

Boot & Bonnet

WINTER IS COMING.....

Yeah... channeling a bit of my inner Ned Stark, there. What a strange new year it's been so far, eh? The Ohio Valley is certainly no stranger to odd weather patterns, but the unseasonably warm temps, torrential rains, and high winds of January have been a little crazier than most. Except for a few nights of colder temps, we've really not seen much of our typical Winter weather (as of this writing). Not to jinx anything, but we all know that we're going to pay the price for this, right? Whether it's unusually heavy snowfalls, ice storms, falling iguanas, or frigid temps that extend into May, dear Mother Nature isn't gonna let us off the hook this easily. As such, I thought this might be a good time to take a look at some common sense Winter Motoring tips to get us through whatever the old lady throws at us. So...

- Make sure your MINI maintenance is up to date. The Winter temps take a toll on your MINI in many ways, so you certainly don't want to find yourself stranded due to an avoidable failure. Fresh oil, coolant, and properly maintained fluid levels are even more important to your cold engine. And make sure your battery is up to the task of cranking an engine that's been cold-soaked overnight. MINIs are particularly sensitive to battery voltage, so the battery that was fine yesterday could leave you cold (pardon the pun) the next morning.
- All-season tires with full tread or Winter-specific tires are a must! MINIs handle surprisingly well in the snow as long their point of contact, your tires, are appropriate to the conditions.

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SO DRIVE SAFE THIS
VALENTINE'S DAY.**

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Join us for our February events

2/8: Monthly Motor-In

2/15: Cincinnati Cyclones featuring
Cincinnati Icebreak

- Speaking of traction, no car or tire handles well on ice, so there's always the possibility of sliding off the roadway. A collapsible shovel or entrenching tool from the Army surplus store can help toward getting you back on the road, and a jug of dollar store cat litter can create a lot of extra traction on ice and may save the expense and time of waiting for a tow truck.
- Keep your fuel tank topped off. If you do slide off the road and have to call a tow truck, waits can be hours long and you don't want to run out of heat.
- BE VISIBLE!! Road flares, reflectors, or some of the new emergency strobes can go a long way toward keeping you safe and helping emergency assistance find you. Carry a compact emergency kit. Pack a small duffle bag with a small blanket, extra gloves, a knit hat and/or scarf, heavy socks, pull-on boots, a good flashlight (or two) with extra batteries, energy bars, and a basic first aid kit. I would suggest than you keep your kit within reach in the passenger compartment instead of the boot to avoid getting out of the car.
- Communication can save your life, so make sure your phone stays working. A fairly inexpensive power bank can keep your phone working for many additional hours or even days and easily fits in the glovebox, a purse, a backpack(where I carry mine), or in your emergency kit.



When it comes right down to it, we can do a lot toward staying safe in Winter driving conditions, but there's nothing we can do about the people we share the road with. Situational awareness is the key. Keep an eye on the conditions ahead. Remember that just because your MINI can go on the snow or ice, it doesn't mean you can stop. Leave some extra distance between you and other drivers. Give yourself appropriate additional time to get to your destination. And that guy in the big pickup truck going 70mph in the unplowed left lane and passing everyone who's driving responsibly? Make sure to honk, smile, and wave when you pass him where he slid off into the median a couple of miles up the road.

Well, there's not much Motoring going on during the Winter months, but we do have some cool social events planned to keep you MINIs busy. We'll keep you posted. In the meantime, be careful out there...

CHEERS!! and MOTOR ON!!!

Tom





Come Join us at our Monthly Motor-In

Feb. 8th @ 6pm

AJ's Bar & Grill.

9176 Winton Rd

Cincinnati, OH

(Behind Brentwood Bowl)

For more information contact:

EVENTS COORDINATOR:

CRAIG SCHELESINGER

cbschlesinger@yahoo.com

2020 Dues are due!!!

Please send your annual dues of \$30.00 to

Nancy Cusick 5227 Mississippi Dr, Fairfield, OH 45014-2411

If you change your e-mail please let me know so you can continue to receive the newsletters

Join QCC and GCMC for a night of hockey with the

Cincinnati Cyclones

***featuring* the Cincinnati Icebreakers!!!**

You're cordially invited to join Queen City Coopers and the Greater Cincinnati Miata Club in supporting the CINCINNATI ICEBREAKERS for a great evening of hockey action as the Cincinnati Cyclones face off against the Indianapolis Fuel!!

The puck drops at 7:30pm on Saturday, February 15th at the Heritage Bank Center (formerly U.S. Bank Arena). AND... as a great added bonus, you'll get to

see an exhibition by CINCINNATI'S ADAPTIVE SLED HOCKEY TEAM, THE

CINCINNATI ICEBREAKERS!!! Sled hockey is a unique program for youth and adults who are unable to skate in an upright position due to a physical disability,

and the action is fast, powerful, and FUN! Check them out at

cincinnatiisledhockey.org to see what it's all about, then log on to cyclonesgroups.com/icebrakers to purchase your tickets. (The Icebreakers get a percentage of every ticket sold via this link, so please make your purchase here)

It's gonna be a great night of family fun and friends benefitting a really worthwhile cause, so get registered, order tickets, and we'll SEE... YOU...

THERE!!!



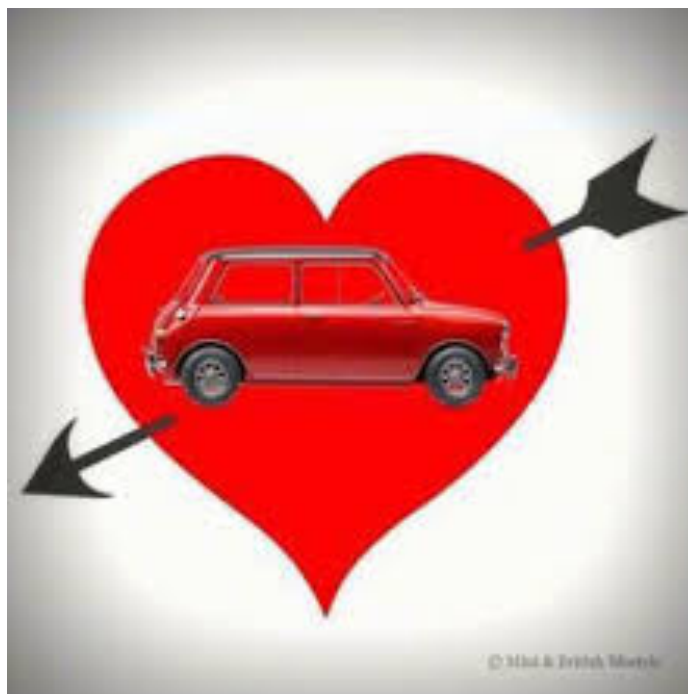


10 Fun Facts about the Classic Mini

As a Classic Mini owner you know exactly how much fun your car is...and even if you are not lucky enough to own one you look upon these iconic cars and instinctively know that fun is in this car's DNA. The Classic Mini knew what it was like to be a culture influencer even before facebook and instagram.

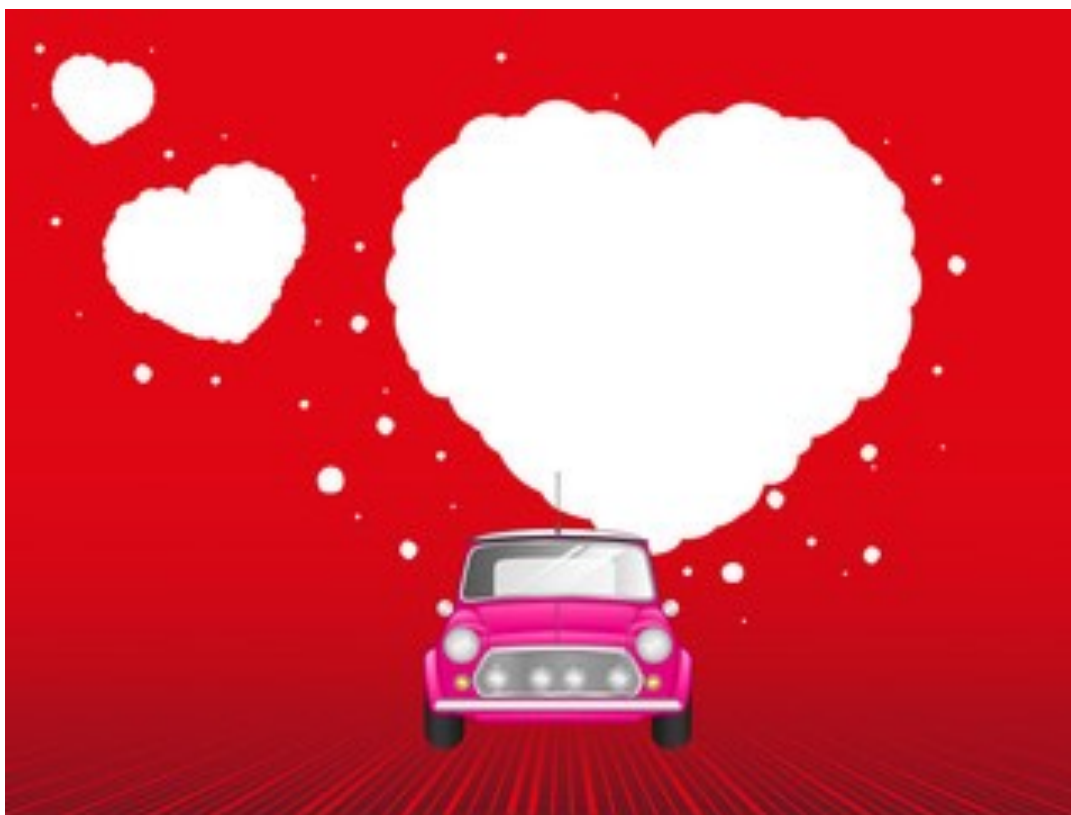
Check out these 10 Fun Facts about the Classic Mini and learn how this fun car quickly became a culture influencer.

- 1. If it ain't broke, don't fix it. The original Mini remained almost unchanged for forty-one years.
- 2. A star with some major staying power. The last Mini off the production line was October 4, 2000.
- 3. Around 5,500,000 Minis were ever produced. Obviously a fan favorite a true must-have before anyone started posting 5-star reviews online.
- 4. The doors on the first Mini models had sliding windows. Perfect for letting in some fresh air while keeping your adoring fans out.
- 5. Important cargo has always needed a safe place to hang out from point A to point B. Because there were no windows in the door, the doors were hollow.
- As a result, the designer of the Mini, Alec Issigonis (motor industry engineer, designer & race driver) designed storage pockets of the Mini to fit a bottle of Gordon's Gin.
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- 6. Another Alec Issignois inspired design, the Classic Mini had no car radio but it did have an impressively sized ashtray.
- This is because Alec Issigonis was an avid smoker and while he considered a car radio an unnecessary extravagance, smoking wasn't deemed so.
- 7. Proving that there is always room for that third wheel. According to the Guinness World Records, the most people crammed into Mini was 28 and was set by a highly trained team of girl-gymnasts.
- 8. Big things come in small packages. In 1999, the Mini was voted the second most influential car of the 20th century. The first was the Ford Model T, the third was the Citroën DS and the fourth was Volkswagen Beetle.
- 9. According to the Mini's official American site, the famous fashion designer Mary Quant was inspired by Mini when she came up with a Mini skirt. One would really have to shop-till-you-drop to buy enough miniskirts to fill up a Mini.
- 10. For the 40th Anniversary of the British Mini, the London's Design Museum held a celebrity design contest. One of the entries was from David Bowie, forever a culture and music icon and influencer, created this out-of-this-world mirror-plated Mini. Bowie liked the fact that anybody who saw the car would also be looking at his or her own face, thereby becoming part of the Mini.

MINI MANIA



Mini Meet East 2020



July 6-10



Location: Owensboro, KY

Host Hotel: Best Western

Registration forms will be available starting September 1, 2019

(619) 504-9160

Al Frost (Trigger)

(270) 222-8572

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*** denotes 2020 dues not paid as of
 1/22/2020 Please send a check for your
 dues as soon as possible, if not paid by
 2/5/2020 you will be removed from the
 club roster. THANKS



**Welcome New
 Members**

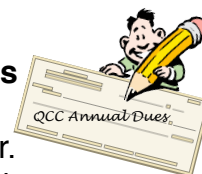


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 your Annual Dues to gain Full
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Annual Membership Fees are \$30
 Make Checks Payable to:
 "Queen City Coopers"



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



Let's wish Happy Birthday to our February members:

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| Zac Koroschetz 4th | Rob Bax 16th |
| Sylvia Darnell 6th | Mark Dooley 18th |
| Ed Fenker 6th | Jean Durkin 24th |
| Nancy Ice 6th | Sandy Ballinger 24th |
| Matt Swan 6th | |
| Phil Freels 7th | |
| Lan Ackley 8th | |
| Jean Pabst 8th | |
| Barbara Bush 11th | |



Treasurer's Report:

We have a balance of \$1892.00 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 15% 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.

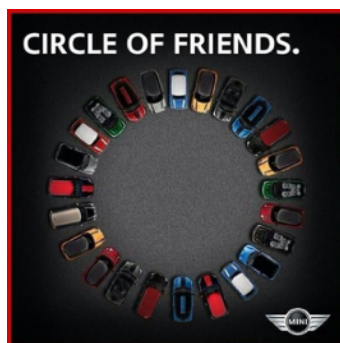
There are also car rally signs, QCC decals and jewelry available.

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



Car Wash Hours

Monday 9am - 4pm

Wednesday 9am - 4pm

Saturday 8am - 4pm

**Car Wash entrance is located behind the Cincinnati MINI showroom. An attendant will be out to greet you.*



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MEMBERSHIP

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: _____

Should not Be Member or Associate Member

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? _____

