



## BMW Z CLUB

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### March 05, 2025, Meeting Minutes

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Greetings Fellow Zer's!

- 5:00 PM: 33 members enjoyed a wonderful dinner at Havana Country Club. Join us next time as it's a great way to meet and enjoy camaraderie with your fellow members.
- 7:00 PM: The meeting with 48 attendees was called to order followed by our National Anthem.

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

- The membership stands at 260 members, representing 141 cars.
- Our February Potluck was a great success and we're doing it again in April! Look out for the sign-up coming soon!
- Many thanks to Marcia Jandzio and Rich Schubert for hosting a wonderful New Members Reception on February 25<sup>th</sup>. 17 new members were introduced to the Club and all it has to offer.
- If you know of anyone who is ill or has a bereavement in the family contact Sandra Eldred at: [Sandra.eldred1@gmail.com](mailto:Sandra.eldred1@gmail.com). She will send a card from the Club.
- **NEW: You can now purchase COLORED LOGO WEAR** on our website (we need 12 sales to place an order.)
- White logo T-shirts and door signs are always available at our monthly meetings. Club business cards are also available.

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

- The Club Account stands at \$9401.35
- The Charitable Contributions Account stands at \$1974.16
- The PayPal Account stands at \$3100.55 (event registration payments).

#### **Charitable Giving Report** (Donna Wenzel & Ed Evenski)

- On Friday, February 28<sup>th</sup> the Club for the 5<sup>th</sup> straight year donated \$1000 to **Love, Inc** a local charity towards supporting its Transportation Ministry. Families in need always benefit.
- The Club also donated \$1000 to **Lake Technical College** where a student who works three jobs in support of their education and family was the recipient of this year's award.
- Thank you to all our members for your purchase of 50/25/25 raffle tickets as this funds all our Charitable Giving endeavors.
- Many thanks also to Pam Stevens and Joe Gale for running each month's raffle!

#### **Program Coordination Report** (Ken Bornstein)

#### **Past Drives and Events**

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

- Many thanks to Drive Captains: Doug Waidelich & Steve Mott for a wonderful visit to the Don Garlits Museum where 57 members saw 55 amazing cars and memorabilia of Drag Racing's past. This was followed by a delicious lunch at The Back Porch Restaurant.

##### **February 28th, 2025: Z's Around Brownwood Square**

- Many thanks to Drive Captains: Ed Evenski & Steve Mott for organizing another great showcase of our cars around the square. Again, we filled all the slots allotted with 32 of our cars on display. As The Villages Entertainment Director put it, "We can always depend on the Zs to fill any square".

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

- Many thanks to Drive Captains: Leo Brancato, Tracy Gulliford & Iris & Bernie Holzapfel for an awesome drive of the Ozello Trail. We put our Zs through their paces through 10 miles of fun and scenic twisties.
- Lunch at Pecks Old Port, famous for its Blue and Soft-shell Crab was a big hit with the almost 70 attendees.

### **Future Drives and Events**

#### **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 & vote on your favorite cars, dance to the music of Jonnell & G-man, enjoy Mission BBQ, and win fabulous prizes from BMW of Ocala and others!
- **SIGN UP NOW** at: [www.villagesbmwzclub.com](http://www.villagesbmwzclub.com)

#### **April 9th, 2025: Lunch Drive to The Salt Shack, Clermont**

- Drive Captain: Doug Waidelich
- Located on the scenic beach area on Lake Minneola, this is a sure to please drive! So, join 61 fellow members for a fun drive. **SIGN UP NOW** at: [www.villagesbmwzclub.com](http://www.villagesbmwzclub.com)

#### **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 13, 2025: Ma Barker House with Lunch at Gator Joe's Beach Bar & Grill on Lake Weir**

- Drive Captains: Herb Hoffmann and Doug Waidelich
- Famous for the longest gun battle in FBI history our Docent led tour will be full of interesting details.
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#### **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.
- 49 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 door signs on your cars. If you see a Z without a window sticker add one of our business cards under the windscreen. 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