



BMW Z CLUB

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November 01, 2023, Meeting Minutes

Hello Fellow Zer's!

- At 5:00 PM approximately 40 members enjoyed dinner at Mezza Luna in Colony Plaza. These dinners are a great informal way to get to know your fellow Zer's. Join us next time!
- At 7:00 PM the meeting was called to order followed by the singing of our National Anthem.
- New Member Introductions.

Membership Report (Karin Bornstein our NEW Membership Chairperson)

- We would like to take this time to THANK Audra Strolin who has stepped down from the position for personal reasons. Audra has been an integral member of the Executive Board and we are very grateful for all she has done for the Club!
- The membership stands at: 255 members representing 136 cars.

Treasury Report (Bob Basye)

- Our 50/50 has now become a 50/25/25. More chances to win, so don't forget to buy your tickets.
- The account stands at \$9184 (Funds waiting to be released to pay Holiday Party vendors.)
- Charitable Giving Fund stands at \$798.25 (50/25/25 each month is the source of our Charitable Giving.)

Program Coordination Report (Bob Strolin)

Past Drives

September 5th, 2023: Z Club Scavenger Hunt

- Organizers – Ed and Joan Evenski. (Thank you, Ed and Joan!)
- Members had a wonderful time locating 50 scavenger items in Sumter Landing, Brownwood and Fenney.
3 cash prizes were awarded followed by a fun lunch at Cody's Brownwood.

October 4, 2023: Members Dinner at BMW of Ocala

- Organizer - Ken Bornstein.
- **120 members** (almost half of our membership!) enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner and camaraderie hosted by BMW of Ocala. It was a fun evening and we thank BMW of Ocala for hosting us in their new showroom.
- Don't forget membership in our Club gets you 20% off parts and labor at BMW of Ocala!

October 9th, 2023: European Trip

- Organizer - Ken Bornstein.
- Trip of a lifetime to BMW factories and a riverboat cruise. See all of the fun photos on the website soon!

October 24th, 2023: Poker Run

- Drive Captain – Bob Dixon.
- A great time was had by all and the snacks at each stop were a big hit!

October 28th, 2023: BMW of Ocala Fall Fanatics and Shine Car Show

- 9 of our cars were in attendance and we won the event Participation Award!
- Members John and Debbie Blum won a show prize with one of their BMW's. Congrats to them!

Future Drives and Events

November 16th, 2023: Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park with Lunch at Crump's Landing

- Captains - **The Z Club Gals:** Audra Strolin, Karin Bornstein, Lorraine Kenny, Donna Wenzel, Debbie Blum.
- Tickets \$10 pp.
- Meeting at Laurel Manor at 8:45 AM. We'll get to enjoy the Manatee Show and meet their famous Hippo!
- **SIGN UP NOW** at www.villagesbmwzclub.com for this fun and interesting ride!

December 1st, 2023: Holiday Party

- Organizers – Karin Bornstein and Lorraine Kenny
- Eisenhower Recreation Center (large room with stage)

- Food: Pasta Fare
- Band: The Jay Rubin Band
- **SIGN UP NOW** at www.villagesbmwzclub.com for our most celebratory night of the year!

December 6th, 2023: Girl Scouts of America Pajama & Book Drive with Lunch at Ski Beach, Leesburg.

- Organizers – Sandra & Bill Eldred and Ed Evenski.
- In this spirit of the season of giving the Club has partnered with The Villages Chapter of the Girl Scouts of America to donate pajamas and books to the homeless children in our surrounding communities.
- We will meet at Everglades at 10:30 AM to fill one of our Z's with NEW UNWRAPPED Pajamas and Books. We then follow our Z to the front door of Everglades Rec Center to make the donation to Judy Schoeber of the GSA. The Villages Media will be there to document this community engagement event.
- This will be followed by a fun drive to Ski Beach (sister restaurant to Eatons Beach) for a fun lunch in their Tiki Hut.
- **SIGN UP NOW** at www.villagesbmwzclub.com , then buy a child's PJ's and/or Book(s) for homeless children in need in this Season of Giving!

March 13th, 2024: Z Fun Fest at Grand Oaks Resort

- Organizers – Bill and Sandra Eldred.
- Musical Entertainment: Jonnell and the GMan
- Looking for Club Members for a Fun Planning Committee! Email Sandra to join: Sandra.eldred1@gmail.com

March 15th, 2024: Trip to Vero Beach to see *Kinky Boots*

- Drive Captains: Mark and Phylis Simon.
- **This event quickly SOLD OUT. Waitlist only on the website.**

Guest Speaker at this month's meeting: Rae Ann Bethal, President of The Villages Chapter of Girls Scouts of America.

- **Rae Ann spoke about the GSA's yearly drive to donate Pajamas and Books to homeless children in Marion, Lake and Sumter Counties.**
- **Their monumental goal for this Holiday Season is to donate 10,000 PJ's/Books to the schools in these communities that are distributed to kids who often own nothing of their own.**
- **GSA and the Z Club have partnered to help with donations this Season so join our drive on December 6th and know that you too are making a difference in our communities!**

NOTE: Please visit our website (www.villagesbmwzclub.com) to view information and sign up to any of our events. It's very easy to get involved and drive captains are always needed! All you need is an idea or suggestion, bring it to the attention of Bob Strolin and the Program Coordination Committee and they will assist you in planning your ride.

Just a reminder to wear your logo gear on rides, and to put your window stickers on your cars. If you see a Z without a window sticker add one of our business cards under the windshield. It may just mean another new member!

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.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sandra Eldred, Secretary