



By Michael Scott

# Boot & Bonnet

Hey All,

Just for a bit of fun... let's take a moment to talk about family, shall we? Not close family like moms, dads, brothers, sisters, kids, or even cousins. I'm talking about distant family, the kind that are the more distant, the better. Everybody has one... that weird old aunt, twice removed, who's out-of-sight, out-of-mind for years on end. The one with the annoying voice and the twitchy eye, the red wig and makeup applied with a roller, and the faint odor of cigarette smoke and litter box even though she doesn't own a cat. She's the one who made you rub her bunions when you were 10 and taught you how much alcohol burns when you soak your hands in it... for hours. After her last visit so many years ago, your sofa, your dog, and your plumbing were never quite the same. She's the one that after years of therapy, you've finally forgotten to the point that you don't even remember which side of the family she belongs to. You don't miss her, you don't wonder where she's been, and you've successfully flushed her from every conscious thought. And then out of the blue, the doorbell rings, and there she stands in all of her same-housecoat-as-the-last-time-you-saw-her glory. And she has suitcases... lots of suitcases. The kids, having heard the stories, start an immediate game of "not in my room" rock/paper/scissors. The dog runs under the shed out back and won't come out. The plumber who lives down the street is smiling and taking delivery of a new Corvette. And a new odor of mildew mixed with Limburger cheese wafts on the breeze. It's going to be a VERY long, miserable visit. She's here to stay. Let's call her..... AUNTIE COVID.

Just like that seemingly never-ending visit, COVID-19 continues to plague us (pun intended). At last check, gatherings in Ohio are still limited to 10 people or less. Even though certain businesses have been permitted to reopen, the restrictions are such that many have chosen not to. Recommendations seem to change every day. One day masks are the only way to stay healthy, the next day wearing a mask will make you sick, and then the next day you must wear one to work or to shop. It's up to the individual to sort it all out, create an informed opinion, and act in your own interest. As a club however, Queen City Coopers has to act with a level of caution acceptable for all. We had an impressive turnout and success with the Obermeyers' "social distancing drive" through Kentucky in May, and I believe we've learned some lessons that with a bit of tweaking will allow us to safely resume the Motoring events that are the core of QCC. We're looking forward to a slightly modified Donut Run with the Cusicks as well as (hopefully) other Motoring events in June. I do, however, feel that it's not in the Club's best interest at this time to resume our normal Motor-In format. That being said, we're sadly going to have to postpone our annual visit to Tim and Bobbi Ross' deck to a later date and instead ask you to bear with us as we substitute another ZOOM-In virtual meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup>. Believe me, I miss the warm handshakes and the hugs that make QCC feel more like a family than "just a car club", but now is just not the time. While we wait for the return of our own special brand of "NOT NORMAL", I urge everyone to watch for scheduled and "pop-up" events and, as comfort allows, join us for some Motoring fun! We'll try to make it worth your while.

In the meantime..... CHEERS!! and MOTOR ON!!!

Tom

## June events

**June 6: Monthly motor In online.**

**June 20th: Donut Run**





### 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

The June Motor-In at the Ross house has been cancelled and instead will be held Via Zoom!

Join us for a 'Tech Motor-In' on Zoom. Be sure to watch for your invitation...  
See you there (sort of).

Craig Schlesinger

## Links from the editor

Michael Scott

I hope you all are staying safe and healthy.

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!



# How to Organize a Road Rally

A road rally is nothing more than an adult scavenger hunt using cars. The clues given should lead the participants along a journey ending at a preset location or a location determined by the clues.

Plan and keep the agenda for the road rally simple. There are usually a minimum of 10 cars per rally. The best road rallies are well-thought-out, and often end at a restaurant or gathering in which "prizes" are given for the top three to five finishers. Also, most road rally participants are as a result of word-of-mouth advertising. Further, if the road rally is organized around a particular charity, be sure to get an express agreement about the percentage of the profits that will be donated to that charity. Additionally, a determination of how much of the remaining proceeds will go to each prize level (first prize, second prize, etc.) should also be expressed somewhere for the participants to view.

Involve local businesses in organizing your rally. Most small business owners are more than willing to assist in a scavenger hunt if it costs them nothing, yet brings people into their location. Try a local pizza place where pizza slices are served. A clue in the rally could be "under the crust" in which a slice of pizza is purchased, or on the bottom of the box or plate. It is wise to set this up with the business owner in advance, but it is a fun thing for all.

Map out each destination point and do a dry run of the rally to ensure success. If you can't figure it out, how will the participants? Be sure that all clues, directions and descriptions are clearly stated. Further, clearly express the ending point of the rally as well as the fact that the first car to reach that particular spot is the winner.

Make every participant feel that his investment in the road rally was worth it by providing food and beverages and gathering afterward to share and compare notes and stories about the rally. Participants like to share how they solved the clues to get to the final answer or destination.

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## Rally Advice

Per recent experience with the Mini's on a 5 day drive, we recommend the newer Motorola "Talk about" radios, model MR350R. These had much better fidelity and range than our 10+ year old family radios, and have many more channels. The price at Bass Pro Shops was about \$100 for a pair of radios and all accessories, we also saw them at Radio Shack for \$80, but our best buy was from Amazon at \$63.75 per pair with accessories and shipping. The accessories include a NiMH battery pack and recharging stand, but the key is that you can also insert 3-AA batteries if the rechargeable pack dies in the middle of a drive. All participants on MINI club drives should be equipped with a family radio for safety and added fun.

Tim Ross

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## QCC Voluntary Job Descriptions

**Group President:** Promote Queen City Coopers , oversee all aspects of club functions, encourage camaraderie within the club, work with club sponsor.

**Membership:** Maintain accurate member information, Order name tags for members.

**Treasurer/Website:** Collect club dues and oversee expenditures. Provide funds, if available, for club merchandise / events. Help members with web site functions, keep web site up to date in all areas.

**Event Coordinators:** Promote club events, encourage members to host events and help host / plan as needed. Report event results to newsletter editor for posting in monthly newsletter.

**QCC Swag Coordinator:** Maintain & order club merchandise for inventory. Offer items for sale at monthly Motor In's

**Club Photographer:** Photograph club events and send pictures to Newsletter editor

**Newsletter Editor:** Create, edit, and send out monthly newsletter.

## 2019 QUEEN CITY COOPERS OFFICERS & SUPPORT STAFF

## Mini Meet East 2020 Cancellation Info



### A MESSAGE FROM THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

The MME 2020 Organizing Committee has decided to cancel the Event in Owensboro, KY. The potential impact of COVID-19 is the determining factor for the Committee's decision. The Committee is very concerned for the safety and welfare of all the Mini Community, our Sponsors, Advertisers and Attendees. We want to thank you for all your support for MME 2020 and hope that this health crisis recedes in the near future and we can resume our normal lives and activities.

### HOTEL RESERVATIONS

If you made hotel reservations, please contact the hotel to cancel them. The cancellation of the event does not automatically cancel your reservations. The hotel info is:

Best Western Owensboro Kentucky 270-689-0939

### REFUNDS OF FEES ALREADY PAID TO MME 2020

If you already registered, paid for sponsorship or submitted advertising, we have already sent you an email notifying you of the cancellation. Funds already paid to the meet will be fully refunded over the next couple of weeks.



Let's wish Happy Birthday to our June members:

Wyn Jones	June 6
Angela Nieberding	June 9
Karen Schlesinger	June 12
Tim Ross	June 14
Lara Prachar	June 16
Gaby Batshoun	June 17
Matt Hopton	June 29



## Treasurer's Report:

We have a balance of \$1824.00 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 & 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 & Marilyn Storm  
Roger & Tammy Swartzendruber  
Daniel & Peggy Vanderman  
Kay & Herschel Weintraub  
John & Kathy Witt



**Welcome New Members**

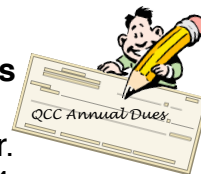


**Want to be a Member? Pay your Annual Dues to gain Full Access to ALL the Queen City Coopers has to Offer!**

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



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

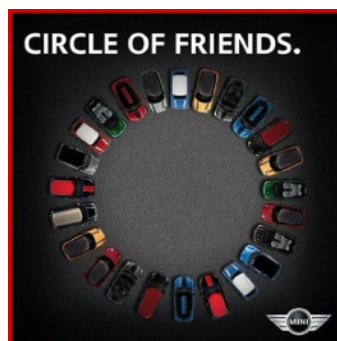


## QCC Resources

*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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**Four Seasons  
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  
7d Cinchris Dr. John@tintguy.com  
Fairfield OH 45014

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Installer

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tintguy.com

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Paint protection films

**Specials for Queen City Coopers**



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**COORDINATOR MIKE**

OBERMEYER



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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

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? \_\_\_\_\_

