

Boot & Bonnet

By Michael Scott

HAPPY NEW YEAR, QCC!!!

Here we are again beginning a bright new year! It's my sincere wish that this finds you all safely recovering from a joyous Holiday season filled with the best of friends and family. And now with the hustle of the holidays in the rear-view mirror, it's time to start thinking about what's in store for QCC in 2019. So... let's jump right in, shall we?

There are already some spectacular events in the works for the coming year. But before we get into the event schedule, I'd like to share some other exciting news with you. As a result of a VERY productive meeting with the Sales, Service, and Marketing departments, QCC will be working more closely than ever with our primary sponsor, Cincinnati MINI! This will mean expanded levels of communication with Brittany and her Sales staff, new and expanded pricing and service tiers from Steve and his Service Department, and new levels of assistance and support from Rebecca and Louis in Marketing with the creation and promotion of future QCC events! We'll keep you posted on the details of what this means for our membership, but rest assured that the benefits will be HUGE!!! So now, as promised, let's talk about events...



MINI on the Mack is back in 2019!! 2017's event fell just short of breaking the world record, but it certainly wasn't for lack of turnout from our QCC membership. Even the announcers were forced to take notice as we pulled into the parade with our polished MINIs with QCC door magnets. "Are there any MINIs left in Cincinnati?!!". I'd love to see another huge group descend on St. Ignace this year for another attempt! Our premier events like the Luau, Halloween and Christmas parties are tentatively scheduled. The M&M Vacation and the Fall Spirits Drive are on the books as well as quite a few rallies and drives, however... YOUR INPUT IS CRUCIAL TO THE SUCCESS OF QCC!!! Our members are and always will be the heart, the life, and the soul of the club. As such, the direction of the club MUST come from YOU! QCC's annual Planning Meeting is being held in conjunction with the January Motor-In on Saturday, January 12th at 3:00pm in the upper-level showroom at Cincinnati MINI. This is one of your best opportunities of the year to share your ideas for rallies, drives, and events, and to shape the direction of the club for 2019 and beyond. Queen City Coopers is all about the fun and excitement of owning and driving MINIs, and the best way to ensure that you keep having fun is to GET INVOLVED. The club is what we make it, so please do your best to join us and share your vision. (Brittany's providing food and drinks, so please register on the website or contact me directly so we can get a count). And, as always, I hope to SEE...YOU...THERE!!!

Once again, I'd like to thank you all for your kind support. Wishing everyone at QCC a safe, happy, and healthy 2019! Now let's get this party started!!!

CHEERS!! and MOTOR ON!!!

Tom

Join us for our January event

1/12: Monthly Motor inn/ Christmas Party.



2018 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 ****
Nancy & John Cusick
James & Erica Dean ***
TJ & Jim Dixon
Ross Flick & Savannah Lloyd
Vel & Ed Fenker
Teddy & Ann Finesman****
Kathy & Mark Folino
Tom Foster ****
Brittany & Phil Freel ****
Malcom & Carol Fry
Ross Flick & Savannah Lloyd
Andrew & Jessica Gear
Sandy & Ron Gregory
Corbit Harrison & Darla Bateman
Dave Haggard ***
Bob & Trudy Hare
Mark & Linda Krum***
Mary & Matt Hopton

James Hutsell & Jean Durkin ****
Robert & Nancy Ice
Scot Jonas & Jessica Proctor ***
Jerry & Debbie King



Paul & Karen Lehn ***
Jennifer & Chris Linder
Barbara Lindsey***
Hector & Gina Maldonado
Peter McFarland***
Michael Murphy
John & Jeanie Miller***
Robert Nelson & Donna Chupka ***
Kyle Nickels ***

Jacquie Nielsen ***
Mike & Mary Obermeyer
Rob & Carol Rauch
Anji Roberts & Nelson Farmer ****
Donna Ring & Jean Pabst
Tim & Bobbi Ross
Marieeve Santana & Michael Riley ***
Brittany Schlemmer ***
Craig & Karen Schlesinger
Michael Scott
Jenn Siebel & Thad Hare ****
Todd Smith
David & Sandy Stevenson
Elaina & Jim Stuard ***
Mike Suhar
DiEldred and Marilyn Storm
Roger & Tammy Swartzendruber
Kay & Herschel Weintraub
John and Kathy Witt***

**** indicates dues not paid for 2019.
Please send your check ASAP, 2019 is
going to be a fun packed year!!!!



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!



Elizabeth (Betty) & Randy Merrill

Joey Lee Gartell

Karmya Lang

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

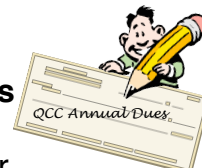


Members

Dues for 2019 are now being accepted



Mail to:
QCC Memberships
Nancy Cusick
5227 Mississippi Dr.





WINTER / SNOW TIRE TECH: REMEMBER THESE W.I.N.T.E.R. TIPS

To stay safe behind the wheel this winter season, consumers should remember the following
W.I.N.T.E.R. tips from Tire Rack:

Winter Tires Are Worth It: The best way to improve winter / snow tire traction and increase safety is with a set of dedicated winter / snow tires. Starting at a few hundred dollars for a set of four, typical winter / snow tires can last three or more winter seasons and increase the life span of your other tires when they are only driven in spring, summer and fall. Review the benefits of buying a [Winter/Snow Tire & Wheel Package](#).

In Traction We Trust: Winter tires feature tread rubber that is blended to remain flexible even in sub-freezing temperatures, and are designed to maximize traction on slippery winter roads. All-Season and summer tires begin to lose traction as ambient temperatures approach freezing, even without slush or snow on the road. Lower temperatures reduce these tires' tread rubber flexibility and ability to grip the pavement.

Never Forget the Pressure: The air inside your tires supports the weight of your car. For every 10-degree drop in temperature, tires lose about 1 pound per square inch (psi) of air pressure. A tire filled to 32 psi at 70 degrees will have only 28 psi at 30 degrees. Underinflated tires offer less traction, can reduce fuel mileage, can wear out prematurely and cause irreparable damage that compromises their durability. Check tire pressures monthly with a quality air pressure gauge, and if needed, fill them to vehicle manufacturer specifications. Read "[Winter Air Pressure...You Can't Just Set It...And Then Forget It.](#)"

Tread Depth Matters: If sleet, slush and snow-covered roads are in your future, replace tires when they reach approximately 5/32" of remaining tread depth to maintain good mobility. Tires with more tread depth offer additional traction to claw their way through sleet, slush and snow.

If the winter season means rain and wet roads in your area or where you're traveling to, consider replacing tires when they reach approximately 4/32" of remaining tread depth. Use a

quarter, not a penny, to measure tread depth. Tire Rack's team proved through testing that insufficient tread depth doubles your stopping distance. Adequate tread reduces hydroplaning and helps prevent accidents. [Too little is never enough.](#)

Extra Room and Don't Tailgate: Adding distance behind the vehicle ahead gives you more time to react and distance to stop. While it's often recommended to follow two seconds behind at 30 mph and four seconds at 60 mph, those times should be doubled in wet conditions and tripled for snow.

Remain a Smooth Operator: Accelerate, brake and steer as if you had a full cup of hot coffee on the dashboard

Winter Driving Tips from Tier Rack

Christmas Party Photos

ott's post



Cookie Recipe from the MINI Christmas rally.

Chocolate Crinkle Cookies

From Sweet on Custard and Cookies

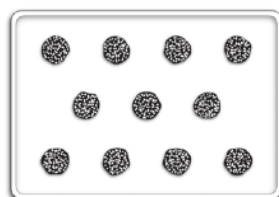
INSTRUCTIONS

MAKES 22 COOKIES

NOTE FROM THE TEST KITCHEN Both natural and Dutch-processed cocoa will work in this recipe. Our favorite natural cocoa is Hershey's Natural Cocoa Unsweetened; our favorite Dutch-processed cocoa is Droste Cocoa. Our preferred unsweetened chocolate is Hershey's Unsweetened Baking Bar.

1. Adjust oven rack to middle position and heat oven to 325 degrees. Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. Whisk flour, cocoa, baking powder, baking soda, and salt together in bowl.
2. Whisk brown sugar; eggs; espresso powder, if using; and vanilla together in large bowl. Combine chocolate and butter in bowl and microwave at 50 percent power, stirring occasionally, until melted, 2 to 3 minutes.
3. Whisk chocolate mixture into egg mixture until combined. Fold in flour mixture until no dry streaks remain. Let dough sit at room temperature for 10 minutes.
4. Place granulated sugar and confectioners' sugar in separate shallow dishes. Working with 2 tablespoons dough (or use #30 scoop) at a time, roll into balls. Drop dough balls directly into granulated sugar and roll to coat. Transfer dough balls to confectioners' sugar and roll to coat evenly. Evenly space dough balls on prepared sheets, 11 per sheet.
5. Bake cookies, 1 sheet at a time, until puffed and cracked and edges have begun to set but centers are still soft (cookies will look raw between cracks and seem underdone), about 12 minutes, rotating sheet halfway through baking. Let cool completely on sheet before serving.

Minus One



Our recipe makes 22 cookies, not the usual two dozen. Here's how to space 11 cookies on each baking sheet.

A Crack in the System

Most crinkle cookies miss the mark, with gaping, sparse cracks and a white coating that doesn't stay put.



NO CRINKLES. NO COATING. NO THANKS.



INGREDIENTS

[Print Shopping List](#)

- 1 cup (5 ounces) **all-purpose flour**
- ½ cup (1 1/2 ounces) **unsweetened cocoa powder**
- 1 teaspoon **baking powder**
- ¼ teaspoon **baking soda**
- ½ teaspoon **salt**
- 1 ½ cups packed (10 1/2 ounces) **brown sugar**
- 3 **large eggs**
- 4 teaspoons **instant espresso powder** (optional)
- 1 teaspoon **vanilla extract**
- 4 ounces **unsweetened chocolate**, chopped
- 4 tablespoons **unsalted butter**
- ½ cup (3 1/2 ounces) **granulated sugar**
- ½ cup (2 ounces) **confectioners' sugar**

FEATURED EQUIPMENT



Dry Measuring Cups

BUY WINNER



Mixing Bowls

BUY WINNER



Rimmed Baking Sheets

BUY WINNER



All-Purpose Whisks

BUY WINNER



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



Let's wish Happy Birthday to our January members:

Michael Scott	January 4
Rob Rauch	January 4
Jerry King	January 6
Robert Ice	January 29
Debbie King	January 30
Belson Farmer	January 31



Treasurer's Report:

QCC has \$2230.00 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

Mike Obermeyer 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:

Mike Obermeyer

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.

Schottmillers Auto Body

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

Ronnie Price Upholstery & Top Shop

9341 Seward Rd
Fairfield, Ohio 45014
513-368-9462

CIRCLE OF FRIENDS.



Christian Brothers Automotive

6379 Branch Hill Guinea Pike
Loveland, Ohio 45140
513-781-3546



CINCINNATI
MINI



Car Wash Hours

Monday 9am - 4pm

Wednesday 9am - 4pm

Saturday 8am - 4pm

*Car Wash entrance is located

behind the MINI showroom. An attendant will be out to greet you.



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INTELLIGENT CAR.
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technology. Let's flip all
the switches. Let's kick it
into superdrive. Let's call
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**Four Seasons
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Cabin Rental in Gatlinburg**

http://www.elkspringsresort.com/cabin_rentals/four_seasons.html

John Cusick 513-942-7710
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Fairfield OH 45014
John@tintguy.com

Authorized
Suntek
Installer

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tintguy.com

Window Films : Automotive - Residential - Commercial
Paint protection films

Specials for Queen City Coopers



Check with Cincinnati MINI for their latest specials





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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

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? _____

