

# WCZC News

## Newsletter of the Windy City Z Club

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### Upcoming Events

**August 16, 2026**

*Pleiter Reunion*

*Augustinos, Carol Stream*

**August 23, 2026**

*Geneva Concours*

*Geneva, IL*

**September 20, 2026**

*Cantigny Show*

*Wheaton, IL*

**September 21–26, 2026**

*ZCon*

*Phoenix, AZ*

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

**Ty Ozgen, President**

Hello, my Z friends! How is everybody's summer going so far? Here we are already in August. Seems like it's flying by. I always say, it's all downhill after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. That doesn't mean we're done with activities though. Just means the days are getting shorter and the days of nice weather are more in the past than in the future for the year. We have had a wide variety of events so far. In July, we had our annual picnic at the Blackwell Forest Preserve. Picture perfect day! Good assortment of Z cars came to the event with their owners. The Z club picked up the tab as far as the sandwiches, water, and soda. Everybody brought a side to share. I really enjoyed talking to people. A very casual day to just relax amongst friends. The conversation does not always have to be around the cars but often times it is. Of course, life issues come up as well - not too much politics which I guess is a good thing. Thanks to Marlene and Bob Rosecrans for setting this up. Next year is already booked!

The next event was our annual trip up to Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin for the vintage races. To be honest, I thought this event may be canceled as this was during the Canadian wildfire smoke that dropped into the Chicagoland area. It was not something I wanted to sit outside and breathe for an entire day. Nevertheless, it did lessen by that Saturday morning, and we were able to head up there caravanning our Z's. I was impressed by the roads up in Wisconsin. Typically, in the Milwaukee area there are a lot of potholes and construction, especially north of Milwaukee but we slipped right through, both going northbound and southbound without any issues. It turned out to be a very nice day with a nice breeze. Once we got into the track, we parked our Z's together and set up our

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### Notes

Be sure to register for the Geneva show and indicate that you are part of the club. We will have dedicated parking behind the Courthouse.



## The President Sez

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chairs underneath some trees along the track. This is my favorite area for viewing these cars though it does get a bit loud. Several different races occurred that day as they qualified for the finals on the next day. Of course, the first generation Z's were quite plentiful numbering about eight vehicles on the track. One of them was quite fast keeping pace with the Porsches throughout the whole qualifying race. It's just fun watching these cars zip around the track. I did see 1 370Z as well. We also gathered along the paddock to look at some cars and their owners as they prepared them for their respective race.

Late in the afternoon, we decided to go up to the Osthoff resort for the annual evening car show that occurs on Friday and Saturday evenings. This is just an amazing event with several rare cars. Of course, there was a beautiful Datsun 240Z that was getting a lot of attention. One of my favorites was a 1970 BOSS 429 Mustang, which was absolutely beautiful. Before I got into Datsun's and Z cars, I was a big Ford fan and to be honest still am. Especially the older models that I grew up with in high school. Ahh the memories.... We gathered for dinner as a group and then shortly after decided to head home. Overall, it was a wonderful time. Check out our Facebook page.

The next event was something new this year. An ice cream social get together. We met on a Friday evening at Rainbow Cone ice cream in Lombard. What a lovely summer night it was. We parked toward the back in a nice straight row and pitched our chairs and hung out that evening. Of course we treated ourselves to some delicious ice cream. I went with a shake, which was absolutely delicious but full of calories but that's OK. At least I enjoyed it amongst my friends.

Our last event was the Westmont cruise night for imports. We had a great showing that evening and the weather was great. We parked on the west side of the street so we did not have to deal with the sun in the early evening. I think the weather looked initially concerning, but we did luck out. To be honest, we have been very fortunate with weather this year during our club activities. We parked together and the Z's definitely drew a nice crowd. Interestingly, we had mostly first generation Z's present, but no second or third generations or new Z. All in all it was a great night as we sat around, talking to the spectators and amongst ourselves. Thank you everybody who joined us that night.

What's coming up you ask. First is the Pleiter reunion, on August 16<sup>th</sup> at the Carol Stream Augustinos. Jeff and Allie are in town that weekend and requested a get together. See the Evite for details. Next we have the Geneva Concours on Sunday, August 23. An Evite has been already sent out. Please register for this event on their website if you care to join us. There is an entry fee of \$30. We will park together as a club as we have done in the past. Then on September 20, we will be doing our Cantigny car show event which typically brings 400 to 500 cars of all makes and models. This is also a favorite of mine. It will be held Sunday, September 20. Again, please register for this event on their website if you can. Please check the Evite for more information.

So some of you may be asking what about you Ty? What's new with you these days. In late June I went on a two-week vacation to Turkey. It's definitely nice being away and not having to worry about work. I guess those of you who have retired certainly can understand this part. Nevertheless, I always look at all the different cars that are available overseas that are not here in the states. No Z's were noted, but the Nissan Qashqui were quite popular. They were sold here in the states badged as the Nissan Rogue Sport which is no longer available here as of 2022, though still sold overseas in an updated format. An interesting car that I never knew existed was the Volta EV1. This is a four-wheel electric micro car designed for the inner city urban transport. It has a 200 W motor and a 63 km range. It is a one seater vehicle with front and rear disc brakes according to the website. From what I read, it is only available in the Turkish market. To be honest, I'm not sure if I would feel comfortable driving in something like that as it is quite small. Also, the "Rules of the Road" are not always followed over there.

As far as my cars, good and bad. The hailstorm that came through last week damaged our 2024 Nissan Sentra, which only has 13,000 miles on it. If you recall in March the other Sentra (2021) was sitting in our driveway as the storm came through. Fortunately I was home and was able to throw a bunch of tarps on top of it to protect it from getting damaged. Unfortunately, this time my daughter had the car and it was parked outside and sustained the hail damage. I did file a claim with my insurance company and we shall see how it goes.

As far as my Z's. I finally got some new tires for my 1990 300ZX. It had been 15 years and 18k miles since I last purchased tires. Even though they still looked good and held air, I was a bit nervous when I would take it on longer trips fearing that I may have a blowout. They did get me to Nashville and back last year for the Z Car convention. As some of you know, tires for this car are staggered and somewhat limited in availability. There are

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## WCZC 2026 Schedule of Events

| Date               | Time   | Event             | Location                   | Contact and Details   | WCZC Event |
|--------------------|--------|-------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------|
| August 16, 2026    | 5:30pm | Pleiter Reunion   | Augustinos<br>Carol Stream | Evite has been issued | Yes        |
| August 23, 2026    |        | Geneva Concours   | Geneva, IL                 | Evite has been issued | Yes        |
| September 20, 2026 |        | Cantigny Car Show | Wheaton, IL                | Evite has been issued | Yes        |
| September 21, 2026 |        | ZCon              | Phoenix, AZ                | ZCon.org              |            |
| November 14, 2026  |        | Club B-day Party  |                            | Evite to follow       | Yes        |



plenty of track tires for it, but that's not what I was looking for. I wanted some high-performance all-season tires. I ended up getting Pirelli P Zeros for it. Definitely seems quieter than what had been on the car. Also the ride seems to be softer as well, and not quite so harsh over the bumps. However I did run into an issue. The first time I took it on the highway there was a lot of vibration in the steering wheel that was not present with the old tires. I thought for sure that I may have thrown a weight off or perhaps it was not balanced properly. It couldn't be a bent rim as it was not doing this prior. I brought the car back in to get them rebalanced. I was told that the wheels were balanced incorrectly as they were "counterbalanced". Not exactly sure what that means but nevertheless it was not properly done. They did correct the problem on all four rims, and I took it right back out on the highway - smooth sailing. My service advisor apologized for their mistake, which was accepted. Just not sure why it was done this way in the first place. I've been driving it this whole week and what a pleasure it is. Just love this car. Don't tell my 280ZX's please.....

## Z Store

Contact Ty at [tyozgen@gmail.com](mailto: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

## WCZC Activities

### WCZC Annual Picnic



## WCZC Activities

### Elkhart Lake Vintage Races & Rainbow Cone



## WCZC Activities

Westmont Cruise Night Photos by Jim K





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Dual Member's Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Cell Phone

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Home Phone

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ 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

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