

WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

Turtle Wax Tech Session

June 3, 10AM

See Evite

TBD

Spring Fling

Details to follow

Z Dayz

May 17-21

North Carolina

Branson Z Fest

May 31-June 3

Branson, MO

See full schedule on page 4, for details

The President Sez

Jeff Pleiter, President



Five WCZC cars and 7 members/spouses/friends attended the Z Attack 2017 event, in Franklin Tennessee just south of Nashville. I had my eye on going to this event for a while and was finally able to attend this year. It generally has been held every two years and hosted by the Middle Tennessee Z Club (MTZC) but was not held in 2015 because they hosted ZCON that year. Talking to the president of their club, he was not sure it would continue - this might have been the last year.

I drove down on Thursday to extend the event and make sure I was there in time to attend the Smyrna Assembly plant tour on Friday afternoon. Walt Kreitling and I traveled down together on Thursday and on Friday morning before the plant tour we took the Z cars just out of town to the Natchez Trace Parkway. What a beautiful road! Smooth pavement, curvy road and beautiful scenery. Weather was good in the morning, traffic was almost non-existent and we were not held up at any time by another car. Not super fast as the speed limit was about 40 to 50 mph, and we were warned that the police like to lie in wait.

Following the drive we went back, met up with Jim Leutgens, another WCZC member who was a founding member of the MTZC. We then went out to lunch with the owner of Crawford Z Car service and the head of the MTZC. The official events started with the Smyrna Assembly plant tour. Keith and Ree Keca joined us there, on the narrated tram ride through the plant. 6 million square feet (137 acres) under one roof - they assemble Altima, Maxima, Pathfinder, QX60, Rogue, Pathfinder and Leaf here. If you have never taken an auto assembly plant tour, try to

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Free 50th Anniversary Z Poster from FactoryNissanParts.net

www.factorynissanparts.net/blog/free-z-car-generations-poster

Tips to get your car ready for spring, from Iron Gate Motor Condos

irongatemotorcondos.com

Cantigny Car Show Registration is open



May 7th meeting at Sand Bar

Photo by Jim K

Activities

Larry Klem

Well hello fellow WCZC Members, this year is something different when it comes to club activities. The club is using a distributive approach to activities planning; any member can propose and oversee any activity. Aside from the obvious reduction in work load for any one member we hope to entertain more and diverse activities overall. This will only work if you pitch in. I've taken on two events this year:

Upcoming: Import Night @ Westmont's Cruisin' Nights Event

Thursday, August 3 from 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM

Main Street (Case Ave.) (Enter North of Pot Belly's Bar) _At 5:45p they will be closing off Main Street South of Pot Belly Bar, enter from the North or better still enter Main St. from W. Irving St.

An Evite is out for this event, the City of Westmont is working with us to reserve spaces so an accurate count of cars is needed, **please RSVP to the Evite as soon as possible.**

Past: Track Night at Blackhawk Farms Raceway. SCCA extended the club a discount and three Z Cars enjoyed this event. Mike P. with his spectacular Dark Silver 260Z did well in the novice group while Al C. cruised the track during pace laps. Glenn J. and I ran in the intermediate group in which Glenn smoked the track and me. Z Cars are made to be driven and this is one way to really get a feel for your cars. We did garner much attention with our Z cars and members from up north showed up as well. Watch for other Track Nights that might be scheduled for this season and remember you can just show up and do pace laps for free.

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Member of the Month

Jon Millan, New Member

I'm Jon Millan and I am one of the newest members to join WCZC. I'm from the southwest burbs and I currently have two z-cars. I have a 1973 240 Z that I am currently restoring and I have a 1972 240 Z that's a resto-mod. The 72 is powered by ls6 with a 6 speed manual transmission, with upgraded suspension, bushings, and brakes. The 73 has been torn down to repair rust. I look forward to meeting everyone and going to future events.



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The President Se Z

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find time to do so. It's fascinating how the combination of robots, men and other machines turn out cars.

Weather for the drive back to the hotel turned to torrential rain where you could barely see where you were going. After a short rest, we headed out to the Lane Motor Museum for a BBQ dinner and a tour of the museum. This was one of the main reasons I wanted to attend this event. In addition to having private access to the main museum, we were given a private tour of the basement. The Lane Museum is filled with an interesting group of cars, including a large number of micro cars, rare and one-off cars, and oddball cars and other mostly European vehicles. The basement, which is not normally open to the public, hosts an equal number of these cars, their restoration shop, and in a back room the Nissan Heritage Collection. Nissan's collection include a number of significant cars such as 10th Anniversary, the first truck off the Smyrna Assemble line, the pre-350Z concept, Peter Brock and Paul Newman race cars, concept cars etc. Glad I had a chance to do this tour.

Heading back from the museum, more heavy rain and traffic. Quite a few accidents over the weekend, on the roads due to the rain. To my knowledge, no Zs wereS involved. Rain was pretty much a constant from about noon Saturday to Sunday morning.

Saturday brought the car show, which was moved due to rain into the parking garage at Nissan's headquarters, instead of out on the lawn. There were about 90 or so cars of all generations, with a large number of first generation cars. Nissan opened their headquarters lobby where Nismo branded merchandise could be purchased and the cafeteria was available for lunch. A large number of Raffle prizes were awarded. Thanks to all the sponsors who donated! People's choice trophies were awarded. Jim Leutgens and I were fortunate enough to bring home trophies. The orange concept Z, and Mr. Ks own Z car were at the show, as well as the GTR patrol car and various current Nissan and Infiniti vehicles. That's about all for the Z Attack report.

The next event is Turtle Wax Tech Session on June 3 at 2250 W Pinehurst Blvd in Addison. Ty Ozgen is still chasing details down for start time. Keep an eye on the website, facebook page, and Evite for more details. We'll also send out an email.

We are still looking for a VP of Activities, but in the meantime various members are picking up events. See Larry Klem's article for info on past SCCA Track Night at Blackhawk Farm Raceway and future event at the Westmont Cruise Night August 3.

ZCON is June 20-24 in Austin Texas,

Midwest Z Heritage Event is July 21 in Springport Michigan. I don't have the details yet, but I heard the information was posted, and I'll see if I can track it down.

We'll see if we can squeeze in a Spring/Summer drive in there somewhere as well.

More and more the WCZC latest info is being put on our website and Facebook page, so to keep up to date with the WCZC please visit our pages, as we post information and photos there on a timely and sometimes real time basis.

Activities

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Mike Phillips

I have been a member of the WCZC for 1 year. I have a 1974 260Z 2+2 and on Thursday 5-4-17 I went to my first Track event ever. To say it is a rush is an understatement. It took me nearly 2 hours, after the event, to settle down. I was very curious as to the limits of myself and the 260, and as luck would have it I was able to go to Blackhawk and test it out. I was very impressed with the car and it handled much better than I expected. As the sessions went on, I got more and more comfortable. By the end of the 3rd session, I was pushing the car hard and she really didn't mind. I was able to pass a few cars and was passed by a few. It was an exceptionally well run event and



even though I was in a novice class, the sportsmanship of all the drivers was great to see. After the event I learned that better brake pads, stickier tires and maybe newer springs (instead of the 43 year old ones) will make the car more competitive. I cannot wait to go to another track day. Special thanks to Glenn Johnson and Larry Klem for their help and guidance. Till the next time,

WCZC 2017 Schedule of Events

For more information, contact Jeff Plieter, unless noted otherwise.

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details
June/July		Spring/Summer Fling	TBD	Details to follow
May 17-21		Zdayz	Fontana Village Resort, NC	Zdayz.com
May31–June 3		Branson Z Fest	Branson, MO	bransonzfest.com
June 3	10:00AM	Turtle Wax Tech Session	Turtle Wax	See Evite, contact Jeff P.
June 3	9:00AM	Supercar Saturday	Arboretum of Barrington	supercarsaturdays.com
June 20–June 24		Z Con	Austin, TX	www.zcon.org See evite, contact Jeff P.
July 1	9:00AM	Supercar Saturday	Promenade, Bolingbrook	supercarsaturdays.com
July 21-23	9:00AM	Midwest Z Heritage	Springport, MI	See evite
TBD		Joint Event with St. Louis		TBD
July 20-23		Vintage Races	Road America	Details to follow
August 3	9:00AM	Supercar Saturday	Arboretum of Barrington	supercarsaturdays.com
August 3	4:30PM	Westmont's Import Night	Westmont, IL	See Evite, contact Larry Klem



Blackhawk Track Night Photos by Larry K



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280ZX _____

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