



By Michael Scott

Boot & Bonnet

HAPPY NEW YEAR, QCC!!!

Well now, 2020 was the perfect demonstration of the old adage about the "best laid plans", wasn't it? Kind of humbling, to say the least, how we saw a veritable "perfect storm" of circumstances throw the Club's grand scheme for the year right into the trash bin. Far above and beyond the relative minor inconvenience of the cancellations of QCC events, are the tragic losses of family, friends, health, income, even jobs, that have occurred over the past year. 2020 has certainly seemed to be cursed. And even though any particular year is just 365 numbers on a calendar page without a magical "NEW GAME" button at the end that gives everything a fresh start, I'm happy that this particular one is over. To paraphrase, 2020 can kiss my shiny red MINI.....

Even with all the restrictions placed upon us, the year was anything but a total loss. When motivated, a dedicated group such as ours pulls together to find solutions, and that's exactly what you did. It became evident early on that our monthly Motor-Ins presented too much of a health risk to our members, so our resident computer whiz Ed Fenker created a ZOOM account so we could still hold the monthly meetings virtually. Even though poorly attended to date, as we move forward into the next year, I'm hoping that attendance will increase with more of our members getting comfortable with the technology until we can safely return to normal operations. It may have taken a few months to shake off the urge to just wring our hands in despair, but the realization finally came that getting back to the basic premise of the Club, Motoring, would be our savior. With a few modifications to drivers' meetings and destinations, what could be safer than the perfectly isolated togetherness of our shared love of Motoring? Members stepped up to give us events like the Donut Run, Day at the Air Force Museum Drive, the Fall Spirited Drive, the Drive to Augusta, the Halloween Covered Bridges Drive, Christmas Nights of Lights, the Fairfield Holiday Lights Parade, and more... all kicked off by the simple question "Why not?" that produced the NKY Socially Distanced Drive. I'm proud of what the Club was able to achieve in 2020, all due to its creative and flexible members. I can't wait to jump into 2021!

But as I said, there is no "NEW GAME" button for 2021. The uncertainties are still with us, forcing the cancellation/postponement of one of Queen City Coopers' staples, the yearly Planning Meeting. Obviously, the risk remains too high for us to have this type of get together currently. The QCC Executive Board is currently brainstorming to try to pull together some type of plan to get opinions and consensus from the Membership and start getting an Events Calendar in the works for the coming year. With a focus toward driving events (for now), suggestions on how we can move forward with this are absolutely welcome!

Finally, I just want to take one more opportunity to thank everyone for your loyalty and patience over the past year. You've truly shown the caring and resilience of the unique group that I so quickly grew to love and appreciate so many years ago. You are friends. You are FAMILY. And I wish you all the best in the New Year to come.

CHEERS!! and MOTOR ON!!!

Tom

January events

1/TBD: Monthly Motor in and Planning meeting





2021 Dues are due!!!

Please send your annual dues of \$15.00 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

"With Covid-19 and the risks of infection, we will not be using our traditional paper Liability Release forms and the sharing of writing instruments, going forward. Instead, we have developed a new electronic Liability & Covid Release form that can be accessed via the Web either on your computer or a mobile device. Use of this form will be **mandatory** for events that require a Liability/Covid Release."

Links from the editor

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>



Michael Scott

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

Monthly Motor INN

Monthly Motor in and Planning meeting
POSTPONED

Location:
Cincinnati MINI

Time:
Subject to change based on final decision of
Cincinnati Mini.

Contact the president for more details.

Nancy and I were invited to the Fairfield city council meeting to accept our award for the Parade. We were the runner-up to the Fairfield Schools entry. Next year with a little help we should win. It was great that almost 800 vehicles drove past our mini MINI display. The pictures are of our trophy and a group photo with the winner and us QCC representatives. (the Parks folks seem to love our little cars, they have been exceptionally nice to us.)
John





THE (SHORT) POWERFUL STORY OF MINI.

We've been creating cars that inspire awe and pure joy for over 60 years. Hundreds of innovations and millions of models later, we have the same passion to forever change what it means to drive.

The year was 1957, and in post-World War II England the Suez Crisis had sent fuel prices soaring, leading many to start wondering if the large, gas-guzzling vehicles of the day made much sense.

So Sir Leonard Lord of the Morris Company issued his top engineer, Alec Issigonis, a challenge: design and build a small, fuel-efficient car capable of carrying four adults, within economic reach of just about everyone. As fate would have it, the challenge of fitting so much function into such a small package inspired a couple of historic innovations.

The two most important innovations Issigonis came up with were to create more room in the cockpit: pushing the wheels all the way out to the corners and turning the engine sideways giving the car more stability in tight turn and more passenger space on the inside. The world had never seen a car quite like it. And when the first Mini launched in 1959, the public was a bit baffled.

Soon enough, people began to recognize that the Mini was not merely a car. The unique combination of classic British style in a low-cost, small size, fun and nimble package came to symbolize independence and spontaneity. The very essence of the youthful 1960s culture. One of the most remarkable elements of the Classic Mini's popularity was how its infectious spirit transcended traditional class barriers. From hipsters and mods to milkmen, rock stars and royalty to rally racers. Everyone could have efficiency, fun and freedom, motoring in a Mini.

It soon became apparent that, while intended to create more passenger room, Issigonis's numerous layout innovations also helped make the Mini a standout performance car. Wheels at the corners meant a wide, go-kart stance and nimble handling. And the transverse engine kept weight over the front tires, helping provide great balance and grip.

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In addition to being exhilarating to drive, owners loved how easily their Mini became an extension of themselves. A dynamic expression of their individuality and a personality-packed sidekick that was always up for a bit of spontaneous fun.



By 1969, over 2 million Mini had been sold around the world. Pickup and station wagon versions were introduced and all were incredibly durable – whether rallying or doing the daily errands. Owners knew they could depend on their Mini to get the job done. And inspire smiles the entire time.

By 1977, the Classic Mini's popularity had truly taken off around the world with over 4 million cars sold in each corner of the globe. Sadly, Americans never quite got the chance to catch the fever since new emissions regulations in the late 1960s forced Mini to give up its U.S. green card.

Fast forward to 1999. Over 5 million Classic Minis had found happy homes around the world leading a panel of 130 international automotive journalists to vote Mini "European Car of the Century." In fact, only Ford's Model T received more votes for the global title.

In October of 1999, just a few days before the final Classic Mini rolled off the production line, the concept for a new MINI is unveiled at the Paris Auto Show. The distinctive design and personality is immediately recognizable. But it's clear that the new model has also taken a healthy dose of automotive steroids.

For insight into the design process behind every new MINI we build, click the link below.

Taking the 2003 North American Car of the Year Award, the general public and auto enthusiasts alike find the new MINI hard to resist. Invoking smiles and curiosity everywhere they go, new owners quickly discover just how much fun a MINI can be. Owners personalize their MINIs to their hearts' content and form motoring clubs all across the country.

Like their notorious predecessors, all new MINI models share the same great performance DNA. Updated with modern performance features and a committed passion for racing, the MINI Motorsport teams are once again taking tracks (or, in the case of the World Rally Championship and Dakar Challenge, dirt roads and deserts) by storm. The newest to represent our racing heritage is the MINI John Cooper Works Team, who wield a pair of the most powerful MINI models ever built – the John Cooper Works Hardtop 2 Door.

Since the Hardtop burst onto US roadways in 2002, the public's appetite for MINI has grown along with the MINI lineup. The expanding family includes available ALL4 all-wheel drive, three models with more seating and four doors, spirited two-seaters, topless motoring – and a new era of sophisticated technology and high-end interiors.

Around the world, the MINI phenomenon has been reborn. Proof that great fuel efficiency, an almost limitless range of customization, incredibly tight handling and an undeniably cheeky personality are truly timeless qualities. Most recently, we've added the spacious and sophisticated MINI Clubman, and the powerful John Cooper Works Hardtop 2 Door – proving that there are still more boundaries to push and horizons to chase. With beta programs and partnerships like the 100% electric, zero-emissions MINI E, we're excited to find out what adventures are in store for the next 60 years.



Mini Preparation During this Winter

Some of us are regular drivers all year around when it comes to our classic Mini which has it's benefits. When your Mini is parked or stored for long periods of time you may start experiencing issues the next time you want to give it for a spin around town.



Seals start to dry out and the cracking turns into leaks, things start not working for no apparent reason, and those critters you've been trying to prevent from your home have found a new home itself inside of your prized possession, where they chew on the wires like it's Dubble Bubble chewing gum. Now you might be thinking that's all you needed to hear so you're going to stop reading this and jump into your car and drive until the rats fall out BUT WAIT THERE'S MORE!

The pit fall of driving an older car during winter is the risk of (dun-dun-dun) the RUST. The terrible weather sometimes means salt on roads and trust us, salt and your classic Mini don't go well together. Here's a short chemistry lesson, the reaction between Sodium Chloride and steel yields iron oxide, which is also known as rust. And this reaction can happen very quickly underneath your vehicle on your frame and other parts.

So think twice before you drive your car on the streets where you're located. If the roads aren't salted take the *winter precautions* (bottom of the page) and enjoy cruising around. Just make sure you let your car warm up and take it easy when you first start driving.

This is a MUST and not doing so can do harm to your engine. You should take your car out once every few weeks to keep it in good shape. Driving will help maintain a film of protective motor oil on internal engine surfaces which can prevent oxidation and corrosion.

But not all of us are willing or able to drive their classic Mini during winter so we let our cub hibernate for the winter. You could just park your car in the garage and leave it in there for months but we wouldn't recommend that (cracks, leaks, rodents, you know the deal) so you're better off getting it ready for storage.

Luckily for you we've got classic Mini winter tips to help you get through the winter without to much worrying.

Lets start with cleaning

Sounds fun, right? No. That's because it isn't. But it's extremely important when preparing to store your classic Mini for months. Look for areas where rust can develop and clean them thoroughly. Don't forget the underside of your car. Debris is most likely stuck in it and needs to be removed before storage. Do a normal cleaning of the interior and exterior and you could even give your car a coating of wax.

Lubricate everything you can

Oil the hinges, joints, and whatever you can on the steering components and suspension.

Changing your [oil and oil filter](#) is probably a no brainer

But in case you didn't know this is a crucial step in maintaining your classic Mini's engine. Dirty or clogged oil filters can cause damage to your engine so help yourself by replacing both the oil and the filter.

You should drain the [fuel system](#) of your classic Mini

If you can do this by yourself that's great and more power to you, but everyone should use caution when performing this task. *Fuel vapor is explosive and can linger around for long periods of time well after the completion. Use great ventilation where you're working and don't use matches, lighters, etc or anything with an open flame.*

Check the coolant in your classic Mini

If you don't have the proper mixture of coolant and water you could end up with ice in your [cooling system](#).

Remove the battery from your classic Mini and clean any acid on the surface with water and baking soda

Store it somewhere for when you're ready to drive again.

Putting your classic Mini on jacks can help to remove the weight on the [suspension system](#) and prevent flat spots on your tires

It is preferred to use the frame for this rather than an axle or suspension component. You could also clear some space to move your car once a month.

Break out the dryer sheets and soap to keep the rodents away!

Bounce dryer sheets work well and so does Irish Spring soap. Use the soap under the hood of your car to prevent rodents from nesting in it. Spread more pieces of soap and dryer sheets in areas of your vehicle for further prevention. Covering the tail pipes and the carburetor with rubber-banded bags is also a good idea. If you want an extra hand (or paw) get yourself a cat and put it on part time Mini patrol. Note: the scent of the soap can be very strong. Dryer sheets are more tolerable.

Leave the hood open and some windows cracked to keep the air circulating through your classic Mini
This will limit moisture build up.

Lastly and just as important get a [cover for your classic Mini](#)!

This will prevent dirt and dust from getting on and into your car.



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: Collect club dues and oversee expenditures. Provide funds, if available, for club merchandise / events.

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.

Website Editor: Help members with web site functions, keep web site up to date in all areas.

2021 QUEEN CITY COOPERS OFFICERS & SUPPORT STAFF

Let's wish Happy Birthday to our January members:

Michael Scott	4th
Rob Rauch	4th
Jerry King	6th
Steve Nickerson	23rd
Debbie King	30th
Nelson Farmer	31st



Treasurer's Report:

We have a balance of \$1131.00 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

Hey Everyone this is your new Swag Man Alex.
Please check out our list of current QCC Swag in the files section of the Facebook page.
We are currently working on building an online store and adding more Merch to the list.
If there is anything you would like to add to the current list please let me know.
Many more things to come... so excited...
Alex, Angela & Red Hot Rosy



2021 Membership Roster

Lan Ackley & Barbara Bush
Dale & Sandy Ballinger
Nick Banschbach & Becky Robert
Gaby & Jennifer Batshoun
Robert & Doris Bax
Mark & Linda Bingman
Jane & Bob Bocker
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
Corbit Harrison & Darla Bateman
Richard Hamm & Trisha Mitzol
Jean Janneck
Tracy & Jonathan Jennings
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



Barbara Lindsey
Jennifer & Chris Linder
Hector & Gina Maldonado
Elizabeth & Randal Merrill
Daniel & Carol Mohr
Michael & Jenny Murphy

Steve & Jane Nickerson
Angela & Brooks Nieberding
Paul Nielander
Mike & Mary Obermeyer
Alexander & Angela Olveda
Richard & Anne Posey
Lara & Mike Prachar
Rob & Carol Rauch
Donna Ring & Jean Pabst
Anji Roberts & Nelson Farmer
Tim & Bobbi Ross
Janet Scanlon
Brittany Schlemmer
Craig & Karen Schlesinger
Michael Scott
Joe & Lisa Spangler
David & Sandy Stevenson
Paul Stockhauser
Walt Stubenvoll & Sue Kemp
Elaina & Jim Stuard
Mike Suhar
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 \$15

Make Checks Payable to:

"Queen City Coopers"

THANKS.



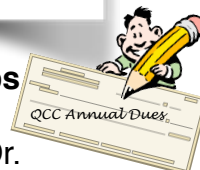
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QCC Memberships

Nancy Cusick

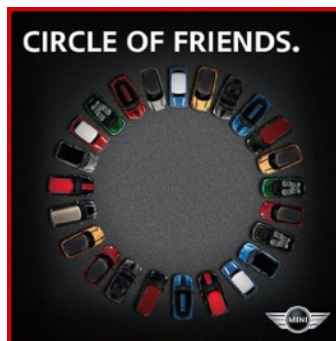
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Fairfield, OH 45014



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.



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



WE'RE HERE FOR YOU

Even during this time, your MINI can be an essential part of your daily life.

To help support you, most of our service departments are currently open and are offering pickup and delivery.

Now you can have "no contact" access to service from your home.

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.*



LET'S DRIVE A MORE INTELLIGENT CAR.
Let's pack it with futuristic technology. Let's flip all the switches. Let's kick it into superdrive. Let's call it by name. Let's be its best friend. LET'S MOTOR.





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Paint protection films

Specials for Queen City Coopers





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MEMBERSHIP

"All Who Wander Are Not Lost"



Revised 5/31/2019

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 CINCINNATI MINI SERVICE & 15% off on PARTS**

Mail Application and Dues to:

- ◆ QCC Memberships
Nancy Cusick
5227 Mississippi Ave.
Fairfield, OH 45014



MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:

- ◆ Own / Lease a MINI
- ◆ Valid Driver's License
- ◆ Proof of Insurance
(Primary Driver)

MEMBERSHIP TERM / DUES:

- ◆ January 1st thru December 31st
- ◆ \$15 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 Ave Fairfield, OH 45014

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? _____

