

# WCZC News

## Newsletter of the Windy City Z Club

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### Upcoming Events

#### April 8th

General Meeting  
Manny's Ale House

#### May 6th

General Meeting

#### June 15th

Midwest Z Heritage

#### October 16th

Z Con

### The President Sees

Jeff Pleiter, President



Our next event will be a general meeting, which will be held on Sunday April 8<sup>th</sup>. As April 1<sup>st</sup> (noted in the last newsletter) is Easter Sunday, the meeting is moved to the 8<sup>th</sup>. See the Evite and Walt's column for meeting location and other upcoming events.

As noted in last month's column, the Midwest Z Heritage Show will be hosted by the Indy Z Club and will be held in Nashville Indiana on Friday June 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>. Registration is now open and the form can be found on the event website and is also included in this newsletter [www.midwestzheritage.com](http://www.midwestzheritage.com). I encourage you to RSVP, on the Evite, so we know who is going.

The host hotel is The Season's Lodge ([www.seasonlodge.com](http://www.seasonlodge.com) and 1-800-365-7327). There is a group rate of \$109, and you need to call to get it. I believe that if you check via their website, it shows as sold out for those dates. With regard to my suggestion of attending an extra day to make this more of a weekend vacation, I found that Thursday night is not available due to another event. Sunday night is available and is \$10 cheaper than the group rate (\$99), so my current plan is to stay all day Sunday after the event and leave on Monday.

Event registration is also now open for the International Z Car Convention which will be held October 16-20 this year, in the Atlanta area. The website is [www.zcon.org](http://www.zcon.org), and registration for the convention and the hotel is now open.

Many of you have heard that my father passed away in February. While he had been having some chronic health problems, his passing was not expected. It happened fairly quickly - less than a week passed between landing in the hospital for

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New Member's Survivor

Photo by Dan M.

### Notes

Our deepest sympathies to Jeff Pleiter, on the loss of his father.

## Activities

Walt Kreitling, VP of Activities



Greetings fellow Z-ites. I write this from Fountain Hillis, AZ where I am on assignment (also known as vacation) studying the desert varieties of Nissan Z's, as well as other automotive species. Car shows abound here so there are several each weekend. I will post pictures on the web-site, at a later date.

With regard to activities, in the immediate future the next event will be the April 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting, at Manny's Ale House in Elmhurst at 6PM. So far 11 members have confirmed and 4 are maybes. That leaves 51 members who have not replied so the number of attendees could increase. Hopefully the April weather will cooperate. I've been monitoring weather trends back home and it appears that, climatologically speaking, things are not too bad so perhaps this trend will continue and we will even have a few Zs at the meeting.

I have had conversations with Bennett Coachworks, about a visit to their facility in Milwaukee, and they are all in favor of it. That will be the first item of business when I return on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. If April works for them, it would be at the later part of the month. Watch for the evite.

Beyond April, I am working on a possible Tesla event-details later. There a couple of interesting brew pubs, in my neighborhood, for a General Meeting or a destination lunch, after Coffee and Chrome at Iron Gate, or just a casual drive and gathering. Beer Garden season will be here soon. I am also researching new routes/destinations for the Spring Fling. Better weather and salt free roads loom on the horizon!

Further out you should have all received the e-vite for Heritage Z Fest in Nashville, IN. Thus far 5 have confirmed and 17 are maybes. There is potential for a very good WCZC showing. Keep in mind that there is a plan for WCZC activities before or after the event. See Jeff's column. Don't forget the National Z Con, in the Atlanta, GA area October 16 - 20. You can register and get more information via the links on the WCZC website.

Until April 8<sup>th</sup>, keep the faith that spring will arrive soon and we will see you at Manny's. I will try very hard NOT to have a tan!

Z U later.

## The President Sez

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emergency surgery and his passing away. The family will miss him. I am glad to say that there was nothing negative left between us or anything unsaid. I encourage you all to remember to connect with family and friends and resolve those outstanding issues if you can and make sure they know you love them. After all, it is the relationships we have that bring us the most happiness, and all these Z cars we enjoy are just a means to enjoying life with friends.

As you might expect my attention has been elsewhere recently than on Zs and the club, but things are slowly getting back to normal and with the weather starting to turn I hope to get a Z out for a drive and have more Z related news for you in the next newsletter.

Keep an eye on our Website and Facebook page for other updates.



## Member of the Month

Dan Maguire, New Member

Hi, I'm Dan Maguire, a new member of the WCZC from Wausau, Wisconsin. I've owned exactly one Z-car, a 1978 280Z. I bought it after my college graduation in 1982 in Texas, and it has since taken me to live in Delaware, Minnesota and two cities in Wisconsin. Back then I was looking at British sports cars but I wanted something I could drive often and work on occasionally, and the British cars seemed to get that ratio upside-down. Plus, I was completely taken by the long hood short deck proportions and the inline 6 that would pull hard from way down the rev range. The car was originally factory yellow but a misunderstanding with a body shop that repaired some minor damage resulted in primer yellow. Oops. I have never gotten tired of the Z-car's looks. My wife Barb and I took this car on our first date and both our daughters learned to drive stick shift in it. The clutch survived, mostly. From being "Daddy's special car", they both drove it to their senior proms, their boyfriends not knowing how to drive stick. The girls still drive stick shift cars today and their husbands don't know how.

I started out as a mechanical engineer but transitioned to teaching math, physics and engineering. Now I teach data analysts, in the health care world, how to use their computer programs. I was a pretty good mechanic on flat-four VWs but I haven't done any serious work myself on the Z. If I had the good sense God gave an avocado I would give up on this one's many needs and spend far less money on a better example, but it is a member of the family with too many associated memories. The car didn't get much attention while we were raising our family and now it needs a lot more than just TLC. I look forward to going on outings with you all, enjoying our cars, and learning how, and where, to find the expertise to attend to my car's many needs. The body is straight and has very little rust on the rocker panels. Everything else can be fixed, right? Let's start simple, with an engine rebuild. Any advice you have is welcome, you can only learn so much from YouTube videos. See you at Z events!



## WCZC 2018 Schedule of Events

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

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details
April 8	6PM	General Meeting	Manny's Ale House Elmhurst, IL	See Evite
May 6	6PM	General Meeting	TBD	
June 15–16		Midwest Z Heritage	Nashville, IN	See Evite <a href="http://Midwestzheritage.com">Midwestzheritage.com</a>
October 16–20		Z Con	Atlanta, GA	Zcon.org



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## Events - 2017 Year in Review

Photos by Members



Auto Show—Where's the Z?



Coffee and Chrome—Chateau Ty



Turtle Wax



Manny's Ale House



Westmont Cruise Night



Glendale Heights Car Show—A Z Sweep





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## Information and Registration Notes

- The Midwest Z Heritage for 2018 will be hosted by the Indy Z Car Club and will be held in Nashville, IN, June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- The Seasons Lodge (560 State Rd 46) will be the host hotel for lodging, the car show and the awards dinner. Reservations should be made directly with the hotel at 1-800-365-7327 and mention the Midwest Z Heritage to receive the group rate. Rooms are limited so book early. As an alternate, the Brown County Inn is just down the road (1-800-772-5249).
- Included herein is the Registration page for completion and return to the host club.
- The Primary Registration includes the Awards Dinner, Goodie Bag, Suds-N-Shine, Car Show entry, maps for cruising Brown County, and T-Shirt for the Primary Registrant.
- Guest registrants can be added to the Primary Registration for inclusion in the planned activities. The Awards Dinner and a T-shirt can be added for Guests for \$30 and \$20 respectively. Please check the boxes and select the shirt size.
- The event will need knowledgeable volunteer judges. Please indicate if you are willing to serve as a judge and which generations you have knowledge.
- Send completed forms and a check made out to Indy Z Car Club addressed to our club treasurer: Ellis Hines at 9809 Northwind Dr. Indianapolis, IN 46256.
- Registration forms and payment need to be postmarked by May 20<sup>th</sup> to ensure T-shirt availability.
- Z cars can be entered into one of three judged categories (Daily Driver, Stock, or Modified) by generation or into the non-judged Open Class category. We are also inviting other Datsun / Nissan / Infinity sports cars to participate, which should be entered into the Open Class category. In addition to the 18 judged awards, there will also be an overall show People's Choice award as voted by each primary registrant.

1st Gen 70-78 240/260/280Z (S30)  
4th Gen 90-96 300ZX (Z32)

2nd Gen 79-83 280ZX (S130)  
5th Gen 2003-08 350Z (Z33)

3rd Gen 84-89 300ZX (Z31)  
6th Gen 2009-18 370Z (Z34)

Daily Driver -- Mileage in excess of 75k, can be personalized with aftermarket parts but limited horsepower upgrades.  
Stock -- Will be judged based upon originality (exactly as shipped from factory) and condition.  
Modified -- Significant personalization, customization and performance enhancements.

**[www.midwestzheritage.com](http://www.midwestzheritage.com)**





Nashville, Indiana - June 15-16, 2018

Primary Registrant: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size (Circle): S / M / L / XL / XXL / XXXL

You may add guests in conjunction with a primary registration for either the awards dinner and/or t-shirt:

Guest #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Awards Dinner (\$30) \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle): S / M / L / XL / XXL / XXXL

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Guest #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Awards Dinner (\$30) \_\_\_\_\_ Shirt (\$20) \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle): S / M / L / XL / XXL / XXXL

Car Show Event: Vehicle #1: (Year/Make/Model): \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Judged Car Entry ☐ Daily Driver ☐ Stock ☐ Modified

☐ Open Class (non-Judged)

Vehicle #2: (Year/Make/Model): \_\_\_\_\_

\$20 / additional entry

☐ Judged Car Entry ☐ Daily Driver ☐ Stock ☐ Modified

☐ Open Class (non-Judged)

Volunteer to help Judge (Circle): Yes / No Generation most knowledgeable \_\_\_\_\_

Calculate your Event Fees :

Primary Registration Base Fee (at \$80) \$ 80

Guest Awards Dinner (\$30 per).....

Guest T-Shirts (\$20 per).....

Additional Car Show Entries (\$20 per) .....

**REGISTRATION FEE TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Waiver and Release from Liability** -- I agree to fully indemnify and hold harmless the organizers of the 19th Midwest Z Heritage Show (including, but not limited to members of the Indy Z Car Club Club) for or in any claim, loss, damage, injury or liability that may be asserted as a result of participating in the event known as The Midwest Z Heritage Show held on June 15 and 16, 2018. I am solely responsible for any damage or injury as a result of my actions. The foregoing covenants of exculpation and indemnity are intended to be and are complete, general and without restriction and include but are not limited to negligence or willful, reckless or wanton activity. I further agree and warrant that my car will be operated by a licensed driver, that the driver will comply with all applicable provisions of the Indiana Vehicle Laws and that appropriate levels of liability insurance are in force on the vehicle meeting or exceeding all Indiana statutory requirements.

Registrant Printed Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday (Mo/Day) \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Dual Member's Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

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280Z \_\_\_\_\_

370Z \_\_\_\_\_

280ZX \_\_\_\_\_

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- ☐ Leadership Role

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