



THE PRESIDENT SEZ
Jeff Pleiter, President



The year is closing out, most of the Zs are put a way for the winter and it is time to reflect on this last year and look forward to the next. The Windy City Z Club birthday party was the last event for 2015 and ushered in a few changes to the officer slate. Ty Ozgen has decided to step back from officer duties and retire from the Club Presidency. This will allow him to spend more time just enjoying the club events without the pressures of the presidency. I think he has a few more gray hairs since he was originally elected. I would like to thank Ty for all the effort he has put into the Club over the past years. He will be maintaining some fingers in the events, of course.



Photo by Lee Witkowski

As most of you know, I have stepped in as duly elected club President and Larry Klem was elected into the V.P. of Activities position. Larry is a newer member. You have probably seen him at many events with his fantastic blue 240Z. See his column for more info on Larry and his car. I think Larry will have some great activities coming up. The rest of the club officers have remained the same, and I want to thank Sue, Glenn, Pat, and James for continuing their work on behalf of the club and all its members. This club functions on the efforts of the club officers and the members who all volunteer to the work to keep the club running.

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As we look forward into 2016, the Club will be implementing a new logo that incorporates the Club name, the Chicago skyline, and an artistic line sketch of a Z Car profile. The sketch is not of any one generation of Z, but is intended to give a general impression of Z-ness. We want to be able to reflect that the club incorporates and welcomes all Zs and all people, because it is this car and the passion it represents that brings us all together. People from various walks of life, ages and backgrounds find common ground in the car. It is how you feel when you look at the car as you walk away, and the enjoyment that you get at car shows, wrenching on it, cruising around, hustling on the back roads, pushing it on the track and enjoying the time with others who share the same passion. The Z touches something in all of us that inspires us to take time to enjoy the car and enjoy each other's company.

It is the car that brings us together, but the fellowship and camaraderie is the glue that keeps us coming together for events and joining in keeping the club alive. I have been a member of a number of car clubs, but this club has always had the best group of people.

Many of our tried and true events will continue, but also look for Larry to introduce some new ones. Perhaps just as we enjoy our tried and true Zs, Nissan is working on introducing a new one soon. Please continue to watch the club website and facebook page for additional club information and other fun related items. Social media has evolved to be the place where you can keep up on more of the happenings in real time as there is only so much that the newsletter can present. Many more event pictures are always on the web, and

some events or updates and changes come up only after the newsletter is published. So regularly check the club website and follow us on facebook!

Best wishes to Mad Mike as he rehabs from a hip replacement.

~ Jeff

Larry Klem, V.P of Activities

Welcome everyone to a new year for Windy City Z Club (WCZC). As your new V.P. of Activities I'd like to first introduce myself then delve into some thoughts for the 2016 season. My name is Larry Klem and being relatively new to the club I hope to continue the traditional events while expanding the opportunities for us all to enjoy the camaraderie of our club and the joy of our Z Cars. My love of the Z started with my Senior Prom in 1978, I borrowed my brother's 1978 Silver 280Z and absolutely loved the car.

Then in the fall of 2014, after looking for seven years, I found a 1977 Datsun 280Z (little 2 seater sports car) that was worthy of restoration and voila, instant winter project. Granted it only took 37 years to get around to having my own Z car but the wait was well worth it! After a lot of help from friends and about 800 hours of labor I got the initial restoration done in time for the 2015 car shows. I say "initial" because as many of you can attest to, with a 40 year old Collector Car, the restoration process is never completely done.



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PAST EVENTS

Midwest Z Heritage Fest - Like I mentioned, as a first year member, every event was new to me. I have to say, I was singularly impressed with all the events I attended. The Midwest Heritage Fest was well organized and well run, from Friday's Pre-Show activities to the actual show to the Awards Dinner, the

event was a wonderful indoctrination to the club and a total immersion in the Z-Culture. This year's show will be held in June in Ohio. More information on that show will be forthcoming. It is always a good idea to routinely check the club's website

www.WindyCityZClub.com or our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/Windy-City-Z-Club-222962014507319> for current news and event updates.

International Z Car Convention: Several members traveled down to Memphis for ZCON last July, pictures of that event are posted on the WCZC website and more information [and registration] is available at <http://zccazconvention.com/conventions/2016/>. From what I heard it was hot and interesting.

FUTURE EVENTS

January Meeting: - Sunday Jan. 10th 2016, 6:00pm at Buena Beef Restaurant, 305 E. Army Trail Road in Glendale Heights.

Chicago Auto Show - Monday, February 15th will be our annual visit to the Chicago Auto Show. Continental Nissan will be providing us with some free tickets. More details will be forthcoming via an Evite email.

Upcoming Potential Events - see the WCZC calendar for upcoming events

Cruise Nights - As the local schedules are announced we will be exploring WCZC participating in some local "Cruise Nights" including Lisle, Plainfield and Downers Grove. We will find out the "Import" nights and update you as information becomes available.

OTHER POTENTIAL EVENTS

Road America's Hawk Challenge Vintage Car Festival - I will have my RV parked outside turn 14 for this event; there is plenty of parking available next to the motor-home so we could easily put together our own Z Car paddock and BBQ! Several Z's raced at this event last summer and did quite well! On-Track Touring is available and on Friday night the police escort the race cars from the track to the emptied streets of Elk Hart Lake WI for a car show. Saturday night is the Concours de Elegance show on the same streets, there are a lot of million dollar cars to see, and occasionally a Z! Specific information is available at: <http://www.roadamerica.com/buy-tickets/the-weather-tech-international-challenge-with-brian-redman-presented-by-hawk-vintage-cars.html>

Hot Laps: We are also looking at some opportunities to let our cars breathe a little. One needs to blow out the carbon in the cylinders every once and a while. I'd be interested to know how much interest club members have in this type of event, please let me know.

Contact Information

Again, as this off-season progresses we will be better able to determine dates and potential events. Keep an eye on the club's website for updates. We will send out updates and evites as information is gathered. Please don't hesitate to shoot me a note on other events you'd like to see or ways to improve the activities we've traditionally held. My e-mail address is LPKlem@FleetGPSsolutions.com or give me a call at 630.915.1799. I look forward to another great WCZC summer, see you there.

~ Larry

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We welcome your photos, articles or Nissan news of interest! Please send them by the 10th to wczc.editor@gmail.com. When submitting photos, please indicate the event and day.

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Windy City Z 2016 Events Calendar

Date & Event	Venue	Contact & other info
Jan 10 – Z General Meeting	Buena Beef at 305 E. Army Trail Road, Glendale Heights, IL	Larry Klem 630.915.1799
Feb 15 – Chicago Auto Show	McCormick Convention Center Chicago, IL	
May 7 – Under The Dome Car Show	Bridgeview, IL	
May TBD – Spring Fling		Weather permitting
May 29? – Sandwich Car Show	Sandwich, IL	
June TBD – Midwest Heritage Z Fest	Ohio	
Aug 2-6 – ZCON (Z Car Convention)	Toronto, Ontario	
Aug 14 – Montgomery Fest Car Show	Montgomery, IL	
Aug TBD – Z's in the Woods		Barb & Dave Jarrell's home
TBD – Cantigny Car Show		
Oct TBD – OctoberFest	Continental Nissan	
Oct TBD – Fall Fling		
Nov TBD – WCZC Birthday Party		



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280ZX _____

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