

# Boot & Bonnet

## Happy New Year!

Greetings QCC. As I sit here writing my first byline the snow is falling heavily and the wild birds are grabbing some seeds to eat. January can be quite nasty, but Spring will come sooner than you think. So, let's roll up our sleeves, come to Cincinnati Mini on 1/6/24 at 4:00 PM and get to planning our 2024 events!



As you will read in this issue, on 1/13/24 you have a chance to get out and observe what a local restoration/ maintenance auto shop is doing for other auto enthusiasts in Cincinnati. We prefer you use Cincinnati Mini on Stewart Road for your Mini concerns, when possible, but Zakira's has some interesting older cars for your inspection. And food, too!

This January Boot & Bonnet is my attempt to follow Michael Scott as temporary editor, but I hope someone with more skills will step forward and take the editor job on an official basis. We also are searching for an events coordinator for 2024. This job is as easy as you make it. Ask for drives, and I'm sure the QCC members will step up with suggestions or hand over their previous routes.

*Hope to see you, down the road! Dale*



## QCC Event Invitation

Chili, Anyone?

Zakira's Garage in Blue Ash is planning a new event - a car club-specific chili cook-off on Saturday, January 13, 2024. The general public will not be invited. This event is intended to promote car clubs and introduce enthusiasts who might not otherwise have a chance to meet. We want people to come, enjoy themselves and have some really great food. 5-Alarm, 2-Alarm, vegetarian – we will try them all! Have an award-winning recipe? We want to try it!! A dessert category is included....cuz who doesn't have a sweet tooth?

As always, if you need anything automotive, please call us at (513) 272-2229, email us at [info@zakiras.com](mailto:info@zakiras.com), check out [www.zakiras.com](http://www.zakiras.com) or just stop by the shop 8am-5pm Monday through Friday in Blue Ash at 4480 Lake Forest Drive, Suite #314, Cincinnati, OH 45242.

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Hello Queen City Coopers,

We are invited to meet and greet other area car clubs in Blue Ash on Saturday, January 13 from 2 PM to 5 PM at Zakira's Garage. My wife Sandy is bringing our chili entry, so you just need to "show up" and mingle. Club members can park in the rear of the shop and enter through the side door next to the "S" garage door (also marked as shipping/receiving). So they want you to drive half way around the building.

They welcome club members, bringing chips, veggie trays and the like. Members should bring their own folding chairs, or plan on standing. Zakira's shall provide tables, power strips, utensils, napkins, beverages (non-alcoholic) and a delightful atmosphere.

- Dale Ballinger

**We are now collecting dues for 2024 - GOOD NEWS- Queen City Coopers will celebrate 20 years of driving fun in 2024, so in honor of that milestone we are dropping the dues to \$20.00 for 2024. Send your check payable to QCC to Nancy Cusick 5227 Mississippi Drive Fairfield, OH 45014. I will be at the January planning session if you want to pay by cash or check and skip the 75 cents postage.**

## Recent Events

On Saturday, December 9 about two dozen QCC members met at the upper lobby of Cincinnati Mini for the annual Christmas party. President Mary Hopton welcomed everyone and thanked Brittany from Cincinnati Mini for hosting us. We had a wonderful spread of food including many desserts. Aside from the business of consuming the delicious food, on this evening Mary held the monthly Motor In. She made a special presentation of a gift box for retiring editor, Michael Scott. In appreciation of his many years of faithful service providing the Boot & Bonnet, Mary handed him a selection of Old Forester Bourbon. Ironically, Michael was wearing.....an Old Forester t-shirt!

Next was the gift exchange with some "stealing" as usual. Then we had the drawing for the prizes which Brittany donated.

President-elect Dale Ballinger mentioned the Saturday, January 13 chili cook off at Zakira's Garage in Blue Ash (see details in this issue). He also took the opportunity to thank Mary for being a great President (applause). Next gathering is Saturday January 6 at Cincinnati Mini at 4:00 PM for the 2024 planning meeting. The e-board is meeting at 3:30 in case you are ready to become editor or events coordinator. Your help would be much appreciated.





## 2023 Christmas Party



Mary Hopton, Matt Hopton, & John Lang



Carol Rauch & Michael Scott



## E-Board Meeting & 2024 Planning Session

Let's meet at 3:30 Saturday, 1/6/24 for an E-board meeting and then the planning meeting to follow. All officers are invited to include outgoing personnel. The e-board meeting is open to the general membership for observation; however they cannot contribute or vote on any proposals. All QCC is invited at 4:00 PM at Cincy MINI. OK? I told Brittany we would be there. In case you don't know where we meet, the address is 6131 Stewart Rd #2, Cincinnati, OH 45227 next to The BMW Store. According to the By-laws, the Events Coordinator needs to have been a QCC member in good standing for at least 1 year. Does anyone else have general ideas for next year?

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If you have not paid your dues for 2024, this is a great opportunity to pay. Remember 2024 dues are only \$20 to honor the 20th anniversary of QCC. For membership questions, please contact Nancy Cusick 513-225-0569.





## 2024 QCC Officers & Support Staff



### TREASURER/WEBSITE:

Ed Fenker  
EdFenker@gmail.com



### CLUB PRESIDENT:

Dale Ballinger  
DLB55ah@cs.com



### MEMBERSHIP:

Nancy Cusick  
Nancy.Cusick@fuse.net

### NEWSLETTER & EVENT COORDINATOR:

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### PHOTOGRAPHER:

Linda Bingman  
Lgbingman@gmail.com



### QCC SWAG COORDINATOR:

Karen Schlesinger  
ksschlesinger@yahoo.com

## QCC Swag

### QCC Swag!

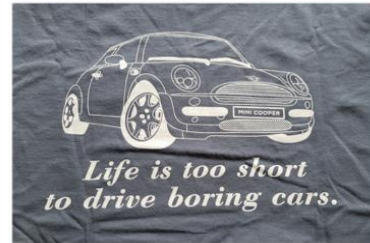
On the glowing recommendations from our friends from the Ohio Valley Austin Healey Club, Queen City Coopers has partnered with RP Diamond Printing and Embroidery to offer our membership our FIRST TRUE ONLINE SWAG CATALOG!!! For the time being, we've curated a limited selection of quality embroidered items including hats, men's and women's polos, 1/4-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!!

Karen



## T-Shirts

## Window Decals



## Car Magnets

## Embroidery Example



## Let's Wish A Happy Birthday To Our January Members!!!

Brooks Nieberding	January 9
Nelson Farmer	January 31
Regan Lamb	January 18
Jeff Davis	January 23
Jane Root	January 3
Steve Nickerson	January 23



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### Treasurer's Report:

We have a balance of \$1883 in our checking 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 qualify for the discounts!!!





## 2024 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  
Jim & C J Bowling  
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  
Amy Plumb & Carson Sharp  
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  
Bill & Corina Taylor  
Ryan & Jennifer Turner  
Herschel Weintraub

**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

**Except for 2024 ONLY \$20**

*Make Checks Payable to:*

**"Queen City Coopers"**

*Mail to:*

QCC c/o Nancy Cusick

5227 Mississippi Dr.

Fairfield, OH 45014

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



## 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**

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



**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!**





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## MEMBER CLASSIFIED

**John Cusick**  
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Fairfield OH 45014  
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John@tintguy.com

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Installer

**Tint Guy**  
tintguy.com

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Paint protection films

**Specials for Queen City Coopers**

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Lease a 2024 MINI Cooper Electric. \$299/month for 36 months. \$3,599 cash due at signing. Includes \$9,900 Lease Credit.

**PURCHASE 2.99% APR**

2.99% APR Financing for up to 84 months.

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## 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.



# 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](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>
- ◆ \$20 Special 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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? \_\_\_\_\_

