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Upcoming Events

May 19th

Bennett Coachworks

June 12

Tesla Westmont

June

Spring Fling

June 15th

Midwest Z Heritage

September 8-9

Rosemont Car Show

October 16th

Z Con

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The President Sees Z

Jeff Pleiter, President



The weather is finally warm enough to take the Zs out of storage. One of the coldest Aprils is past us. The May 6 meeting at Hardware Sustainable Gastropub and Brewery was well attended. The building is constructed of various recycled and repurposed materials, and much of the food is grown on-site. It was a beautiful day, and Allie and I took the Nismo 350Z out to the meeting. It was nice half hour drive to the restaurant, which is more than it usually takes to our local meeting places. Mostly tollway driving on the way out, which let me get the Z up to speed a bit. After over 5 months, it was great to get out and appreciate how great these Z cars are. The effortless power and responsive handling is the reason we buy and enjoy these cars. After daily driving a Honda Pilot, the Z is a reminder of what fun driving can be. However, the big AWD Pilot serves its purpose of winter warrior, and hauler of people and stuff. The Honda is starting to get the miles piled up after 12 years. I am thinking it is time to get a daily driver Z for the summer and relegate the Pilot to winter and utility duty.

We are still waiting on the next generation Z car, of which there is little but speculation. For now I plan to wait and see. One speculation is there may be a hybrid electric Z. Now some Z enthusiasts may say that a Z can only have a V6, but the hybrid electric technology out there is getting very interesting and I would seriously consider a Z hybrid version. The instant torque from the electric motor is attractive and perhaps some serious electric only operation will be a big fuel saver on the commute to work. We'll see. In addition to Tesla, the big automakers are starting to get some cars out there that are, or will soon be coming, as real alternatives to gasoline for most of your duties.

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Notes

Be sure to send photos of your cars to ZCCM magazine. They are looking for photos of all years, in any condition. Provide name, city, state, model, year, and club affiliation to arts.zccm@gmail.com



May General Meeting

Photo by Jim K.

Activities

Walt Kretzing, VP of Activities



Greetings fellow Z-ites. Spring must be here because we have many May showers. I've seen several robins and most importantly, there was a flock of Z's present, in the parking lot of the Hardware Gastropub on May 6th, for the May General Meeting. Twenty plus members were in attendance and believe it or not, it did NOT rain or present other climatological impediments.

The same cannot be said, for the May 9th Chrome and Coffee at Iron Gate Motor Condos. Thunder, lightning, rain, and forty degree temperatures put an end to the gathering and the planned "Fun Run" before it started. I am not sure what it will take to appease the climate gods (perhaps sacrificing a Corvette?) but it would be nice to actually complete a Saturday event.

On that note, the next event will be the May 19th (I am planning a week long no rain dance) trip to Bennett Coachworks, in Milwaukee. So far we have 7 people and 4 cars, with 4 maybes. I hope we can add a few more by the 19th. We are scheduled for a 10AM arrival. I will be at the Lake Forest oasis, on 294, before 8:30, for anyone who wants to caravan. We will depart at 8:45 AM sharp, to make the approximately 55-minute drive (according to Mapquest) to Bennett's. I will do a dry run this week to check for construction or other possible delays. The address is 1500 N. Fourth St.

Tesla of Westmont has given us dates, for a gathering at their dealership. They have suggested July 11th or 12th. The consensus, at the May meeting, was for the 12th. I have communicated this to them and expect a confirmation soon. This will be a tour of the facilities, product presentation, Q&A, and a ride along. More details will be included in the e-vite.

Our Spring Fling has the possibility of being a marine event, given the amount of rain lately. It will probably be in June. I am looking at two possible destinations: the Farnsworth House in Plano, which would include an expanded version of the canceled "Fun Run" to Sandwich, or a trip to the Lake Geneva area, which will require creating a new route. Stay tuned and watch for the e-vite.

So far we have 12 people and 6 Z's committed for the Midwest Z Heritage Fest, In Nashville, IN. 15 people and 9 cars have said maybe. That would be a great showing for the WCZC and there is always room for more.

A question was raised about the Classic Car Show in September. As it is a two-day event, are we required to leave the cars, at the Stephens Convention Center overnight? I talked to the organizer and yes, the cars would

remain there until the end of the show on the 9th. She was very interested when she found out we were a Z club because "we definitely need some of those cars for the show." She suggested that even a small contingent would be appreciated. We should have further discussion about this, at upcoming events.

Don't forget Zcon, in Atlanta in October. Details are on the WCZC website. I will get an e-vite out soon. That's all the news for now. Hope to see you on the 19th. Stay dry and watch out for congregating animals and big boats.

The President Sez

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If you insure a car with Hagerty, you get their magazine. The latest issue has some very interesting articles on the various scenarios of what the future of driving looks like, with regard to autonomous vehicles. Recommended reading.

In that vein, Walt is arranging an event at our local Tesla dealer, and he may have that date settled for this newsletter. My understanding is that they may do ride alongs that day - no test drives, but they will be taking appointments, to do a test drive at a later date.

Our next event is an open house at Bennett Coachworks in Milwaukee on May 19. He always has some great cars in for restoration and modification and is an expert on the first generation Zs. If you have not been before, I really recommend that you go. The key to getting the most out of this club is participation in the events. I won't be there myself, as I will be watching my son graduate from college.

I hope to see you at the next event after that though!

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Member's Column

Steve Howard, New Member

My name is Steve Howard and I am originally from South Mississippi. I moved to Lockport, IL in 2000. I Work for Citgo Refinery in Lemont. I've always liked the look of the 350Z so when I found a pure stock 2003 one owner, with 74,000 miles in Dade County Florida, I jumped on it.

I bought it with full intentions of making it a "Mustang Killer". I took out the stock seats and put Sparco race seats, 18x9.5 front and 18x10.5 wheels with Nitto tires, carbon fiber brakes, and slotted and drilled rotors. I put a Takeda cold air intake with a Kinetix upper intake, 75mm throttle body and a Borla exhaust. Well after driving it for a few weeks, I decided that it was clearly not going to beat a Mustang or Camaro. So I decided to go with a 10psi Pro Charger and go down the rabbit hole..... oil cooler, 1000cc injectors, E85 conversion, racing clutch, light weight fly-wheel, equal length headers, high flow Cats and probably other stuff I am forgetting. Now last Thursday it was finally time to have it Dyno tuned after 3 months of work.

Unfortunately, after getting it up to 505WHP running 93 Octane, it spun a crank bearing (I hope). So I am preparing to buy new bearings, pistons, connectors, plus whatever else is needed. but I am convinced I can push 600WHP when it's done. So I basically have \$35,000 in a \$13,000 car. But I guess if being cool was cheap everyone would be cool, Right?!?



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WCZC 2018 Schedule of Events

For more information, contact Walt Kreitling, unless noted otherwise.

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
May 19	10AM	Bennett Coachworks Tour	Bennett Coachworks Milwaukee, WI	Evite to follow	Yes
May 30–June 2		Branson Z Fest	Branson, MO	#bransonzfest	No
June 2	9AM	Supercar Saturday	TBD	Supcarsaturdays.com	No
June 10	10AM	Autobahn Track Day & Show	Autobahn Country Club Joliet, IL	Autobahncc.com	TBD
June 12	TBD	Tesla Presentation	Tesla Westmont	Evite to follow	Yes
June	TBD	Spring Fling	TBD	Evite to follow	Yes
June 15–16		Midwest Z Heritage	Nashville, IN	See Evite Midwestzheritage.com	Yes
July 7	9AM	Supercar Saturday	Arboretum of South Barrington	Supcarsaturdays.com	No
August 4	9AM	Supercar Saturday	TBD	Supcarsaturdays.com	No
September 1	9AM	Supercar Saturday	Arboretum of South Barrington	Supcarsaturdays.com	No
September 8-9	TBD	Classic Auto Show	Stephens Convention Center Rosemont, IL	Evite to follow	Yes
September 16	7:30am	Cantigny Car Show	Cantigny Wheaton, IL	Cantigny.org	TBD
October 16–20		Z Con	Atlanta, GA	Zcon.org	Yes



Events and Cars

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May General Meeting



Supercar Saturday



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240Z _____ 300ZX _____
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- Leadership Role

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

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