

Boot & Bonnet

By Michael Scott

As I write this Thanksgiving is in the history book and we are speeding toward December. Old man winter is not waiting for an invitation. Blizzard warnings are posted for the Chicago area. They can keep it and it looks like this will not impact our area. That is a good thing because on Thursday, November 29, is the Christmas Ranch event. See the QCC website for details and sign up. Let's hope the fog stays away this year. I did not attend the event last year but I understand the fog made the trip interesting.

Looking back in November we had an excellent Soups and Chowder event. The venue was great and thanks to everyone that turned out. Looking ahead into December we have our annual Christmas Party. As in years past, this will be held at Cincinnati MINI. Mark your calendar for Saturday, December 8th, starting at 4pm. See the QCC website for details as Hector provides a good description of the event. This is one of our most popular events.

At the Soups and Chowder event, which was also the Motor In for November, we selected officers for 2019. The officers for 2019 are as follows:

President: Tom Foster
Treasurer: Ed Fenker
Membership Director: Nancy Cusick
Event Coordinator: Rob Rauch
Swag Coordinator: Mike Obermeyer



I want to thank the 2018 officers. Tom will return as president. Ed and Nancy will continue in their current positions. I welcome Rob and Mike to their new positions. 2019 officers take their positions starting January 1, 2019. I decided not to run in 2019. I want to thank all the members for their support while I was president. We have a good thing going with this organization. I encourage everyone to sign up for as many events as they can in the coming year. As always if you have any ideas for events pass them to the event coordinator.

Mike

Join us for our December event

12/8: Monthly Motor inn/ Christmas Party.



2018 Membership Roster

Lan Ackley & Barbara Bush
 Dale & Sandy Ballinger
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 Gaby & Jennifer Batshoun
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 Cheryl & Randy Brown
 Nancy & John Cusick
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 TJ & Jim Dixon
 Ross Flick & Savannah Lloyd
 Vel & Ed Fenker
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 Kathy & Mark Folino
 Tom Foster
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 Kyle Nickels
 Jacquie Nielsen
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 Anji Roberts & Nelson Farmer
 Donna Ring & Jean Pabst
 Jeff Roberts
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 Marieevee Santana & Michael Riley
 Brittany Schlemmer
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 Michael Scott
 Jenn Siebel & Thad Hare
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 Roger & Tammy Swartzendruber
 Kay & Herschel Weintraub
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Welcome New Members
Roger & Tammy Swartzendruber

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Attention members:
If you have changed your email address please update Nancy Cusick with your new information.

Annual Membership Fees are \$30
 Make Checks Payable to:
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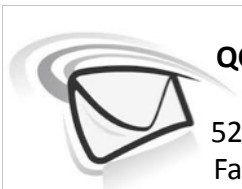
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Members

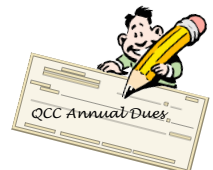
Dues for 2019 are now being accepted



RECONNECT WITH OLD FRIENDS.



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



QCC Christmas Party

Saturday
December 08, 2018



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 elses 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. The club will provide the entree.

What to bring...

NOTHING, the party is on QUEEN CITY COOPERS





MINI Winter Driving!! Tips, techniques, Practices

It's that time of year! Here are a few techniques and advice we've all needed and used, hope it's helpful, I've culled these from a bunch of other threads & knowledge, not trying to come off as a know-it-all, but passing along knowledge from all over.

1) Make sure the Driver is ready! PRACTICE! Know how you & your car will respond! As soon as snow falls, drive carefully to a deserted parking lot with no light poles or potholes (scout it out beforehand). Drive the car, really DRIVE it, to see what it'll do and how it feels. Hit the brakes HARD to see how the ABS feels, then hit the brakes gently and see if you can tell when one, two, or more tires are starting to "lock" (brake pulsations). Leave lots of space. Remember, you should STEER while the ABS is pulsing. Your BEST bet may be to take a winter driving school - PittStopMINI (through BeaveRun) offers one most February's, the lesson lasts a lifetime - and it's a TON of fun! Other regional motorsports clubs and tracks also offer schooling.

2) GENTLE! Drive like there's a raw egg between you and EVERY control in the car. Leave lots of space. Don't slip the clutch too much, just enough for a gentle start. Often you will want to ease onto the clutch and barely (if at all) on the gas - you want to maintain that slim amount of traction you have. 2)b. Remember the Saw technique: If you're understeering in a turn (front wheel skid), gently (but quickly) working the wheel side to side can actually get you turning again. 2) c. Know how your DSC/ASC works, and when you might want it "off" - like when you're starting out on a slippery road surface. (Practice...!). A little wheelspin on start can be helpful to get moving, then reactivate the DSC to keep you in control.

3) Momentum: In case you have hills in your part of the world, momentum can be your friend, but use it wisely. Don't stop on uphills if you can avoid it! Conserve momentum - but also consider you never want TOO much momentum! Don't do something you'll have to undo later, like accelerate too hard. Watch stop signs and intersections: Before the salt trucks get out, these get ICY - quickly. Be aware.

4) Use the HIGHEST gear you can for the conditions. Don't "lug" the engine, but you don't want excess torque breaking your traction. Upshift (to a higher numbered gear) sooner than you ordinarily would. Lower gears give more torque, which is great for acceleration on dry pavement but can spin the tires on low-traction surfaces.

5) Clutch in or neutral when slippery-road braking, almost always. Don't downshift no matter HOW much it makes you sound like a rally driver. Using the brakes alone allows the DSC and ABS to work most effectively. This also prevents the engine torque interfering with front/rear brake bias or ABS/DSC function. You do NOT necessarily want only the front wheels alone doing all the braking, which they will during a downshift. (*note: exceptions exist, this is a generality, but in most conditions, just use the brakes). 5a) Don't forget to actually steer away from the obstacle! The main advantage of ABS is NOT shorter stopping distances - it's the ability to steer while braking. Don't forget to steer!

6) With snows on, try not to laugh too hard at the SUVs on bald all-seasons thinking they can go anywhere. You have as many tires braking and steering as they do. 4WD just allows a car to get moving in conditions where (arguably) one shouldn't even be driving. It doesn't help stop or brake, and the additional weight usually hurts stopping and braking.

7) When it's cold, go easy. Even on dry pavement, you'll have reduced traction. Your car will also make more noises since everything's stiff. Go easy, at least until things are warmed up. Note that snow tires aren't quite as good on dry pavement, and cold summer tires are quite slippery even in the dry. Take it easy.

8) Keep an emergency kit in your car. Sleeping bag or blanket, jacket, gloves, a little non-perishable food (energy bars are great but can be hard when cold), a small bottle or two of water, candle (don't forget waterproof matches!) maybe a small folding shovel. I've known people in New JERSEY (fer cryin out loud!) who've been surprised and trapped by snow/ice storms overnight - during their commute home! It's more common than you think, and can happen to you. Yes, even you.

9) Know when to NOT drive! Yes, driving in winter is fun - but sometimes the smart decision is to stay home. Do you really need that latte - enough to risk your car and your life? Stay home if conditions are dodgy enough. Make the safe call.





2019 QCC Planning *Motor In* *
January 12, 2019 3:00 PM
@
Cincinnati Mini
6131 Stewart Ave 45227

* What the heck is a *Motor In* ? Well for QCC purposes it's driving to a location for some type of gathering. So we are going to *Motor In* to Cincinnati Mini for a meeting. Now that you know, get in your Mini and . . .

Come join us & help plan events for the 2019 driving season. We have roughed out a general event calendar but we need *You* to make it happen by hosting and supporting QCC in the coming year. Start getting your ideas together so you can help make QCC the best Mini Club in the tri - state area.

We are looking to work closer with our sponsor Cincinnati Mini as well as having a driving event and a *Motor In* most every month. We want to finish 2019 with bald tires and a warm engine !

We certainly will start off 2019 right because Cincinnati Mini will be supplying the pizza & drinks for the *Motor In* again this year. Sign up soon so we can be prepared for a fantastic turnout for our first *Motor In* of 2019.

Hope to see you there & sign up soon !

There are no strangers @ QCC, only friends who have never met .

Rob Rauch
2019 Event Director

Hosted by Brittany @ Cincinnati Mini





Let's wish Happy Birthday to our December members:

- Sandy Stevenson December 7
- Linda Krum December 12
- Kathy Folion December 19
- Jenn Siebel December 28
- Kyle Nickels December 30



Treasurer's Report:

QCC has \$2198.00 in our checking account and are now accepting credit cards for Membership Dues and QCC Accessories at Meetings and Club events.

Ed Fenker

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





QCC Resources

The following vendors have Proven their quality of service to QCC members in the past and have welcomed us with good service, quality work & excellent prices. If you are in need of they type services they provide, please give them a call, identify yourself as a QCC member and see how they can be of service.

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11478 Reading Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45241
Phone number(513) 563-2006

Ronnie Price Upholstery & Top Shop

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Christian Brothers Automotive

6379 Branch Hill Guinea Pike
Loveland, Ohio 45140
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Monday 9am - 4pm

Wednesday 9am - 4pm

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MEMBERSHIP

“All Who Wander Are Not Lost”



Revised: 10/23/2017

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
- **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 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

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

Membership Form

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

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: _____

Should not Be Member or Associate Member

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? _____

