

Boot & Bonnet

Greetings,

It's already November and the fall leaves are sowing such beautiful colors. October brought us the Annual Fall Spirited Drive. A great time was had by all. We visited three distilleries in northern Kentucky on the Bourbon Trail, Boone County, Neeley Family and a Second Sight distilleries. The following weekend was the M & M Weekend hosted by Tim and Bobbi Ross.



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING.**



November brings the Monthly Motor-In and the Annual Soups, Chowders, Chilis and Stews hosted by Ed & Vel Fenker on the 4th. So bring your best soup, chowder, chili, or stew and vote in the annual election for the 2024 officers. All positions are up for election, with incumbents Nancy Cusick and Ed Fenker running for their current positions. On November 16th, QCC has the Coney Island Christmas Night of Lights and on November 18th the Fairfield Parade of Lights. Finally, December has the Monthly Motor-In and Holiday Party on December 9th hosted at Cincinnati MINI. Please register for the events, so the host(s) know who and how many to expect. Thanks and hope to see you soon.

Cheers

Mary

November Events

11/4: Annual Soups , Chowders, Chilis & Stews Event

11/16: Coney Christmas Nights of Lights: Fall Spirited Drive

11/18 Fairfield Parade of Lights

Past Events: Fall Spirited Drive



Queen City Coopers hosted their annual "Fall Spirited Drive" on Saturday, October 14. The weather god was messing with us – the day started out cool and partly cloudy, but that changed as the day went on to showers. But the camaraderie was great.

We left Pioneer Park on Madison Pike in Covington just after 9:30 with 5 MINIs and 2 Miatas. After driving some twisties, we arrived at Boone County Distilling on Toeppen Drive in Independence for our first tour and tasting.

Two more MINIs joined us for leg two – the drive from Boone County Distilling to the Neeley Family Distillery in Sparta was a bit more spirited, including a stretch on I-71. Turns out, KY 1130 is also Kentucky Speedway Boulevard, a road of sweeping turns connecting the parking lots of the Speedway. This facility is a bit larger than the first and took the family from making illegal moonshine to legal liquor, including an international award-winning absinthe.

Another MINI joined us in Sparta to bring us to our full compliment for our short drive up KY 35 to Warsaw for lunch at Jewell's on Main.

Our last leg took us north on US 42, west on KY 338 past Big Bone Lick State Park, to KY 237 to KY 8 along the Ohio River into Ludlow, KY and Second Sight Spirits. After a short history, a tour and a tasting, the afternoon ended – some going to Bircus for pizza dinner, others heading home.

Many thanks to Ed and Vel Fenker for creating the route and making the contacts for the drive. Their fall "spirits" events are always fun – good roads and interesting adult beverages with friends.



We are collecting dues for 2024 - big news: Queen City Coopers will celebrate 20 years of driving fun in 2024, in honor of that milestone we are dropping the dues to \$20.00 for 2024. Send your check to QCC in care of Nancy Cusick 5227 Mississippi Dr, Fairfield, OH 45014. I will be at all the November events if you want to pay by cash or check and skip the 75 cents postage.



Events:

The 2023 event is now history.

"We have enjoyed ten delightful long-weekend vacations combining the Greater Cincinnati Miata Club and Queen City Coopers.

Following is a summary of those ten.

Will we go somewhere in 2024? Ideas? Want to help plan?

Bobbi Ross – coordinator, navigator and chief herder of cats!"

10 M&M Vacations

May, 2013	West Virginia – Hawks Nest State Park, Cass Railroad, National Radio Astronomy Observatory	John & Teri Haas Tim & Bobbi Ross
May, 2014	Ohio Amish Country – Salt Fork State Park, Dickerson Cattle Co., Coshocton canal boat	John & Teri Haas Tim & Bobbi Ross
October, 2015	Indiana – Columbus architecture tour, Nashville, Story, Medora Covered Bridge, French Lick	John & Teri Haas Tim & Bobbi Ross
May, 2016	Car Museums – Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg, National Auto & Truck Museum, The Gilmore, The Henry Ford	Tim & Bobbi Ross
May, 2017	Marietta – walking and driving tours of Marietta, OH 26, Stockport Mill, Campus Martius and Ohio River museums	Gary & Cindy Miller Bob & Wendy Askin
May, 2018	Southwest PA – Wheeling, Palace of Gold, food trucks at the casino, Ohiopyle State Park, Kentuck Knob, Nemacolin, Fort Necessity	Tim & Bobbi Ross Bob & Wendy Askin John & Nancy Cusick
May, 2019	Versailles, KY – Toyota, Old Friends Farm, Keeneland, The Glitz, Limestone Distillery	John & Teri Haas Tim & Bobbi Ross
2020		
May, 2021	Athens, OH – The Windy 9, Burr Oak State Park, Stockport Mill, Nelsonville, Lake Hope State Park, Hocking Valley Scenic Railroad, Belleville Lock, Buffington Island battlefield	Scott Brown Tom Hemsath
May, 2022	Carrollton, KY – General Butler State Park, Howard Steamboat Museum, Falls of the Ohio, Medora Covered Bridge, Nashville,	Tim & Bobbi Ross John & Nancy Cusick
October, 2023	Zanesville, OH – Historic Roscoe Village, Ye Olde Mill, Big Muskie Bucket – Ohio routes 666 and 555	Tim & Bobbi Ross

Events: M&M Vacation

M&M Vacation 2023 – 10th Edition
Zanesville, OH

On Friday afternoon, October 20, 13 people in 9 cars (7 Miatas, 2 MINIs) met at Frisch's on OH 28 on the east side of Milford to caravan to Zanesville for a day of driving and exploring, before heading home on OH 555 (and other twisty roads). Our simple drive became complicated at Circleville – this was the weekend of their famous Pumpkin Festival. Oops! We followed the detour signs and eventually exited the city. We checked in to the hotel where our 10th car and 2 more people joined us. We scattered for supper, then retired for the night.

Our weather for Saturday was forecast to be chilly, breezy and occasionally drizzly. We started out anyway, driving north on OH 666 along the Muskingum River. We crossed the river to Dresden at the decommissioned "chain" suspension bridge to pick up OH 60 then OH 541 east to Historic Roscoe Village in Coshocton. We had an excellent parking area behind the Roscoe Village Visitor Center. The Apple Butter Stirrin' Festival



opened at 10:00 and we entered promptly. No, I didn't count the number of craft vendors with food booths sprinkled in – there was lots to see and eat in our three-hour stay. Ridgewood FFA was making apple butter on site in two large, smoky kettles. The weather was a little chilly and occasionally breezy, but was sunny and dry.

We left Roscoe Village and headed east to Utica for dessert at Ye Olde Mill. The Mill is part of the Velvet Ice Cream campus and includes picnic pavilions, a pond, and a kids' play area. As the clouds gathered, we drove south through Zanesville to the Big Muskie Bucket – the bucket for the largest drag line ever created. Sadly, the occasional drizzle became a light rain. After we took our group picture in the bucket, we drove back to Zanesville for a group dinner at Muddy Misers. Some went next door to Weasel Boy Brewery, while others got gas and enjoyed camaraderie (bourbon tasting – thanks, Ed!) in the hotel's lobby.

Sunday was cool and overcast but drying for our departure from Zanesville. Ten drivers headed out to tackle The Triple Nickel – Ohio's famous (infamous?) route 555. We enjoyed its twists, turns, ups and downs for about 40 miles before leaving it in Chesterhill to aim west toward home. On OH 550, we found a nice convenience store with nice restrooms. Whew! At this point, the group split up to get home.

We had a good vacation with friends enjoying our little cars and the beautiful fall colors along the scenic roads. Nothin' better

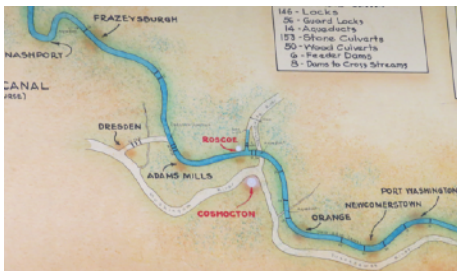
Events: M&M Vacation



is at Ye Olde Mill at Velvet Ice Cream at Utica, OH



is the "chain" bridge at Dresden



is inside the Historic Roscoe Village Visitor Center.



We encountered the cow on our way home Sunday. She seemed to be enjoying our parade.



is the drivers' meeting in the hotel lobby on Saturday morning



shows four travelers at the Apple Butter Stirrin' at Ridgeview FFA



was the festival princess competition.



shows the Festival in Roscoe Village

QCC Events

Soups, Chowders, Chilis & Stews

Saturday November 4, 2023 4:00 pm

Riverpointe Condominiums Clubhouse
320 Riverpointe Dr. Dayton, KY 41074

Bring your favorite homemade soup, chili, stew or chowder for everyone to share. There is plenty of electric to keep your creations hot. Also in addition you are welcome to bring a desert to share. Eat as little or as much as you like, it is all fantastic. Time to show off your homemade recipes.

This is also our Monthly Motor In, finishing up 2023 "year in review".

This is election day for 2024 officers.



Now Collecting **2024 Dues!**

Please send your annual dues of \$20.00 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.



QCC Events:

CHRISTMAS NIGHTS OF LIGHTS

Come join QCC on THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH as we immerse ourselves into the Holiday spirit with a trip to Coney Island for CHRISTMAS NIGHTS OF LIGHTS!!!

We'll be meeting at 6pm in the lot of the Eastgate Mall (near the main parking lot entrance) for a short drive to Coney for a spectacular trip through 2-1/2 miles of over a million lights, all synchronized to music playing through your stereo!! This would be a really great event for the kids, and has become an annual QCC event!! The Club will cover the cost of this event this year.

Fairfield Parade of Lights

takes place on 11/18/2023, event starts at 6 PM from Waterworks Park, down the street from The Coop. Please gather anytime after 4 PM at the Cusicks Coop, 5227 Mississippi Dr, Fairfield, OH 45014. Please decorate your cars in a Christmas Festive Style, finishing touches can be applied in our garage.

The parade starts at 6 PM, it takes about an hour for every one to drive from the start to the finish at The Village Green, lighting of the Christmas Trees and fireworks will end the evening when all the floats, cars and walkers arrive at the park.

It is a lot of fun, for those of you who have a standard transmission your leg will be sore.....

Questions please call Nancy Cusick at 513-225-0569.

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 November members:

Joe Spangler	1
Joseph Yannone	3
Corbit Harrison	3
James Hutsell	6
Jennifer Batshoun	17
Lisa Spangler	19
Sue Kemp	21
Erica Dean	26
Mark Folino	29



Treasurer's Report:

We have a balance of \$2267.00 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
William & Rhonda Arledge
Linda Ash
Dale & Sandy Ballinger
Gaby & Jennifer Batshoun
Darla Bateman & Corbit Harrison
William Berry
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
Christian & Carrie Masterson
Betty & Randy Merrill
Brent & Christy Nibert
Steve & Jane Nickerson
Angela & Brooks Nieberding
Mike & Mary Obermeyer

Robert & Victoria Philpot
Debie & Jim Plumb
Stan & Debbie Porter
Doug & Karen Powell
Carol Rauch
Donna Ring & Jean Pabst
Thomas Roberts & Criselda Del Cruz
Jane & Jim Root
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

Amy Plumb &
son Carson Sharp

**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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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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**QCC SWAG
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Tom Foster

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By Michael Scott



MEMBERSHIP

"All Who Wander Are Not Lost"



Revised 9/21/2023

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
- \$20 Special 20th Anniversary 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: _____

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? _____

