

# Boot & Bonnet

Greetings MINlacs!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. First, thanks for all that participated in the Toys For Tots event and for those that attended the Holiday Party at Cincinnati MINI. Hard to believe it's January already. While we are cooped up during the winter, it's a good time to think of warmer weather and what you would like to see and/or do once Mother Nature blesses us with higher temperatures and more sunshine. Though the pandemic has changed everyone's priorities and habits, we'd love to hear what you as members want the group to focus on for 2023.



Bring your thoughts to the annual planning, which is being held over coffee and donuts on Saturday, January 14th at Holtman's Donuts located at 9558 Civic Centre Blvd in West Chester at 8:30 a.m. Though we have some club events scheduled and some non-club events such as MINIs on the Dragon, MINIs Take Route 66, and MINI on the Mack, we'd love to hear your ideas and add more events. If you are not able to make the meeting, you can e-mail one of officers with your suggestion. Hope to see you on the 14th.

Happy New Year!

Mary



## January events

1/14: QCC Annual Planning Meeting

## QCC Annual Planning Meeting

Have you been wanting to lead a mini cooper rally or host a mini cooper meeting? Bring your ideas for events and drives for 2023 at the annual QCC Planning meeting over a coffee and donuts on

**January 14, 2023**

**8:30 a.m.**

**Holtman's Donuts**



**2023 Dues are over due, now accepting 2023 dues.**

Please send your annual dues of \$30.00 to

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

If you pay 2023 dues via Credit Card there is a \$1.00 service fee.



## Christmas party Photos





# Changes to the 2023 Mini Models

Jack R. Nerad

The biggest news for [Mini](#) for the 2023 model year is a broad range of new special editions the automaker offers across its entire lineup. Buyers can purchase the [Mini Hardtop and Convertible](#) in the Resolute Edition, [Clubman](#) in the Untold Edition, and the [Countryman](#) in the Untamed Edition. All the new variants offer unique interior and exterior treatments, and some also have powertrain tweaks.

In a welcome change, Apple CarPlay is now standard across the entire model range regardless of trim level. In many instances, as detailed later, buyers can order adaptive cruise control ([ACC](#)) as a standalone option, another change that customers will surely appreciate.

## **2023 Mini Cooper Clubman Changes - [Find the best Mini deals!](#)**

A special edition is the headline-grabber on the 2023 Mini Clubman. Mini fits the Untold Edition of the Mini Clubman with a 301-horsepower 2.0-liter 4-cylinder [turbocharged](#) engine. It delivers power via an 8-speed Steptronic Sport [transmission](#) and [all-wheel-drive](#) system. Painted in Sage Green Metallic, the Untold Edition has revised front and rear fascias, 3D-printed side scuttles, and stripes across the hood and roof. Inside, there's an anthracite-colored headliner and Sage Green leather sport seats. Mini has extended three variations of its multi-tone roof to the Clubman's Signature and Iconic trims. The model's advanced driving assistance systems ([ADAS](#)) package now includes parking assistance and a head-up display. At the same time, ACC is now a standalone option.

## **2023 Mini Cooper Convertible Changes - [Find the best Mini deals!](#)**

The changes to the [Mini Convertible](#) for 2023 include a special edition and equipment-level tweaks. The model's ADAS package now includes parking assistance and a head-up display. Also, Mini pulled ACC from the ADAS package and made it a standalone option.

The 2023 Mini Cooper S Convertible joins the broad array of special-edition cars with the Resolute Edition. A 178-hp, turbocharged 2.0-liter 4-cylinder engine powers the limited-run variant and, according to Mini, enables the sportster to accelerate from zero-to-60 mph in 6.7 seconds. With an interior finished in Rebel Green, the Convertible's Resolute Edition bows to the current Bronze Age with bronze-finished headlight surrounds, grille, side scuttles, and door handles.

## **2023 Mini Cooper SE 2-Door Hardtop Changes - [Find the best Mini deals!](#)**

The [battery-electric](#) Mini Cooper SE 2-Door Hardtop has a unique drivetrain, but for the new model year, it gets changes similar to those of its conventionally powered Hardtop siblings. This includes a Mini Cooper SE Resolute Edition with similar features to those previously described for the Mini Cooper Convertible. It includes extensive use of bronze-finish trim. Adaptive cruise control is available on the Cooper SE Signature Plus trim.

The Cooper SE also gets a new exterior paint choice for 2023; Mini now offers Island Blue on the Signature Plus and Iconic trims. New upholstery choices are available for 2023 as well.



## 2023 Mini Cooper Countryman Changes - [Find the best Mini deals!](#)

The most important news regarding the 2023 Mini Countryman [crossover SUV](#) is the addition of the Untamed Edition. Available on Cooper S Countryman, Cooper S Countryman All4, and Cooper SE Countryman All4 plug-in hybrid, the new version takes the Countryman in a more defined off-road direction. The gray and black exterior features a black roof, roof rails, and exterior mirror caps. The radiator grille, headlight, and taillight surrounds are piano black. So are the door handles, tailpipe trim, and vehicle lettering. The 18-inch alloy wheels are unique to the Untamed Edition. Interior trim features nature-inspired green and blue.



As in the Clubman, the Countryman's ADAS package now includes parking assistance and a head-up display, but ACC, formerly part of that package, is now a standalone option.

## 2023 Mini Cooper Hardtop Changes - [Find the best Mini deals!](#)

Mini offers the Hardtop in 2-door and 4-door body styles, but for 2023 only the 2-door comes in the Resolute Edition. A 189-hp 2.0-liter 4-cylinder engine propels the newest variant. According to Mini, with the standard 6-speed [manual transmission](#), the Hardtop will sprint from zero-to-60 mph in 6.5 seconds, and with the optional 7-speed Steptronic transmission, the time drops by a tenth of a tick to 6.4 seconds. The car's top speed is a claimed 145 mph.

The Resolute Edition of the Hardtop has a green exterior with a white roof and exterior mirror caps. The headlight surrounds, radiator grille, taillights, side scuttles, door handles, and fuel-filler cap are among the trim pieces finished in bronze. Inside, the special edition has a steering wheel covered in Nappa leather and checkered seat fabric.

For the 2023 model year, "Zesty Yellow" exterior paint has wider availability across the 2-Door and 4-Door Hardtops. Two additional multi-tone roofs are also available in the Signature and Iconic trims. As with the Convertible, the Hardtops' driver-assistance package now includes parking assistance and a head-up display. Formerly part of the standard ADAS suite, ACC is a separate option on the Hardtops.

Mini is the source of information in this article. It was accurate on June 29, 2022, but it may have changed since that date. Always confirm product details and availability with the automaker's website or your local dealership.



## **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's 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 snow 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 late - 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.*

## QCC Swag

### QCC Swag!

On the glowing recommendations from our friends from the Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club, Queen City Coopers has partnered with RP Diamond Printing and Embroidery to offer our membership our FIRST TRUE ONLINE SWAG CATALOG!!! For the time being, we've curated a limited selection of quality embroidered items including hats, men's and women's polos, ¼-zip sweatshirts, long-sleeve button-down shirts, and even sublimation-printed travel tumblers (perfect for MINI cupholders) that will be available for online purchase directly from the vendor! This is gonna be great!!

So, here's how it works... I'll have samples of each item available at our monthly Motor-Ins for everyone to actually see and feel (and yes, the samples will be for sale). When you find something, you like, you'll be able to go to the website [RPDiamond.com](http://RPDiamond.com), choose "SHOP NOW", scroll down to the Queen City Coopers logo, then shop to your heart's content!! Once you've chosen your item(s), size, and color, you can order and pay online, then choose to have it delivered for a flat fee of \$10 or choose "local pickup" and it will be waiting for you at the next Motor-In! How cool is that?!!

And... OUR CATALOG IS EXPANDABLE!! When we find that there's a demand for an item that we don't yet offer, we have the option of adding it to the catalog! THE POSSIBILITIES ARE UNLIMITED!!! And of course, I'll still have QCC printed T-shirts, door magnets, and decals in stock for immediate purchase! The catalog will be online soon, and I'm hoping to have samples at the next Motor-In, so I'm hoping to see you there to share more details in person.

Until then...CHEERS!! and GET YOUR QCC SWAG ON!!



### T-Shirts



### Window decals

### Car Magnets



### Embroidery example



## Let's wish Happy Birthday to our January members:

Michael Scott	4
Jerry King	6
Tom Draper	7
Brooks Nieberding	9
Ron Hoffman	15
Reagn Lamb	18
Steve Nickerson	23
Dave Storer	27
Debbie King	30
Nelson Farmer	31



## Treasurer's Report:

We have a balance of \$2255.00 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!!!



# 2023 Membership Roster

Lan Ackley & Barbara Bush

Dale & Sandy Ballinger

Gaby & Jennifer Batshoun

Darla Bateman & Corbit Harrison

Mark & Linda Bingman

Nick & Becky Banschbach

Cheryl & Randy Brown

Devon Burroughs

Quincy Canady

Rebecca & Randy Clark

John & Nancy Cusick

James & Erica Dean

TJ & Jim Dixon

Tom Draper

Nelson Farmer & Anji Roberts

Vel & Ed Fenker

Kathy & Mark Folino

Tom Foster

Andrew & Jessica Gear

David & Kara Green

Ron Gregory & Sandy Stanford

Ron & Keagen Hoffman

Mary & Matt Hopton

James Hutsell & Jean Durkiz

Scot Jonas & Jessica Proctor

Jerry & Debbie King

Zac & Anna Koroschetz

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Becky Roberts

Thomas Roberts & Criselda Del Cruz

Tim & Bobbi Ross

Joel Rosenthal

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

Herschel Weintraub

Jeffrey Weyer & Amy Noffsinger

John & Kathy Witt

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## Welcome New Members

William Berry

Christian  
& Carrie  
Masterson

**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"**

**THANKS.**



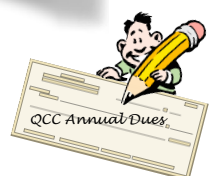
Mail to:

**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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### CIRCLE OF FRIENDS.



#### 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



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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.



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**Specials for Queen City Coopers**



**FOR SALE:** Four (4) good original 2003 MINI "snowflake" wheels, size 5J-16, with 195/55R16 Michelin X-Ice snow tires, \$200 total. Contact Tim Ross at 513-528-3232, leave message or email to [hugcrv@fuse.net](mailto:hugcrv@fuse.net). The wheels DO NOT have any TPMS pressure sensors in them, and the snow tire tread is 7/32" which means just a little of the soft snow rubber left, maybe okay with a light winter coming. The wheels are straight, balance well, with only a minor number of blemishes considering they have been used in many Cincinnati winters with salt. Photo attached. I also have a Clubman car cover and 2011 service manual for friendly sale to good QCC home.







## **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.

## **2022 QUEEN CITY COOPERS OFFICERS & SUPPORT STAFF**



## 2023 QUEEN CITY COOPERS OFFICERS & SUPPORT



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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](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 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 1<sup>st</sup> thru December 31<sup>st</sup>
- \$30 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 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? \_\_\_\_\_

