

# Boot & Bonnet

By Michael Scott

We had a very good turnout for the March motor in at Richard's Pizza. Thanks to everyone that attended. That is a nice venue with the conference rooms.

I thought March would start to bring warmer weather as we transition out of winter but I guess not. Maybe next month; sooner or later we will get there. When I got up this morning the outside temperature was 23 degrees. Weather forecast is threatening another snow event on the same day as leprechaun run that is on the club calendar. The following weekend is the first of the donut runs. Looking into



April we have a fantastic motor in planned at the Barn for Saturday, April 7th. Check the calendar for details and sign up.

We are still looking for events for this year. I hope to have details on a couple of activities in Dayton we can discuss. We are always we are looking for articles for the newsletter. If you think you may have something MINI related of interest contact Michael Scott.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events.

Mike Suhar

## Join us for our April events

4/7: Monthly Motor Inn @ the Barn

4/14: driving spring classic tour VI



# 2017 Membership Roster

Lan Ackley & Barbara Bush  
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Mike Suhar



## Welcome New Members



Mark &  
Linda Krum

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

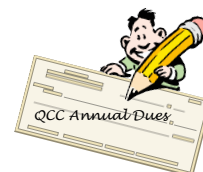
Annual Membership Fees are \$30  
Make Checks Payable to:  
**"Queen City Coopers"**

## Welcome Back



Mail to:

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





## How to Drive Safely in Strong Wind and Rain

Driving in conditions that involve strong or heavy wind and rain may not seem like the most pressing safety concern for many drivers, but our safety professionals know that driving in any type of severe weather can significantly increase your risk and potential for a dangerous situation for you, your family and other drivers.

Remember that severe weather demands your undivided attention, so be sure to reduce any possible distractions by turning the radio down or turning off that phone to keep your attention fully on the road. Keep in mind that sometimes the best driving decision you can make is to stay off the road completely until the weather clears.



### Driving in Heavy Winds

Wind may seem like a minor risk, but this weather condition deserves special consideration from drivers. Strong wind can occur just about anywhere, but it can be more common in wide open spaces. Areas for concern also include highway overpasses, tunnels and 'road cuts' through mountainous areas that can act as funnels for wind. The following tips can help keep you on the road and safe if you encounter heavy winds.

- 1. Anticipate gusts.** Take special care when driving through areas prone to strong winds or when weather reports predict severe weather.
- 2. Notice larger vehicles.** Be aware of large vehicles on the road such as tractor-trailers and recreational vehicles. They are more susceptible to high winds and drivers may have difficulties staying in their lanes.
- 3. Keep a firm grip on the wheel.** Keep both hands on the wheel in case the wind begins to move your vehicle, especially if you are driving a large vehicle or towing a trailer.

### Driving in Heavy Rain

In addition to the potentially poor visibility that accompanies most heavy rain, drivers should be ready to protect themselves against hydroplaning. Hydroplaning can occur when a vehicle is traveling too fast in heavy rain conditions, causing the vehicle's tires to travel on a thin layer of water rather than grip the surface of the road. This has the potential to make steering and braking difficult and could even lead to losing control of your vehicle. Follow these tips to help you stay safe while driving in heavy rain.

- 1. Take your time.** Slowing down is the only way to keep your vehicle from hydroplaning. Also remember that one of the most dangerous times to drive is soon after it begins to rain, as oils on roadway make for slick conditions. Waiting a few minutes, rather than rushing to your destination, can be a safer plan when it is raining.
- 2. Turn your lights on.** Turn your headlights on to help other vehicles see you. Many states require the use of headlights during rain, even in broad daylight.
- 3. Give other vehicles more space.** Add 1-2 extra seconds of [following time](#) in the rain, which gives you and the cars behind you more time to react to traffic.



**Let's wish Happy Birthday to our April members:**

Paul Lehn 2nd

Brittany Freel 14th



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
TO US.**



**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 \$2.099. 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**

## **THANKS 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



## **Rally Discussion**

At the March motor in, there was discussion of turning some of our dinners into fun competition events. If you've thought of a neat place you'd like to visit, consider creating a competition to get us there. There are tools on the website including some drive routes that could be converted to rallies.

The first tool is a .pdf of rally basics – a description of different types of “gimmick” or fun rallies. Log onto the website – under “QCC – General Discussion” choose “Drive/Route Maps” then “Rally Basics by Tim Ross” and Click on the document. Under “QCC – General Discussion” choose “Drive/Route Maps” then “Route Planning Aids” choose “Drive Leader Guidelines” for a basic primer on setting up an event.

Once you have chosen your type of rally your route, and you have put the event on the calendar, go back to “QCC – General Discussion”, choose “Drive/Route Maps”, then “Route Planning Aids” to get the waivers for your guests to sign. And remember – it's all about the drive!

Tim & Bobbi Ross



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

Dates: May 25-28, 2018

Departure 9:00 - place near I-71 to be determined

Four days of exploring with our friends in the Greater Cincinnati Miata Club. Plans have us starting with a drive to Wheeling, WV by way of U.S. 40 and Zanesville for lunch and a sculpture gallery. We will spend Saturday morning at The Palace of Gold in West Virginia, then head into Pennsylvania for a food truck lunch enroute to our hotel in Connellsville. On Sunday, we will start the day at Ohiopyle State Park (unless you want to find local twisties instead – maps will be provided); then we will visit Frank Lloyd Wright's Kentuck Knob. We will follow US 40 again on Monday, visiting Fort Necessity and a Madonna of the Trail in West Virginia before heading home.

As usual, we're limiting the group to 15 cars. Once you have made your hotel reservations, please contact Bobbi Ross ([bobbi.ross@fuse.net](mailto:bobbi.ross@fuse.net)) to let her know you've made your reservations and to get onto The Master List!

Hotels:

### **Friday, May 25**

Hampton Inn & Suites – The Highlands  
35 Bob Wise Drive  
Triadelphia, WV

Call hotel directly: 304-547-4222

Group Code: C-MMV

Group Name: M&M Vacation

\$99 plus tax

### **Saturday and Sunday, May 26 and 27**

Cobblestone Hotel and Suites Connellsville  
325 North First Street  
Connellsville, PA

Call hotel directly: 724-603-3580

Group Account: 79851

Group Name: M&M Vacations

\$89.99 plus tax per night

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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](http://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
- **10% OFF MINI SERVICE & 15% OFF 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 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup>
- \$30.00 Annual Fee - Renewals Due by December 31<sup>st</sup>
- 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? \_\_\_\_\_

