

WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

March 3, 2024

General Meeting

April/May 2024

Spring Fling

TBD

May 29, 2024

Branson Z Fest

Branson, MO

August 16, 2024

MZH

Michigan

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The President Se^Z

Ty Ozgen, President

Is it spring yet? I don't know about you, but I am ready for some nicer weather. I know our winter started relatively mild, but certainly with the cold and snow it makes a person yearn for the nice weather. Then there is all the salt on the roads eating away all the metal on the cars. I have seen that happen personally on my 1983 280ZX Turbo when I first got it back in the mid 80's. It was my daily driver in the Chicago area for many years and I saw how little by little the rust was starting on different panels of the car. I tried to keep on top of it using rust inhibitors and other preventative measures but once it starts, it starts. Japanese cars from that era were known for rust. It was a great car though in the snow, even with regular all-season tires. The car heated up very quickly. The only issue I can recall is when it was way below freezing it would not start at times. I was told it was from frozen fuel lines. However, since I had the car exterior restored in 1995, it pretty much has not seen any inclement weather at all.

Our beloved Z is selling rather slowly in my opinion. This past quarter, Nissan sold 462 of them. That is 1,771 in 2023. Compare that to the Rogue at 271,458 last year. I have read different articles as to why they are not selling. Some say it's just the times when everyone wants an SUV. Others state it was the dealer markup that hurt sales. Do you recall the \$50K dealer markup? Then we have the high interest rates for car loans that certainly can add up for a car that starts at over \$42k. Then it may come down to availability. At the time of this article, there are 484 new Z's for sale in the US. Compare that to 1,568 Nissan Rogues. It's not just the Z. Even the Supra sales are low, or perhaps dropping is the right word.

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Auto Show

Notes

Next Meeting

**March 3rd at
Manny's Ale
House**

The President Sez

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They sold 2,652 in 2023, down from 4,952 in 2022 and 6,830 in 2021(peak sales)!!

Nissan Division 2023 year-end highlights:

- Sales of the Rogue were up 45.6% for the calendar year.
 - Sales of Sentra were up 41.6% for the calendar year.
 - Sales of the three-row Pathfinder crossover were up 23.9% for the calendar year.
- Sales of the Kicks were up 21.8% for the calendar year.

What about the older Z's you ask? I'm glad you asked. Just recently, at the Mecum Auction in Kissimmee, a 1981 280ZX turbo with only 31 miles (serial # 00001) just sold for \$165k!! A '72 240Z with 54k miles sold for \$72k. A 1980 Tenth Anniversary with 15 miles sold for \$93.5k. I'd say they are doing well!!!

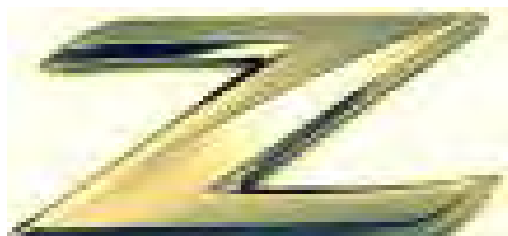
As far as the club, many of you should have received the renewal notice in the last month. If you recall, we will all be renewing our memberships in January. This was voted on by the members last year. If you have not paid the dues for this year please do so. You may use PayPal on the Windy City Z Club website. If your membership was paid up until 2024, you will renew next January. Please let me know if there are any questions regarding this.

We had an excellent meeting a couple of weeks ago. This was our first of the year. It was quite well attended, and as always, the food was delicious. The major topic of the meeting was our schedule for upcoming events during the next several months. We are working on setting them up and will hopefully have them on the calendar very soon. This should give everyone plenty of notice. Of course, we are always looking for volunteers to help. Let me know. Our next meeting is Sunday, March 3rd. An Evite has been sent.

The Chicago Auto Show is now in the past. After all the holidays are done, it is something I look forward to during the winter. We always go on a Monday with the club. It just so happens it fell on my birthday this year. Not a bad birthday present. One would wonder if I would buy myself a present but with 3 kids in college, it's not very likely. Many thanks to Scott Gabrenya from Woodfield Nissan for supplying us with discount tickets for the event as well as former club president Stan Beckman, who also gave us some tickets. The overall show was much smaller this year as they were only using one section of the event hall as opposed to two sections for the

display area. Many major brands were absent, including Mercedes, Cadillac, Lincoln, Porsche, Audi, as well as a few others. It's not clear exactly why but I'm sure finances had something to do with it. Not only that, many of the restaurants in the building were closed. It was a ritual that I would go to McDonalds for a quick junk food binge around dinner time, but it had closed several months ago. I know what you're thinking - a doctor eating at McDonald's but what can I say, I'm human. Of course, Nissan was there. They had on display their bread-and-butter cars such as the Rogue, Sentra, Kicks etc but we of course had our eyes on the new Nismo Z, which looked absolutely stunning. I really liked the subtle changes on the NISMO. I did not feel it was overdone at all. The personnel working at the Nissan display were all very knowledgeable and friendly. They were very happy that we as a club were there supporting them and they gave us our own personal time around the roped-off Z. They even gave us a goodie bag with T-shirts, sunglasses as well as key chains. Thank you.

Even though the event was smaller in general, we still had a fun time looking at everything. Of course, there were rides with electric cars from several manufacturers but in my opinion, good old-fashioned gasoline is still the way to go at this time. They have been perfecting them for over 100 years. Who knows what the future will bring us. Z ya at the next meeting.



WCZC 2024 Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
March 3, 2024	12PM	General Meeting	Manny's Ale House	Ty Ozgen Evite sent	Yes
April/ May		Spring Fling	TBD		Yes
May 29, 2024		Branson Z Fest	Branson, MO	Bransonzfest.org	TBD
August 16, 2024		MZH	Michigan	Midwestzheritage.com	TBD
September 9, 2024		ZCon	Tampa, FL	Zcon.org	TBD
September 2024		Cantigny Car Show	Wheaton, IL	Jim Koolish	Yes
November 9, 2024	6PM	WCZC B-day Dinner			Yes

Store

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WCZC Activities

General Mtg. and Chicago Car Show photos by Ty O. and Glenn J.





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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 _____

NISSAN Z _____

How did you hear about our club? _____

Membership \$30.00 per year: New memberships due at time of joining. Renewals due January 1st of every year:

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

27447 S. Wildwood Drive, Monee, IL 60449

Your membership packet will be sent to you by return mail within two to four weeks

OR

- 1: Download form and print or save. 2: Attach completed form and email to: membership@windycityzclub.com
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