

WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

August 18-19

SSCA Track Day and Show

Autobahn, Joliet

August 25th

Summer Fling

Laurent House

September 16th

Cantigney Car Show

October 16th

Z Con

Atlanta, GA

See full schedule on page 5 for more details

The President Sees

Jeff Pleiter, President



We are past mid-summer, and while the days are shorter, the temps are still up there. We just completed the last event. The DeKalb Area Agricultural Heritage Association organizes a tour of historical barns each year. It seemed to be a new excuse to get our Z cars out for a drive with some interesting stops along the way. We all met at the start of the tour at the Paw Paw Township/Rollo Town Hall. Walt had already scoped out the driving roads and identified the gravel roads we wanted to avoid. With 8 barns on the tour, that knocked out barns 7 and 8. He had also strategically decided to go to barn 6 first and then do the route backwards. This worked out well, as it sounded like some of the barns had some parking gridlock early in the day.

Barn 6 was built in 1905 by an Irish immigrant and was used extensively for farm use, for most of its life. The current owner is a retired UPS worker and keep the homestead, barn, and 18 acres as a hobby farm. Detailed information on the history of the barns and the current and previous owners was provided in a booklet included as part of the tour, as well as on posters at each site. This location had very friendly owners who told us that barn tours drew enthusiasts much as house tours and cars clubs do. People come from neighboring states and they expected a bus tour later and also a set of Chinese students. There were also a number of serious photographers. Some of the barns were still part of working farms and one had been turned into an antiques and collectible store. The tour was well organized, with crafts, product such as honey and maple syrup, and food available at the stops. I think everyone had a fun time, although with the temps hitting the upper 80s, in early afternoon we were happy to end the tour at 6

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Please send any event suggestions to Walt. He would also appreciate help in organizing and shepherding the events.



Photo by Jim K.

Activities

Walt Kreitling, VP of Activities



Greetings Fellow Z-ites

Where did the summer go? August already with warm/hot weather and not too much rain, so definitely time for some road trips. On August 11th, 11 WCZC members, who are also closet aficionados of rural architecture, braved the wiles of DeKalb County and joined several hundred tourists to view 6 historical barns in Paw Paw township. Every one met at the Rollo Town Hall on Suydam Road, to collect our maps, guide books, travel instructions, and fun run "Paw Paw Township quiz". For example, "The first settlers arrived in Paw Paw Township in what year?" Answers were located on signs at each farm, in this case 1834. In addition to seeing more corn and soybean fields than you can imagine, we met some great people who were rightfully proud of their occupation and history. We heard some interesting stories and travelled some fabulous country roads - some of which were gravel! This reduced our agricultural review to 6 of the 8 farms on the tour. Two of the barns were at the end of long gravel roads and we thought better of traveling them. For we suburbanites it is hard to imagine there are still unpaved roads, but once you're west of the Fox River they are plentiful.



Of course the stars of the show were the barns and no two were alike. Probably the most unusual was a red octagonal shaped barn. It was multi-purpose for keeping animals and crops and was also a 3 story grain elevator. The ingenuity of construction given the time period was remarkable. The barn tour is a yearly event and should not be missed.

After the tour we adjourned to Leland, IL, population 1200 (it's not far from Earlville and Shabbona) for lunch at Maddie's Place. A small, family owned bar which reminded me of any number of similar small town bars which are plentiful in Wisconsin where I grew up. Friendly, full of local inhabitants but welcoming to strangers and offering plenty of food and interesting libations.

The next road trip is the "Fling" (late Summer) to Rockford where we will visit the Laurent House, on August 25th. It is a Frank Lloyd Wright designed home owned by a former WWII pilot and his wife and it is unlike other FLW houses. Mr. Laurent was wheel chair bound and the house was designed expressly to facilitate his circumstance. It has one floor, all doorways are extra wide, the FLW designed furniture is lower than standard furniture so Mr. Laurent would not have to look up at guests and all rooms were organized so that he would not have to back up anywhere. It is unassuming on the outside but very much a FLW design on the inside. We are fortunate because the Foundation who now owns and manages the House has essentially given us a private tour for public tour price.

The route to the house is through rolling countryside and on 2 lane roads with light traffic and very few stop lights (until we get to Rockford, of course). After the tour we will head to the Hope and Anchor English Pub for lunch, which is a short drive from the House. After lunch we will return along the Rock River on Hwy 2 to Oregon, IL and then return on Hwy 64 to the Aurora area. Check your Evite for more details.

That covers current events. There are some new events to discuss as well. As I am sure you are aware, the Chicago Classic Auto Show at the Stevens Convention Center is cancelled. While planning our participation in the Barn Tour I received a phone call from Jessica Saberi, the contact from the Show, informing me that the organizers were postponing the show until next year. According to Jessica they hadn't started planning the Chicago show early enough and were not getting the kind of response from sponsors that they needed for a successful event. This was fortuitous because I then would not have to cancel our participation in the event. There were only 2 members who agreed to commit to the show and I did not feel that was adequate to cover a show of 2 days' duration. I still think our participation is a good idea but now we have time to discuss this as a group, in our general meetings, and organize it better. Maybe next year.

For any of you Track Jockeys, there is another opportunity to test your cars mettle (and yours as well) at Autobahn Country Club on August 18th. Check the banner on the WCZC website and you can get even more info from Glenn Johnson. There is also another show and parade

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Member's Column

Harry Michas, New Member

Hi my fellow Z lovers. My Name is Harry Michas. I've been a Z lover since the early 70's. I used to have a Black Pearl Edition 1978 Z car back in the day and a two tone blue and silver Z right after that. I am retired now and I have acquired two Z's very similar to the cars I owned back in the late 70's and early 80's. I have a 1978 280Z two seat four speed and a 1981 two seat 5 speed. The 1978 is all original except for the paint job, the carpeting, the radio and the after market sunroof. The 1981 is all original with only 30,000 original miles on it.

It's obvious that I am deep into originality when it comes to my choice in cars. I have owned the 1978 for ten years and the 1981 for two years. The 1978 car has about 84,000 miles on it. The 1978 is an undercoat car which has kept it from rusting away. Both cars are very enjoyable to drive, with very little in the way of upkeep problems. It seems like so many more people are interested in the 1978 even though the 1981 is in far better original condition. It seems like everybody has had one of these cars at one time in their life and love to reminisce whenever they talk to me. I live in the near northwest suburbs of Chicago and I look forward to meeting and talking to more Z people in the club.



The President Sez

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barns.

We selected one of the booklet advertisers for lunch. Maddie's place in Leland was nearby, air conditioned, and had good food. The burgers were large 10 oz and looked good. I went with the Fat Boy BLT and a cold beer.

Thanks to Walt for his work putting together this event. Walt sent out the Evite for the drive to the Laurent House on August 25. Hope to see you there. Ty gave me the latest ZCCM hard copy magazines. I'll try to remember to bring some along. Let me know if you want copies or any of the club merchandise such as license plate holders.

A couple more items.

Mike Gordon would like to attend ZCON in Atlanta and is looking for someone to share costs to trailer their car down for the event. Contact him at mrmikegordon@comcast.net.

I have one garage space opened up and available for Z car storage. It is in a detached garage adjacent to my house where I store my cars. It is not heated or airconditioned, but it is locked and you can get in and out anytime with sufficient notice, usually a day or two beforehand. \$65 per month for Z club members. Call, email or talk to me, if you are interested or would like more details.

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lap event, on the following day.

If you enjoy truly Classic Cars in an elegant environment, the Geneva Concours (genevaconcours.net) is taking place on August 26th in Geneva, IL on Third St. South of Main (Roosevelt Road). This is an invitational event that draws some fantastic, often seldom or even never seen automotive sculpture to the area. In addition, there are great restaurants immediately adjacent to the cars and also several excellent purveyors of ice cream and gelato as well (All Chocolate Kitchen should not be missed). One of our own member's Z, namely Bill & Cheryl Opperman's 240Z will be featured in the Concours as well. Congrats to them and well deserved. Yet another reason to attend.

Last but not least, on the 16th of September Cantigny will host the annual Car Show at Cantigny Park. Currently limited to 400 cars, it is a rain or shine event, early bird registration (on line) is available until September 9 (\$15), on line until Sept. 15 (\$18) and \$18 at the gate on Sept. 16th. The parking fee is included and there are 98 awards to be presented at 3:00pm. Food, Music, Gardens and Museums available. An Evite is forth coming, watch for it.

Looking forward to seeing y'all at any and all the events.

Best RegardZ



Supercar Saturday

August 4, 2018

Photos by Jim K.

WCZC 2018 Schedule of Events

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

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
August 18th		SSCA Track Day	Autobahn	Glenn Johnson	
August 25	9AM	Summer Fling	Laurent House Rockford, IL	See Evite	Yes
September 1	9AM	Supercar Saturday	Arboretum of South Barrington	Supercarsaturday.com	No
September 16	7:30am	Cantigny Car Show	Cantigny Wheaton, IL	Cantigny.org Evite to follow	Yes
October 16–20		Z Con	Atlanta, GA	Zcon.org	Yes



Z Events

DeKalb County Barn Tour Photos by Jim K.



Children of the Corn

A Few New Members



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 280ZX _____

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- Hosting a club event
- Customizing
- Committee Volunteer
- Club Representative
- 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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