



BMW Z CLUB

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April 3, 2024, Meeting Minutes

Hello Fellow Zer's!

- At 6:15 PM approximately 77 members enjoyed a wonderful potluck dinner prepared by our great Club chefs. Our largest potluck to date! Join us next time, it's a great way to meet your fellow Club members!
- 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)

- The membership stands at: 265 members representing 142 cars.
- NOTE: Questions about membership, logo wear, car decals, or just about anything, you can talk to any of the Membership Committee at a meeting. They can be identified by the tags on their name badge

Treasury Report (Bob Basye)

- The Club account stands at \$9,262.48 (\$2,000 awaiting distribution to our charities)
- Charitable Giving Fund stands at \$550.04 (50/25/25 each month is the source of our Charitable Giving).

Charitable Giving Report (Ed Evenski & Linda Burt)

- This month Ed Evenski, Donna Wenzel and Ken Bornstein presented our charitable giving to Lake Technical College and Love, Inc in the amount of \$1000 to each charity. The Love, Inc contribution helped buy someone a car! The Lake Technical College contribution helped student Collette who works 3 jobs while attending school! Remember to support our monthly 50/25/25 as it is the source of our Charitable Giving!

Program Coordination Report (Co-Chairs: Bob Strolin & Mark Simon)

- The Drive Committee has planned most of calendar year '24's drives. See below for details.

Past Drives and Events

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

- Drive Captains: Sandra & Bill Eldred (many thanks to Committee Members: Debbie/John Blum, Pam/Joe Gale, Terry Condon/Lorraine Kenny, Ken/Karin Bornstein)
- A wonderful day was had by 91 of our Club members at our NEW Z Fun Fest location. Lots of BIG Prizes and many Raffle surprises were won, including a **\$500 grand prize donated by BMW of Ocala**. Buffet Lunch courtesy of Mission BBQ, dancing to the wonderful music of Jonnell and the GMan!
Our Grand Prize Z Car winner was Steven Foster and his 1998 Estoril Blue Z3. Congrats Steven!

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

- Drive Captains: Many thanks to Mark and Phyllis Simon for a wonderful overnight trip where 40 Club members enjoyed a great oceanfront dinner at Ocean Grill, followed by a great performance of Kinky Boots.

March 26th, 2024: Lunch Drive to Gator Joe's Beach Bar and Grill on Lake Weir

- Drive Captain: Many thanks to Bob Strolin!
- Approximately 35 Club Members took a beautiful drive through the Ocala National Forest to central Florida's only Key West style waterfront restaurant, Gator Joe's.

March 27th, 2024: New Members Welcome Reception

- Hosts: Many thanks to Bonnie and Tim Larson!
- The Membership Committee led by Karin Bornstein hosted this first reception to welcome members who have joined the Club since October 2023. 17 new members met 17 other Club members, learned about the Club, and were introduced to our website. A fun and informative time was had by all!

Future Drives and Events

April 24th, 2024: Bok Tower Gardens in Lake Wales, with lunch to follow at Sizzling Grill

- Drive Captains: Bob Strolin & Herb Hofmann
- See details and **SIGN UP NOW** at www.villagesbmwzclub.com

May 10th, 2024: Z's Around The Square (Lake Sumter)

- Drive Captains: Ed Evenski and Steve Mott
- **There are only 8 spaces left so SIGN UP NOW** at www.villagesbmwzclub.com for what is always a fun night of showcasing our cars and we always fill the square!

May 22nd, 2024: World Equestrian Center – SAVE THE DATE

- Drive Captains: Bill Eldred & Iris Holzapfel

June 20th, 2024: St. John's River Cruise – SAVE THE DATE

- Drive Captains: Steve Mott & Herb Hoffman

July 12th, 2024: Carson Springs Animal Sanctuary with lunch at The Yearling – SAVE THE DATE

- Drive Captain: Mark Simon

July 15-16th, 2024: Kennedy Space Center & Warbird Museum – SAVE THE DATE

- Drive Captain: Mark Simon
- Stay tuned for details of this **OVERNIGHT TRIP!**

August 28th, 2024: Howie Mansion with lunch at Lake Harris Hideaway Restaurant – SAVE THE DATE

- Drive Captains: Skip Dlugos & Tim Larson

September 8-17th, 2024: Z's on the Seas

- Trip Organizers: Karin Bornstein and Sandra Eldred
- Join the 48 members already signed up for this fun & fabulous 9-day trip, featuring 2 days in Old Quebec City followed by a 7-day cruise on the NCL Joy winding through the Canadian Maritime culminating in NY City Port. **One 1 Room remaining, so SIGN UP NOW** at www.villagesbmwzclub.com
- See this beautiful ship at: www.ncl.com
- Questions about this trip? Please contact karinborn99@gmail.com or sandra.eldred1@gmail.com or see additional details on our website: www.villagesbmwzclub.com

September 26th, 2024: Airboat Adventure with lunch at Peck's Old Cove – SAVE THE DATE

- Drive Captains: Leo Brancato & Tracy Gillford

September 28th, 2024: Cars Around The Square (Brownwood)

- Drive Captains: Ed Evenski & Steve Mott
- We are one of six car clubs being showcased in Brownwood.
- **Fully Subscribed but do join the waitlist at:** www.villagesbmwzclub.com

October 2nd, 2024: BMW of Ocala Dinner – SAVE THE DATE

- Drive Captain: Ken Bornstein

December 6th, 2024: Girl Scouts of America Donation and Lunch Drive

- Drive Captains: Sandra & Bill Eldred

December 12th, 2024: Holiday Party (NEW DATE!)

- Organizers: Karin Bornstein & Lorraine Kenny
- NEW Location: Lake Miona Recreation Center
- Dinner: Pasta Fare
- Music: The Jay Rubin Band

NOTE: Further October & November drives to Lake Eustis Waterfront Grill and Stetson Manor details will be announced as details are available.

Special Guest at this Month's Meeting: Marie Chambers, The Salvation Army

Many thanks to member Leo Brancato for introducing us to the wonderful work the Salvation Army does in our community!

NOTE: Please visit our website (www.villagesbmwzclub.com) to view information and sign up to any of our events. If you have an idea for a future drive please bring it to the attention of the Drive Committee's Co-Chairs Bob Strolin or Mark Simon.

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 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