



**Volume XXXVIII, March 2015**

**James Snyder, Editor**

**THE PRESIDENT SEZ  
Ty Ozgen, President**



What a great month we had in February. Yeah, rumor has it that it was one of the coldest months on record but that certainly did not keep our club from keeping busy with events. When you really think about it, we went from one extreme, brand new cars at the Chicago Auto Show, to the other extreme, older cars in need of restoration at Bennett Coachworks. What a contrast, all within a couple weeks of each other. That's our club!!

Our annual outing to the Chicago Auto Show on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> was sponsored by Jay Weinberger at Continental Nissan. He has been doing this for us for many years. Thanks Jay!! Your graciousness is always appreciated. If you recall, we usually go the first Monday of the show as it tends to be less crowded compared to the weekends but this particular Monday fell on Presidents Day and you know what that means....no school. Boy was it crowded!!! Families with kids all over the place. Don't get me wrong, I have a family as well, just not with me that night. As a result, it was somewhat difficult to get to the cars or even sit in them. Oh well. It still had a nice time though. I thought Nissan had a nice display, perhaps a bit more exciting than previous years. As you know they had the NISMO Z Roadster concept on display which was just beautiful. If you recall, I was talking about the NISMO coupe that I saw at Continental Nissan last month. To be honest though, I think the coupe has nicer lines. Anyway it was roped off to keep the people from damaging it but I was no ordinary individual. With a smile, I mentioned that I was the



**Windy City Z Club Officers**  
*President* – Ty Ozgen 630.910.3616  
*VP of Activities* – Jeff Pleiter 630.832.7857  
*VP of Administration* – Pat Sylvester 847.895.6939  
*Secretary/Membership* – Sue Chan 630.379.6917  
*Treasurer* – Bill Bragg 262.697.1779  
*Newsletter* – James Snyder [wczc.editor@gmail.com](mailto:wczc.editor@gmail.com)  
*Webmeister* – Glenn Johnson 630.363.2081

CEO of the Windy City Z Club and asked if I could get closer to it, not to sit in it but to get my picture taken with. Now most guys would want to take their picture with the pretty models displaying the cars but me, give me the roadster.....with the model in the passenger seat. Like I said, family was at home. I did get the picture with the NISMO roadster, passenger seat empty, yep, being President has its privileges. Judging from the crowd, I am sure Nissan will sell it. The new Pathfinder also caught my eye. Did you see the interior of it? Very classy! Nissan's luxury brand, Infiniti had quite a few cars on display. Again, the nomenclature is so confusing. Why did they not leave the G37 a G37, and not a Q60 or was it QX60, or Q40. Hmmm.

Bob Bennett of Bennett's Coachwork was in top form as he gave us the tour of his shop. It seemed like every car there had a story behind it and if you were at the last WCZC Birthday party, you know that he is a good story teller. He had all sorts of cars there in various states of repair, from total restorations to modifications. As he promised, he had several Z's there. Of course they were 240Zs, being the more collectible of the Z family and the oldest. I recall one of them he mentioned they were doing just a "nice driver" restoration on it but boy the paint looked Concours to me! It is so exciting that these Z's are really becoming collectible in the car community. So my fellow club members with those earlier Z's, keep

them as they are certainly going to appreciate.



Interestingly, many of the cars were being restored for sentimental reasons. Perhaps it was a late family members car that the family wished to restore (there was a 1971 Ford Torino Cobra and a older VW Beetle that the family was restoring because of that.) or it was a car similar to what they grew up with and they just had to have one. (I think Ken Jamin has a story like that with his 280Z). Every once in a while you read those stories about a person who sold a collectible car only to purchase it back after several years of hunting for it. You see my friends, cars are not just a mode of transportation. To people like you and me, they are much more. They become a part of us, a part of the family.



I have 3 cars that are actually like family. My '71 Ford LTD convertible was my first car. My late father bought this for me. I still remember going to Indianapolis to look at it with him and buying it together. I've had it since high school and all my high school and college friends know about it. When we get together, they sometimes ask about it, just like they would ask about my brother or sister. My 1983 280ZXT 2+2 is my first Z, having had it since 1987 when I was going into residency. I needed a car to get around the city to different hospitals and the Ford was

just not practical and sat at home in the garage. My late mom bought that one for me. I remember driving to Niles with my brother and her to buy that. I drove that car everywhere, in the snow and salt, all year round. I just love that car! The weather and salt did take its toll on the body and I was starting to get rust on just about every panel. My 3<sup>rd</sup> permanent family member is the 1990 300ZX TT. This was the first car I ever bought with my own money with my first job. By the way, I did pay my mother for the '83 over time. When I bought the '90, I thought about trading in my '83 but I was not getting much as a trade so I kept it. I did not use it much after that but decided to get it cosmetically restored in 1995 at the old Ultimate Z. I had a new hood, 2 new fenders, 2 new quarter panels, and 2 rust free doors from Arizona put on it. Was it worth it? You bet! I love driving it, T tops off, listening to the straight 6 humm. Life is good. Most restorations cost more than what the car is worth but to the owner, it is worth it. I have gotten years of pleasure from it and I hope to keep all 3 for a long long time.



Speaking of sentimental things, we lost a legend in the Z community last month. Yutaka Katayama, aka Mr K, passed at the ripe age of 105. I am fortunate to have met him a few times at the National Conventions and even have signed owners manuals from him. Believe it or not, he even visited us here in Chicago several years ago. We had a reception for him at the O'hare Hilton and brought him up to the Z Zone at Road America where he got a chance to tour the track in one of our members 240Z. He had such a smile on his face. He was a very humble person and will be missed. May he rest in peace.

~ Ty

#### Jeff Pleiter, V.P of Activities



We had a good turnout of 17+ Z club members at Bennett Coachworks in Milwaukee. Thanks again to Bob Bennett for providing a tour of his shop. Bob walked us through pretty much every project he had going on. There were quite a few first generation Zs in his shop in various states of repair

and/or restoration. He also showed us an original all original barn find Scarab 240Z. For those that don't know, there was a California company dropping 327 Chevy V-8s in the Z and doing other various upgrades. All parts were there were there, it needed some TLC, but it was very cool. The co-owners were there also to give us the story of the car. Bob also told us about the various other cars there.



A Yenko Camaro clone indistinguishable from an original, Beetle convertible, pickup hot rods, 57 Chevy, etc. If you are a member of Facebook, you could follow us as we went through the shop on that day as I was posting photo on the WCZC Facebook page. Check out our website for more photos, as a picture was worth a thousand words. Now I just need to figure what is the best day to bring my car up there.



Also, congratulations to Robert Cooper for taking home the trophy for Best Nissan at Tuner Galleria.

**Next WCZC Meeting Date is April 12, 2015.**

We will be meeting again at Buona Beef on Army

Trail Road at 6 pm. Now that the snow is melted, bring out your Z if the weather is good.

**Under the Dome Car Show May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Bridgeview Sports Dome, 8900 S. 77<sup>th</sup> Avenue Bridgeview, IL 60455. Staging from 7 to 9 am. Registration is \$15. Pre-registered attendees get a "participation gift. We did this show a couple of years ago. It is inside the dome, so it will be warm and dry even if it is not so outside. The registration form can be found on our website.

**May 16 or 17? Spring Fling Drive.**

Details to be determined. Possible Road America for Spring Vintage Races, since our usual trip in July is the weekend before the National Convention. Maybe we'll take the scenic route. Anyone for some track touring?

**Midwest Z Heritage Fest, June 12 to 14, 2015.**

We are hosting in 2015. Hotel will be the Lisle Hyatt, Car Show will be at the Bolingbrook Promenade. You can go on-line now and reserve your room for the event. Our website has a direct link to the hotel website to get the discount. Please register as soon as you can if you are planning on attending. Visit our website or [www.midwestzheritage.com](http://www.midwestzheritage.com)

**International Z Car Convention July 14-19.**

Memphis Tennessee. Hotel and event details can be found at: [www.zccazconvention.com](http://www.zccazconvention.com). A number of club members and spouses are going.

**Z's in the Woods August 15, 2015**

Barb and Dave are hosting Z's in the Woods again this year and make it a joint Indy and Windy City event once more. The format will be much the same and more details will be provided in the future. Expect food, live music, and a People's Choice car show. This time there will not be a rain date and if the weather is bad we all will park on the street and driveway and move the party indoors.

As always, keep an eye on the website, [www.windycityzclub.com](http://www.windycityzclub.com), our windy city z club facebook page, and the evites for up to date info and new events.

We will be scheduling other misc events such as cruise nights and other possible driving events. We are open to event ideas. A few have been sent in and are on the burner. Email me at [villazx10@comcast.net](mailto:villazx10@comcast.net).

~ Jeff

~ ~ ~

If you have photos, articles or Nissan news of interest that you'd like to contribute to the WCZC newsletter, please submit them to [wczc.editor@gmail.com](mailto:wczc.editor@gmail.com) by the 10th of the month.

# Boutique



WCZC patch - \$3/ea  
 License plate frames - \$3/ea or \$5/pair  
 WCZC polo shirt - \$30, specify size  
 Contact Ty at [tyozgen@gmail.com](mailto:tyozgen@gmail.com) to purchase.

# For Sale

## 2004 350Z Color: Silverstone

“Showroom New” with just *under* 15,000 miles  
 Original Owner pleasure car, never winter driven  
 Base Model with 6-Speed Manual Transmission

### Upgrades:

- NISMO Stainless Steel Cat-Back Exhaust
- TSW 19” Thruxton Wheels with Bridgestone Potenza Pole Position Tires  
 Rear 275/35 ZR19, Front 245/35 ZR19  
 (front tires new last year)
- Nissan floor mats
- Color matched splash guards
- Aluminum Kick Plates
- Carpeted Hatch Mat

**Also Included:** California Car Cover (Custom Fit  
 Dustop Techsoft brand)



**Asking Price:** \$15,500  
 or Best Offer  
**Contact:** Bill Graffy  
 708-710-2936 (cell) or  
[sbgraffy@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sbgraffy@sbcglobal.net)



## Windy City Z 2014 Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & other info
April 12 <sup>th</sup> – Z general mtg	Buena Beef, Glendale Heights	Jeff Pleiter – <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>
May 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Under the Dome car show 7-9pm	Bridgeview Sports Dome 8900 S. 77 <sup>th</sup> Ave IL 60455	
May 16 or 17 – Spring Fling	TBD	Jeff Pleiter – <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>
May 22-24 – NISMO Fiesta	San Antonio, TX	Jeff Pleiter – <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>
April 12 <sup>th</sup> – Z general mtg	Buena Beef, Glendale Heights	Jeff Pleiter – <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>
June 12-14 – Midwest Z Heritage Fest	Lisle & Bolingbrook, IL	Jeff Pleiter – <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>
July 21-25 – Int'l Z Car Convention	Memphis, TN	Jeff Pleiter – <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>
Aug 15 – Zs in the Woods	Indiana	

# 2015 Chicago AutoShow







## SPONSORS

Windy City Z Club has many sponsors. Most Nissan dealers will provide a discount when asked. We recognize the following sponsors for providing constant support to the club, our members & the National Z Community.

### Dealers:

Continental Nissan, Countryside, IL, 708-352-9200  
Arlington Nissan, Buffalo Grove, IL, 847-590-6100  
Woodfield Nissan, Hoffman Estates, IL 847-310-1900  
Gerald Nissan, Naperville, IL, 630-355-3337

### Local Specialty Sponsors:

Sound Performance, Bensenville, IL, 630-893-5002  
Bennett Coachworks, Milwaukee, WI, 414-298-2068  
Assoc'd Tire & Battery, Oak Park, IL, 708-383-6673  
K&M Magnetics, Glen Ellyn, IL, 630-894-3174

### National Sponsors:

Tire Rack, South Bend, IL, 800-428-8355  
Motorsports Industries, CA, 800-633-6331  
Stillen, CA, 800-431-3373  
Courtesy Nissan, TX, 800-527-1909  
Jim Wolf Technology, CA, 619-442-0680  
Avalon Enterprises, NH, 603-425-2270

The Windy City Z Club would like to thank all our sponsors for their support of the club. Please let us know if you think your company should be on this list.

**CONTINENTAL**  **708.352.9200 • ContinentalNissan.com**  
5750 S. LaGrange Road • Countryside, IL 60525

**Strong Supporter of the Windy City Z Club**

**Showroom Hours**  
Monday - Friday 9:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**NISMO Parts**  
R-Tune and S-Tune  
Order Genuine Nissan 370Z Parts

**Lowest Dealer Prices**  
10% Over Cost on Over-the-Counter Parts  
Visit our eStore - use Promo Code: "ZCLUB"  
20% Off Labor (Z Cars Only)

**Factory Trained Technicians**  
Over 152 Years of Combined Nissan Experience

**Parts & Service Hours**  
Monday - Thursday 7:00 AM - 9:00 PM  
Friday 7:00 AM - 5:30 PM  
Saturday 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**"Recognized as a Windy City Z Club Outstanding Sponsor"**  
**Friendly People & Superior Service**

# Bennett Coachworks LLC



1500 North 4th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53212



Owning an iconic car, especially a Datsun or Nissan "Z" is pure excitement.

At Bennett Coachworks we know how you feel and share your pride. Whether it's for show, street or track, the Z car has been a passion of ours for many years.

We offer a full range of services that will help you with any level of project you have.

Our expertise with paint, body and mechanical will assure its done right.

Whether you're looking to take your car to work, to a show or across the finish line, we have the experience, the people and the skill sets to help you meet your goals.

Call us today

**414.298.2068**

[www.hotrodbuilders.com](http://www.hotrodbuilders.com)

email: [projects@hotrodbuilders.com](mailto:projects@hotrodbuilders.com)



REBELLO

PROCHARGER

Coach construction • Mechanical • Body • Paint • Upholstry • Stainless • Performance

Bennett Coachworks can make it happen.





# WINDY CITY Z CLUB

Ty Ozgen, President - 630-910-3616  
 Jeff Pleiter, V.P. of Activities - 630-832-7857  
 Patrick Sylvester, V.P. of Administration - 847-895-6939  
 Sue Chan, Membership - 630-379-6917  
 James Snyder, Newsletter - wczc.editor@gmail.com  
 Glenn Johnson, Webmaster - 630-363-2081  
 Bill Bragg, Treasurer - 414-697-1779

# MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

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

Street \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone Home Phone 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 \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about our club? \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Categories:** Please check one

- \$30.00 for one year (incl. foreign countries)
  - \$50.00 for two years (incl. foreign countries)
  - \$25.00 for one Associate year\*
  - \$40.00 for two Associate years\*
- \*Associates must live at least 300 miles outside Chicago

**I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:**

- 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.*

Please make your check payable to the Windy City Z Club and mail it with this application to:

WINDY CITY Z CLUB  
 6770 Aspen Road, Lisle, Illinois 60532

Your membership packet will be sent to you by return mail within four to six weeks