

Boot & Bonnet

By Michael Scott

The weather is here, I wish it was beautiful...

February has arrived, and with it comes the snow, freezing rain, sleet, near-zero temps, thaws, refreezes, and **gulp**...SALT... that is the silliness of Winter in Cincinnati. And sadly, until we all retire, head south, and become the Key West Coopers (hey, that has a nice ring to it...), the proposed schedule for the first couple of months of the year is a total crapshoot. In the case of the January Motor-In and the Annual Planning Meeting, I placed my misguided faith in the skills of local weather forecasters and cancelled. Of course, the severe weather held off until late evening and the day was bright and (kinda) sunny. I beg your forgiveness for the cancellation, but pledge that in the future, I will continue to err on the side of safety and caution. In the meantime, I'll be accepting ideas for the new logo for Key West Coopers. I was thinking maybe a couple of palm trees, a beach, a MINI Convertible in Flamingo Pink, maybe a Tiki Bar... But as often happens, I digress.....

So let's try this again, shall we? The previously cancelled Annual Planning Meeting will be held on February 2nd at the Monthly Motor-In from 3pm-5pm at Cincinnati MINI. Again, the club counts on the membership for its input and direction to set our course for the coming year. It's also your best opportunity of the year to GET INVOLVED. The club is always looking for fresh ideas for new and different drives, rallies, and events. There are even some events that are already tentatively scheduled that just need someone to put their very own unique spin on them and take them to the finish line. The success of a club like QCC comes directly from the enthusiasm of its members. WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU!!!

In addition to the February Motor-In and Annual Planning Meeting, we're adding a special bonus in the form of QCC's very first SILENT AUCTION!! In the time-honored tradition of turning our clutter into someone else's clutter, we're giving everyone a chance to clean out your closets and garages of the overload of swag that every MINIlac accumulates. Everyone has them, duplicate lanyards, patches, badges, and swag from events like MINI Takes the States, MINI on the Mack, MINI on the Dragon, etc., unworn (or gently worn) T-shirts and apparel items, MINI parts and accessories (clean and in working order), mirror caps, wheels, that old Classic Mini that's been cluttering up the garage for years... anything MINI or QCC related is fair game! Bring them along to the meeting and donate them to the club. We'll allow everyone to bid on them in silent auction format during the meeting, and the profits go to Queen City Coopers to support the club! ***Full details and rules for the Silent Auction will have been posted on facebook and sent to the membership by e-mail prior to this publication***

And the February excitement doesn't end there! Join us on Saturday, February 16th for a road trip to Dayton, Ohio where Jimmy Dean has arranged a great day of indoor tours! It all starts at 9:00am in the lot of Home Depot in West Chester (Tylersville @ I75 with optional breakfast at the nearby Bob Evans @ 8:00am) with a caravan to Dayton's British Transportation Museum where you'll see some beautiful examples of history-making British cars, bicycles, memorabilia, and of course, MINIs! After lunch, the group moves on to America's Packard Museum where you'll see the largest collection of restored Packard automobiles IN THE WORLD! This sounds like a great time that you won't want to miss, so mark your calendars now!!

February sounds like a fantastic month for Queen City Coopers, but there's always room for more! Pop-up dinners and short-notice events are always a great opportunity for friends to get together to relax and share, so be sure to check facebook and e-mail often so you don't miss anything. And, lest we forget, February means that Valentines' Day will soon be upon us, so don't forget to get something nice for your MINI. I think maybe a nice oil change for Scully and a carbon fiber JCW shift knob for Scooter...

Until I see you all.....

CHEERS!! and MOTOR ON!!!

Tom



Join us for our February events

2/2: Monthly Motor inn/ Silent Auction

2/16 British & Packard Museum drive



2018 Membership Roster

Lan Ackley & Barbara Bush
Dale & Sandy Ballinger
Nick Banschbach & Becky Robert
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 ****
Teddy & Ann Finesman
Kathy & Mark Folino
Tom Foster ****
Ken & Wanda Frazer
Brittany & Phil Freel
Andrew & Jessica Gear
Sandy & Ron Gregory
Joey Lee Gartrell & Karmyn Lang
Corbit Harrison & Darla Bateman
Dave Haggard ****
Bob & Trudy Hare
Ted & Katie Hunter
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Mary & Matt Hopton

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Paul & Karen Lehn
Barbara Lindsey****
Hector & Gina Maldonado



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Jacquie Nielsen
Mike & Mary Obermeyer
Rob & Carol Rauch
Anji Roberts & Nelson Farmer ****

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.
THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER
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!



Ken & Wanda Frazer
Ted & Kathie Hunter

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



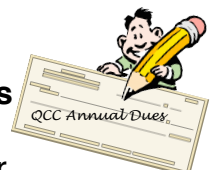
Members

Dues for 2019 are now being accepted



Mail to:

QCC Memberships
Nancy Cusick
5227 Mississippi Dr.





February Motor In & Silent Auction

@ Cincinnati Mini

3PM - 5PM

February 2, 2019

Come join us for our monthly Motor In . . . We will be discussing past and future QCC events & Officer reports followed by our first Silent Auction.

Cincinnati Mini will donate some items to be bid on and let's all rummage thru our garages and closets for Mini items we no longer want or need. Maybe even that 3rd or 4th Mini you have sitting there waiting to be driven ! Mirror caps, wheels, banners etc. Anything Mini.

Come early if you have something to donate so we can set up and browse & see if there is anything you can use for your Mini. Place your bid and later we will announce the winners. All money raised will be donated to QCC . That's just another way we can increase our bank account and turn around and pay for event costs for all of the club to enjoy.

QCC Drive To Dayton Museums

February 16, 2019

9:00 am

Meet in Home Depot's Parking Lot I-75 & Tylersville Rd.

West Chester 45069



QCC will be touring the **British Transportation Museum** and the **Packard Museum** in Dayton Ohio on Feb. 16, 2019. We will meet in Home Depot's parking lot @ 9:00 am and then caravan north on I-75 to our first stop which is the British Transportation Museum in Dayton. (8:00 am @ Bob Evans if you want breakfast)

After that tour we eat lunch then proceed to the Packard Museum. Parking is an issue @ the Packard Museum so we might not be able to all park together.

Jim Dean has made arrangements with both museums for QCC to tour. Jim is an active member of the British Transportation Museum and friends with the Packard Museum. We will watch the weather forecast carefully on this one . . . Jim said it easy to change dates if the roads are bad.

Let's have a big turn out for this event, Not only will the museums be interesting but let's show Jim our support for his efforts to help make QCC an even better club !

<https://www.britishtransportationmuseum.org>

<http://www.americaspackardmuseum.org>



Sign Museum Photos



MINI Cooper Winterization Checklist

Courtesy of Mini Mania Inc.

The coming winter months can bring many challenges for your MINI Cooper. Although modern vehicles are better designed to handle inclement weather, there are some basic steps every driver should take as days get shorter and air grows colder.



1. Tune up the motor

Air, oil and fuel filters, including new spark plugs, distributor cap and wires. Ignition system needs to be in top shape to battle the cold.

2. Check the anti-freeze

Only fill the tank with MINI recommended brand anti-freeze, make sure to check your owners manual for the proper anti-freeze type.



3. Check other fluids

Be sure all other fluids are at the correct levels and fill as needed. Brake fluid, engine oil, power steering fluid, windshield wiper fluid, etc.

4. Check the Battery

You can have a load test done on your battery at any local auto parts store. Don't forget to check your key fob batteries as well.



5. Check your tires

You'll want to be sure to check the tread air pressure and alignment of your tires. You may also want to have them rotated if you haven't done so recently. Remember, safety first!



6. Inspect the Brakes

A quick visual inspection will give you peace of mind driving in cold harsh conditions. If you're not sure please take your MINI to your local dealer or shop to be examined.





7. Check the wipers

Be sure your wipers are in tip top shape. And, if you live in an area where temperatures reach freezing be sure to add de-icing solution to your wiper fluid reservoir.

8. Check exterior lights

Do a quick check to ensure your turn signals, fog lights, headlights and tail lights are all working properly. Convert your bulbs to LED. They are brighter and longer lasting.

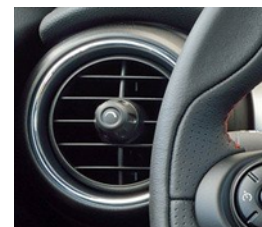


9. Inspect belts & hoses

Check your MINI's belts for wear and cracks in hoses. Any cracks will only get worse in the cold weather, leading to more expensive repairs.

10. Check heating & defrost

Ensure that your heating system and defroster are in good working order. These will be used over and over for the winter months.

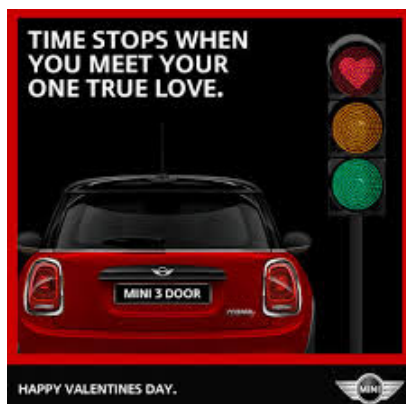


11. Repair windshield chips

It's much cheaper to get a windshield crack fixed than replacing the whole windshield when that small crack breaks across the glass.

12. Winter emergency kit

Having an emergency kit in your MINI is always a good idea, but especially so in inclement weather. It won't take long to assemble and could save your life.



Let's wish Happy Birthday to our February members:

Donna Chupka	4
Ed Fenker	6
Nancy Ice	6
Phil Freel	7
Lan Ackley	8
Jean Pabst	8
Jeff Roberts	10
Barbara Bush	11
Robert Bax	16
Sandy Ballinger	24
Jean Durkin	24
Chris Linder	28



Treasurer's Report:

QCC has \$1850.00 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



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Car Wash Hours

Monday 9am - 4pm

Wednesday 9am - 4pm

Saturday 8am - 4pm

*Car Wash entrance is located

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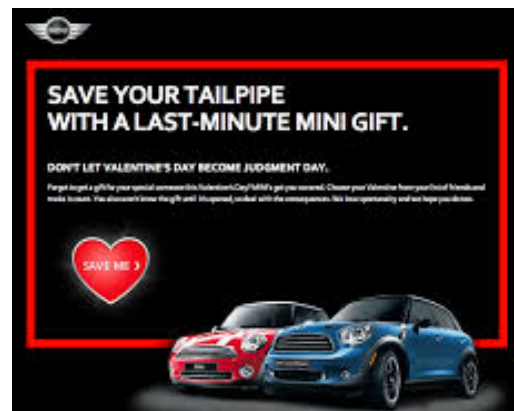
John Cusick 513-942-7710
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Window Films : Automotive - Residential - Commercial
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Specials for Queen City Coopers



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? _____

