



By Michael Scott

# Boot & Bonnet

Well, THAT escalated quickly...

We've just learned a new phrase, "social distancing". Keep your distance, 6 feet apart. No handshakes. Elbow bump, then back three paces. There's no sports, no school, no meetings, no gatherings of any kind. There are no restaurants, drive-thru and carryout only, no bars, no spas, no haircuts. There are shortages due to hoarding and toilet paper and hand sanitizer have become commodities sold like black market goods from car trunks. There are shorter hours, travel restrictions, and scammers. We're seeing the lowest gas prices in years, but we can't touch the pump. Our elderly are at risk, so we wave to them through the window to protect them... from us. We forego birthday parties, weddings, graduations, and feel guilty and cheated when we are forced to lay our loved ones to rest without being able to properly say goodbye... all because of a little bug. The world at large is under attack from an enemy that we can't see and didn't know existed until weeks ago that threatens to overwhelm healthcare systems across the globe. But this is America. Here, we face threats with caution, not fear. The heroes we know step up as always to do what must be done. The doctors, nurses, aides, radiologists, lab techs, and all manner of healthcare workers leave their families daily to care for ours. Police officers, firefighters, and medics remain on the job 24/7 with increased exposure risk to themselves and their families. And new heroes emerge. Truckers stay on the road, pushing their own limits to deliver food and essential products to stores as well as emergency supplies to healthcare providers. Grocery workers are working endlessly, in an attempt to keep shelves stocked and keep us fed. Stores are creating special hours meant to give our seniors a chance to shop with less exposure. Essential services like sanitation, power, and water continue. Employers and corporations who are already taking a hit to their profits are reaching out with financial help to their employees, just because it's the right thing to do. The hoarders and scammers are the exception, because this is America, and we take care of each other.

QCC, of course, has been touched by "the virus that shall not be named". Even if there were no restrictions on gatherings, the health and safety of our membership will always be paramount. So far, we've cancelled the April Motor-In and postponed the WINGS OF GLORY event to a future date to be announced. I've do doubt that other events, both QCC and non-QCC, will be cancelled or rescheduled as well before this is all over and our lives are permitted to return to normal. But, MINlacs have never been "normal", anyway. It's in the cars we choose to drive and the way we spend our time together. We even proudly proclaim it with the NOT NORMAL stickers on our MINIs! So, since we can't do what we "normally" do with our gatherings and Motoring, Queen City Coopers will be reaching out on social media periodically with some fun, "socially distant" activities to keep us all engaged. We invite you to play along with us, until that time when we can be assured that's it's safe to resume our regular Club activities. I can assure you that when that time comes, we'll have something spectacular planned for our WELCOME HOME.

In the meantime, virtual elbow bump...

CHEERS!! and MOTOR ON!!!

Tom

**There are no April events**





## **QCC'S WINGS OF GLORY POSTPONED**

**Due to the uncertainty and restrictions caused by the spread of the COVID-19 virus along with the temporary closures of the Tri-State Warbird Museum and other planned venues, we have no choice but to postpone the QCC WINGS OF GLORY event indefinitely. We are, however, looking at future dates to reschedule this signature event later in the Motoring season. Thanks for your understanding, and MOTOR ON!!**

### **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

## **Letter from the editor**

This has been one of the most difficult Newsletters that I have had to assemble. The Newsletter is supposed to be bright and filled with exciting events for all members to take part in should you choose to. Now, we have to self-quarantine at home and self distance in public. By this time, I'm sure most of you miss doing the things that you used to do like meeting up with other members whether it be for a drive, a meal, a movie, to play cards, or for any reason to be with fellow members. But now you can't, or should I say shouldn't. We are all grown adults and like to do as we please, but we know we shouldn't.

I am sure you already call your club friends to check on them but I would like to challenge each and everyone of you to call random club members to see how they are doing, or if there is anything they need. It may feel awkward at first talking to an acquaintance but by the end of the conversation you may just become friends. You both will end up learning something new about one another. No one knows everything we are going thru but knowing someone took the time to call because they were concerned how we are dealing with this situation could mean a lot. Please get out your member directory, or contact Nancy for contact info and make a call. See how both of you will benefit by doing this. There are some members that live alone, and a courtesy call on your part could mean more than you know. I am also concerned about those of you who are still working and may lose their job because some of these positions might go away. But knowing that someone is your corner can make a big difference. This is the perfect time to go back to the old Ma Bell saying, "Reach out and touch someone." It could make a big impact in a persons day.





## **QUEEN CITY COOPERS HAS A BRAND NEW FLAG!!**

Queen City Coopers has partnered with our friends at Fastsigns in Eastgate to create a GREAT NEW CLUB FLAG!!! In addition to our Club banner, we'll now be flying our QCC colors at parades, car shows, Club events, meeting venues, MTTs, MOTM, MOTD, anywhere we go! And you can have one, too!! We'll be making the new flag available for purchase for your garage, your man-cave, your she-shed, or anywhere you'd like to scream "HEY, LET'S MOTOR!!!". They're custom-made 3'x5' (one-sided) sublimation printed on heavy pure-white 100% polyester, and you can get your very own for ONLY \$70!! A brand new way to show your QCC PRIDE!!!



"Scully and Scooter practicing social distancing".





# Rallye challenge of 2020 Recap

On Sunday, March 8, 16 car enthusiasts met in Lawrenceburg, IN for the first rallye challenge of 2020. It was a beautiful, sunny, breezy, warm afternoon - great for walking up and down Walnut Street in the Historic District to find signs, statues, and architectural details to find the 17 items pictured and answer the 17 questions. There were seven teams - four from Greater Cincinnati Miata Club and three from Queen City Coopers. After 90 minutes, the competitors reconvened at the Doubletree Inn to find out the results:

## Queen City Coopers

Tom "Tippy Toes" Foster and Vel "Highly-Caffeinated" Fenker	15
Wyn Jones and Charlotte Zerkle	8
Nick Banschbach	7

## Greater Cincinnati Miata Club

Eric (II) and Z Hardesty	13
John and Tonya Hisle	12
Buddy and Sue Smith	9
Scott and Eileen Brown	6



The trophy went to Mr. Foster and Ms. Fenker - again! Ms. Fenker has custody of the trophy until the next event (and I understand Tish and Lilly are ignoring it). The winner for each club was given a gift certificate for club-branded merchandise (e.g. polo shirt with embroidered club logo).





## 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](http://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](http://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



# 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  
emiller@daramic.com  
[WWW.SIRBRIT.com/mini-meet-east-2020](http://WWW.SIRBRIT.com/mini-meet-east-2020)



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**Let's wish Happy Birthday to our April members:**

Kristin Dillenburg	2
Angela Olveda	6
Tammy Swartzendruber	10
Kathy Witt	19
Karmy Lang	24
Nick Banschbach	28



## Treasurer's Report:

We have a balance of \$1765.00 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





## 2020 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  
Richard & Sylvia Darnall  
James & Erica Dean  
Kristin Dillenburg  
TJ & Jim Dixon  
Nicole & Mark Dooley  
Ann Finesman  
Ed and Vel Fenker  
Kathy & Mark Folino  
Tom Foster  
Andrew & Jessica Gear  
Sandy & Ron Gregory  
Joey Lee Gartrell & Karmyn Lang  
Corbit Harrison & Darla Bateman  
Richard Hamm & Trisha Mitzol  
Zac & Anna Koroschetz

Mark & Linda Krum  
Mary & Matt Hopton  
James Hutsell & Jean Durkin  
Robert & Nancy Ice  
Scot Jonas & Jessica Proctor  
Wyn Jones



Jerry & Debbie King  
Louis & Millicent Larson  
Jennifer & Chris Linder  
Hector & Gina Maldonado  
Elizabeth & Randal Merrill  
Charles & Marie Mix  
Daniel & Carol Mohr  
Michael & Jenny Murphy  
Angela & Brooks Nieberding

Mike & Mary Obermeyer  
Alexander & Angela Olveda  
Lara & Mike Prachar  
Rob & Carol Rauch  
Donna Ring & Jean Pabst  
Anji Roberts & Nelson Farmer  
Tim & Bobbi Ross  
Brittany Schlemmer  
Craig & Karen Schlesinger  
Michael Scott  
David & Sandy Stevenson  
Paul Stockhauser  
Walt Stubenvoll & Sue Kemp  
Elaina & Jim Stuard  
Mike Suhar  
DiEldred and Marilyn Storm  
Roger & Tammy Swartzendruber  
Daniel & Peggy Vanderman  
Kay & Herschel Weintraub  
John and Kathy Witt



### Welcome New Members

Daniel & Carol Mohr  
Lara & Mike Prachar  
Walt Stubenvoll &  
Sue Kemp

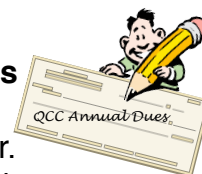


**Want to be a Member? Pay  
your Annual Dues to gain Full  
Access  
to ALL the Queen City  
Coopers has to Offer!**

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



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

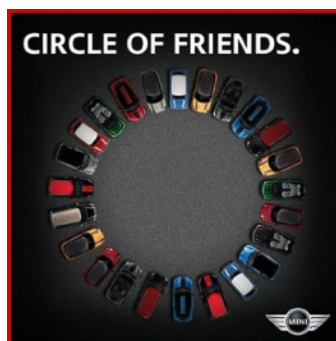


## QCC Resources

*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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### 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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Pet Friendly  
Cabin Rental in Gatlinburg**

[http://www.elkspringsresort.com/cabin\\_rentals/four\\_seasons.html](http://www.elkspringsresort.com/cabin_rentals/four_seasons.html)

**John Cusick** 513-942-7710  
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Fairfield OH 45014

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**Specials for Queen City Coopers**



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## 2019 QUEEN CITY COOPERS OFFICERS & SUPPORT



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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](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

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, 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

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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? \_\_\_\_\_

