



# Boot & Bonnet

By Michael Scott

## In Memory of Teddy Finesman

1943-2019

*"Don't take life too seriously. You'll never live through it."*

Late for my deadline again. I sat down earlier, hoping that my sleep deprived and addled brain would allow me to produce something that makes sense (3<sup>rd</sup> shifters understand). After an hour of frustration, my original intention was to take a 15 minute drive in the evening air to clear my head and try to get some creative juices flowing. But as usual, that 15 minutes turned into a 90 minute drive through some Clermont County twisties, dinner and a show at Waffle House, a hot fudge sundae from UDF, and a pair of new Matchbox Minis from Wally's. So now here I sit, still late, still sleep deprived, still addled, and somewhat... uncomfortable. I guess I'll never learn. But as usual, I digress...

May was a great month to be motoring with QCC!! Many thanks to Craig and Karen Schlesinger for hosting an evening out at The Pub in Rookwood! It's just really nice once in a while to just relax with friends, and The Pub couldn't have been a more perfect place. Great food and atmosphere, and everyone LOVED seeing our MINIs in the reserved parking area.

A few days later, It was obvious that Peter McFarland had REALLY done his homework in producing the New Riff Distillery drive! 16 MINIs drove an absolutely beautiful route through 7 counties and 3 covered bridges with a very cool lunch stop at Terry's market in Lynchburg (who knew this place even existed?), and ending with an exclusive tour of the New Riff Distillery in Newport. It was really great to see some new faces to QCC and to welcome some of our friends from Cincinnati MINI out to spend the day. All in all, just a spectacular time!

Memorial Day weekend offered even more opportunities to get out and motor with the annual M&M Vacation featuring horses, barbecue, and bourbon with our friends from the Cincinnati Miata Club and the Newtown Memorial Day parade! There will undoubtedly be plenty of pictures and stories to come from both events.

And June's starting off with another one of our favorite events with Rob and Carol Rauch hosting a Catch Us If You Can drive on Sunday June 2<sup>nd</sup>! If you've never done one of these events, you owe it to yourself to join us and "let those puppies run" as Mr. John Cooper intended when he realized the Mini's true potential back in 1961. It's all about the fun, so if pushing the limits isn't really your thing, NOT A PROBLEM!! We're not gonna leave you behind! And as Rob says, "Keeping our reputation intact, we'll probably wind up at an eatery somewhere".

It's been a long, wet Spring, so why not start off the Summer with the Cusicks as they host the QCC ICE CREAM RUN?!! Similar to our past visits to the Donut Trail, on Saturday June 22<sup>nd</sup> (time and details to be announced), we'll be traveling to several purveyors of frozen dairy perfection in the search for the perfect cone. Jon and Nancy are closely guarding the route (but I was able to overhear Putz's and The Cone whispered between them). Anyone who knows me knows that I'm not gonna miss this one!

Yep, June looks like another great month for QCC, but there's always room for more! As always, the success of the club depends the interest and participation of its members, so...DON'T BE SHY!! If you have an idea for an event, drive, or rally, but aren't sure how to make it happen, we're here to help! We've seen some of our best events come from the fresh ideas of newer members!

So...thanks again for listening to me ramble. I hope to be seeing you all in the months to come. In the meantime.....

CHEERS!!! and MOTOR ON!!!

Tom

## Join us for our June events

6/2: Catch us if you can Drive

6/8: Monthly Motor inn

6/22: QCC Ice Cream Rally





# *Catch Us If You Can*

**Sunday June 2, 2019**

**2:00 PM**

Meet @ Lowes St. Rt. 28 & I-275  
Milford ,Ohio 45150

Come prepared to drive our Minis like the were built to be driven . . .

***Fast & hard thru the turns !***

( of course obeying all speed limit suggestions )

**Do a safety check, good tire tread , air pressure, coolant & of course, oil.**

**Maximum 2 people per car. but a navigator is not necessary.**

**Have 2 Minis, drive them both.**

If that doesn't appeal to you, come anyway & bring up the rear.

**JUST GET OUT & DRIVE.**

Keeping our reputation intact, we will end up @ an eatery somewhere.

**SIGN UP SOON**

***... all who wander are not lost***

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## **Monthly Meeting**

**Date:** Saturday June 8th

**Time:** 6:00

**Location:** 4807 Stoneybrook Road, Cincinnati, OH 45244

Come 6:00 - park in back yard.

Supper 6:30 - we'll have a variety of meats - steaks, burgers, brats, hot dogs (so first to arrive get first choice - steak?) - and beverages. You're welcome to bring your favorite dish to share.

Short meeting after supper.

Potato acceleration device will be available after the meeting!

**Directions:** I-275 to Exit 63 to SR 32 West toward Newtown. Right at traffic light at Old SR 74, the first traffic light left onto Summerside. About one mile, right onto Klatte (just past Clepper Park with blue basketball courts), then second right onto Chateau. T left onto Stoneybrook. We're the 7th house on the left - follow cones into back yard.

**Contact:** Bobbi or Tim Ross - 513-528-3232



## QCC Ice Cream Rally

Join us for the first QCC Ice Cream Run on Saturday June 22, 1pm at Putz's Creamy Whip. Then on to 4 more family run ice cream shops. Ending ??? Check out the website for more info and sign up. Your hosts for the day are Nancy and John Cusick.

Registration Mini and will 15 but is 20 cars. The already 6+ nights, from to Mackinaw for the find link to



fee is \$10/ open on May limited to only Sponsor has reserved all hotels rooms Staunton, VA City/St Ignace group. Please TGICR7 plan

and Hotels: <https://drive.google.com/.../1Ci3p3l6nPbwBJSJQDqK9o0MeOCX8KYK...>

This is a fun event with lots of ice cream to be eaten every day. Questions can be directed to The Ross's, Cusick's or Fenker's who did The Great Ice Cream Run 6 two years ago.

## Newtown Parade Photos



## Covered Bridge and New Riff Distillery Dr.



M & M Photos



## **M & M Recap**

The seventh edition of the M(iata) & M(INI) Vacation is in the books. We had eight Miatas and four MINIs carrying 22 travelers in our group.

After meeting early in the morning of Friday, May 24 and heading south, we boarded trams to tour the Toyota plant in Georgetown, KY. A short drive took us to Old Friends/Dream Chase Farm where race horses get to retire to a quiet life and be fed carrot treats by visitors. Lunch was at Red State BBQ before we drove to our hotel for the weekend, the Holiday Inn Express in Versailles. Dinner was at the Claudia Sanders (yes, Mrs. Colonel) Dinner House in Shelbyville, followed by a delightful drive east on US 60 through Frankfort to our hotel.

Saturday started with a morning tour of Keeneland led by MINI passenger Libby Welker a veteran of the thoroughbred horse industry. We got a special treat when one of the Outriders (Colby riding "Mouse") came over to talk with us at Libby's request. Our next stop was Wild Turkey Distillery for a tour and tasting. We heard banjos as we transited to lunch at The Glitz in the lower level of Irish Acres Antiques, a decommissioned school FILLED with antiques and sparkly things. Gary Miller got a special birthday serenade from another group dining there. After lunch, our route started with some twisties, then settled into a nice drive passing Shaker Village on US 68 to Limestone Branch Distillery, a MUCH smaller operation than Wild Turkey! Our day ended with supper at the historic Old Talbot Tavern in Bardstown.

Sunday's animals were bison at the Blackfish Bison Ranch east of Lexington, south of Winchester. After a one-hour presentation. Brandon Hampton, the ranch owner, loaded us into a wagon and towed us into the paddock where the animals were grazing but came to our trailer to enjoy the apple and oat horse treats! After following part of the Clark County Stone Fence Tour, we stopped at a series of murals at the original site of Fort Boonesboro on the Kentucky River. Lunch was at Hall's on the River on the Beer Cheese Trail, then a photo at the stone fence entrance to the Lower Howard's Creek Nature Preserve. We returned to the hotel for a quiet afternoon before the monsoon came through. We caught a break to get to supper at the Versailles Brewing Company just across US 60 from our hotel.

Monday was a free-for-all. After a leisurely breakfast at the hotel, some headed home, some went to the Kentucky Horst Park, others headed to the Kentucky Artisan Center in Berea, either by country roads or I-75.

Thanks to all who came. Special thanks to John and Teri Haas for their support and ideas and for arranging our great visit to Blackfish. Special thanks to Jacquie Nielsen and Libby Welker for their local knowledge of the Versailles/Lexington area. Special thanks to Libby for our tour of Keeneland. Finally, special thanks to our "tail-enders", Vel and Ed Fenker for being our dependable sweepers all weekend.





June 15 ( Saturday )

June 29 ( Saturday )

July 13 ( Saturday )

July 20 ( Saturday )

August 3 ( Saturday )

## Ohio Valley Austin Healey

- Rain or Shine

Location: Live Oak Vocational School - 5956 Buckwheat Road - Milford, OH 45150-2287. Exit # 57 from 1-275 and go northeast on Route 28. (towards Blanchester) use the bypass - Right on Buckwheat Road (@Circle K gas station) this is the nearest rest room and store.

Time: The main gate opens before 9:00 AM. Registration is the first 20 cars with up to 25 drivers. Preference may be given to Ohio Valley AHC members. The maximum is usually reached BEFORE 10:00 AM. Runs start as soon as possible. Clean up and awards about 3:30. The more help picking up cones and cleaning the earlier we leave.

Cost: \$25.00 per Driver - Max - 25 drivers - spectators free! - Rain or Shine

Everyone will be required to sign a waiver and all drivers are required to work the course when not driving. Bring chairs and a cooler; there is shade available. No alcohol.

Required Equipment: A safe/functioning car (we will inspect it) any make or model, the cooler the better; Helmets are required for drivers and passengers. There are usually loaners available.

Goal: "Fun & Family Oriented Gymkhana" Meaning - street legal tires driven to the event only (no tire changing is allowed); No trailered cars unless they are vintage European or Japanese. We may give out awards for improvement over the day i.e., training.

This event is designed to be a safe, fun way to enjoy your automobile. No dangerous driving or recklessness will be tolerated. We operate near a residential section and ask that the exhaust system be street legal for noise. Regardless; we reserve the right to determine if it toooo loud. We want to come back next year.

We would like to see more vintage iron in 2015.... Remember - you are competing against yourself, not others - come out and have some fun with your car!

Questions call the Committee: Jake Jacobs (beancounter) 513-858-3071; Don Klein (Track Master) 513-895-2624; Skip Jackson (Equipment Master) 513-720-7547 or E-mail me if you want to be on our update list.

jake.jacobs@fuse.net or check our web site: [www.OhioValleyAHC.com](http://www.OhioValleyAHC.com)

This is the link to the OVAHC page with the details for 2019.

[http://www.ohiovalleyahc.com/Driver\\_Training\\_Tech\\_Sessions.html](http://www.ohiovalleyahc.com/Driver_Training_Tech_Sessions.html)





# 2019 Membership Roster

Lan Ackley & Barbara Bush  
Dale & Sandy Ballinger  
Nick Banschbach & Becky Robert  
Gaby & Jennifer Batshoun  
Robert & Doris Bax  
Mark & Linda Bingman  
Pat Bradley  
Cheryl & Randy Brown  
Nancy & John Cusick  
James & Erica Dean  
TJ & Jim Dixon  
Teddy & Ann Finesman  
Ed & Vel Fenker  
Kathy & Mark Folino  
Tom Foster  
Ken & Wanda Frazer  
Carol & Andrew Fry  
Brittany & Phil Freels  
Andrew & Jessica Gear  
Sandy & Ron Gregory  
Joey Lee Gartrell & Karmyn Lang  
Corbit Harrison & Darla Bateman

Dave Haggard  
Bob & Trudy Hare  
Ted & Katie Hunter  
Collin Keith & Brittany Holton  
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 Lender

Hector & Gina Maldonado  
Elizabeth & Randal Merrill  
Charles & Maria Mix  
Michael Murphy  
Jacquie Nielsen  
Mike & Mary Obermeyer  
Rob & Carol Rauch  
Donna Ring & Jean Pabst  
Anji Roberts & Nelson Farmer  
Tim & Bobbi Ross  
Brittany Schlemmer  
Craig & Karen Schlesinger  
Michael Scott  
Todd Smith  
David & Sandy Stevenson  
Elaina & Jim Stuard  
Mike Suhar  
DiEldred & Marilyn Storm  
Roger & Tammy Swartzendruber  
Jan & Matt Swan  
Kay & Herschel Weintraub  
John & Kathy Witt



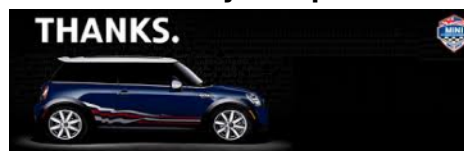
## Welcome New Members

Collin Keith &  
Brittany Holton  
and  
Charles & Maria  
Mix



## 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"

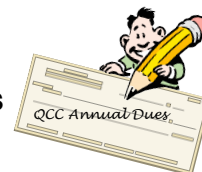


## Returning Members

BARBARA LINDSEY,  
BROOKS AND  
ANGELA  
NIEBERDING



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



Let's wish Happy Birthday to our June members:

Angela Nieberding	June 9
Karen Lehn	June 10
Karen Schlesinger	June 12
Tim Ross	June 14
Gabby Batshoun	June 17
Matt Hopton	June 29



## Treasurer's Report:

We have a balance of \$2175 in our account. We can now accept card cards through our Square Purchase System (with a small convenience fee) for merchandise and membership dues.

Ed Fenker

**Cincinnati MINI is offering active QCC members with a discount on MINI Parts and Accessories of 5% and 10% off of Labor charges. You will need to present your QCC Membership Card to qualify for the discounts.!!!**

## 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

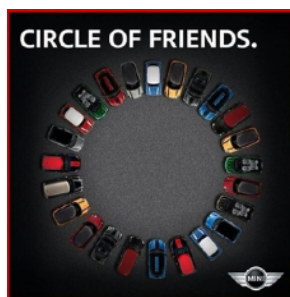
The following vendors have Proven their quality of service to QCC members in the past and have welcomed us with good service, quality work & excellent prices. If you are in need of they type services they provide, please give them a call, identify yourself as a QCC member and see how they can be of service.

### 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



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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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WITH  
DAD**



**Check with Cincinnati MINI**

**Happy Father's Day!**

**Thanks Kid!**





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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](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? \_\_\_\_\_

