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Boot & Bonnet

Greeting QCC members,

It's great to have warmer weather and sunshine as we go into May. We had a successful and well attended April Fool's Day Rallye hosted by Dale Ballinger and Motor-In at Padrino's Italian Restaurant. Vel Fenker and Tom Foster walked away with another win for QCC in the Walking Rallye with the GCMC hosted by Tim & Bobbi Ross.





We have the May Motor-In on Saturday, May 13th at 5:00 p.m. hosted by John & Nancy Cusick at the Coop. We will be hopefully getting an update on how MINIs on the Dragon went by some members that attended, discussing summer drives, and non-club events like MINIs Take Route 66, and MINIs on the Mack.

Speaking on MINI on the Mack, the Club has not secured a room block at specific place; so if you plan on going, you will need to reserve rooms on your own. As of now, I know of 5 couples who are going and staying in different places, some in Mackinaw and others in St. Ignace. There will likely be a separate discussion sometime in July on when and where to meet up here for those that would like to travel up to Michigan together. Hope to see you in May!



Cheers, Mary

May Events

5/13: Monthly Motor In

5/3-7: MINIs on the Dragon





Monthly Motor Inn

May 13th at 5:00 p.m.

Join us for the monthly motor in hosted at the "Coop" by John and Nancy Cusick's. Contact Nancy for directions.

Walking Rally Recap

On Sunday, April 23, fifteen members of the Greater Cincinnati Miata Club and Queen City Coopers met at The Works in Loveland to participate in the latest Rallye Challenge. This involved walking the streets of historic Loveland, crossing no water and no railroad tracks. Each "team" was equipped with a sheet of pictures of plaques, sculptures, pictures, architectural details, whatever, and a sheet of questions about those pictures. Three members elected not to compete after they had enjoyed a quick lunch. The day was dry but overcast and chilly.

After ninety minutes of exploring, the results are in:

- 1. Vel Fenker and Tom Foster of Queen City Coopers defending their previous wins with 19 of 20 correct. They had a bit of a hiccup during their walk as they were watching, Tom's car was accosted by a van as he was parked in Loveland. Police and insurance were notified all will be OK.
- 2. Clayton and Kathy Sheeler, new members of Greater Cincinnati Miata Club and with the help of their dog, with 17.5 correct.
- 3. John and Tonya Hisle of Greater Cincinnati Miata Club, GCMC winners in 2019, had 17 correct answers.
- 4. The trio of Cindy Enderle, Greg Felty, Mark Heinrich of Greater Cincinnati Miata Club with 17. Each had come as a single and they elected to join as one "team".
- 5. Buddy and Sue Smith of Greater Cincinnati Miata Club had 14.5 correct answers.

Our thanks to The Works for accommodating us. In spite of the cold weather, everyone enjoyed exploring Loveland. I understand that two of the teams enjoyed an after-rallye dessert at Graeter's!





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.





Welcome to MINIs on the Dragon. This site is dedicated to the breathtaking Mountains of North Carolina, the Dragon and the MINI Community. My goal is to provide as much info available on the area to make your visit the best possible. Whether it's for our annual MOTD event or any other time of year. Please consider this your site too and let me know what you would like to see on it.

Thanks, Barry (Snooter on the boards)

I was able to attend my first Mini's on the Dragon in May of 2006. My wife and I had a blast. Although I had been up to the Blue Ridge / Appalachian mountains many times before, this was the first time up in my MINI and my first time on the Dragon.

Being a newbie, I had many questions and found that the answers were scattered in many different areas. So, I'm hoping to consolidate as much info about the Dragon and the event on this site as I can. Please feel free to email me with anything you would like to see added.

What Is "MINIs on the Dragon"?

That's the first question I had. Well, I've learned that the "MINIs on the Dragon" is many things to many people. For me, it's kinda like a concert. Sure if I want to listen to my favorite group I'll choose an acoustically designed room with a great stereo system. But if that group comes to concert, I'm there, not because of the quality of the music, but for the atmosphere and camaraderie. The event itself now takes on more meaning than the music.

Yes, MOTD started out as an get together to drive 11-mile stretch of road with 318 curves aka the Dragon. That in itself is more than enough reason to travel to the breath taking mountains of North Carolina. But in the first weekend of May each year, it has evolved into much more than that. Just like our beloved MINI's have evolved into more than just a car to us. So you take the 11-mile stretch of road, then you toss in the mountains, country roads and waterfalls. Now add 600 to 1000 fellow MINIacs and it takes on a whole new meaning. Wake up each morning and see hundreds of Mini's each day, attend dinners and events, go on group drives, or just gather and drool over each other's mods. Get a chance to put a face to a screen name, see some old friends and make some new ones.



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 Crill Radge Orders will Close on April 2nd

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 on of the best -- and friendlest -- regional events for Mini Cooper owners.

Join us October 26-29, 2023





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 OCC SWAG ON!!

T-Shirts





Window decals

Car Magnets





Embroidery example





Let's wish Happy Birthday to our May members:

Joel	Rosenthal	2
Judy	Yannone	6
Carol	Rauch	7
Kara	Green	10
Ann	Light	13
David	Stevenson	15
Janet	Scanlon	18
Walt	Stubenvoll	19
Mike	Obermeyer	21
Nancy	Cusick	23
Darla	Bateman	26
Doris	Bax	26
Stan	Porter	29



Treasurer's Report:

We have a balance of \$3110.00 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

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.



SPONSORS



MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS









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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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

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Date: _ Member's Name: _		Member Directory communication p	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	
Associate Member's Name:		MINI Model:		
Address:	<u>/</u>	Year of MINI:		
City, ST, Zip:		Body Color:		
Primary Phone:		Roof Color:		
Mobile Phone:		License Plate #:		
Member's Email:		License Plate State:		
Associate Member's Email		MINI's Nickname:		
Member's Birthday: (MM/DD/YYYY)	Year is Optional	Purchase Date of MINI:		
Associate Member's Birthday: (MM/DD/YYYY)	Year is Optional	Was MINI Purchased at Cincinnati MINI?	Yes or No	
Emergency Contact:		Allow Other Members to Email You through Website?	Yes or No	
Emergency Contact Phone:	Should not Be Member or Associate Member	How did you hear about the club?		

