



## BMW Z CLUB

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### March 6, 2019 Meeting Minutes

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Hello fellow Zer's:

- The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.
- Treasury update: Current balance is \$1933.80.
- Evelyn Schroll provided an update on membership. We have 130 members representing 72 cars.
- New members; Tom & Linda Schween; Mark & Patty VanDenbark; Bill & Donna Hale and Mark Davis were introduced. The membership welcomes you to the club.
- Bob Strolin presented an overview of upcoming rides;
  - On March 16, 2019 we will be driving to Ocala FL to attend the Endangered Animal Rescue Sanctuary (EARS). This will be a great opportunity for members to see endangered species and other wildlife. Lunch will be at the Yearling Restaurant. Further it formation will be provided via email, [www.earsinc.net](http://www.earsinc.net);
  - On April 8, 2019 the membership will be given the opportunity to do a "Drive In" at Sumter Landing from 5pm to 8pm. This will give you the opportunity to share your car with others, interact with visitors and present our club to the population of The Villages. As you know, The Villages has a wide selection of cars and car-loving people, so this will be a great opportunity to showcase our club. Further information will be announced.
  - April will be the Coney Island Hot Dog ride, further information forthcoming;
  - May will take us to Tarpon Springs, further information forthcoming;
  - June will be a poker run with a twist, further information forthcoming;

# Endangered Animal Rescue Sanctuary (EARS)

## Z-Club Ride for Saturday, March 16, 2019

*Ears Sanctuary offers One Day Membership tours every Wednesday and Saturday at 1:45pm-3:15pm. Please note all visitors are required to become members by completing a membership form as required by Marion County*

**When:** Saturday, March 16, 2019

**Time:** Meet at Laurel Manor at 12:00 noon for 12:15pm departure (Tour begins at 1:45pm)

**How Long:** The tour will begin at 1:45pm and end around 3:15pm

**Cost:** Adults 13 and above \$20.00 per person

**How to pay for the tour:** Please pay for the membership tour when you arrive at EARS. We accept checks and cash only!!!

**Location:** EARS Sanctuary 2615 East Hwy 318 Citra, FL 32113 (EARS is 20 minutes north of the Ocala area)

**Animals to see:** Lions, Liger, Tigers (Orange & White) Bears, Leopards, Bobcats, Cougar, Monkeys and more!

**Website:** EARSINC.net

**Membership Tour information:** This is a slow moving guided walking tour on 35 acres of land. We educate the members on how the animals came to EARS and information about how the animals are doing in the wild. All members must obey EARS membership tour rules. **Photography will be limited to Phil – no pictures of the animals.** \*\*\* For safety reason there is NO touching or interaction with any exotic animal.

Can I donate Items to EARS? Yes, items that we need are the following:

1. Parrot food
- 2 -Bleach
- 3- Postage stamps
- 4- Canned fruits and vegetables
- 5- Soap
- 6- trash bags

Is EARS handicapped accessible? No, but wheelchairs and scooters are welcome during the tour

**Eat:** Around 4:00pm after the tour at the Yearling Restaurant, 14531 East CR 325, Hawthorne, FL

- August will take us to Daytona International Speedway. This is a tentative ride as there is a need for 50 cars to commit.
- In September Pre"Z"dent Bernstein, Bob Strolin and others are proposing a ride to the Tail of The Dragoon in western North Carolina. This would be a three (3) to four (4) excursion with a stop in Greenville-Spartanburg South Carolina to possibly view the BMW Museum and track. If you have any interest in this ride please contact Ken or Bob for additional information;
- In October we will celebrate the "Z" Fest;
- On December 5, 2019, we will celebrate with the annual Holiday Party.
- In January 2020 an overnight trip to St. Augustine FL. is being reviewed;

That rounds out a busy year for our club, but we extend an invitation to the members to contact the Program Coordination Committee with any further ideas for future rides.

- **TECH TALK:**

- Members discussed the steering column issue. Ken has been in contact with Ocala BMW, which in turn has been working with BMW USA, to provide information and a solution to the problem.
- Just a reminder that logo apparel is available from the following merchants.  
 Custom Apparel in the Southern Trace Plaza on 466.  
 Company Apparel in Leesburg.  
 Gotta Get Your Name on in Spanish Springs.  
 Please support your club by wearing your logo attire.
- **NOTE:** Next month's meeting will be on April 03, 2019. In lieu of having a pre meeting dinner, we will have a potluck dinner. Sign up will be through the web site, so watch for an email for further information
- The Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Phil Wenzel  
 Secretary