

Boot & Bonnet

Happy Spring fellow MINIs!

Here we are getting ready for the driving season! Join us for the April Fool's Day MINI Rallye on April 1st at 1:00 p.m. Dale Ballinger is hosting this casual and fun drive through two covered bridges covering 50 miles and around 100 minutes. He gave me a story below from the Healey Marque about a Canadian couple who shipped their classic car to France, and paid around \$20,00 to compete in a rallye for over a month. Would you do that? Would you be willing to wash your MINI and drive to Loveland/Milford to participate in a rallye? Check your calendar, and heck, bring it dirty.

In 1962 the Coupe des Alpes was won by Paddy Hopkirk in a Mini Cooper, and the original car was entered in the version, the 33rd running. The oldest car present was a 1954 Alfa Zagato, in concours condition, but driven hard and often according to its owners, British Alfa connoisseurs and vintage car racers, Christopher and Ellie Mann. The next oldest was a 1955 Jaguar XK 140, also from the UK, and driven with real panache by a couple dressed in vintage attire, complete with leather earflap helmets. There were two 1955 Healey 100s, and ours was one of three 3000s. We were the only Canadian team in the event, and the only North American team. There was a team from Thailand and a team from Australia, but both had homes in Europe and did not have to ship their cars.

The rest of the field had a good selection of Minis, given a place of honor because of the victory in '62: a never of E-type Jags, several Ferraris of different vintages, and numerous Alfa Romeos and Lancias. There was a BMW, a Peugeot, some Mercedes, a couple of Morgans and a Caterham 7, and a 1960 Volvo PV544 that had won the Ladies' Cup in 1962 and still bore its original start number from that race.

If it is not obvious, this driving was really fun. All the thrills of a roller coaster, but you control it yourself by applying concentration, boldness and skill. The scenery, when you can look at it, is breathtaking. As the passenger, it's probably best not to look down while the drive takes some of these turns at breakneck speed, the tires on the edge of screaming. (As the driver, you have no choice, your eyes must be 100 percent on the road ahead, craning your neck to see the shape of the next corner!)

The highest pass we traversed was the Col de Lombarde, in Italy, at 2,350 meters. Not only the highest, but the steepest and the tightest, with the narrowest roads. The descent was something else. There was simply no way to stay off the brakes without the tachometer needle being in a red zone all the time, and this was the only time we had a mechanical problem. Suddenly, coming into a tight curve, the brake pedal went straight to the floor. I pumped it hard and got enough pressure to slow the car and downshifted through a couple more turns, very slowly, until we could pull off the road. The brake fluid had got so hot it had boiled, so there were now air bubbles in it.....

After the Rallye, the April Motor-In will be held at Padrino Italian Restaurant at 4:00 p.m. Padrino is located at 111 Main Street, Milford, OH. 45150, 513.965.1000. Menu can be found at www.padrinoitalian.com. Ask for the Queen City Cooper room.

Upcoming events include: The Walking Rallye Challenge with the Greater Cincinnati Miata Club, Sunday, April 23rd at 1:30 p.m. will begin at The Works, 20 Grear Millitzer Place, Loveland, OH. MINIs on the Dragon, a non-QCC event, is being held from Wednesday, May 3rd thru Sunday, May 7th. Visit www.minisonthedragon.com to see what's driving events are on the agenda. If you haven't been before, it is something you should consider doing in the future.

Finally, the May Motor-In will be on Saturday, May 13th hosted by John and Nancy Cusick. The details will be finalized soon. Hope to see you at one of the upcoming events!

Cheers,
Mary



April events

**4/1: QCC April Fool's Day Mini Rallye/
Monthly Motor Inn**

4/23: QCC Walking Rallye



Monthly Motor Inn

Join fellow MINIacs for the Rallye @ 1:00 p.m. Rallye starts at the lot next to Frisch's Big Boy located at 663 Service Road, Loveland, OH 45140 at the Wards Corner Exit #54 off I-275. You may want to gas up at the UDF next door before the rallye begins.

Bring your clipboard if you want to try the fill-in-the-blank "**quiz rallye**" or you can drive as a "**fun rallye**" with only directions to follow. This Dale Ballinger created contest is a fantastic chance to show off your skills. The rallye takes you through 2 covered bridges, TWICE. The rallye takes about 100 minutes and is under 50 miles. The rallye ends at Padrino "Italian Job Grille" about 3:45 p.m. If the rallye isn't your thing, come join us for the motor-in at 4 p.m.

Padrino is located at 111 Main Street, Milford, OH 45150, 513.965.1000. Menu can be found at www.padrinoitalian.com. Ask for the Queen City Cooper room. We have until 5ish for *whining and dining*. Hope to see y'all "down the road."

RESCHEDULED Walking Rallye GCMC & QCC

The Walking Rallye GCMC & QCC Challenge will begin at The Works, 20 Grear Millitzer Place, Loveland, OH.

Meet at 1:30 (come earlier if you want lunch - and let us know when you sign in). Depart 2:00 for 90 minutes of exploring Loveland (bounded by water and the train tracks) with a sheet of pictures and questions to match.

Return to starting point at 3:30 for scoring and awards and trophy presentation. Done about 4:00. This is NOT a driving event so your MINI may stay in its warm winter quarters.

BRING - clipboard and pen/pencil. Contact: Bobbi Ross; cell phone: 513-309-7052 (day of event only).

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.



National Events



MINIs ON The Dragon

This site is set up in two sections: The general information section which has the vertical navigation bar to the far left and then the 2023 MOTD specific information which can be accessed by visiting the MOTD 2023 logo on the left.

MOTD 2023 - May 3rd - May 7th
Registration Will Open January 20th 2023 - 9:00am (EST)
Day Drives will open on February 18th 2023 - 9:00am (EST)
Shirt and Grill Badge Orders will Close on April 2nd
Registration Closes on April 16th
93 Days, 00 Hours, 25 Minutes, 43 Seconds.



Registration costs*:

Drivers: \$65 Passengers: \$58

*Includes:

event entry / lunch / t-shirt / swag bag.



Minis in the Ozarks

Every fall hundreds of Mini enthusiasts from around the country gather in Eureka Springs, Arkansas for three days of driving and fun in the beautiful Ozark Mountains.

MITO has earned the reputation of being one of the best -- and friendliest -- regional events for Mini Cooper owners.

Join us October 26-29, 2023



2024 MODEL YEAR PRICING*

MODEL / VARIANT	CLASSIC TRIM	SIGNATURE TRIM	ICONIC TRIM
MINI Hardtop 2 Door			
Cooper Hardtop 2 Door	\$ 25,800	\$ 30,800	\$ 33,200
Cooper S Hardtop 2 Door	\$ 29,100	\$ 33,700	\$ 37,500
Cooper SE Hardtop 2 Door	\$ 30,900	\$ 34,225	\$ 36,700
John Cooper Works Hardtop	\$ 35,400	\$ 39,800	\$ 43,400
MINI Hardtop 4 Door			
Cooper Hardtop 4 Door	\$ 26,800	\$31,800	\$ 34,200
Cooper S Hardtop 4 Door	\$ 30,100	\$ 34,700	\$ 38,500
MINI Convertible			
Cooper Convertible	N/A	\$ 35,700	N/A
Cooper S Convertible	N/A	\$ 38,400	\$ 42,000
John Cooper Works Convertible	N/A	\$ 44,900	\$ 48,500
MINI Clubman			
Cooper S Clubman	\$ 34,050	\$ 36,750	\$ 40,750
Cooper S ALL4 Clubman	\$ 36,150	\$ 38,850	\$ 42,900
John Cooper Works Clubman ALL4	\$ 42,400	\$ 45,100	\$ 48,900
MINI Countryman			
Cooper Countryman	\$ 32,650	N/A	N/A
Cooper Countryman ALL4	\$ 34,150	N/A	N/A
Cooper S Countryman	\$ 32,900	\$ 35,500	\$ 40,400
Cooper S Countryman ALL4	\$ 35,000	\$ 37,500	\$ 42,400
Cooper SE Countryman ALL4 (PHEV)	N/A	\$ 42,700	\$ 48,600
John Cooper Works Countryman ALL4	\$ 43,800	\$ 46,000	\$ 50,100

QCC Swag

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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, 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 April member:

William Berry 20

Nick Banschbach 28



Treasurer's Report:

We have a balance of \$3050.00 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

Linda Ash

Dale & Sandy Ballinger

Gaby & Jennifer Batshoun

Darla Bateman & Corbit Harrison

Mark & Linda Bingman

Nick Banschbach & Becky Roberts

Rob & Doris Bax

Devon Burroughs

Quincy Canady

Jeffrey & Kim Crabb

John & Nancy Cusick

Jeff & Tonda Davis

James & Erica Dean

TJ & Jim Dixon

Tom Draper

Nelson Farmer & Anji Roberts

Vel & Ed Fenker

Tom Foster

Andrew & Jessica Gear

David & Kara Green

Ron Gregory & Sandy Stanford

Chrystal & Jeff Hoffman

Vicky Hood & Rick Rosenberger

Mary & Matt Hopton

James Hutsell & Jean Durkiz

Tracey & Jon Jennings

Scot Jonas & Jessica Proctor

Reagan Lamb & Julia Fermier

John & Dara Lang

Ann & Grant Light

Jennifer & Chris Linder



Joe & Jen Loving

Hector & Gina Maldonado

Betty & Randy Merrill

Brent & Christy Nibert

Steve & Jane Nickerson

Angela & Brooks Nieberding

Mike & Mary Obermeyer

Robert & Victoria Philpot

Debie & Jim Plumb

Stan & Debbie Porter

Carol Rauch

Donna Ring & Jean Pabst

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

Elaina & Jim Stuard

Walt Stubenvoll & Sue Kemp

Mike Suhar

Herschel Weintraub

Please contact Nancy Cusick
513-225-0569 if you have any
questions.



Welcome New Members

Jeff & Tonda Davis

Linda Ash



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"



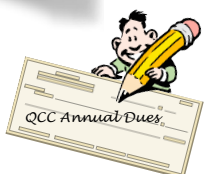
Mail to:

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.

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



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



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.**



*Car Wash entrance is located behind the Cincinnati MINI showroom. An attendant will be out to greet you.

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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

Window Films : Automotive - Residential - Commercial
Paint protection films

Specials for Queen City Coopers





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.

2023 QUEEN CITY COOPERS OFFICERS & SUPPORT STAFF



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**CLUB
PRESIDENT:**

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Nancy Cusick

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LINDA BINGMAN

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**EVENTS
COORDINATOR:**

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Hoptonmi@gmail.com



**QCC SWAG
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Tom Foster

tfos48@gmail.com

By Michael Scott



MEMBERSHIP

"All Who Wander Are Not Lost"



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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? _____

