

WCZC News

Newsletter of the Windy City Z Club

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Upcoming Events

April 26, 2026

*General Meeting
Manny's, Villa Park*

May 2, 2026

*Spring Fling
Route 66*

May 30, 2026

*Tech Session
Turtle Wax*

July 12, 2026

*Annual Picnic
Warrenville IL*

September 21–26, 2026

*ZCon
Phoenix, AZ*

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The President Se^Z

Ty Ozgen, President

I think we found ourselves a new home. After years and years of searching, something seems to have fallen into our lap. It seems that for as long as I've been president of the Z club, (too many years) we seem to get several questions about getting cars worked on and who we would recommend. Not just club members, but also people who have a Z car that needs work. With the newer cars, it's pretty much a no-brainer. Most Nissan dealers still work on the "newer" Z's, specifically the 350Z, the 370Z, and of course the new Z. They are not that "old" and current technicians are most likely quite versed in their repairs. The tough part is our older Z's. From the 1970s to the 1980s. With carburetors, early fuel injection systems, no fancy computers nor sensors. Those are the ones that are tough to work on. 25 years ago, there were two shops in the Chicago area that worked on our older Z's. They no longer exist. I'm sure in other locations like California and Florida there are shops that work exclusively on older Japanese cars. We are not so lucky, at least until now.

Late last year at our Octoberfest Z car show at Woodfield Nissan, we had a non-member attend with their 280ZX. A father and son duo. They were quite proud of their car and recently had some work done on it through a repair shop in Elk Grove Village. The name of this shop is Up Garage. They were quite please with the work they had done. As a result, Bob Rosecrans, Jim Koolish and I went to visit this place to meet with the owner Yoshi Aizawa. A very soft spoken individual of Japanese descent. We told him about our Z club and how many of our members with older Z's are looking for somebody to work on them. He said he would be interested in working on our cars. We asked him if he

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Notes

Bring your Z to the April 26th meeting and park in the east remote lot.



The President Sez

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would like to have an open house for us to introduce him and his facility to our club. He politely agreed and viola, it happened last month.

We had a very good turnout that day, although it was on the cool side. We had 3 Z's show up and everyone else had their daily driver. Yoshi talked about his upbringing and how he moved around when he was younger. He talked about how he got into cars and many of the different car-related titles he had. He has owned Datsuns through the years as well as Z's. He started this business Up Garage about 10 years ago and from the looks of it, he has been doing quite well. Many different cars of all makes and models were in his shop. One of our fellow members John Kouns, already had his 280Z in the shop to get it road worthy after years of hibernation. Yoshi said he would be the primary person working on the Z's as he knows them quite well. Somebody in the crowd asked if he works on the Z32 models and he kind of smirked and said "yes, but the engine bay is so tightly packed" they are very difficult. After all the questions were asked, they treated us to lunch, which was an unexpected surprise. They ordered several pizzas for us as well as shrimp cocktails and sandwich wraps. What a generous group of people. Not only were we satisfied in finding a repair facility for our older Z's, but our stomachs were content as well. Thank you Yoshi, for your hospitality. I'm looking forward to bringing my older Z's there to get a few things looked at that I have put off for several years.

Our recent club meeting was quite well attended. John Kouns was kind enough to bring out another assortment of Z die cast models for us to view. Thanks!! We have some great events planned for our summer season and are in the process of working on others. Our next meeting is on Sunday the 26th of this month, at Mannie's Ale House. (Evite has been sent out.) If the weather cooperates, bring your Z. We can hang out in the remote parking lot afterwards. I know many people have gotten their Z's out of storage already. Me, not yet but I sure do miss driving them.

On Saturday, May 2, we are setting up a spring fling drive along Route 66 which is celebrating its 100th birthday. Route 66, otherwise known as the "Mother Road," was established on November 11, 1926, and stretched 2448 miles. It starts right here in the Chicago area and goes all the way to Los Angeles crossing eight states

along the way. A lot of history there. An Evite will be coming out shortly. Rain date would be Sunday the 3rd.

On an interesting note, Omaha's Supercar Saturday banned all Nissan and Infiniti cars powered by the VQ series V6 engine for the 2026 season. The reason behind this was due to reckless driving, burnouts and safety concerns. These include the 350Z, the 370Z as well as the Infiniti G35, G37. Not sure why they did not include other products or cancel the show. I know here locally they used to have a Supercar Saturdays at the Bolingbrook Promenade, which was a wonderful event, but it was canceled entirely because of these reckless driving incidents. Again, it makes me wonder why they chose these particular products. Any idea??

Nissan certainly has been making the news lately. Apparently they're going to be 11 vehicles discontinued in their lineup, but specifics were not given. Again, a cost saving strategy to keep them afloat. Although they said the Z will not be one of them, which is good news for us. They are bringing back the Nissan Xterra, which was one of their best-selling SUVs many years ago. Glimpses of the car have been seen online and it looks to be a winner. Nissan reported total US first quarter sales decreased by 7.5% from the previous year while retail sales increased 9.6%. Apparently, that makes six consecutive months of retail growth and is now the fastest growing mainstream brand in the states. They also gained market share, which is important. All that is good news for those of us who drive Z's, as well as other Nissan products. Their best selling product continues to be the Nissan Rogue, which sold over 70,000 units so far this year. As far as sedans, the Sentra is their best-selling car at over 35,000 this year. What about our Z you ask? It has sold 899 units this year. Down 58% from last year. Hmmm

Interestingly enough, I have 2 late-model Sentra's and recently picked up a certified pre-owned 2023 Rogue for the family. So far so good with these vehicles. I did have some concerns regarding the Rogue and some of the recalls on it. Also their issues with the 1.5 cylinder turbo motor, but Nissan has always taken good care of me if I have had problems and I hope they continue to do so. Interestingly, as I was doing some research into the Rogue, I found out that it has a plastic oil pan. I did not know you could do that. Doesn't plastic get brittle over time? But you know what, even the new Z has one. They have a label near the drain plug stating specifically to torque it at 25 foot/lbs. Apparently many do it yourselves as well as quick oil change facilities have stripped the drain bolt on plastic oil pans. Yikes!! You can replace the pans with an aluminum one from what I heard but my concern is will it void the warranty. I am not modifying it. Something to ponder...

WCZC 2026 Schedule of Events

Date	Time	Event	Location	Contact and Details	WCZC Event
April 26, 2026	12PM	General Meeting	Manny's Ale House Villa Park, IL	Evite has been issued	Yes
May 2, 2026	9AM	Spring Fling	Bolingbrook Route 66	Evite has been sent	Yes
May 30, 2026	8:45AM	Tech Session	Turtle Wax Lombard, IL	Evite has been sent	Yes
July 12, 2026		Annual Picnic	Blackwell North Warrenville, IL	Evite to follow	Yes
July 18, 2026		Road America		Evite to follow	Yes
August 23, 2026		Geneva Concours		Evite to follow	Yes
September 20, 2026		Cantigny Car Show		Evite to follow	Yes
September 21, 2026		ZCon	Phoenix, AZ	ZCon.org	
November 2026		Club B-day Party		Evite to follow	Yes

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WCZC Activities

Tech Session—Up Garage Photos by Jim K



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General Meeting Photos by Jim K





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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:

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- Car Restoration
- Road Racing
- Social Events
- Tech Seminars
- Hosting a club event
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- Club Representative
- Leadership Role

If you have any questions concerning these categories, please call one of the Club Officers listed above.

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