

# WCZC News

## Newsletter of the Windy City Z Club

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### Upcoming Events

**January, 2026**

*General Meeting*

**February 2026**

*Chicago Auto Show*

**July 12, 2026**

*Annual Picnic*

*Dwight, IL*

**September 21–26, 2026**

*ZCon*

*Phoenix, AZ*

**November 2026**

*Annual B-day Party*

### The President Se<sup>Z</sup>

Ty Ozgen, President

As I write this newsletter, it is exactly 0° outside. What a difference a couple months (days) makes in our weather here in Chicago area. Since we last chatted, we have been through three great events for our club. For our first one, we convened at Woodfield Nissan for our Oktoberfest Cars and Coffee event. It was a beautiful day!! Many of us were there in shorts and a T-shirt. If I recall, I even put on sunblock it was that nice. All the different Z generations were represented in full force. We even had Mike Higashikawa's Datsun 2000 roadster join us, top down of course. It was nice just hanging around talking to friends and looking at Z's as we enjoyed our coffee and donuts, compliments of Woodfield Nissan. I brought my 1980 Tenth Anniversary for the event. If you recall, this was the second time we were at Woodfield Nissan this year. In August, we gathered during the Z Across America Rally that came through Chicago on its way to the Z car convention held in Nashville. Many thanks to Scott Gabrenya of Woodfield Nissan for hosting us again this year. Feel free to take a look at the pictures on our Facebook page and in this newsletter.

The following weekend we had our fall fling drive to Dwight, Illinois. Again, a beautiful fall day. We met at the Starbucks in Bolingbrook in the morning and went from there. Right away I was getting a little bit of heat, as some people were saying that we should've met at Dunkin' Donuts. I will take that advice for next time. We

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### Notes

Happy  
Holidays.  
Z ya in 2026



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headed down the back roads along the Kankakee River. Unfortunately, the trees had not turned color to any significant degree. We tried to go so that we could enjoy the colors, but we were about 2 weeks early for that. Perhaps the delayed change was due to the nice, dry weather we had for most of the fall. Nevertheless, it was a wonderful drive. I took my 1983 280 ZX this time. From the Kankakee area, we headed to Dwight where we met at the Crazy 80s Car Museum.

I have been to many car museums through the years and to be honest, this is probably one of the most memorable ones. The cars represented here were by no means collectible nor exotic cars. They were cars that we all drove as daily drivers back in the day. From Ford Escorts to Nissan Pulsar's to Yugo's to Renault cars. Many of them were smaller economy cars. I had a 1983 Nissan Pulsar at one time, and seeing one there was a trip down memory lane. Mine was black with a red cloth interior. I think I paid \$800 for it and sold it for \$1000 a few years later. I bought it to spare my 1983 280ZX Turbo from the winters. You see, even back then I was protecting my Z's. The owners of the museum were very welcoming and pleased that we were there to join them. They joined us to talk about the cars and their significance. There was no entrance fee, but they did ask for donations, which I was glad to help out with. If you've never been there, it's worth going to see. Definitely a trip down memory lane. From there, we went to the Old Route 66 Family Restaurant, which was a couple blocks away. We had a table waiting for us. The food was great especially the cole slaw, and of course the camaraderie was even better! Everybody had a great time.

Our final event of the year was our annual Windy City Z club birthday party. Not just any birthday, but our 50th birthday party!!! We are by far one of the oldest Z clubs in the country, in addition to one of the largest. Think about that...that's since 1975!!! It is the officers as well as the members that make this club survive. Once again, we met at Reserve 22 for

the event. We had a room to ourselves, a cash bar, great food, as well as a rolling slideshow of all the events we had through the course of the year. We were fortunate to have some members who have been with the club from just about the beginning. Bill Bragg, our lifelong treasurer, talked about how the club came together back in 1975. It's interesting that back then, there were a lot more driving events such as autocrosses. There were more smaller tracks available, and the cost was not as prohibitive. Not to mention the liability in having these kinds of events. Some of our members do continue to track their cars with other organizations, but the only time we collectively do it is usually through ZCON.

Anyway, the birthday party was a success. We had plenty of raffle prizes available for our members. Many thanks to our sponsors who donated prizes including Griots, Motorsport Z, Nissan North America, Turtle Wax, ZCCA as well as your WCZC. Many members also donated items to be raffled. Thank you!!! The current slate of officers were reelected to the respective positions. Pat Sylvester will continue as Vice President of Administration. He has been very helpful helping me in collecting sponsorships for our car club from various businesses. He has also assisted me in setting up some activities this year. Bill Bragg will remain as treasurer and continues to keep me up-to-date with money that is going in and out of our club. Your dues do keep the club going by paying for our website, our insurance as well as our ZCCA dues. The birthday party cost was partially offset by your club. Mike Phillips will also continue as our secretary and membership person. He is great at keeping me up-to-date with new members who are joining our club. He will be sending out membership renewals in January. You can pay through our website using Paypal. Glenn Johnson is our Webmaster and keeps our Windy City Z club site updated with past and future events. Feel free to look at all the pictures he has posted through the years. Jim Koolish is our newsletter editor and continues to do a great job putting our newsletter together as well as the unofficial photographer for our club. If anybody has any interesting articles they would like to share, please send it to him for future newsletters. Again, we don't have a Vice President of Activities, but we decided that we as a group will

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put the activities together in the upcoming year.

The coveted "Broken Z Award" has a new recipient. For those of you not familiar with this trophy, it is given to a Windy City Z club member who has had an unusual issue with their Z rendering it undrivable, etc. Last year's winner, Fred Grosz, tried to win it again this year. He had the misfortune of getting his 280ZX "restored" at a restoration shop in Milwaukee. He continued to have problems with it this year but given the fact that these problems initially occurred last year, he did not win the trophy. Sorry Fred. I know how much it meant to you. Our new winner Pat Sylvester earned this trophy because of issues he was having with his fuel pump on his 260Z. All summer long he told us he was going to get it fixed and get it running, but unfortunately, he never got around to it and the car never left his garage. Finally, he did get it fixed but it was too late and now is the proud owner of this trophy. Congratulations!

In closing, I want to thank everybody who made this year a success. We had plenty of activities throughout the year and everybody chipped in. We had great attendance as well and hopefully this will continue into 2026. I'm looking forward to getting together with everybody in the new year for our Z general meetings where we will go over future events as well as other club business. I already have several ideas in mind as far as activities. Please look for your Evites and your renewals in the new year. Wishing everyone a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!!!



## WCZC 2026 Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
January 2026		General Meeting		Evite to follow	Yes
February 2026		Chicago Auto Show		Evite to follow	Yes
July 12, 2026		Annual Picnic		Evite to follow	Yes
August 23, 2026		Geneva Concours		Evite to follow	Yes
September 2026		Cantigny Car Show		Evite to follow	Yes
September 21, 2026		ZCon	Phoenix, AZ	ZCon.org	
November 2026		Club B-day Party		Evite to follow	Yes



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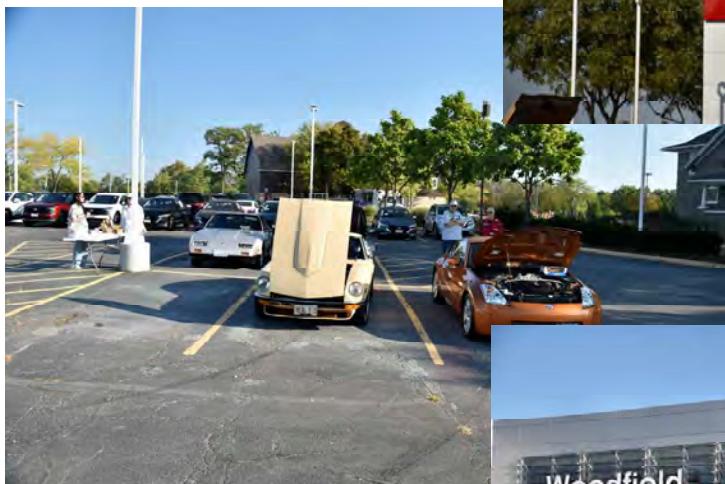
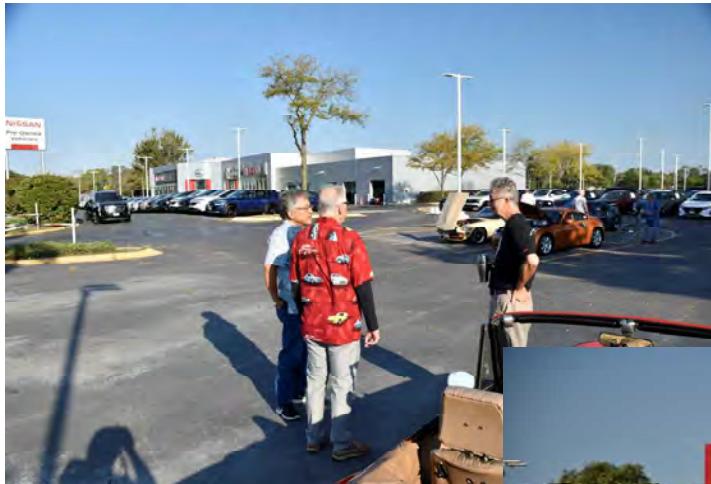


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Cars and Coffee—Schaumburg Nissan Photos by Jim K.



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Fall Fling—Dwight, IL Photos by Jim K



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Annual B-day Dinner Photos by Jim K



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