WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

July, 13,2025

Picnic

Spring Creek Reservoir

July 19, 2025

Historic Races

Elkhart Lake, WI

August 24, 2025

Geneva Concours

Geneva, IL

August 24, 2025

Z's Across America

Schamburg, IL

September 8, 2025

ZCon

Nashville, TN

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The President Sez

Ty Ozgen, President

. It was time. I kept delaying it for no particular reason. But I knew I had to bite the bullet. Safety was a concern. Not just safety, however. What am I talking about? Tires. As you all may know I have several different Z cars and I'm proud of each one. This particular Z was my first one. The 1983 280ZX 2+2 turbo. The last time I purchased tires for this car was 26 years ago in 1999. They were Bridgestone Potenza's. Since that time I had put about 17,000 miles on the car. They served me well. They looked OK. No unusual noises from them and they held tire pressure well. No dry rot that I could see and rarely were they driven in inclement weather. They were just old. For whatever reason, I started getting paranoid that I might have a blowout while driving. It's not just getting a flat I'm worried about, but what if the tire disintegrates sending tire debris up and damaging the fender well or even the fender itself. That was more my concern. Body parts are not the easiest to come by for these.

I did some research and purchased a set of Yokohama tires. How did I end up with those? I wanted all-season touring tires that were quiet. I do not push the car, so soft summer tires were unnecessary. I stood guard as the old tires were being dismounted, and the new tires were mounted. I did not want any damage on the rims, as they had been restored back in the late 90s. The old tires had some brittle parts where they met the rim, so I guess it was a good idea to replace them after all. How are the new tires? They seems to perform very well. No noise, smooth, and I feel much safer now. I guess I'll drive it more this summer.

So you might wonder about my other Z's. My 1980 280ZX 10th Anniversary has Goodyear

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Reduced fee registration for Cantigny ends June 30th.

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Wingfoot tires on it. Not the OEM ones unique to this Z. These were mounted in 1996 and have approximately 3000 miles on them. They also seem to be in good shape, but then again. Obviously, this car doesn't get a lot of miles on it and pretty much just goes from car show to car show. My other 1983 280ZX tires are probably about 10 years old. These were on the car when I bought that in 2016. They have about 2000 miles on them. I guess I feel somewhat safe with the tires on this car. My 1990 300ZX twin turbo is probably going to be my next tire purchase. These tires were mounted in 2011 and have approximately 16,000 miles on them. This is the car I will most likely be taking to the national convention this year. Again, the tires look and drive fine, but who knows. I am on a quest of new tires. I'll be honest, it is very difficult to find tires for this vehicle. I've checked many different locations and websites, and I can find track tires all over the place but good all-season tires are very difficult to find. Does anybody have any suggestions for me?

Many thanks to Bob and Marlene Rosecrans for setting up our spring fling last month. It does take time to organize these driving events, but they have always set up some memorable drives. It was just a picture-perfect day for a drive in our Z cars. We gathered early that morning in Aurora and made the scenic drive down to the Starved Rock area. We all kept together as a group and had a couple of stops along the way. After a few "photo ops", we went into Utica and had a nice lunch. It was a busy day there, as many others had the same idea to leave the crowded Chicagoland area. Everybody more or less dispersed from there. For this trip, I drove my 1983 280ZX. This is probably the longest I've driven this car in some time. I had the windows down the entire trip and it was just a great experience. It ran great. I tell you, these straight six's are bulletproof. Fred also introduced his new to him 1983 280ZX turbo to the group that day. He had purchased it several months ago and wanted to get it cleaned up a little bit before he presented it to the group. I can certainly understand that principle. It's kind of like when you invite people to your home, you want it clean. I did get a sneak peak of it at his home, as being a President does have its privileges. It looked great driving down the road. Congratulations Fred!!

Just this past weekend, we ventured out to Calibre Coffee, in South Barrington for our Cars and Coffee. This is our second year out here. They cater to car clubs on the weekends, and it was our turn. Unfortunately, we had a very hot weekend for this event, but nevertheless many of us showed up. It was still relatively cool first thing in the morning. A comfortable 75° but as the morning progressed, it moved into the 90s. Fortunately there was a breeze, which made the temperature much more bearable, though it was still humid like Florida. Some of us thought that if we closed our eyes and listened hard, we could almost hear the waves crashing on the beach. All that was missing was the salty air. We gathered our chairs underneath the tree in the shade to hang out and it was a lot of fun just talking with everybody. I thought we had a good turnout of the cars from the early 240s all the way up to a brand new two-week-old Z. Check out our website for all the pictures. I brought my 1990 300 ZX twin turbo, as it has the best air conditioning of all my Z's. Comfort is of the essence in this kind of weather. Thanks to Pat for setting this up.

I would like to bring everyone up-to-date with the upcoming Z Across America Relay. This particular event ,which is hosted by the Z Car Club of America, is a 7037 mile trek across the United States in the form of a Z. This will be done in a three-week time frame, starting in Salt Lake City and culminating at the ZCON 2025 convention site in Nashville, Tennessee. There are several Z cars that will be driving the entire route. They will be coming to the Chicago area on the evening of Sunday, August 24, from Sioux Falls. They will be staying at the Marriott in Schaumburg that evening. We are hoping to get together with this group that night just to share stories and have some fun. The next morning Monday, August 25 we will head to Woodfield Nissan in Schaumburg for a quick get together and then leave there by 9AM on our way to Cleveland. We are looking for participants who may want to drive this segment to Cleveland. There will be a participation goodie bag. In Cleveland, they also will be getting together with the local club. They will be having a host hotel for the participants as well as other events. Those of you who are interested do not have to drive all the way to Cleveland. I plan on taking that day off to help with the drive, but most likely will turn back after we reach South Bend. We plan on stopping at Tire Rack headquarters for a quick photo op. From there, we will have another destination in the Ohio area before we end up in Cleveland. I have been participating in meetings with other club presidents on a regular basis and as I get more information, I will let everybody know. An Evite will be sent out for this event as well.

In closing, I just want to remind people of our upcoming events. We have our annual Windy City Z club picnic on Sunday, July 13. We will have sandwiches as well as soda and pop. Feel free to bring a dish to share and please mention it in the Evite response. The following Saturday,

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the 19th, we are heading up to Road America for the vintage car races. An Evite has been sent out. Other events are being planned and you may get a notification on a rather short notice so keep an eye out for them. Otherwise enjoy the summer and your Z.

Z32 Trivia

The lead designer of the Z32 Nissan 300zx was Toshia Yamashita. He worked alongside ISAO Sono to create the sleek, aerodynamic shape that set the Z32 apart from its predecessors and other competitors of the era, Yamashita was known for his refusal to ocmprimise and had to fight the beancounters to be able to maintain his vision for the car. The biggest battle was over the headlight design. The projector headlights were an important part of the design and he fought long and hard to make sure thay were included.

A few years later, Lamborghini decided to do away with he hidden headlights on the Diablo. Rather that start from scratch and design exposed headlights to fit the sleek shape of the car, they approached Nissan about using the headlights from the Z32. Nissan agreed and the Diablo incorporated Yamashita's projector lamps into the design. There is a black strip that was added to the Diablo to cover the Nissan trademark on the unit.

WCZC 2025 Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
July 13, 2025	11AM	Picnic	Spring Creek Reservoir	Evite has been sent	Yers
July 19, 2025		Road America Historic Races	Elkhart Lake, WI	Evite has been sent	Yes
August 24, 2025		Geneva Concours	Geneva, IL	Genevaconcours.net	Yes
August 24, 2025		Z's Across America	See Ty;s June Column	Participate in the ZCCA event	Yes
September 8, 2025		ZCon	Nashville, TN	Zcon.org	Yes
September 21, 2025	10AM	Cantigny Car Show	Wheaton, Il	Evite to follow	Yes

Z Store

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License Plate Frame

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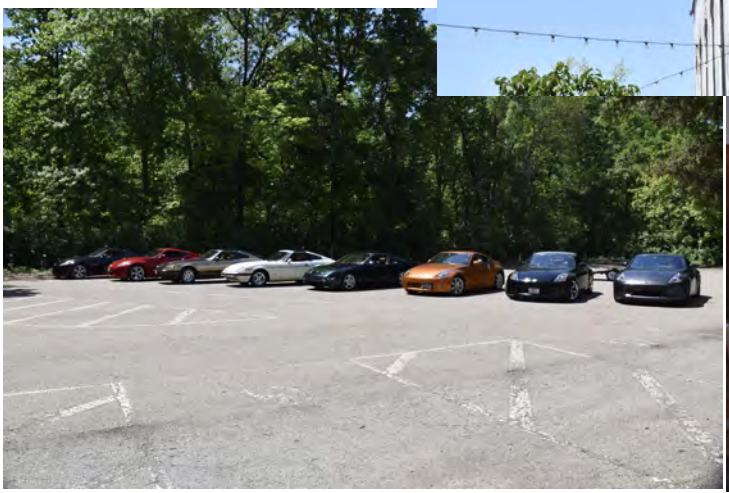
WCZC Activities

Spring Flinf to Utica (Photos by Jim K and Karen P)



WCZC Activities

Cars and Coffee (Photos by Jim K and Ty O)

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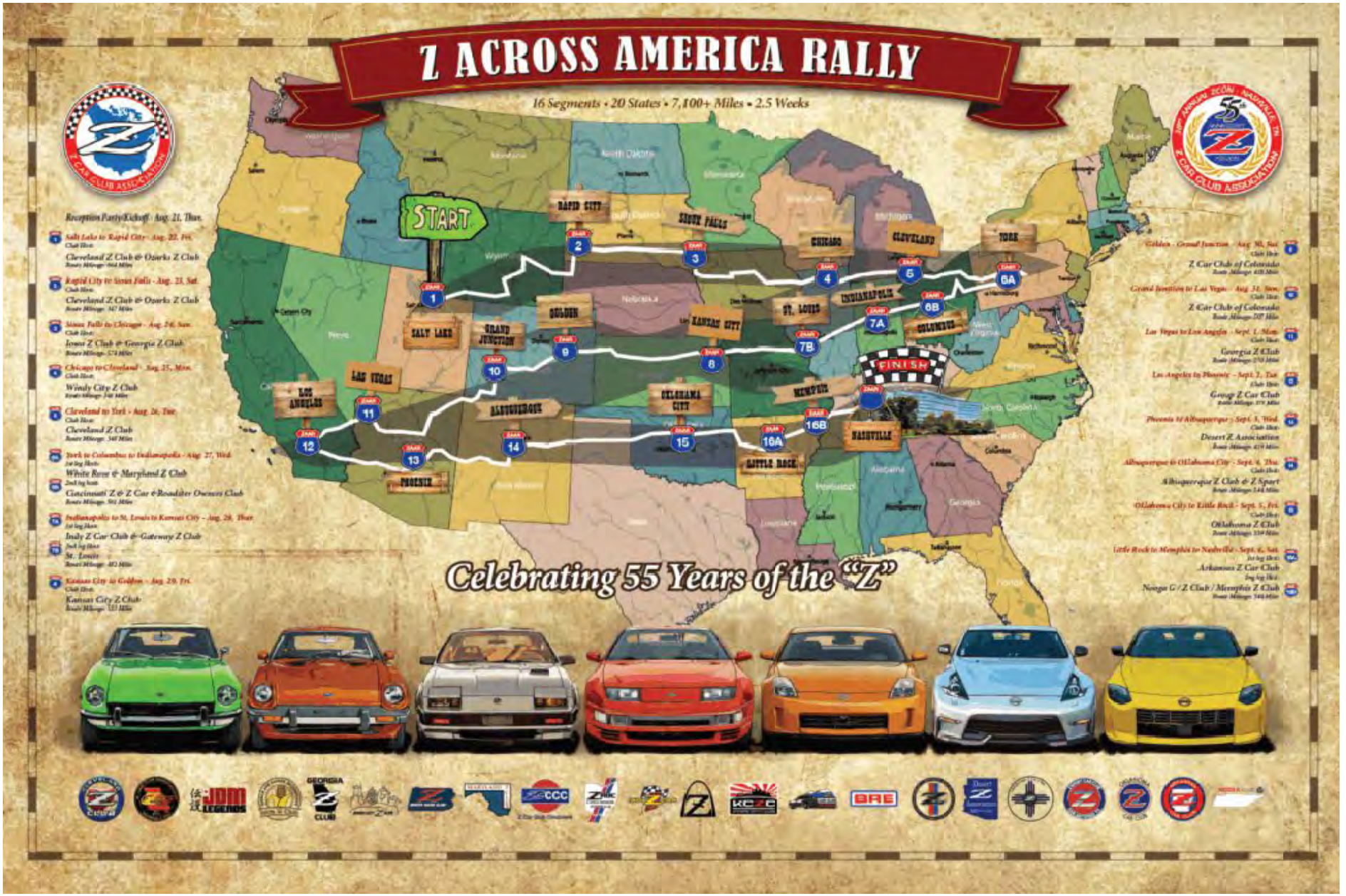
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FINISH
Celebrating 55 Years of the "Z"
Reception Party/Kickoff - Aug. 21, Thur.
Salt Lake to Rapid City - Aug. 22, Fri.
Cleveland Z Club & Ozarks Z Club
Rapid City to Sioux Falls - Aug. 23, Sat.
Cleveland Z Club & Ozarks Z Club
Sioux Falls to Chicago - Aug. 24, Sun.
Iowa Z Club & Georgia Z Club
Chicago to Cleveland - Aug. 25, Mon.
Windy City Z Club
Cleveland to York - Aug. 26, Tue.
Cleveland Z Club
York to Columbus to Indianapolis - Aug. 27, Wed.
White Rose & Maryland Z Club
Cincinnati Z & Z Car & Roadster Owners Club
Indianapolis to St. Louis to Kansas City - Aug. 28, Thur.
Indy Z Car Club & Gateway Z Club
St. Louis
Kansas City to Golden - Aug. 29, Fri.
Kansas City Z Club
Golden - Grand Junction - Aug. 30, Sat.
Z Car Club of Colorado
Grand Junction to Las Vegas - Aug. 31, Sun.
Z Car Club of Colorado
Las Vegas to Los Angeles - Sept. 1, Mon.
Georgia Z Club
Los Angeles to Phoenix - Sept. 2, Tue.
Group Z Car Club
Phoenix to Albuquerque - Sept. 3, Wed.
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Albuquerque to Oklahoma City - Sept. 4, Thu.
Albuquerque Z Club & Z Sport
Oklahoma City to Little Rock - Sept. 5, Fri.
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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_____

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- ○ Car Restoration
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- ○ 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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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