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James Snyder, Editor

## THE PRESIDENT SEZ Ty Ozgen, President



Dinosaurs are alive and well! I know what you are thinking..... "Come on Ty, this is 2014 and everyone knows that they have been extinct for millions of years." That's what I used to think too but after a recent event I witnessed, I care to disagree. It was a regular day this past March. The sun was out but it was still on the cooler side as I drove home from work that afternoon. It had been an uneventful day, or so I thought. I pulled into the garage like I always do and proceeded to get out, wondering what my wife had made for dinner. I shut the car door and proceeded to walk toward the garage door and then I saw it. Something had exploded on the top of my car. It was a brownish glob, almost like dirt, maybe about 5 inches in diameter that extended to the left rear door and onto the rear wheel. It was disgusting. I had never seen anything like this. Did someone throw a mudball at me? I did not hear a thump. Was it a bird? If it was, this was no ordinary bird dropping. This was something totally different. It must be a creature of unusual proportions. Then it hit me, it must have been a pterodactyl! Nothing else makes sense. I did not recall any large objects flying overhead when I was driving but must have targeted me for some reason. Was my car too clean? Did it think it was prey? Hmmm. I immediately pulled the car back out and rinsed it off before it had time to eat into the paint. Again, it was disgusting. Fortunately I did not note any dents on the roof as it must have weighed a few pounds. In retrospect, I wish I had taken a picture of it or perhaps collected a sample of this excrement for analysis at a lab or something. Oh well, too late now but my eyes are also in the sky now as I drive.



Photo by Ty Ozgen

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We had a great ZGM this month and it was very well attended. We had several new members join us and I invite them to write a little article with a picture of their Z so we can get to know them better. It does not have to be extensive. Jeff has set a wide array of things to do this year and I am really looking forward to these, especially after the winter we had. My Zs have not come out yet but I hope to get them out of their winter hibernation by the end of the month. It has been a long six months since I drove them.

I have to tell you about a story that my office workers found amusing. I don't know about you but I usually have a location I like to park at when I go to work. It is way in the back, away from everyone, in a corner of the lot. No one else really parks there and the office kind of knows it as my spot since I have been doing this for over 18 years now. This past winter this spot was occupied with piles of snow. I guess it was a convenient location for the plows to push the snow and as you know, we had a lot of snow. Anyway, I was parking near this snow pile but now with the weather improving, it has all melted. However, all was not good. This area was full of rocks and debris that was left behind and I was hesitant to park there for fear of a sharp object that may puncture a tire although there was nothing obvious. So what would I do? The rain would not wash it away, unless there was a torrential downpour. So what did I do? I brought a broom. I left it in the trunk and after work

one day I swept all the debris away from my parking area. My area was now reasonably clean to park for the next morning. The best part, no one saw me doing it. Is that normal behavior?



*Photo by Ty Ozgen*

See you at the next event. ~ Ty

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



Last month as I wrote this column on Saturday morning March 8, the snow was coming down again. Today as I start this column it is April 15 and there are a few snowflakes in the air. In fact this morning there was an inch of snow on the grassy areas from last night. Seems like winter just won't give up. However, both Friday and Saturday were wonderful with 60s and 70s and I finally was able to break out the Zs for the first time this year. The weekend before, we had what seemed to be a record turnout of about 22 people for the WCZC general meeting. On April 19, we visited Iron Gate Motor Condos Showroom. The actual condos will start this Spring, with first availability expected in August. It is a very cool concept of a condo that is garage space with a loft above that can be turned into a "man cave". See the photos for a good idea of what the finished product could look like. They sponsor a "Cars and Chrome" event the first Saturday of every month, if you would like to get out there (see below). Following the info session, a number of us went to Two Brothers Brewing in Warrenville for lunch.

As always keep an eye on [www.windycityzclub.com](http://www.windycityzclub.com) and our windy city z club facebook page for info and updates for the following events:

#### **Weekend of May 3 and 4 multiple options:**

**MAY 3-4. THE 8th ANNUAL ILLINOIS RT. 66 RED CARPET CORRIDOR FESTIVAL**  
[www.il66redcarpetcorridor.org](http://www.il66redcarpetcorridor.org)

It is all about family fun on the most famous road in America - Route 66. This year's Red Carpet Corridor Festival will take place on Saturday, May 3, from 8 AM to 5 PM, and Sunday, May 4, from 8 AM to 3 PM. Sponsored by the twelve communities which make up the 90-mile linear museum from Joliet to Towanda, the annual festival invites everyone to experience the good life in the slow lane.

#### **May 3. Torque meet tour**

[www.torquemeetour.com](http://www.torquemeetour.com) Free to entrants and spectators. UTI-Chicago Campus, 2611 Corporate West Drive, Lisle IL 60532. All cars are welcome, although it seems to lean towards the tuner/ lifestyle crowd. Raffle prizes, food etc.

#### **May 3 Bridgeview Under the Dome Car Show**

Inside the Sports Dome, so you can stay warm and dry and protected from the weather, also a craft show. \$15 vehicle entry fee. All cars welcome. Staging starts at 7 am. A number of us had a good time here last year.

Bridgeview Sports Dome  
 8900 South 77th Avenue  
 Bridgeview, IL 60455

#### **May 3: 8:00 am to 12 pm Iron Gate Motor**

**Condos has a "Cars and Chrome" event** the first Saturday of each month.

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

630-945-1085 Meet at the Model office: 1585 Beverly Court 122B, Aurora, IL 60502. This is on the back side of the building.

Unfortunately I have another commitment the morning of May 3 so I likely won't make any of these until the afternoon – Jeff.

#### **May 18 (weather permitting): Spring Fling -**

Currently planned as a variation of the drive from last Spring in the Monroe - New Glarus area. Keep an eye out for more details. Anticipate doing a tour of the New Glarus Brewery (self guided last time I was there). Meet in the parking lot behind our usual Fuddruckers restaurant in Downers Grove at 8 am. We'll go out I-88 to Route 39 to Route 20, then up IL26/WI 69. There is a BP station on IL 26 we'll stop for gas there. We'll do a short country run into New Glarus, and then have lunch.

#### **May 25: Sandwich, IL car show: 8 AM - 3 PM**

42nd Annual Auto Show & Swap Meet Sandwich Fair Grounds in Sandwich IL, 60548  
 Breakfast and Lunch on grounds. Show Cars \$10.00  
 Car Corral: \$20.00 Cars For Sale in Show Area: \$30.00  
 Admission: General Admission Donation - \$5.00  
 UNDER 12 FREE Sponsored by: Silver Springs Chapter Illinois Region AACA. This is a non-judged show-n-shine event, rain or shine, no-preregistration, open to all years and cars – just show up.

**June 13-15. Midwest Z Heritage Fest – Aurora Ohio.** A good group of us will be attending. Website for the event, including hotel information is at [www.midwestzheritage.com](http://www.midwestzheritage.com). Schedule is:

Friday

1-8 Registration

2-7 Keg and Clean parking lot party

Saturday

8 am Guided car show parking

10 am Judging starts

ZCCA rules. Stock, DD & Modified

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place trophies

People's Choice: Generation, Engine

Interior, Exterior, & Non-Z

70(!) trophies awarded at the dinner

2:30-5 Road Rally

Awards Dinner

7:30-9:30 Casino Night

Sunday

Departures & Informal Breakfast at Bertram

**July TBD Cruisin' Z USA** We have a new location planned for this.

**July 20 Options:** Trip to Road America Historics and/or Join Central Z Enthusiasts for Car Show in Springfield, IL. Let us know if you like one or the other – we could do two groups based on interest.

**Aug 5-9. Int'l Z Convention San Diego, Cal.**

**September 13<sup>th</sup>, (14<sup>th</sup>: rain date) – Z's in the Wood Picnic** Kokomo, IN Hosted by Dave Jarrell with Indy Z car Club. Plan is for food and a band. BYOB. More details to follow.

**Fall Fling date TBD.** Rescheduled Poker Run put

together by Carl Kush.

As always, we will be scheduling other misc events such as cruise nights and other possible driving events. We are open to event ideas. Email me at [villazx10@comcast.net](mailto:villazx10@comcast.net).

**We will be forming a committee to start planning for our hosting of the 2015 Midwest Z Heritage Fest. Looking for people to plan activities and take charge of various aspect of the show – registration, cars how, other activities, hotel contact, etc. We will start setting up the committee at our April meeting.**

~ Jeff

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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 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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**Boutique**



WCZC patch - \$3/ea

License plate frames - \$3/ea or \$5/pair

WCZC polo shirt - \$30, specify size

Contact Ty at [tmo212@aol.com](mailto:tmo212@aol.com) to purchase

## *Windy City Z 2014 Events Calendar*

Date & Event	Venue	Contact Info
May 3 – IL Rt 66 Red Carpet Corridor	Route 66	<a href="http://www.il66redcarpetcorridor.org">www.il66redcarpetcorridor.org</a>
May 3 – Torque Meet Tour	UTI-Chicago Campus, Lisle IL	<a href="http://www.torquemeetour.com">www.torquemeetour.com</a>
May 3 – Bridgeview Under the Dome Car Show	Bridgeview Sports Dome 8900 South 77th Avenue	
May 18 – Spring Fling	Monroe – New Glarus	Jeff Pleiter - <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>
May 25 – Sandwich Car Show 8-3pm	Sandwich, IL	
June 13-15 – Midwest Z Heritagefest	Aurora, Ohio	
July TBD – Cruzin' Z Show	TBD	Jeff Pleiter - <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>
July 20 opt1 – Road America Historics	Road America	Jeff Pleiter - <a href="mailto:villazx10@comcast.net">villazx10@comcast.net</a>
July 20 opt2– Springfield	Springfield, IL	
August 5-9 – Int'l Z Convention	San Diego, California	
Sept 13, 14? – Z's in the Woods Picnic	Kokomo, IN - Indy Z Car Club	
TBD – Fall Fling/Poker Run		Carl Kush





*Iron Gate  
Motor Condos  
visit  
4/19/2014*

*Photos by  
Jeff Pleitter*





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*presents their 11th Annual*

**"Under the Dome"**

# **CAR SHOW and Craft Fair**

Rain  
or  
Shine

Food

11th  
Annual

Raffles

11th  
Annual

Music



# **SATURDAY, MAY 3rd**

## **CAR SHOW REGISTRATION**

**\$15 per vehicle Entry Fee • Staging Begins: 7 a.m.**

*All Pre-registered Vehicles Receive Participation Award*

**Call Bridgeview Park District 708-594-1818**



## **BRIDGEVIEW SPORTS DOME**

**8900 S. 77th Avenue  
Bridgeview, IL 60455**

## **CRAFT FAIR**

**Crafters & Vendors Invited**

**10' x 10' space on astro turf • No electric available  
Bring Your Own Table & Chairs • Set up begins at 7 a.m.  
FEE: \$20 per space plus a donation for raffle table**

**FOR RESERVATIONS CONTACT:**

**Bridgeview Park District 708-594-1818**



Saturday  
May 3, 2014



Registration Fee:  
\$15.00

Participant Name:				
Address:		City:	St.:	Zip:
Phone:				
Vehicle Year:	Make:	Model:	Color:	
Special Features worth mentioning:				

**Our Car Show is an event to showcase your hard work and craftsmanship. All cars Pre-Registered will be guaranteed an award.**

#### CONDITIONS OF PARTICIPATION

The following are prohibited: alcohol, refunds, For Sale signs, commercial vehicles, tents, commercial displays, early departure, and starting of cars. LIABILITY: In consideration of the right to participate, the undersigned entrant by execution of this entry form, releases and discharges "Under the Dome" car show, Village of Bridgeview, Bridgeview Park District, its officers, directors, employees agent representatives and servants and anyone else connected with the management or presentation of the "Under the Dome Car Show" of and from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgements and /or claims from any cause whatsoever that may be suffered by an entrant to his person or property. Further, each entrant expressly agrees to indemnify the Village of Bridgeview, Bridgeview Park District, its officers, employees, agents and representatives and all other entrants, firms, persons and bodies of and from any and all liability occasioned by or resulting from the conduct of entrants or any participant assisting or cooperating with entrants under the direction or control of entrant. The entrant agrees that by participation in any contest, games, or activities may be limited to vehicles which have met registration requirements.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Bridgeview Park District**  
**8100 S. Beloit~~~~Bridgeview, IL. 60455**  
**Phone: 708-594-1818**





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APRIL 5TH - ORLANDO, FL

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0 DAYS, 0 HOURS, 0 MINUTES AND 0 SECONDS

## OUR PARTNERS

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## THE TORQUE MEET TOUR IS A FREE NATIONWIDE SHOW SERIES THAT WILL BE HELD AT UNIVERSAL TECHNICAL INSTITUTE CAMPUSES AROUND THE UNITED STATES.

The Torque Meet Tour will kick-off in Orlando, Florida on April 5th, 2014, then make its way to Chicago May 3rd, 2014 and concluded in Avondale, Arizona on November 15th, 2014.

**The Torque Meet Tour will be completely FREE to all vehicle exhibitors, spectators and vendors.** Our goal is to provide a safe, friendly and welcoming environment for the car show enthusiast and the automotive community.

The Torque Meet Tour will welcome all makes and models of vehicles, whether you own a tuner, modern muscle, VIP, race car, trucks, or SUV. The Torque Meet Tour will be a melting pot of car enthusiast, and a great place to display your ride completely FREE of charge.

These events will be a place to interact with fellow automotive enthusiast, vendors, and media partners from across the country. The Torque Meet will also be an event where you can check out some of the best built pieces of automotive machinery from within our industry.

If you would like to participate at a Torque Meet Tour event click on the link below to register your vehicle and showcase your ride at one of the Torque Meet Tour events around the Country.

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APRIL 5TH - ORLANDO, FL

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## OUR PARTNERS

### REGISTER FOR THIS EVENT

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EVENT HOST



WWW.PROJECTXCUSTOMS.COM

MAY 3, 2014

UTI - CHICAGO CAMPUS

2611 Corporate West Drive  
Lisle, IL 60532

Visit UTI Chicago Campus Website

### TIMES

11am to 1pm – Vendor and Vehicle Roll in  
1pm to 6pm – Show Hours

FREE TO SPECTATORS

FREE TO EXHIBITORS

FREE TO VENDORS



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## ACTIVITIES

### CAR MEET!

Come on out and display your pride and joy for all to see. Show off all your hard work from the winter, or just come out to meet your fellow enthusiasts and hang out with old friends. All are welcome. The display area is specifically low car friendly! Free raffle tickets to all who register!

### VENDOR BOOTHS!

Check out all the local shops and vendors. Keep up with the latest parts and trends, and meet



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# 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