



By Michael Scott

Boot & Bonnet

GOOD EVENING, QCC!!!

How are you all holding up? No matter what our opinions are about the Coronavirus, it's indisputable that it's had a huge impact on our every day lives in too many ways to count. We grieve for those lost, and rejoice for every life saved through medical expertise or just sheer resilience of the body and spirit. We've been reminded that life is not to be taken for granted. Many of us have found new flexibility in our lives. We've learned to depend on weekly grocery trips and grocery delivery and avoid "shopping for convenience". With the temporary closure of "brick and mortar" stores, some of us have learned to rely on the internet for our needs. In addition to the normal drive-thrus, restaurants have developed new service strategies (who would have thought that you'd ever grab drive-up steaks from The Precinct?). The "remote classroom" has opened up new possibilities in home schooling. And even though within our MINI community we've seen major events like MINI on the Dragon cancelled for 2020 and MINI Takes the States postponed until 2021 and likewise with many QCC events, there's a light at the end of the tunnel for us, too...

This is certainly a difficult time for a group of extroverts that was founded on sharing the sheer joy of Motoring. There's no doubt that we're all missing the drives, the meetings, the hugs, the handshakes, the jokes, and the smiles that we would normally be sharing at this time of year. In the interest of health and safety for our membership, though, we've had to cancel all in-person QCC events since the beginning of the lockdown into the foreseeable future. But that's not to say that we won't be seeing each other! With the help of a bit of technology (thanks for the push, Dale!), Queen City Coopers will be hosting our very first ZOOM-IN on Saturday, May 2nd @ 4:00pm!! Yup, in lieu of our May Motor-In, QCC will be following the lead of schools and corporations across the country and dragging the Club kicking and screaming into the 21st century with the ZOOM application to hold an online virtual meeting! This will be a great new (and hopefully very temporary) way for our QCC membership to share some time together! No masks! No social distancing rules! You can wear your PJs, have a glass of wine or two, and relax with your besties! The application you'll need to join us is pretty simple, but Ed has added a brief tutorial to the Boot and Bonnet for the technologically challenged like me. He'll also be sending out details for participation in an e-mail blast, so don't miss out on QCC's very first ZOOM-IN!!

As with all things, we know that this crisis too shall pass. There are new developments announced daily from our State and federal governments about the loosening of restrictions. There will, in fact, be changes between the time of this writing and the release for this issue. As much as we want to see the Club return to normal operation, the health and safety of our members will always be our number one priority. As such, when restrictions ease, QCC will be taking a measured approach in resuming our schedule, probably beginning with a few short drives. These will probably be low-contact or no-contact drives with radio communication only, and with shortened routes so as not to require rest or fuel stops (sanitized radios would be available). Longer drives and face-to-face events would then progress when relative safety can be assured. I realize that these measures are far from ideal, but QCC will not place you at risk.

In the meantime, be safe and hang in there! And I hope to see you at the ZOOM-IN!!!

CHEERS!! and MOTOR ON!!!

Tom

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

May events

May 2 @ 4:00pm on ZOOM





All events thru 5/15 have been cancelled, including the May Motor In. The Donut Run (5/16) is currently up in the air. I reached out to the Village of Newtown about the Memorial Day Parade (5/25). As of this email, the event is still 'on.' They asked me to call again around 5/15 to ensure the status.

Craig Schlesinger

Our May Monthly Motor-in will be a Zoom Motor-in. It will be held on Saturday, May 2 @ 4:00pm. An invite with the meeting link and password will be sent out a few days before the meeting.

The ZOOM application can be used across multiple platforms. In other words it can be used on a Windows PC, a MAC, an iPhone, iPad or an Android phone or tablet. It can also be used in a web browser like Safari, Firefox, Google Chrome, Edge or Internet Explorer though Zoom recommends that you use Google Chrome for best results. It can be used with or without a video camera.

Zoom has recently been in the news about its lack of security. Those issues have been addressed by the Zoom Team and the application is now much more secure. They are continuing to add security features, some recently added updates are AES 256-Bit GCM Encryption and password protection.

To get an idea of how Zoom works, go to <https://zoom.us/> and in the upper right corner, click on Resources and select "Video Tutorials". I'd suggest at a minimum you watch the one called "Join a Meeting".

Here is a link to the Getting Started section of the Zoom Help Center where you can find a lot more information on Zoom: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697>

We are looking forward to seeing you at our May Zoom Motor-In.

Ed Fenker

Links from the editor

Michael Scott

I hope you all are staying safe and healthy.

So I have added a few links for your convenience about what is going on in your state.

Ohio

<https://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov>

Kentucky

<https://govstatus.egov.com/kycovid19>

Indiana

<https://www.coronavirus.in.gov>

USA CDC

<https://www.coronavirus.gov>

Stay Safe, stay healthy and most of all STAY HOME!



Article by Stan Horaczek



How to care for your car if you're not driving it very often

Your car needs driving, even when there's nowhere to go.

Spending too much time sitting around can be bad for your body—and the same is true for your car. But in reality, that can be difficult during the current pandemic as shelter-in-place orders have drastically reduced traffic by up to 60 percent in some areas.

"A car is a machine and it was meant to be operated," says Dave Cappert from the tech department at the [National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence](#). "All the systems are designed to have fluid or air running through them and they require regular operation."

Even if you're not doing your commute or making your usual trips around town, you should still take regular time to care for your vehicle every week. Cappert recommends at least 20-30 minutes of driving weekly to give your ride a chance to get its circulation moving and breathe a little. "Try to warm it up and get it going good," he says, to get the full benefit. Even a short trip like that will help avoid most of the problems you could otherwise encounter.

While that simple act will go a long way, there are some specific problems and maintenance issues to watch out for. Here's a look at some of the most common problems and methods for solving them.

Unstick your brakes

As advanced as modern car brakes have become, they still work on a relatively simple principle: brake pads rub against rotors to create friction to slow down the car. When exposed to moisture and the elements, however, the surface of the rotor will develop rust. Under wet circumstances, it can happen overnight, which is why your car sometimes makes a grinding sound during the early part of the first drive after a heavy storm.

One part of the rotor sits under the pad, however, and gets some protection from moisture. "When you go to first apply the brakes, you're going to feel pulsation or an uneven surging as the pad goes across that one little area and the coefficient of friction changes," says Cappert. Stopping the car a few times with gradual braking—not abrupt stops—should clear the rust and even out the performance quickly.

Letting the car sit for too long—even just a couple weeks under wet circumstances—can be enough to make the wheels feel like they're locked in place and you'll need to give the car some gas to get it rolling again.

Avoid tire flat spots

Modern tires are impressively resilient compared to similar models even from just a decade ago. Let a set of tires sit for long enough with the full weight of a car or truck pushing down on them, however, and flat spots can pop up. If you've ever left your car to sit for a while and felt a lumpy or uneven ride when you first start driving it, that's likely from flat spots. Cappert suggests keeping your tires at the recommended pressure typically indicated on the driver door or in the jamb. Some guides even recommend adding a few pounds of extra pressure to the tires in order to combat the effects of its time motionless in the driveway.

Once you go for your regular drive, try to avoid parking on the same exact area on the tires as before to avoid compounding the flattening effect and making an even lumpier ride next time you set off.

Cycle the air conditioner

Even if it's not quite hot enough to warrant full-blast air conditioning during your drive, Cappert suggests cranking it up for a little while, if only to get air and liquid flowing through the system instead of getting stagnant. "The only time that oil moves through that air conditioning system is when refrigerant moves through," he explains. It needs to run in order to get the proper lubrication.

Even though you're not using the air conditioning much in the winter, the HVAC system still uses that air conditioning compressor to power the defroster, so it still gets the regular exercise it needs during colder months.

Beware battery drain

Leave appliances plugged into your house's main power supply and they continue to draw electricity, even when they're powered off. This kind of parasitic load happens in cars as well. The radio and the power seats still need little bits of juice even when you're not driving. Typically, your car replenishes the battery when you drive, but without regular operation, the constant drain can add up. Even if you've never had battery problems before, they might pop up when the car sits for a while. "If you're commuting every day to work, that may give it enough charge to work just fine," says Cappert. "Without that constant top-off, though, you may find out that your battery was actually borderline and now it won't start." This is especially true if the battery hasn't been replaced in a while or it's a cheap model that requires more frequent swaps.

Clean your paint

It may seem like a waste to get a wash when your ride is just going to sit in your driveway most of the time, but environmental factors can really take a toll on the paint.

Substances like tree sap and bird poop can eat through the clearcoat if you leave them on there long enough, which can lead to rust down the road. The rain will clean off some substances, like pollen, but won't fight through sticky stuff. Even a soft sponge and some simple home washing can help. Parking somewhere away from trees and powerlines helps as well.

Maintain the cabin filter

The cabin filter sits between the outside air and the interior of your car. When it's working correctly, it can block dust and other allergens from getting inside. When it gets too cluttered, however, air may avoid the filter completely. That could even inhibit proper function in the air conditioning system resulting in a frozen compressor and less cold air inside.

Cleaning the car's cowl—the space between the windshield and the hood where the windshield wipers reside—can help keep too much debris from gathering and working its way toward the cabin filter. If a lot of wind blows over the car where it's parked, air will still travel through the filter and leave deposits. Your car's manual recommends how often to change it, but checking it regularly is worth it if you live in particularly dusty or dirty conditions.

Consider a parking brake

If you've never used your parking brake before, this isn't the time to try it out, especially if the car is a few years old. "If you have an older car, the jacketing or the shielding on the cable may not be in great shape," says Cappert. "It might seize when you put it into place." Once you're driving normally again, he advocates using the parking brake regularly under normal conditions to keep it working as it should. That could help prevent parts from seizing up.

De-gunk your sunroof drains

Not every car has a sunroof, but if yours does, it needs regular attention. The drain around the edges of the sunroof can get jammed with debris—especially if the wind from regular driving isn't there to blow away some of that gunk. If debris pushes the rubber moldings apart, water may find a way into the vehicle. Leave it in there long enough and it could reshape the rubber and require new seals down the road. So, be sure to take a look at it regularly and clean as needed.





Mini Meet East 2020



July 6-10



Location: Owensboro, KY

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Let's wish Happy Birthday to our May members:

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Charles Mix	May 14
Daniel Mohr	May 14
David Stevenson	May 15
Walt Stubenvoll	May 19
Mike Obermeyer	May 21
Nancy Cusick	May 23
Darla Bateman	May 26
Doris Bax	May 26
Maria Mix	May 28



Treasurer's Report:

We have a balance of \$1680.00 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

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Welcome New Members

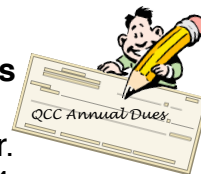


Want to be a Member? Pay your Annual Dues to gain Full Access to ALL the Queen City Coopers has to Offer!

Annual Membership Fees are \$30
Make Checks Payable to:
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Mail to:
QCC Memberships
Nancy Cusick
5227 Mississippi Dr.
Fairfield, OH 45014





QCC Resources

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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

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: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	MINI Model: _____
Member's Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Year of MINI: _____
Associate Member's Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Body Color: _____
Address: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	Roof Color: _____
City, St, Zip: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	License Plate #: _____
Primary Phone: _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	License Plate State: _____
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Member's Birthday: (MM/DD/YYYY) _____ Year is Optional	<input type="checkbox"/>	Allow Other Members to Email You through Website? Yes or No
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