



By Michael Scott

Boot & Bonnet

Good Afternoon, QCC!!!

So here I am, late for my deadline again, but thoroughly refreshed from a weekend of being nothing more than a LEGO-building, donut-getting grandpa. Nothing quite like a couple of non-stop-into-everything grandsons to rejuvenate this old guy. Thanks again, Michael, for your patience. And as often happens, before we get into upcoming Club events, I feel the need for a bit of a personal rant. Yo, Winter... ENOUGH!! Although I appreciate that you've been fairly mild so far, let's get on with it, eh? Not enough snow for sledding, skiing, or the typical Winter fun. No really cold temps, but just enough to throw ODOT and the county engineers into enough of a panic to brine or salt the highways and keep my MINIs looking rough, and not quite warm enough for a decent hand wash. So, Winter... how about listening to that overweight rodent in Pennsylvania, and quit screwing around and GIVE US AN EARLY START TO MOTORING SEASON, OKAY?!! Glad that I got that off my chest, but as usual, I digress...

And now, on to March... As usual, the unpredictability of the weather during the first few months of the year put the Club into a somewhat laid-back mode, but that doesn't mean that we're gonna let you sit at home bingeing on Netflix shows all through March! So... fresh on the heels of our March 7th Motor-In comes the GREATER CINCINNATI MIATA CLUB/QUEEN CITY COOPERS WALKING RALLYE on Sunday, March 8th!!! Yep, once again this year, GCMC's esteemed leader Bobbi Ross has challenged QCC to a Walking Rallye, this time set in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Teams of 2 (a "Driver" and "Navigator") will be given printed instructions and photos of signs and architectural details from the ever-diabolical mind of Tim Ross. Teams will be required to locate the items in the photos and answer detailed questions. There will be a winner from each club, and for the first time, we've introduced a trophy that will be engraved and travel between clubs for the best overall performing team! Check the QCC website for registration and complete details.

And, by all means, keep an eye on QCC's Facebook page and website. If we really DO get that early Spring that Phil predicted, we'll do our best to throw in a pop-up (short notice) Motoring event to shake the cobwebs out of our engine bays and get our MINIs (and us) warmed up for some great Summer events!

Speaking of great events, don't forget about the QCC MINI WINGS OF GLORY event coming up on April 11th! In the spirit of our QCC Fireball Run, we'll be starting off the day with a tour of the Warbirds Museum hosted by Ron Gregory and a well-known former MINiac in RAF livery. And, as in the Fireball, immediately after the tour we'll be dispatching your MINIs for a themed competitive run against the clock to a mystery destination! If the Fireball was any indication of what we can expect, MINI WINGS OF GLORY will be completely off the hook and a great way to kick off the 2020 Motoring season!! There's a lot more scheduled and in the works, so make sure you don't miss out!!

So let's wrap this up for now. I think it's pretty safe to say that we'll have plenty to keep everyone busy this Spring and Summer. We'll keep you posted on the website, by e-mail, and on social media. Hope to see you all at the March Motor-In. In the meantime...

CHEERS!! and MOTOR ON!!!

Tom

Join us for our March events

3/7: Monthly Motor-In

3/8: Welcome to the Walking Rallye





Monthly Motor In

March 7, 2020
6:00 pm

Larosa's Finneytown
891 W Galbraith Rd,
Cincinnati, OH 45231

More details contact the Board of directors

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

Welcome to the Walking Rallye

March 8, 2020

Your goal is to identify sculptures, murals, windows, ironwork, etc. in the nearby area. All of the items pictured can be observed from Walnut Street sidewalks between the Ohio River and US 50 (Eads Parkway).

Each entry packet includes a photo sheet with visual clues and an answer sheet, which may also provide clues. The number of the photo corresponds to the question number. Put your names on the answer sheet when you turn it in. You are limited to 90 minutes, and please, only one "driver" and one "navigator" shall collaborate. It is also considered unsportsmanlike to use Internet or cellphone help. You are also asked to be discreet when you find a clue to keep from tipping off your competitors.

Answers will be judged by the rallyemasters and their decisions are final. Ties will be broken by drawing cards from a new deck, which each team will draw when their answer sheet is turned in.

The correct answers and scoring, including use of the tie-breakers, are solely the judgement of the rallyemasters and may not be appealed. Correct answers and larger photos of each question will be posted at the closing banquet.

Enjoy Lawrenceburg!
Tim & Bobbi Ross, Rallyemasters





Are You Ready for Prime Motoring Season?

Following the cold and weathering winter, it is important to have your MINI ready for Prime Motoring Season. It is also important to upkeep your MINI, even when Spring does not bring the harshness of Winter, it will keep you out motoring!

Below is a list of simple tips to help you prepare your MINI for Spring and Summer motoring. Some of these things can even be done at your own home!

Wash and wax your MINI.

- Winter driving causes the accumulation of dirt, debris, and salt on the body of your MINI. In order to prevent rust or other exterior damage, we recommend you wash and wax your MINI at the start of Spring.

Inspect your wiper blades.

- Ice and snow build-up may have worn out the windshield wipers of your MINI, which will limit your visibility during the sometimes rainy days of Spring. Some of the signs of worn wiper blades are streaking or smearing, which means they may need replacement or just a thorough cleaning.

Check your tire pressure.

- It is imperative to keep the tire pressures kept at the manufacturer's specification, which is located on the sticker in the drivers side door sill area. Overfilled and under-filled tires can affect the tire wear, handling, drivability and fuel economy of your MINI. We recommend checking your tire pressure every other time you fill your fuel tank.

More service.

- Winter may have taken a toll on your MINI, due to snow, potholes, rocks, or sub-zero temperatures which could have affected the alignment, suspension, brakes, or battery. Check these components to make sure they are within specification for proper operation of your MINI. Also check your oil, other fluids, and overall health of your MINI.
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How to Drive Safely in Strong Wind and Rain

Driving in conditions that involve strong or heavy wind and rain may not seem like the most pressing safety concern for many drivers, but our safety professionals know that driving in any type of severe weather can significantly increase your risk and potential for a dangerous situation for you, your family and other drivers. Remember that severe weather demands your undivided attention, so be sure to reduce any possible distractions by turning the radio down or turning off that phone to keep your attention fully on the road. Keep in mind that sometimes the best driving decision you can make is to stay off the road completely until the weather clears.

Driving in Heavy Winds

Wind may seem like a minor risk, but this weather condition deserves special consideration from drivers. Strong wind can occur just about anywhere, but it can be more common in wide open spaces. Areas for concern also include highway overpasses, tunnels and 'road cuts' through mountainous areas that can act as funnels for wind. The following tips can help keep you on the road and safe if you encounter heavy winds.

- 1. Anticipate gusts.** Take special care when driving through areas prone to strong winds or when weather reports predict severe weather.
- 2. Notice larger vehicles.** Be aware of large vehicles on the road such as tractor-trailers and recreational vehicles. They are more susceptible to high winds and drivers may have difficulties staying in their lanes.
- 3. Keep a firm grip on the wheel.** Keep both hands on the wheel in case the wind begins to move your vehicle, especially if you are driving a large vehicle or towing a trailer.

Driving in Heavy Rain

In addition to the potentially poor visibility that accompanies most heavy rain, drivers should be ready to protect themselves against hydroplaning. Hydroplaning can occur when a vehicle is traveling too fast in heavy rain conditions, causing the vehicle's tires to travel on a thin layer of water rather than grip the surface of the road. This has the potential to make steering and braking difficult and could even lead to losing control of your vehicle. Follow these tips to help you stay safe while driving in heavy rain.

- 1. Take your time.** Slowing down is the only way to keep your vehicle from hydroplaning. Also remember that one of the most dangerous times to drive is soon after it begins to rain, as oils on roadway make for slick conditions. Waiting a few minutes, rather than rushing to your destination, can be a safer plan when it is raining.
- 2. Turn your lights on.** Turn your headlights on to help other vehicles see you. Many states require the use of headlights during rain, even in broad daylight.
- 3. Give other vehicles more space.** Add 1-2 extra seconds of [following time](#) in the rain, which gives you and the cars behind you more time to react to traffic.





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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WWW.SIRBRIT.com/mini-meet-east-2020



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Mini and Miata Weekend - June 19-21

Plans are continuing to take shape for a scenic weekend in the Athens county area where the featured event is driving several of the nine motorcycle trails called the "Windy9" (www.windy9.com if you want to get the flavor). The trails will take us on some windy scenic routes where there will be opportunities to make stops at a funky general store that has a lot of offbeat items, an 1800's Twin Opera House, the famous Stockport Mill for lunch, touring historic Nelsonville with a ride on the Hocking Valley Scenic Railroad, a short hike to the Ridges with a great view and a museum and/or tour a 200' dairy barn that is now an art gallery, and possible walking trip to mining ghost towns.

Tom and I are in process of selecting the host hotel which will have hot breakfasts and be centrally located on State Street in Athens with plenty of restaurant choices close by including walking distance. We will be staying at same hotel both nights. The train ride cost is \$18/\$16 for seniors and is a 2 hour trip (www.hvsry.org).

Plan is to meet at a restaurant Friday evening around 6pm for dinner and drive to Athens hotel after dinner which is 32 and 50 all the way and about 2 hours. That way we can start fresh on Saturday morning. Events will go through Sunday afternoon when we can head back to Cincinnati with a dinner stop along the way. Since this is not a holiday weekend, we have not planned Monday events so trip can be done without having to take time off work. If anyone wishes to do more of the windy9 on Monday, everyone will have a complete map/tour package. We will post updates for hotel booking soon and anything else of interest.

Scott Brown





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Welcome New Members

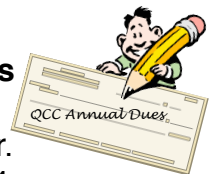
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Mail to:
QCC Memberships
 Nancy Cusick
 5227 Mississippi Dr.
 Fairfield, OH 45014





Let's wish Happy Birthday to our March members:

- Jim Dixon 9th
- Donna Ring 11th
- Elaina Stuard 13th
- Cheryl Brown 17th
- Mike Suhar 24th
- Anna Koroschetz 25th
- James Dean 29th



Treasurer's Report:

We have a balance of \$1992.00 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 quality 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.



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11478 Reading Rd
Cincinnati, OH 45241
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Ronnie Price Upholstery & Top Shop
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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



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, S.T, 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: _____

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? _____

