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Upcoming Events

May 6th

General Meeting

May 19th

Bennett Coachworks

May

Tesla Westmont

May/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



WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE STATE OF ILLINOIS CAR REGISTRATION FEE FROM \$101 TO \$587?

That headline caught your eye didn't it? Your first thought probably was the same as mine: Why haven't I heard about this? And then: What is this going to cost me based on the number of cars in my family? Will this apply to the antique plates on my Z? When does this go into effect? Maybe this is one more reason to leave this crazy state of Illinois.

OK, now read this sentence: State of Illinois proposes to raise car registration fees from \$101 to \$587. Now go back and read the headline. See the difference, and how the meaning changes based on the location of the words? I am on Facebook primarily to administer the club's Facebook page to get our presence out there on social media. The headline appeared as part of my Facebook feed and my mind ran first to the series of questions. Then quickly, as a follow up to the question "Why didn't I hear about this?" I dug further into the comments and did a web search. I found out that this was not proposed by the State, but by some sort of environment think tank or institute (I don't remember who it was). Their idea was to increase the registration fee to pay for road improvements. They also had the idea to add \$0.85/gallon tank for the same purpose. So as always it pays to dig past the headlines on Facebook to determine what is really going on.

It did get me to thinking though, what if it was true and the State was going to implement the higher fee? With five cars between three family

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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



April General Meeting

Photo by Jeff P.

Activities

Walt Kreitling, VP of Activities



Greetings Fellow Z-ites. I hope you have enjoyed spring. I case you missed it, it happened on April 12th and was over on April 13th. I actually drove my Z out of the garage and on the streets for a few hours. Now, however it's hibernating again.

We continue to plan anyway, safe in the knowledge that spring will eventually arrive. On a brighter note we did manage to have an April General Meeting without significant interference from Mother Nature. 16 people were present at Manny's Ale House in Elmhurst. A number of activities were discussed/planned and listed in approximate chronological order below.

4/14 - Iron Gate Motor Condos Chrome & Coffee. Described on their website as "returning outside", the idea was a welcome but a bit optimistic. Weather forecast required that I send a somewhat pessimistic evite and as it turns out virtually everyone was as pessimistic as I was and the weather on Saturday justified our suspicions. Rain followed by high winds and 30 degree temps were discouraging to all. I'm not sure how many attendees were there but I don't think any WCZC members were.

5/6 - WCZC May General Meeting. The May General Meeting will be held at the Hardware Brewery and Gas-tropub, 2000 W. Orchard Road, North Aurora. Please note, due to popular demand, the meeting will begin at **5:00pm, not 6:00pm**. Hardware is a fairly new establishment (3 years) and is unique in that all building materials are repurposed, they grow all of their own greens, smoke and prepare their meats, brew beer on the site, which includes a proprietary hop farm. An Evite has been sent, which includes directions.

I am in discussion with the Tesla Dealer in Westmont about an evening presentation to WCZC members, which would include information, question/answer, rides, and an opportunity to make an appointment to drive a Tesla at a later date. I had hoped to have more details for this report but their events coordinator has been otherwise occupied. As soon as I have firm date and other details, an Evite will go out. At this juncture I anticipate a May date. Stay tuned.

Bob Bennett of Bennett Coachworks in Milwaukee has invited us to an "open house" of his facilities in Milwau-

kee. Coffee and donuts, a tour of the shop and other entertaining and enlightening automotive information will be provided. Tentative date is May 19, 10:00am. More information will be forthcoming soon in an Evite.

Please do not forget the Midwest Z Heritage Show in Nashville, IN at the Season's lodge. Complete information is on the WCZC website and more information can be obtained at www.midwestzheritage.com, www.seasons lodge.com. I would recommend that you make your hotel reservations now. There is a block of rooms set aside for Z owners so be sure to identify yourself as a Z Heritage attendee.

WCZC has been invited to participate in the inaugural Classic Auto Show at the Stephens Convention Center on September 8-9, 2018. It is anticipated that this event will draw 20,000 enthusiasts, 660+ cars and 50 car clubs. It is like and event in Los Angles that has been very successful and is a great opportunity for us to showcase our club and our Z cars. They are offering free space and no vehicle entry fee for car clubs and owners through June 30th. Car Cubs are listed on the event website and show guide etc. Watch for the Evite.

Another "Don't forget" is Z Con in Atlanta, GA on October 16-21, 2018.

Other possibilities that are being investigated are the Geneva Concourse in Geneva, IL on 8/26/2018, which has an area for car clubs, The Elburn Lions Car Show and Destination Cruise/dinner in Elburn, IL on 9/30 -10/1, 2018, and assuming that Spring does in fact get here we will do a Spring Fling. More on that later.

As always, if you have suggestions or ideas for events please let me know. Email - hierbinich@mchsi.com.

Think Spring!



The President Sez

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members, that would cost me over \$2400 per year. Is that enough to piss me enough to move out of state? Probably not on its own, but with the way the State is now, and with other things going in on my life, it could be another straw (the last straw?) on the camel's back and it could be time to consider moving.

Maybe if they actually spent it all on the roads, then that might make it worth it. The road in front of my house is terrible. I've lived here 27 years or so, and it has never been repaved. What aren't potholes is patch upon patch. Butterfield Road on my way to work seems to be a series of speed bumps, and when they "fix" them, it just makes them worse. Part of the company I work for does roadway design for IDOT and the Tollway. If the additional fee money could bring in more work, make our company busier and more profitable - and fix the terrible roads in Illinois and in front of my house that would be a big plus.

I could probably offset the cost by buying an electric car or hybrid as my daily driver. My Honda Pilot is getting up in years and mileage, so it won't be much longer before I need to replace it. Perhaps the next Z will include a hybrid version. I would buy that.

It would probably be good overall for the environment by forcing a gradual increase in fuel efficient cars and perhaps less cars on the road. Less carbon footprint, less carbon in the atmosphere, slow down of global warming, etc.

One bad thing, is that the fee would make cars less affordable for lower income people, squeezing them more and perhaps taking them out of car ownership altogether, loss of job because they can't get to work. Maybe people would register their cars in nearby states under a family or friends address. Would some people get rid of their cars? Maybe more older cars would end up in the junk yard as people reduce the number of cars to save money. Companies with fleets of cars would see yearly costs go up dramatically. Maybe you can think of some other impacts or unintended consequences.

It is April 19 and there was snow on the ground when I woke up. I still have not got the Z's out this year, but it looks like the forecast is for the next 14 days is to have highs in the 50s and 60s. I am going to be brave and take the snow tires off the Honda tomorrow. Maybe I can even get a Z out this weekend.

Next general meeting is on May 6, and the new place Walt has chosen for the meeting looks very interesting. Hope to see you and your Z there.

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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 6	5pm	General Meeting	Hardware Brewery and Gastropub North Aurora, IL	See evite	Yes
May		Tesla Presentation	Tesla Westmont	Evite to follow	Yes
May 19	TBD	Bennett Coachworks Tour	Bennett Coachworks Milwaukee, WI	Evite to follow	Yes
May/June	TBD	Spring Fling	TBD	Evite to follow	Yes
June 15–16		Midwest Z Heritage	Nashville, IN	See Evite Midwestzheritage.com	Yes
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



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Past Events - 2015 Midwest Z Heritage

Photos by Jim K





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Occupation _____ Birthday (Mo/Day) _____ Shirt Size _____ Dual Member's Birthday _____ Shirt Size _____

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 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

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- Autocrossing
- Trips-Touring
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- 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

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