

# WCZC News

## Newsletter of the Windy City Z Club

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## Events

### March 12, 2017

General Meeting

Location TBD

### March

Chrome and Coffee

Iron Gate Motor Condo

### April 21-22, 2017

Z-Attack

See attached flyer

### TBD

Spring Fling

Details to follow

### May 17-21, 2017

Zdayz

Details to follow

### June 20, 2017

Z-Con

Austin, TX

www.zcon.com

### Late July

Midwest Z Heritage

### TBD

Joint Event with St. Louis

### July 20–July 23, 2017

Vintage Races

Road America

## The President Se<sup>Z</sup>

Jeff Pleiter, President



Hello all! It is time to kick off a new year of Z events. I am looking forward to getting the Z out this Spring and having fun with all my Z friends. We kicked off the year by reconnecting at the President's Dinner, on January 29 at D.O.C. Wine Bar in Lombard. We had about 25 people attend and we had a great time catching up. We finally were able to give Larry Klem his "Broken Z Award" amid a good natured recount of both his and past recipient's misfortunes. The food was delicious and I think a great time was held by all. Today it is the middle of February, 47 degrees out and we have had barely any snow in the last few weeks. I am tempted to take a Z out for a drive since much of the snow is off the streets - but next week is forecast to be in the 50s, so I think I'll wait until then.



We do finally have a bit of news on the upcoming Z. Not much, but Road and Track reports that the new Z concept will be shown at the Tokyo auto show in October. There is not a lot of detail in the news and no concept photos. If you see any concept pictures on the internet, be aware they are all artist renditions. The following is what Road and Track has shared:

*"It has been more than eight years since the current Nissan 370Z, shown above, went on sale, but Nissan's legendary Z-car soon will get its long-awaited redesign. The first major step will be taken at the Tokyo auto show this fall, where Nissan will reveal the next-generation Z concept, a preview of the production car said to offer several potent power-trains.*

*It is expected that the new Z concept and production car will have similar proportions to the*

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## Notes

- ◆ New shirt order forms (attached) and payment are due to Marlene Rosecrans by February 28, 2017. Shirts will be delivered in April.
- ◆ The new format is a work in progress. Please send comments to [wczc.news@gmail.com](mailto:wczc.news@gmail.com)

## Activities

Kristian Lalik, VP of Activities

Hello Fellow Z Friends! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. It was finally nice to be able to wear my Z ugly Christmas sweater and I had a few co-workers think they were Porsches. Thankfully this winter has been pretty mild. We had a day early in early January where the weather was nice enough to get my car out and cruise around for a bit, with the T-tops down, getting nods by everyone walking around that day. It reminded me how soon spring will be here and I started going over everything I need to do on the cars this year. I still have the old-new 280zx that needs a lot to get running and some minor things for the 300zx. Chances are that I might put it on the market later this year and look for either an older or newer Z, depending on what's out there at the time. (Maybe Jeff will sell me one of his)

As far as monthly meetings, the place I had in mind didn't work out so if anyone has some suggestions let me know. I'm currently trying to get a Portillo's onboard, in time for March 12th.

We do have the opportunity to attend Z Attack 2017 hosted by the Middle Tennessee Z Club and Nissan North America (flyer attached). This will take place Friday and Saturday April 21st and 22nd. There will be a tour of the Nissan facility in Smyrna, the Lane Motor Museum, as well as a car show and catered Tennessee BBQ! More information can be found at <http://www.middletennesseezclub.com>. In addition, there is another show in Lake Delavan, WI at the Lawn Lake Resort. This is something the group has never done before that could be a lot of fun and typically has over 800 cars. The show is Sunday July 9th but they have other events and weekend packages available as well. Information on this show can be found at [carstimeforgot.com](http://carstimeforgot.com). If anyone is interested in any of these events and would like flyers and registration forms, you can contact me at [uprise-inc@gmail.com](mailto:uprise-inc@gmail.com) or 630-818-6136.

## Member of the Month

Eric Kramme, New Member

Erik Kramme retired from the Chicago Board of Education after 35 years. His car is a 1980 280 ZX, 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition, # 616. His son found it many years ago in Western Iowa. It has not been restored and needs very little restoration. He replaced the red leather seats last year. The car came with the original tool kit, original spare tire and inflation canister. It is driven every day, if it is not raining or snowing. The car runs well and easily does 85 mph on interstates 88 and 355. Years ago he restored many other cars including X140s, X150s, an Austin Healey, a T-Bird, etc. In the mid 1980's he owned a 280 ZX. It ran beautifully but had severe rust problems. Two of his children learned to drive a manual transmission in that car. He was happy to find another 280 ZX, in much better condition.



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## The President Se<sup>Z</sup>

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outgoing coupe. The Z will also adopt an edgier styling language, including a gaping front end that takes cues from the latest GT-R facelift, and will ride on a shorter wheelbase courtesy of the Infiniti Q60's FR-L platform.

Of the three powertrains offered, the flagship twin-turbocharged 3.0-liter V-6, borrowed from the Infiniti Q60 Red Sport, is said to punch out a healthy 400 horsepower at 6400 rpm and 350 lb-ft of torque at 1600 rpm; it will be mated to a seven-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission. If this version lives up to those expectations, it could put the Nissan toe to toe with rivals such as Porsche's 718 Boxster S and BMW's M2.

In addition to the entry-level 3.0-liter V-6, generating 300 horsepower and 295 lb-ft, we also hear that Nissan is working on a hybridized model to be introduced later that could make the Z the most powerful in its class. It is expected to employ the same 3.0-liter V-6, teamed with a dual-clutch gearbox and an electric motor producing as much as 160 horses. One source told us that this model's total output could reach an eye-popping 500 horsepower. The new Z is expected to land in showrooms by 2019, with the base model priced in the low-\$30,000 range and the twin-turbo nearing \$50,000."

I won't be making it to the Chicago Auto Show, so you all will need to update me on what you see. I hear Nissan doesn't have a Z there this year. The big focus is the Rogue 1 movie tie-in. I'll see you all at the General WCZC meeting in March. Kristian should be updating you on the schedule, for our next club events in his column.

Some additional regional events coming up include:

**Z-Attack** - put on by the middle Tennessee Z Club. The date is April 21 & 22. See attached flyer, for details

**Zdaysz** - 2017 is May 17 - 21. At least one member has expressed interest in this one.

**Branson Z Fest** is May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Midwest Z Heritage Fest** will be hosted by the Great Lakes Z Club. This is newer Z Club and this is the first time they will be hosting. They said the event will include some track

time. They are working on the details. So far, all I know is it will be in mid south Michigan and one of the last weekends in July.

Please let Kristian or I know if you have interest in attending these.

Of course registration is still open for the **International Z Car Convention** in Austin Texas, to be held **June 20-24**. See [www.zcon.org](http://www.zcon.org) for the ZCON hotel and registration We have a few people who are planning on going. Please let me know if you are also interested in going.

More and more the WCZC latest info is being put on our website and Facebook page, so to keep up to date with the WCZC please visit our pages, as we post information and photos there on a timely and sometimes real time basis.

## Editor's Note

Thanks once again to Jay Weinberger, from Continental Nissan, for providing tickets to the auto show. There was approximately a dozen of the usual suspects joining Ty for the show.

As Jeff noted in his column, Nissan elected not to have a Z in the show. The Nissan staff was peppered with questions from club members, as to why there was no Z. The best answer was that Nissan chooses not to send long in the tooth models to the major shows. We were also told that Nissan, for the past two years, has spent all its' time, money, and energy, on the new Titan. The best guess, on the time frame for a new Z,



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## People

President's Dinner, January 29, 2017 at DOC



Photos by Jim K



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**will be held Friday and Saturday, April 21-22, in the Nashville area**

For those who have not participated in previous ZATTACKs, we promise a fun-filled two days for Nissan fans and gear heads in general. This is a great opportunity to meet members of the Nissan and Z car enthusiast community and also take in the sights and sounds of Music City USA.

The events begin Friday afternoon, April 21 at 3 pm with a tour of the Nissan vehicle manufacturing facility in Smyrna, TN. This award-winning plant produces the Nissan Altima, Maxima, Pathfinder, Rogue, all-electric LEAF and the Infiniti QX60. Annual capacity is 640,000 units. Smyrna tours are limited to 50 people so please register early. Registration for ZATTACK 2017 is required.

Friday evening the Middle Tennessee Z Club will host a catered BBQ dinner and exclusive private tour at the Lane Motor Museum (<http://lanemotormuseum.org>) in Nashville from 6:30 – 9 pm. The Lane houses part of the Nissan Heritage Collection, most of which are not normally available for public viewing. In addition, the museum's eclectic collection of 150+ mainly European automobiles, motorcycles and oddities will entertain and amuse! Space is limited for this private event and registration for ZATTACK 2017 is required.

The ZATTACK 2017 People's Choice Car Show will be Saturday, April 22, in Franklin, TN at the Nissan Americas building, the U.S. corporate headquarters for Nissan North America from 8 am – 3 pm. All registered ZATTACK entrants receive a ballot to vote for the winners. Awards will be given to the top three places for all generations of Z cars in Stock, Modified and Ultra-Modified classes. Additional awards will be given for Diamond in the Rough and Best in Show.

A new OPEN class invites Datsun, Nissan and Infiniti vehicles of any year to compete for "Top Five" honors. Potential entries include Skylines, Datsun roadsters, G37 coupes, GT-Rs and of course Altimas and Maximas.

Nissan will also host a cruise-in which is open to the public for all vehicle makes and models. No registration or fee is required for cruise-in exhibitors and spectators. We expect a huge turnout for this and based on past events, the variety of cars will be fantastic! Nissan will also exhibit new models, prototypes, show cars and Nissan Heritage Collection vehicles.

Spectators are welcome. There is plenty of parking available. In the event of rain, the show will be moved to the parking garage.

The Nissan Americas building will be open to registered participants ONLY for morning coffee and lunch in the dining room at The Grill.

In order to give back to the community, the proceeds from designated raffle items will go to Lifehouse Animal Refuge and Rehabilitation based out of Mt Juliet, TN. Lifehouse is a small organization that works very hard on rescuing, rehabilitating, and re-homing abandoned, abused, neglected, injured and stray animals. Donations of dog food and treats are welcome.

After Saturday's show, we will have a few hours of free time. That evening, those who wish to will meet at the Athletic Club Sports Bar and Grill at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Franklin for dinner and to meet up with friends old and new. The Grill offers moderately priced meals in a great atmosphere.

## PLEASE NOTE:

You must register for the ZATTACK 2017 People's Choice Car Show to attend the Friday afternoon Smyrna plant tour and/or Friday night dinner and private tour at the Lane Motor Museum and for access to the Nissan Americas building.

Click the link below for complete ZATTACK 2017 details and registration forms that can be submitted online.

<http://www.middletennesseezclub.com>



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