

Boot & Bonnet

GOOD EVENING, QCC!!!

Well folks, I must tell you that this one's more than a little bittersweet. As the buck... umm... mantle of leadership... is passing to a new Club President, this will be my final time writing the introduction for the Boot and Bonnet. And as I've missed my deadline once again and writing this on the day after Thanksgiving, I think it's only appropriate that I take a few moments to reflect and say "Thank You" to the folks who've made my life so easy during my own tenure as president. So, here we go...

Since you're reading this in the B&B, I'd like to start off with a HUGE thank you to Michael Scott. As editor-in-chief and publisher of the Boot and Bonnet, Michael puts a face on the Club for the public and QCC's membership. Michael's creativity and dedication to the club shine every month as he creates the overall look of our newsletter, produces content, and displays the patience of a saint as he rearranges everything at the last minute to adjust for another missed deadline from yours truly. Michael, you are truly the best! Thank you again and always for all you do!

To continue, I certainly could not have survived over the years without an amazing Executive Board. These folks have given me guidance and support and cajoled me through this journey, and I'm grateful for each and every one. Most of our members don't realize how much work these folks put in to keep QCC "on the road", but I do, so please indulge me while I call out these amazingly dedicated and talented individuals. I'm extremely thankful for them all...

Without our Motoring events, meetings, parties, and other opportunities to share our common interest and love of all things MINI, we would have no reason to exist as a Club. Serving QCC as EVENT COORDINATOR over the years of my tenure have been JEFF GREENE, HECTOR MALDONADO, CRAIG SCHLESINGER, and the legendary ROB RAUCH. In a major way, they've kept our membership interested and engaged. Thank you, guys...

When I first took office, CLAUDETTE GREENE was serving as MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR. Shortly thereafter, NANCY CUSICK took the reins at this position and blew the bloody doors off! Nancy does so much more than keep records and collect dues. In addition to her regular duties, Nancy has been instrumental in keeping us fed, arranging event venues and bearing a huge share of hosting for meetings and parties. She's been my rock. Thank you for everything...

ED FENKER is QCC's TREASURER. Money guy. Works with numbers... and LIKES IT. When called on for his Officer's report at meetings, he gives us the good (or bad) news about our account balances. He yells at me sometimes because I haven't cashed a reimbursement check or two. But behind the scenes, Ed has made HUGE changes to how we handle, monitor, and protect the Club's money, even giving us the capability of conducting transactions for membership dues and swag by credit card and paying bills electronically. Also, Ed listens to my silly musings and guides me back to the path. Thank you, Ed. I think it's my turn to buy lunch...



December event

12/11: Queen City Coopers Christmas party

QCC's SWAG COORDINATORS keep us in the public eye and support our brand with our signature door magnets, t-shirts, embroidered items, Club decals, and all manner of Queen City Coopers merchandise. They work with vendors to develop new eye-catching swag to keep us looking fresh and do it within the constraints of a balancing a very limited budget with affordability to our members. Over the past five years, that challenge has been met by RON GREGORY (and Sandy), MIKE OBERMEYER (and Mary), and ALEX OLVEDA (and Angela). Thank you all. The Club looks GREAT!

And...WE HAVE A NEW PRESIDENT!! I'd like to say thank you to our incoming QCC President, MARY HOPTON!!! Mary, I truly hope that your experience will be as gratifying as mine. You're gonna be GREAT!!

But lastly, and most important of all, I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to the MEMBERS of Queen City Coopers for the way you've embraced and supported me over the years. The opportunity you've given me to serve as QCC President has been a true highlight of my life, and I am deeply grateful for each and every one of you. I can't begin to thank you enough. Here's to many more years of Motoring together! I'm hoping to see you all at the QCC Christmas Party! Until then.....

CHEERS!! and MOTOR ON!!!

Tom



2022 Dues are due!!!

Please send your annual dues of \$30.00 to

Nancy Cusick 5227 Mississippi Dr, Fairfield, OH 45014-2411

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QUEEN CITY COOPERS CHRISTMAS PARTY

The **QUEEN CITY COOPERS CHRISTMAS PARTY** has always been our favorite and largest event of the year, and this year will be no exception!

On

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 11TH
AT CINCINNATI MINI

from 4-6pm

we'll be getting together again to share some great food, music, laughs, and good ol' **HOLIDAY CHEER!!**

The Christmas Cone will be lit, the stockings will be hung from the QCC banner with care, and everyone will be in high spirits as we close out 2021 and prepare for the New Year!

And of course, the **BEST CHRISTMAS GIFT EXCHANGE EVER RETURNS!!!** Bring a wrapped gift (under \$20 suggested), serious, silly, or MINI themed, and join the fun!

As always, a **MYSTERY GIFT** will be in play to help keep the suspense going!!

QCC will provide soft drinks(BYOB) and entrees, but we're counting on **YOU** to round out the feast.

So... if your MINI has a white roof, please bring a side dish.

If your MINI has a black roof, you're responsible for a dessert. Convertibles and others, you choose!

(Get registered ASAP so Nancy can plan for the appropriate amount of food)

It's the most wonderful time of the year at QCC, so **DON'T YOU MISS IT!!!**



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QCC Events Photos



MINI winter driving tips & techniques!

Courtesy of Motoring Alliance

1) Make sure the Driver is ready! PRACTICE! Know how you & your car will respond! As soon as snow falls, drive carefully to a deserted parking lot with no light poles or potholes (scout it out beforehand). Drive the car, really DRIVE it, to see what it'll do and how it feels. Hit the brakes HARD to see how the ABS feels, then hit the brakes gently and see if you can tell when one, two, or more tires are starting to "lock" (brake pulsations). Leave lots of space. Remember, you should STEER while the ABS is pulsing. Your BEST bet may be to take a winter driving school - the lesson lasts a lifetime - and it's a TON of fun! Other regional motorsports clubs and tracks also offer schooling.

2) GENTLE! Drive like there's a raw egg between you and EVERY control in the car. Leave lots of space. Don't slip the clutch too much, just enough for a gentle start. Often you will want to ease onto the clutch and barely (if at all) on the gas - you want to maintain that slim amount of traction you have. 2)b. Remember the Saw technique: If you're understeering in a turn (front wheel skid), gently (but quickly) working the wheel side to side can actually get you turning again. 2) c. Know how your DSC/ASC works, and when you might want it "off" - like when you're starting out on a slippery road surface. (Practice...!). A little wheel spin on start can be helpful to get moving, then reactivate the DSC to keep you in control.

3) Momentum: In case you have hills in your part of the world, momentum can be your friend, but use it wisely. Don't stop on uphill if you can avoid it! Conserve momentum - but also consider you never want TOO much momentum! Don't do something you'll have to undo later, like accelerate too hard. Watch stop signs and intersections: Before the salt trucks get out, these get ICY - quickly. Be aware.

4) Use the HIGHEST gear you can for the conditions. Don't "lug" the engine, but you don't want excess torque breaking your traction. Upshift (to a higher numbered gear) sooner than you ordinarily would. Lower gears give more torque, which is great for acceleration on dry pavement but can spin the tires on low-traction surfaces.

5) Clutch in or neutral when slippery-road braking, almost always. Don't downshift no matter HOW much it makes you sound like a rally driver. Using the brakes alone allows the DSC and ABS to work most effectively. This also prevents the engine torque interfering with front/rear brake bias or ABS/DSC function. You do NOT necessarily want only the front wheels alone doing all the braking, which they will during a downshift. (*note: exceptions exist, this is a generality, but in most conditions, just use the brakes). 5a) Don't forget to actually steer away from the obstacle! The main advantage of ABS is NOT shorter stopping distances - it's the ability to steer while braking. Don't forget to steer!

6) With snows on, try not to laugh too hard at the SUVs on bald all-seasons thinking they can go anywhere. You have as many tires braking and steering as they do. 4WD just allows a car to get moving in conditions where (arguably) one shouldn't even be driving. It doesn't help stop or brake, and the additional weight usually hurts stopping and braking.

7) When it's cold, go easy. Even on dry pavement, you'll have reduced traction. Your car will also make more noises since everything's stiff. Go easy, at least until things are warmed up. Note that snow tires aren't quite as good on dry pavement, and cold summer tires are quite slippery even in the dry. Take it easy.

8) Keep an emergency kit in your car. Sleeping bag or blanket, jacket, gloves, a little non-perishable food (energy bars are great but can be hard when cold), a small bottle or two of water, candle (don't forget waterproof matches!) maybe a small folding shovel. I've known people in New JERSEY (fer cryin out loud!) who've been surprised and trapped by snow/ice storms overnight - during their commute home! It's more common than you think, and can happen to you. Yes, even you.

9) Know when to NOT drive! Yes, driving in winter is fun - but sometimes the smart decision is to stay home. Do you really need that latte - enough to risk your car and your life? Stay home if conditions are dodgy enough. Make the safe call.





Winter Maintenance

MINI Cooper Winterization Checklist

1. Tune up the motor

Air, oil and fuel filters, including new spark plugs, distributor cap and wires. Ignition system needs to be in top shape to battle the cold.

2. Check the anti-freeze

Only fill the tank with MINI recommended brand anti-freeze, make sure to check your owners manual for the proper anti-freeze type.

3. Check other fluids

Be sure all other fluids are at the correct levels and fill as needed. Brake fluid, engine oil, power steering fluid, windshield wiper fluid, etc.

4. Check the Battery

You can have a load test done on your battery at any local auto parts store. Don't forget to check your key fob batteries as well.

5. Check your tires

You'll want to be sure to check the tread air pressure and alignment of your tires. You may also want to have them rotated if you haven't done so recently. Remember, safety first!

6. Inspect the Brakes

A quick visual inspection will give you peace of mind driving in cold harsh conditions. If you're not sure please take your MINI to your local dealer or shop to be examined.

7. Check the wipers

Be sure your wipers are in tip top shape. And, if you live in an area where temperatures reach freezing be sure to add de-icing solution to your wiper fluid reservoir.

8. Check exterior lights

Do a quick check to ensure your turn signals, fog lights, headlights and tail lights are all working properly. Convert your bulbs to LED. They are brighter and longer lasting.

9. Inspect belts & hoses

Check your MINI's belts for wear and cracks in hoses. Any cracks will only get worse in the cold weather, leading to more expensive repairs.

10. Check heating & defrost

Ensure that your heating system and defroster are in good working order. These will be used over and over for the winter months.

11. Repair windshield chips

It's much cheaper to get a windshield crack fixed than replacing the whole windshield when that small crack breaks across the glass.

12. Winter emergency kit

Having an emergency kit in your MINI is always a good idea, but especially so inclement weather. It won't take long to assemble and could save your life.

Courtesy of Mini Mania Inc.



Let's wish Happy Birthday to our December members:

Sandy Stevenson	7
Scot Jonas	7
Linda Krum	12
Andrew Gear	16
Kathy Folino	19
Jeffrey Weyer	22
Tracy Wells	23
Richard Posey	26



Treasurer's Report:

We have a balance of \$1932.00 in our account. We can now accept all credit cards, even the new chipped cards, as well as Apple & Android Pay 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
Gaby & Jennifer Batshoun
Robert Bax & Doris Bax
Mark & Linda Bingman
Kerry Botos
Cheryl & Randy Brown
Devon Burroughs
Quincy Canady
Rebecca & Randy Clark
John & Nancy Cusick
James & Erica Dean
TJ & Jim Dixon
Nelson Farmer & Anji Roberts
Vel & Ed Fenker
Ann Finesman
Kathy & Mark Folino
Tom Foster
Andrew & Jessica Gear
David & Kara Green
Ron Gregory & Sandy Stanford
Tony Guastaferrro
Ron & Keagen Hoffman
Mary & Matt Hopton
James Hutsell & Jean Durkin
Nancy Ice

Jean Janneck
Tracy & Jonathan Jennings
Scot Jonas & Jessica Proctor
Jerry King
Debbie King
Zac & Anna Koroschetz
Mark & Linda Krum
Louis & Milliceia Larson
Jennifer & Chris Linder



Joe & Jen Loving
Hector & Gina Maldonado
Betty & Randy Merrill
Brent & Christy Nibert
Steven & Janet Nickerson
Angela & Brooks Nieberding
Paul Nielander
Mike & Mary Obermeyer
Alexander & Angela Olveda

Debie & Jim Plumb
Richard & Anne Posey
Carol Rauch
Chris Reagan
Donna Ring & Jean Pabst
Tim & Bobbi Ross
Joel Rosenethal
Janet Scanlon
Brittany Schlemmer
Craig & Karen Schlesinger
Michael Scott
Joe & Lisa Spangler
David & Sandy Stevenson
Paul Stockhauser
Dave Storer & Tracy Wells
Elaina & Jim Stuard
Walt Stubenvoll & Sue Kemp
Mike Suhar
Brian Trainer
Gene Trimble & Patti Robinson
Herschel & Kay Weintraub
Jeffrey Weyer & Amy Noffsinger
Allen Wilson & Crystal Snider
John & Kathy Witt
Jay Woodruff
Joseph & Judy Yannone



Welcome New Members

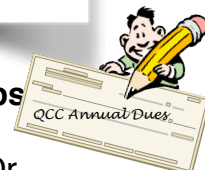
Want to be a Member? Pay your Annual Dues to gain Full Access to ALL the Queen City Coopers has to Offer!



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

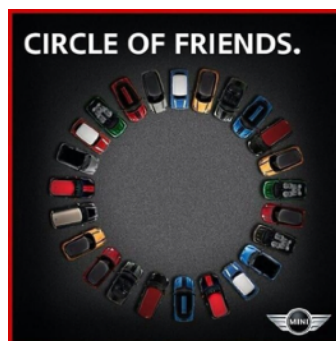


Mail to:
QCC Memberships
Nancy Cusick
5227 Mississippi Dr.
Fairfield, OH 45014



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.



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

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Specials for Queen City Coopers

Life is fast.





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



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By Michael Scott



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
- \$30 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? _____

