

Boot & Bonnet

By Michael Scott

Wow, February has flown by. It is time again for another QCC newsletter. One reason it went fast for me is I managed to get out of the cold for a week down in Florida. I returned to a few nice days. I will take the credit for bringing back a few days of nice weather.

On the 17th around 20 of us gathered at the Indian Mound Café for "Burgers & Beer". Very nice turn out considering the snow started to fly that afternoon. Fortunately none of it stuck to the roads so there were no issues for the time we were enjoying the activity. Burgers & Beer was a hit so I would expect more to be scheduled in the future.



The March Motor In will be held on Saturday, March 3rd, at Richards Pizza in Fairfield. Starting time is 6pm. See the calendar for details and sign up so we know how many to expect.

For me March represents the end of winter. While we can still get cold and snow it does not last long. We can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Time to think about getting the MINI cleaned up and ready for warm weather activities. Speaking of which, there are two on the calendar for March in addition to the Motor In. March 24 is the Leprechaun Run followed by the QCC Donut Run (Part One) on March 31. Details on the QCC website calendar.



See you at the Motor In.

Mike

Join us for our March events

3/3: Monthly Motor In @ Richards Pizza
3/24: Leprechaun Run Non QCC event

3/31: QCC Donut Run Part One



2017 Membership Roster

Lan Ackley & Barbara Bush
Dale & Sandy Ballinger
Nick Banschbach & Becky Roberts
Gaby & Jennifer Batshoun
Robert & Doris Bax
Mark & Linda Bingman
Cheryl & Randy Brown
Mike & Sarah Carey
Nancy & John Cusick
James & Erica Dean
TJ & Jim Dixon
Vel & Ed Fenker
Teddy & Ann Finesman
Kathy & Mark Folino
Tom Foster
Brittany & Phil Freel
Malcom & Carol Fry
Andrew & Jessica Gear
Sandy & Ron Gregory

Corbit Harrison & Darla Bateman
Dave Haggard
Bob & Trudy Hare
Mary & Matt Hopton
James Hutsell & Jean Durkin



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Jennifer & Chris Linder
Barbara Lindsey

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John & Jeanie Miller
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Anji Roberts & Nelson Farmer
Donna Ring & Jean Pabst
Jeff Roberts
Tim & Bobbi Ross
Marieeve Santana & Michael Riley
Brittany Schlemmer
Craig & Karen Schlesinger
Michael Scott
David & Sandy Stevenson
Jenn Siebel & Thad Hare
Elaina & Jim Stuard
Mike Suhar



Welcome New Members

Want to be a Member? Pay your Annual Dues to gain Full Access to ALL the Queen City Coopers has to Offer!



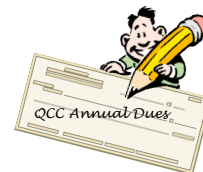
Annual Membership Fees are \$30
Make Checks Payable to:
"Queen City Coopers"

Welcome Back



Mail to:

QCC Memberships
Nancy Cusick
5227 Mississippi Dr.
Fairfield, OH 45014





Let's wish Happy Birthday to our March members:

Jim Dixon	9 th
Donna Ring	11 th
Elaine Stuard	13 th
Cheryl Brown	17 th
Jeanie Miller	17 th
John Miller	21 st
Mike Suhar	24 th
James Dean	29 th



If you haven't heard the news yet, Cincinnati MINI has increased QCC's MINI Parts and Accessories discount to 15% and 10% on Labor!!!

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

Teddy Finesman 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:
Teddy Finesman





Treasurer's Report:

QCC has \$2,079.73 in our checking account and are now accepting credit cards for Membership Dues and QCC Cooper Accessories at Meetings and Club events..

Cincinnati MINI has increased QCC's MINI Parts and Accessories discount to 10% off labor and 15% off parts and accessories!!
Ed Fenker

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2018 QCC OFFICERS!!!

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 Kentucky 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!



Tech Tips

SPRING TIME BASIC SERVICE

One of the most easy and basic ways to keep your MINI or any car running at its peak performance is changing your engine oil and filter. Frequent oil changes are perhaps the most important procedure you can do to maintain and prolong the life of your engine and keep it running great.



Technology has affected every part of our daily lives and this even includes the basic lubricants used in today's automobiles. It's not your father's oil anymore! Most every manufacturer now has specific oil specifications because the car was "EPA" and "CAFE" certified on an exact oil blend and additive package that produced the best combination of high efficiency and low emissions.

If you don't drive your car too often, you should change the oil at least once a year to keep your oil fresh regardless of the mileage. Oil sitting inside an engine that is not often run will begin to oxidize and absorb water from humidity and internal condensation. Not a good thing for the oil or your engine.



Just about every automobile produced today comes filled with synthetic oil and lubricants. Don't blow this off as marketing hype. The science is real and proven. Dinosaur oil is a thing of the past. The good news is new technology high quality motor oil are readily available that meet or exceed most every specification. Companies like Motul, Royal

Purple and Amsoil produce 100% synthetic oils specially formulated for the European engines like those found in your MINI, BMW and other high end German cars. You have choices. Become informed and keep your car running great for a long time.





EVENT PLANNING INFORMATION / GUIDELINES

REMEMBER TO BRING WITH YOU:

TWO WAY RADIOS,
FRESH BATTERIES
CELL PHONE
MAP - ATLAS - GPS
CLIPBOARD
SUNSCREEN
UMBRELLAS

DON'T FORGET TO:

CHECK TIRE INFLATION, ENGINE OIL, AND FLUID LEVELS
TOP OFF FUEL TANK
GO EASY ON COFFEE/LIQUIDS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE

CONVOY DRIVING

The leader MUST have pre-driven or know the route, and know of gas stations, rest areas, other pull off areas, etc. The leader MUST have a navigator, able to communicate back to the convoy promptly and receive radio calls. No one person in the lead trying to drive, navigate the GPS/maps and work a radio.

All the cars behind the lead car to have their "parking lights" on only, of course except at night. The last car, "the sweeper" must have their headlights on. This makes it easier for the leader to spot them in the rear view mirror to know when the whole convoy is together.

Key Item; The car-to-car spacing that works well seems to be 1.5 second minimum to 3 seconds. New, slower drivers to be near the front of the group, behind the leader. Make sure that everyone has a radio and is okay with driving at an enthusiastic speed. It is imperative that the "car in front" be responsible for the "following car" staying within visual sight on winding roads and at turns by slowing down. This way the pace of the entire group is controlled by the slowest member. In some cases, the slowest member needs to be brought up front, encouraged to up their pace.

When a group gets really experienced, the pace will be fast and fun, and the radio communication is prompt and reliable. The use of the radios can be used to allow safe passing on otherwise tricky/blind two lane roads.

Don't try to stay together in towns or where there is a lot of traffic lights and 4-ways. Make sure everyone has a brief set of directions to follow or can use the "main road rule" of following a designated route through congested areas until the "clear" side of town. There the leader should have stopped at a visible area for all the convoy to regroup and proceed. Cell phone number exchange at the start of the drive could help for those who really get lost or out of family radio range.

Rally Advice



Per recent experience with the Mini's on a 5 day drive, we recommend the newer Motorola "Talk about" radios, model MR350R. These had much better fidelity and range than our 10+ year old family radios, and have many more channels. The price at Bass Pro Shops was about \$100 for a pair of radios and all accessories, we also saw them at Radio Shack for \$80, but our best buy was from Amazon at \$63.75 per pair with accessories and shipping. The accessories include a NiMH battery pack and recharging stand, but the key is that you can also insert 3-AA batteries if the rechargeable pack dies in the middle of a drive.

All participants on MINI club drives should be equipped with a family radio for safety and added fun.



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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

Date: _____

Member's Name: _____

Associate Member's Name: _____

Address: _____

City, ST, Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Member's Email: _____

Associate Member's Email: _____

Member's Birthday: (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Year is Optional

Associate Member's Birthday: (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Year is Optional

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? _____

