club event
- ○ Customizing
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