

WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

June 16th

Cantigny Cruise Night
5pm at Cantigny

June 20th

ZCON
Austin, TX

TBD

Summer Fling
Details to follow

July 21st

Midwest Z Heritage
Springport, MI

August 3rd

Westmont Cruise Night
Westmont, IL

*See full schedule on page 4, for
more details*

The President Sees

Jeff Pleiter, President



The Turtle Wax Tech Session was very successful and highly attended. Turtle Wax provided coffee and donuts for the start of the 10 am session. The event started with some discussion about the new headquarters, about where Turtle Wax was going with various products and new product lines. The next stop was a tour of their labs, where various new product formulations are developed and tested, and compared against competitor products. Testing also included cycling products through hot and cold boxes for testing of the product under summer and winter storage and shipping conditions. Don't worry, the products last for years through those conditions. They also test the products for compatibility with the containers, and at times the product formula has to be changed, as a result. They distribute worldwide, so they also have to make sure the formulas are acceptable to other countries, such as those in Europe. A classroom session followed with more discussion of products and Q&A about what consumers were looking for in products. We were also part of a scent survey where they passed around six jars with various scents and asked our opinions. It could be that the scent of the next Turtle Wax products are at least partially influenced by us. Once we filed back outside, they demonstrated new wax formulations, on a car in the sun to which wax had been applied earlier in the morning. The older formulations were hard to remove from the paint and left a chalkier residue. The new carnauba formulation is easier to remove, even after baking in the sun for a few hours, and had less of that chalky residue. It also left a noticeably deeper shine. These formulas are not out yet, but expect it to be out in 2018. Turtle Wax also provided us with

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It could be you!

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Notes

If anyone has any club activities they would like to sponsor or if anyone would like to volunteer to be VP of Activities, please contact Jeff Pleiter.

Member Lee Regner is looking for front and rear bumpers, for a 1971 240Z. He can be contacted at tregners@aol.com



Turtle Wax

Photo by Jim K

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Members of the Month

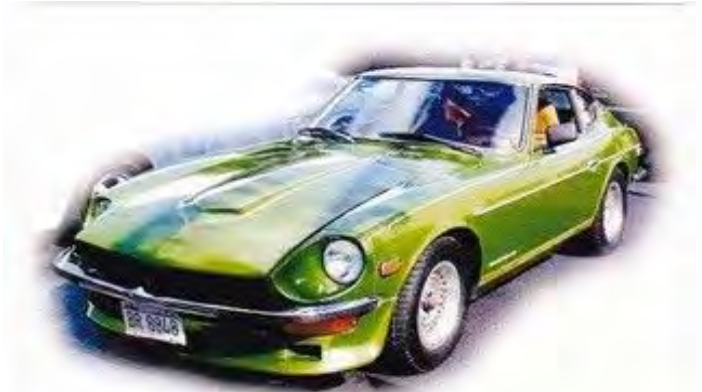
Bob & Marlene Rosecrans



I fell in love with the Datsun 240Z during my stint in the Army in the early 70's. I started graduate school shortly after my Army career and was always looking for a 240Z I could buy at a reasonable cost. My wife Marlene was always supportive in what I still call this craziness. After a couple of years, I found the perfect low mileage, 20k, 240Z but it was green and I bought it anyways. I wanted to learn more about the 240Z so I joined the WCZC in 1976. The group was supportive but during the early years of the club, most activities revolved around racing and frankly Marlene and I could not afford the expense. The 240Z was my daily driver throughout graduate school and during the first years of my profession career and I racked up over 90k on the car. Marlene and I started our family, remained in the WCZC but frankly were not very active. I do recall going on a club cruise to Michigan with Marlene following me in the minivan with our two children (I did say it was craziness)! As our children got older and independent, Marlene and I became more club involved. Marlene and I edited the newsletter for years and we ushered the electronic version of the newsletter, I still remember some membership opposition. I was VP of activities from 2003 through 2008, hosted a number of cruises and activities after my VP stint, active with the Midwest Heritage Fest, attended a number of National Convention, and had the opportunity to drive Mr. K in my 240 Z from O'Hare Airport to the Lake Forest Oasis on our way to Road America.

In 2003 I bought a Performance LeMans Sunset 350Z and essentially drove it as a daily driver. Interestingly, it was Marlene who kept hounding me to buy the car. I really enjoyed the car but without getting into details sold it in September 2016. The 350 had a 160k on the odometer, but won numerous awards at the national level in the daily driver class. Dave Jarrell, a club member in Indiana, decided to sell his 2009 370Z and I bought the car last September. People in the club tell me they're confused when looking for me at events because the 370 is RED and not the Sunset Lemans.

The WCZC has been more than just a gathering of car people, it has been an extended family for Marlene and I. We've shared members' precious moments from weddings to funerals but I guess that's what life is all about. Mr. K said it best, "Love Cars, Love People, Love Life."



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The President Se Z

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seven full size bottles of cleaning products as well as a thank you. Great people.

The next event is Cruise Night at Cantigny on June 16. They are having a cruise night on the 3rd Friday of June, July, and August. Free entry for cruise cars. Food, music, and beverages are available. Start is at 5pm and goes into the evening. Since they have a large parking lot, there should be room enough any time of the night you want to show up.

ZCON is June 20-24 in Austin Texas. I would assume that everyone who is going is already signed up. I will have a report on this in the next newsletter. Also look for my Facebook posts.

Midwest Z Heritage Event is July 21 in Springport Michigan. Getting info and signing up is somewhat difficult as there does not seem to be much clear information readily available. There does not seem to be an event flyer, and they have not put anything on the Midwest Z Heritage Website - it still shows the Ohio info. They created a new Midwest Z Heritage Festival Facebook page instead of using the existing Midwest Z Heritage Facebook page, although they did put a link to their page on it. On their Facebook page is a "shop now" button, which then links you to a page with various buttons where you can buy various pieces of the event, which I will get to in a minute. This appears to be the only place you can sign up and pay for the event as far as I can tell. They don't provide any info on local hotels, and the only time info is that the track is available from 10 am to 3 pm. So here is the basic info from the buttons (as near as I can tell): The basic admission cost appears to be \$15. Car show is another \$35, and the track is available for \$50 - which gives you two 10 minute sessions, with 4 cars on the track. You can also buy a separate pit access pass if you are not driving. There are also two packages which combine parts of the above. A VIP Pass for \$75, and a Z Heritage Festival package for \$130 which seems to include VIP tent and the catered dinner. If you are not on Facebook, as near as I can tell, you are out of luck to register. I'll see if I can find out more. If anyone else can find better info, let me know and I will share it to all.

Westmont Cruise Night is August 3. We'll see if we can squeeze in a Summer drive in there somewhere as well.

More and more the WCZC latest info is being put on our Evite, and 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.

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New WCZC shirts can be ordered directly from Cherokee Rose Embroidery. 630.941.3305. See the WCZC Website, for more information



Post Turtle Wax Lunch



Photos by Jim K

WCZC 2017 Schedule of Events

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

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details
June 16	5:00PM	Cantigny Cruise Night	Cantigny Park, Wheaton	Cantigny.org
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
TBD		Summer Fling		
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	4:30PM	Westmont's Import Night	Westmont, IL	See Evite, contact Larry Klem
August 5	9:00AM	Supercar Saturday	Arboretum of Barrington	supercarsaturdays.com
September 17	9:00AM	Cantigny 17th Annual Car Show	Cantigny Park, Wheaton	Cantigny.org



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(____) _____
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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:

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- ☐ 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 contact 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

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION