

Boot & Bonnet

By Michael Scott

Merry Christmas, QCC!!!

Well, 2017 has flown by, and here we are in December already. I hope this finds everyone doing well and recovering from the food comas left over from Thanksgiving. Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gallons of gravy, that second and third helping of pumpkin pie, green beans, and that weird sweet potato casserole with the marshmallows...I'm getting drowsy again just thinking about it. And by the way, who came up with that casserole, anyway? It shows up at every holiday meal, but no one admits to bringing it. Was it a chance holiday cooking accident? A secret government experiment gone terribly wrong? A clever marketing ploy by the marshmallow industry? We may never know, but once again I digress...

November was highlighted by another amazing Soups, Chowders, Chilis, and Stews! The Barn was absolutely packed with QCC members sharing one of the largest varieties ever of hot, steaming, homemade goodness. It's always great to see so many of our friends get together to break bread (okay, crackers) together, and just enjoy each other's company. Thanks so much to everyone who came out to join us, and special thanks to those who came early to set up and stayed late to clean up afterward. It was a great time from beginning to end! Also, I'd like to say "Thank you so much" to Mark and Linda Bingman for arranging and leading our annual excursion to The Christmas Ranch! At the deadline for B&B submissions the event was still a few days off, but by the time you read this, we'll have had a blast!

Coming up on December 9th (4pm-8pm) is our best party of the year, the Queen City Coopers Christmas Party! Our friends at Cincinnati MINI are hosting again this year, and it's shaping up to be something really special! QCC will be providing the entrees, but we'll be relying on you to bring the sides and desserts. And as always, the QCC Gift Exchange returns, featuring the most special gift of all (or maybe just some piece of junk from my closet), The Mystery Gift! Make sure you check the website and watch Facebook for details, and register so we can make sure there's enough food!

Changing gears (pun intended), as most of you are aware, Mike Suhar will be taking the reins as president of QCC as of January 1st. As such, this will be my last time writing the opening article for the Boot and Bonnet. I'd like to just take a little time to express my gratitude to you all for the opportunity to be involved with such an amazing group of people. There have been some crazy unforeseen challenges through the past year, but your kind and understanding support have kept me going through it all. You are my friends. You are my family. You are the BEST!! I'd especially like to thank the members of the QCC Executive Board. Ed, you've been my rock and go-to guy. When I've had questions or issues, you've had answers and solutions. Nancy, you were willing to step in and now Membership is running like a fine Swiss watch. Ron, you made Accessories your own and put your brand on it with new vendors and products that help create our public persona. Barbara, you came in to the Board with new and fresh ideas. I want to apologize for my inability to define your position and utilize your talents properly. It's the Club's loss and my failure. And finally, thanks to Rob and Hector. You've both stepped up to keep the adventures coming and our members engaged. As a group, you came early, stayed late, worked hard, and devoted your time to making everything happen. You made me, and the Club, look good. Again, my sincere thanks to the membership and leadership of QCC. And just in case you missed it before, YOU ARE THE BEST!!!

And before I motor off into the sunset (cue sunset), I just want to tell you all what a fantastic experience the past year has been. I look forward to many more years and much more time spent with my QCC family. I love you all.

So for one last time... CHEERS!!! and MOTOR ON!!!

Tom



Join us for our December event

12/9: Motor in.. Christmas Party



2017 Membership Roster

Lan Ackley & Barbara Bush
Dwayne & Joy Baker
Dale & Sandy Ballinger
Nick Banschbach & Becky
Roberts

Gaby & Jennifer Batshoun
Robert & Doris Bax
Mark & Linda Bingman
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Teresa Chick
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Jeff & Tina Davis
James & Erica Dean
TJ & Jim Dixon
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Teddy & Ann Finesman
Kathy & Mark Folino
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Brittany & Phil Freel
Malcom & Carol Fry
Andrew & Jessica Gear
Todd Gerken
Don & Becky Green
Claudette & Jeffrey Greene
Sandy & Ron Gregory
Dave Haggard

Daryl & Rita Hallman
Bob & Trudy Hare
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Verdeen & Debi Harris
Gary Holterman & Bobbie O'Shell
Mary & Matt Hopton
James Hutsell
Robert & Nancy Ice



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Tabitha & John Jones
Jerry & Debbie King
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Mark & Linda Krum
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Kelly & Jeff Raines
Rob & Carol Rauch
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Jeff Roberts
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Welcome New Members

Jenn Siebel & Thad Hare

David & Sandy Stevenson

Robert Nelson & Donna Chupka

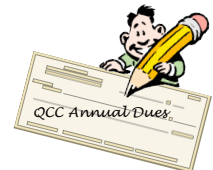
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QCC Memberships

Nancy Cusick

5227 Mississippi Dr.
Fairfield, OH 45014





Happy Birthday!

Let's wish Happy Birthday to our December members:

Sandy Stevenson	12 / 7
Scott Jonas	12 / 7
Becky Roberts	12 / 8
Linda Krum	12 / 12
Andrew Gear	12 / 16
Kathy Folino	12 / 19
John Jones	12 / 28
Jenn Siebel	12 / 28



If you haven't heard the news yet, Cincinnati MINI has increased QCC's MINI Parts and Accessories discount to 15%!!!

QCC Merchandise

Did you know that you do not have to wait for an event or meeting to order QCC merchandise? Anything in the catalog can be embroidered with the QCC logo – the possibilities are endless!

You can then send

Ron Gregory an email via the QCC website to request the discounted price and place your order. Of course you can always view the catalog in person at a meeting. There are also car rally signs, QCC decals and jewelry available.

For questions or to place a merchandise order please contact:

Ron Gregory





Treasurer's Report:

QCC has \$1,235 in our checking account and are now ready to accept credit cards for Membership Dues and Cooper Accessories at Meetings and Club events..

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Ed Fenker

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 QCC OFFICERS!!!

At the closure of nominations at the October Motor-In, the nominees for all Leadership Board Officers were unopposed. As a result, there is no reason to hold an election at the November meeting. Please join the membership of Queen City Coopers in congratulating our new and returning officers:

Mike Suhar- President
Nancy Cusick- Membership Director
Hector Maldonado- Events Coordinator
Ed Fenker- Treasurer
Teddy Finesman- QCC Swag Coordinator

Once again, congratulations, and thank you all for your dedication and service to QCC!!!



THE SCHEDULE IS SET FOR THE 2018 M&M DRIVE!!!

Start planning now to join your friends from Queen City Coopers and the Greater Cincinnati Miata Club May 25th to May 28th for the 2018 M&M Vacation Drive! This year's drive will wander through scenic northern West Virginia and western Pennsylvania. The four-day trek begins with a drive to Wheeling, WV to explore the old downtown and the Oglebay Museums. Leg #2 heads out to southwestern Pennsylvania for a visit to Frank Lloyd Wright's historic Kentuck Knob. The third and final stop on this journey will be Saxonburg, PA to learn more about the designer of Cincinnati's Suspension Bridge, John Roebling. Of course, all destinations will be connected by some amazing twisties! The drive is limited to only 15 cars, so contact Bobbi Ross(bobbi.ross@fuse.net) to reserve your spot on the Master List! Stay tuned for further details on hotels and departure time/location!



QCC Christmas Party
Saturday December 09, 2017
@ Cincinnati Mini, 4pm to 8pm

It's that time of year again when we get together with friends and family to celebrate the Holiday Season. For all of us, that is especially true since we are friends and we are an extended Mini Family. We have had another great year together and what is more fitting than getting together for our annual Gift Exchange ! Bring a "gift" that would be fun to pass on to someone in the club. Something that will be sought after by the next person opening a gift, since we can steal each others gifts if we like someone else's gift more than our own! It can be anything you want to bring, travel DVD's, candle sticks you received as a wedding present 30 years ago, a toy Mini, a real Mini, lottery tickets . . . anything. If you plan on purchasing something, try & stay less than \$20.00. If you want to participate as an individual rather than a couple, each person needs an exchange gift. Gifts can be wrapped or bagged.





MITO Recap:

On Wednesday, October 25, three MINIs left the Waffle House in Cherry Grove; they added two more at the BP station in Sparta. The caravan of Jerry & Deb King, Mike & Mary Obermeyer, Rob & Carol Rauch, Tim & Bobbi Ross, and Jackie Nielsen and Libby Welker headed for Eureka Springs, Arkansas. After stopping for potties, gas and lunch, the caravan checked in to the Best Western Coach House in Springfield, Missouri. Dinner was at Hemingway's Blue Water Café in the HUGE Bass Pro Shop flagship store.

The next day started with a two-hour drive to Eureka Springs and registration at "MINIs in the Ozarks". All five cars were then part of a larger caravan driving the "Pig Trail", aka AR 23, to Turner Bend at the Mulberry River. We quickly determined that the only straight roads are roller coasters! What fun! Lunch was at the Ozark General Store, with the best hamburgers ever, according to Jackie. Tim and Bobbi checked into The Lodge, then headed back to the MitO headquarters at the Best Western Inn of the Ozarks for the evening's luau.

On Friday, Tim and Bobbi had an early breakfast before joining "Easy as 123", which was to be a moderately-paced drive. Only three cars were on the drive that started out on the Pig Trail about 8:30. We stopped for lunch at the Low Gap Café, a gourmet restaurant in the middle of nowhere, and finally got back to Eureka Springs at 4:00, just in time to join the parade! We had driven about 300 miles very quickly – with needed potty and fuel stops. The parade went through Eureka Springs, a lovely, kitschy, arts/crafts/"trash & trinkets"/food community, ending at the host hotel/conference center for the car show and tailgating. Jackie and Libby actually tailgated and were awarded first prize gifts for their efforts!

The Rauch and Obermeyer MINIs went on the drive to Galen Elk Run on Saturday, and were rewarded with sightings of elk. Jackie went to the Performance Driving class, which left Libby on her own to take the trolley to tour Eureka Springs. Ross's also took the trolley to town for a slow exploration of the shops. MitO ended with supper and costumes.

On Sunday, after a delicious "sweet-n-savory" breakfast, we started our drive home. Jerry and Deb headed east on US 62 on their own. The other four cars headed north, stopping a Route 66 highlights: lunch at the Route 66 Diner in Lebanon, MO; the Uranus Fudge Factory; frozen custard at Ted Drewes in St. Louis. After navigating the construction detours in St. Louis, we finally arrived at the Powhatan Motel in Pocahontas, IL.

Monday, our last day on the road, was drizzly all day! Jackie and Libby headed south to I-64 and back to Versailles. The Rauch, Obermeyer and Ross MINIs met up with Gaby Batshoun, then followed US 50 back to Ohio.

The roads in northwest Arkansas are definitely sports car roads. We all recommend a visit to Eureka Springs and using it as a base for lots of driving!

BOBBI

MITO PHOTOS:



I just want to let everyone know that if can ever make time to go to MITO--GO. I am not much on doing the same thing several times but, We will probably do this one again. Some of the drives, wait, All of the drive there are long and fast without feeling like you are doing a bad thing. First drive Thursday right after we got there was the Pigtail. 80+ MPH most of the time for a hour and a half. They must pay the cops off well for those three days is all I can say. Then comes the overall landscape there. Jaw dropping to say the least. We miss most of the color change by about two weeks they say but still beautiful. Whoever designed these roads must have owned a Mini. All road where banked the right way to get into and out of the curves. I want to put a thank you out there to Tim and Bobbi for taking the lead to get us there and back. Five Minis from QCC went and I believe all would say that they had a great time. Our member Jacque took a driving class and said that she found out that she was doing it all wrong. Maybe we can get her to give us a driving class now that she is a Pro. Dallas has a new car and a new look. If you didn't see him with the tiedye on you might not know him and thats not to say he looked bad because he really looked great. Put this ride in the front of your mind for next year. You won't be disappointed.

Mike O

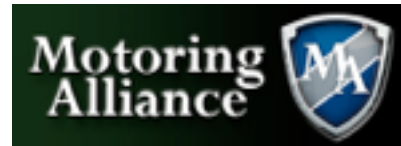
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MEMBERSHIP

"All Who Wander Are Not Lost"



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MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES:

- Club Name Tags
- Full Access, Online Event Registration, & Access to the Links within the Queen City Coopers Website www.queencitycoopers.com
- Voting Rights on all Club Decisions that the Club Officers Deem Necessary for a Vote
- No Participation Fee for any QCC Sponsored Events
- **15% OFF CINCINNATI MINI SERVICE & PARTS**

Mail Application and Dues to:

- QCC Membership
- Nancy Cusick
- 5227 Mississippi Dr.
- Fairfield, OH 45014-2411

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:

- Own / Lease a MINI
- Valid Driver's License
- Proof of Insurance (Primary Driver)

MEMBERSHIP TERM / DUES:

- January 1st thru December 31st
- \$30.00 Annual Fee - Renewals Due by December 31st
- Make Checks Payable to: "Queen City Coopers"

MEMBERSHIP DEFINED:

- Member, and up to one Associate Member



Membership Form

Mail Application and Dues to: QCC Memberships, Nancy Cusick, 5227 Mississippi Dr, Fairfield, OH 45014-2411

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Primary Phone: _____

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Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____

Your information will be included in our online Member Directory viewable by other Members for communication purposes on our Secure Site unless indicated by a "X" in the box

MINI Model: _____

Year of MINI: _____

Body Color: _____

Roof Color: _____

License Plate #: _____

License Plate State: _____

MINI's Nickname: _____

Purchase Date of MINI: _____

Was MINI Purchased at Cincinnati MINI? **Yes or No**

Allow Other Members to Email You through Website? **Yes or No**

How did you hear about the club? _____

