



# BMW Z CLUB

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## January 10, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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Greetings Fellow Zer's!

- 5:00 PM: 42 members enjoyed a wonderful dinner at Evans Prairie. Join us next time, it's a great way to meet your fellow Club members!
- 7:00 PM: The meeting was called to order followed by our National Anthem.

### **Membership Report** (Karin Bornstein)

- The membership stands at 278 members, representing 152 cars.
- The **first Potluck of 2025 will be held at our February 5<sup>th</sup>** meeting. Sign up coming soon!
- In March or April, the Membership Committee will host a New Members Reception to introduce new members to the Club and all it offers, including a website tutorial.
- The Retention Committee is hard at work reaching out to members who have yet to sign up for 2025. As of now 5 members have sold their cars and we have 20 members outstanding to renew.
- Note: You can purchase new T-shirts and door signs at our monthly meetings. We also have Club business cards available.

### **Treasurers Report** (Doug Waidelich)

- The Club Account stands at \$6302.51.
- The Charitable Contributions Account stands at \$1693.11.
- The PayPal Account stands at \$2003.91 (member renewals, event registration payments).

### **Program Coordination Report** (Mark Simon)

- Thank you to the 2024 Drive Committee Members for all your hard work in creating memorable events.
- The nine-member 2025 Drive Committee has already been hard at work and many of this year's drives are already fully planned.
- **NOTE: Details on a 'Longest Day Of The Year' Dinner Drive, Casa Feliz, Catfish Johnnies, Ybor City, and many more fun adventureZ coming soon!**

### **Past Drives and Events**

#### **November 20th, 2024: Stetson Manor with lunch at the Airport Restaurant DeLand**

- Many thanks to Drive Captains Doug Waidelich & Steve Mott for a wonderful day!
- We had a sold-out tour of the Stetson Manor which was stunningly decorated for the Holidays followed by a fun lunch at the Deland Airport watching prop planes land as we dined.

#### **December 6th, 2024: Girl Scouts of America Pajama and Book Drive**

- Drive Captains: Sandra & Bill Eldred and the Z Club Elves.
- Many thanks to our awesome Club Members who donated over 500 PJs and books! We filled 4 Z's!
- We followed up with a tasty lunch at O'Keefe's Irish Restaurant in Tavares.

#### **December 12th, 2024: Z Club Holiday Party**

- Many thanks to Karin Bornstein, Lorraine Kenny and the Holiday Party Committee for a wonderful event filled with great food, music and camaraderie.

### **Future Drives and Events**

#### **January 15th, 2025: Three Sisters Springs with Lunch at Stumpknockers on the Square, Inverness**

- Drive Captains: Gerry Odenbach and Herb Hofmann.

- 45 members have signed up for this **SOLD-OUT** drive to see a breathtaking Florida ecosystem.

**February 19th, 2025: Don Garlits Museum of Drag Racing with Lunch at The Back Porch Restaurant**

- Drive Captains: Doug Waidelich & Steve Mott.
- Join the 40 members who have already signed up for a tour of over 300 race cars and the personal memorabilia of Don Garlits.
- **SIGN UP** at: [www.villagesbmwzclub.com](http://www.villagesbmwzclub.com)

**February 28th, 2025: Z's Around Lake Sumter Square**

- Drive Captains: Ed Evenski & Steve Mott.
- Always a great way to showcase our cars and Club. We are the only Car Club in The Villages to have filled all 54 spots twice! Let's do it again! **SIGN UP NOW** at: [www.villagesbmwzclub.com](http://www.villagesbmwzclub.com)

**March 6th, 2025: Ozello Trail Drive with Lunch at Pecks Old Port Cove**

- Drive Captains: Leo Brancato & Iris Holzapfel
- Known as Tail of the Gecko put your Z through its paces through 10 miles of fun twisties.
- Lunch at Pecks Old Port, famous for its Blue and Soft-shell Crab.
- Join the 59 members signed up for this event and **SIGN UP NOW** at: [www.villagesbmwzclub.com](http://www.villagesbmwzclub.com)

**March 19th, 2025: Z Fun Fest At The Grand Oaks Resort**

- Drive Captains: The Z Fun Fest Committee
- Join us for the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest Club event of the year.
- Admire & judge each other's cars, dance to the music of Jonnell & Gman, enjoy Mission BBQ, and win fabulous prizes!
- Sign Up coming soon!

**April 23rd-24th, 2025: Trip to Vero Beach to see the musical *Beautiful* with dinner at the Ocean Grill**

- Drive Captains: Mark & Phyllis Simon
- This very popular overnight trip has **SOLD OUT** for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row.

**May 19th-23rd, 2025: Tail of the Dragon**

- Drive Captain: Ken Bornstein
- We are bringing back this Club favorite 5-day road trip to Tail of the Dragon.
- This is a great way to enjoy your car, see the backroads of the USA, but more importantly enjoy the fun and camaraderie of our fellow Club members. If you are new to the Club this is a great way to get to know your fellow Club members! **SIGN UP NOW** at: [www.villagesbmwzclub.com](http://www.villagesbmwzclub.com)

**July 20th- 30th, 2025: The BMW Z Club Explores the Emerald Isle (Ireland)**

- Trip Organizers: Sandra Eldred, Karin Bornstein, Ken Bornstein.
- 50 members are signed up for this 10-day luxury motorcoach tour of the backroads of Ireland where we will see all the beauty and hospitality the Emerald Isle provides.
- This very popular trip has **SOLD OUT**.

**November 30th, 2025: The Z Club Holiday Party (SAVE THE DATE)**

- Party Organizers: Karin Bornstein, Lorraine Kenny and the Holiday Party Committee.
- NOTE: As you make plans please keep in mind that our Holiday Party is on the Sunday of Thanksgiving Weekend (as The Villages grows our reservation options are extremely limited).
- Location: Eisenhower Recreation Center
- Music: The Jay Rubin Band
- Food: Pasta Fare

**NOTE:** Please visit our website ([www.villagesbmwzclub.com](http://www.villagesbmwzclub.com)) to view information and sign up to any of our events. 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!

**See the Membership Committee for logo wear, window stickers, business cards and door signs.**

**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