

WCZC News

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Upcoming Events

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Start Linda's Z

Monee, IL

May 18, 2025

Spring Fling

Montgomery, IL

May 28, 2025

Branson Z Fest

Branson, MO

June 21, 2025

Cars and Coffee

Calibre Coffee

July, 2025

Picnic

TBD

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The President Se^Z

Ty Ozgen, President

As I write this article. I had to think twice when the first day of spring came around because I woke up to 2 inches of snow on the ground. After many days of reasonable temperatures, I thought the snow was behind us. Not only that, I thought the salt on the road was behind us, but since we live in the Chicago area, anything is possible. At least most of it had melted by late afternoon. The warmth of the sun and the longer days certainly helps out. Not only the snow, the rain the day before was rather unusual. I had our new 2024 Nissan Sentra at work. It was perfectly clean when I got to work that morning. When I left that afternoon, it was as if somebody dumped dirt all over the car. Apparently we received this "dirty" rain, which just absolutely made the car look filthy. I don't ever recall having this type of rain before. It truly was covered with dirt! Did anyone else get this? I was able to wash it the next day but even then I don't feel I got everything off like I prefer. (The dirt came from wildfires and dust storms in New Mexico)

Since our last newsletter, we attended the 2025 Chicago Auto Show. Many thanks to Scott Gabreyna of Woodfield Nissan. They were able to get us discount tickets to the event once again. Thank you. As always, I look forward to the auto show. It tends to break up the long winter but once again I was disappointed overall with the venue. It just seems to me they keep getting smaller and

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Wheel Repair Tech Session

Notes

Register for the Geneva Concours. Form is attached to this newsletter

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smaller and less ‘pizzazz’. It appears that manufacturers are pulling away from doing these kind of events, due to cost-saving measures. In talking to some of the workers there, the Chicagoland dealers were the ones who wanted to bring their cars in for display to the public. Thank you to them. However, my overall impression is that it’s just not as lucrative. I have been known to go back a second time through the years but once was good enough for me this year. Again, many electric vehicles were on display. Most of the rides they were offering were of the electric variety as well. I did take advantage of a couple of them. Instant torque was certainly fun to experience with these cars. I know they keep trying to improve on them, but we shall see what the future holds. The other thing I noticed was that the restaurants in the facility are no longer around. No McDonalds, Connies Pizza or even Starbucks? What is going on??

As far as Nissan, they did have a Z present in “Bayside Blue”, beautiful as always. Of course, we gathered around it as a club and took pictures. Many other Nissan vehicles were also displayed, including the new Armada, Kicks and Murano. In talking with the Nissan product specialist, they were no more aware of Nissan’s future than what we know and read online. They did make a comment that not having a hybrid can dissuade potential buyers from buying their products. I think they are still negotiating with Honda, from what I read. We shall see what will eventually occur.

We also had a chance to visit **Wellis Alloy Wheel Repair** a few weeks ago. Many thanks to Warren Ellis, the owner of this business for talking to us about wheel repair as well as refinishing/painting. He truly was passionate about what he does and it shows. He demonstrated some of the equipment they have ifor repairing wheels of all shapes and sizes. We were all very impressed. If you recall, I have been there several times through the years to have my rims fixed and they do a great job. Same-day service on several occasions. He had asked me to

bring him a bent rim for demonstration purposes. Of course, I already had one from my ‘83 280ZX turbo. This particular rim was bent probably 30+ years ago as I tried to avoid an accident and hit a curb. The tire did not blow. However, the rim was quite bent, and I have not used it since that time. It had been sitting in my attic collecting cobwebs until I brought it to his facility. He was able to fix the outer lip of the rim which obviously was bent, but he stated that the center portion of the rim was actually bent as well and would make it very difficult to repair adequately without possibly cracking the rim itself. I asked him not to worry about it as I was not using it anyways. Back to my attic it goes.

With regard to the ZCCA, I attended a Zoom meeting with other Z club officers from around the country a few weeks ago. There’s a lot of exciting Z events happening across the United States this coming year. These include the Texas Z Fest, East Coast Z Nationals, ZdayZ, Branson Z Fest, but unfortunately no Midwest Z Heritage event. MZH involves rotating amongst five different Midwest Z clubs to host a three day event. If you recall, we last hosted it in 2022. A Z club in Detroit was supposed to host it last year, but it fell through. I’m not quite sure if that club even exists anymore to be honest. It appears now only two of the five clubs are interested in continuing this event, so at this point, it is not happening. Our rotation would not be until 2027 if I recall properly. We can discuss if we will continue to host or not. It is unfortunate, as it has been going on since 2003. I was at that one in Indianapolis. Time will tell.

A very exciting event will resurface this summer called the **Z Rally Across America**. This was only done once back in 1995, prior to the car convention in Atlanta, Georgia. It involved driving several Z cars from different clubs and organizations in a Z pattern across the United States and ending up at the ZCON convention. I do not have all the details as far as the exact dates for this year, but the journey will start three weeks prior to ZCON 2025 in Nashville, which is in September. We will be in the first leg of the “Z” so that puts us at the end of August roughly. It will come through the Chicago area from Iowa on the way to Cleveland. Our responsibility would be to get Z cars to leave from a site here in the Chicagoland area to Cleveland. Our Z club did participate in

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this back in 1995 and it was really a cool event. I also was fortunate enough to see the final leg of this event as it ended up at the ZCON host hotel in Atlanta for the convention. Just a beautiful array of Z cars in a parade-like setting with Mr K coming out of the last Z. What a sight!! I will keep you posted as we get more information.

Last but not least, the granddaddy of them all. **ZCON 2025.** Location: Nashville, Tennessee. Dates: September 8-13, 2025. Expectation: Awesome!! This is the one you want to go to. Only an 8 hour drive from Chicago. It appears Nissan likes to host the convention every five years at their headquarters here in the States. Even with their financial troubles, they are still a strong supporter of this event. I have talked to several people who already are planning on attending, including yours truly. If you remember, I got a small taste of it this past September in Tampa. I flew out just for the car show and came back. So much more to do than just a car show. Will I be showing my Z? Most likely. Which one? Probably the 1990 300TT. This car has been to many conventions through the years. Including the 1995 event in Atlanta that I talked about earlier as well as the convention up in Kingston, Ontario in 2021 to name a few. This latter event, my wife was pregnant with our first one. If you haven't already registered, please do so and definitely reserve a room at the host hotel. I suspect we will caravan down there as a group, but more information will be passed along as it gets closer.

In closing, we have a great club with a lot of history. It is spring and we will be having many different types of events this year so get your Z ready and "Enjoy the Ride"!!



Wheel Tech Session

WCZC 2024 Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
April 26, 2025	TBD	Start Linda's Z and General Meeting	Mike Phillips House	Evite to follow	Yes
May 18, 2025		Spring Fling	Montgomery, IL	Evite to follow	Yes
May 28, 2025		Branson Z Fest	Branson, MO	Bransonzfest.org	TBD
June 21, 2025	8AM	Cars and Coffee	Calibre Coffee South Barrington	Evite to follow	Yes
July (TBD)		Picnic	TBD	Evite to Follow	Yers
July 19, 2025		Road America Historic Races	Elkhart Lake, WI	Evite to Follow	Yes
August 16, 2025		Road America GT-4	Elkhart Lake, WI	Evite to Follow	Yes
August 24, 2025		Geneva Concours	Geneva, IL	Genevaconcours.net	Yes
September 8, 2025		ZCon	Nashville, TN	Zcon.org	Yes

Z Store

Contact Ty at tyozgen@gmail.com to purchase

License Plate Frame

\$3 ea. or 2 for \$5



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



March General Meeting at Manny's



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Windy City Z Club has many sponsors. Most Nissan dealers will provide a discount when asked. We recognize and thank the following companies, for providing constant support to the club, our members, and the national Z community. Please let us know, if you think your company should be on this list.

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An advertisement for Woodfield Nissan. The background is a collage of images: a close-up of a driver's hands on a steering wheel, a blue Nissan Z car driving on a road, and a yellow Nissan Z car parked on a road with mountains in the background. The Nissan logo is in the top right corner.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Date: _____, 20____

Name _____ Dual Member's Name _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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 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 1-year or \$50.00 2-years. New memberships due at time of joining. Renewals due January 1st of every year

I AM INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING:

- Autocrossing
- Trips-Touring
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- Car Restoration
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- 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
3. Use the PayPal button on the home WCZC web page to send in your Payment



Geneva Concours d'Elegance
***** Car Club display area *****
Sunday, August 24, 2025

The Geneva Concours Committee is inviting the members of local collector car clubs to take advantage of our special display area reserved for car clubs and their members' collector cars. This reserved display area is located behind the Old Kane County Court House on Third Street and is adjacent to the official Concours site.

Our Car Club Display area has become a popular addition to the Geneva Concours experience. Come spend a relaxing day in Geneva. You will see spectacular cars surrounded by wonderful shopping and fantastic restaurants of all kinds. Plus, you do not want to miss the special Awards ceremony at 2:30 pm which is narrated by the renowned automotive historian, Bob Joynt.

All cars must be pre-registered because space is limited, so early registration is strongly recommended. This special display area is available to collector car clubs and members only. Please check with your car club to meet their individual club criteria.

Your car must be in place by 9 am and remain until 4 pm. The Geneva Concours d'Elegance opens to the public from 10 am to 4 pm and will take place, rain or shine, on August 24, 2025. There are no refunds after your registration check is tendered.

Registrations must be post marked by August 13, 2025. We are not accepting e-mail nor faxed registrations.

- Car Club display area registration fee: \$25.00 per Vehicle.
- Registration forms are available at www.genevaconcours.net or contact us.

To guarantee your parking place, mail your *Registration* and check made payable to the Geneva Concours d'Elegance, NFP to:

**John Barrett, Registrar
Geneva Concours d'Elegance, NFP
1238 Willowgate Lane
St. Charles, Illinois 60174**

Phone: 630-584-3107 E-mail: johnb@genevaconcours.net, pattb@genevaconcours.net

The Mission of the Geneva Concours d'Elegance is to produce the best classic, exotic and race automobile event that showcases the heritage, artistic and engineering significance of the automobile in the surroundings of historic Geneva, Illinois. The Beneficiary of this year's event Northwestern Medicine Living Well Cancer Resources Geneva. Your registration fee may be tax-deductible as provided by law. Geneva Concours d'Elegance, NFP, is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization that is registered in the State of Illinois, FEIN-02-0804081.



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2025 Car Club Registration Form

Please print:

Car Owner's Name _____
last first
Street Address _____
primary secondary
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Telephone _____
home cell
E-mail address _____

Vehicle Information

Year _____ Make _____
Model name _____ Exterior color _____

Car Club Information

Name of Car Club _____ Club-Region _____
Club Contact _____ Contact-Number _____

Concours Car Club Guidelines:

- **Car Club display area registration fee:** \$25.00 per Vehicle.
- A registration guarantees a reserved parking place in the Car Club Display Area.
- For everyone's safety, please park your car by 9 am and remain parked in the area until the official closing of the event at 4 pm.
- Please, no *for-sale signs*, tents, advertisements, displays or illustrations without the prior written consent and authorization of the Registrar.
- The Concours will take place, rain or shine, on Sunday, August 24, 2025.

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- **Release of Liability**

The undersigned, desiring to enter and participate in the Geneva Concours d'Elegance and related activities to be held August 24, 2025, does hereby tender his/her Registration.

In consideration of acceptance by the Geneva Concours d'Elegance of this Club Registration, the undersigned, on behalf of themselves and all others participating in this entry, does hereby: (1) release the organizers of the Geneva Concours d'Elegance, their appointees, representatives, agents, and volunteers from any and all liability arising out of said event; (2) release Northwestern Medicine Living Well Cancer Resources and its officers, employees, and volunteers from any and all liability arising out of said event; (3) release the City of Geneva, Kane County, Illinois and their officers, employees agents, servants and assigns from and all liability arising out of said event; (4) release sponsor companies and their employees, vendors and other exhibitors from any and all liability arising out of said event; (5) warrant that the undersigned has personally read the rules under which said event will be conducted, and will abide by said rules; (6) gives permission to use enclosed vehicle information, as well as any photographs, for publication and program inclusion. Please provide proof of vehicle liability insurance by completing the insurance information below.

I have read the above and accept the terms and conditions:

Owner's Signature _____ Date _____

Car Owners Insurance Carrier _____

Policy Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Car Club Members:

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Mail your registration to:

Geneva Concours d'Elegance, NFP
1238 Willowgate Lane
St. Charles, Illinois 60174

Upon receipt of our car club registration form, we will send you a letter of acknowledgment along with directions to the Car Club Display area.

Visit www.genevaconcours.com for more information. **Thank You.**

