



Boot & Bonnet



Groundhog Day?

Greetings QCC, February brings a visit from Punxsutawney Phil, a party on Super Bowl Sunday, a date for Valentines Day, opportunity to watch the Daytona 500, and time celebrate Presidents' Day. What it does not bring is a QCC Motor-In as the e-board and I decided to skip it. Instead of having meager participation, we will go forward to March to build better interest and see if we can get more folks excited when we don't have to face the ice and cold.

So, the plan is to start and end at Quaker Steak & Lube in Milford on Saturday March 3. We shall meet at 2:00 PM for an short optional fun drive in our Minis. We will end back at QS&L in time for the 4:00 Motor-In. It all involves good roads, good food, good drink, and good company. And for St. Paddy's Eve on 3/16 announcing a meet & eat at the The Pub in Rookwood. So please put it on your calendar and more details will appear in the March Boot & Bonnet. Still looking for a QCC editor and a QCC event coordinator!

Hope to see you, down the road!
President Dale

**Your Mini Club
Administrators
aka: Y.M.C.A.**



MEMBERSHIP

"All Who Wander Are Not Lost"



Revised 1/14/2024

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
- ◆ **15% OFF on ACCESSORIES, PARTS, & LABOR**

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? _____



QCC SWAG QR Code



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!!** The QR Code above will take you directly to the QCC Page RP Diamond Printing!

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 Motor-Ins for everyone to actually touch 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, or use the QR Code at the top and it will take you directly to our QCC site.

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

Here are items you can choose from....





Let's wish Happy Birthday to our February members:

Ed Fenker 2/6
Lan Ackley 2/8
Jean Pabst 2/8
Debi Plumb 2/10
Barbara Bush 2/11
Jm Root 2/13
Robert Bax 2/16
Sandy Ballinger 2/24
Jean Durkin 2/24
Karen Powell 2/25
Chris Linder 2/28



Treasurer's Report:

We have a balance of \$1857 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 a 15% discount on accessories, parts, and labor. You will need to present your QCC Membership Card to quality 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
Brian & Sarah Loeb
Joe & Jen Loving
Debbie and Dan McCormick
Hector & Gina Maldonado
Christian & Carrie Masterson
Betty & Randy Merrill
Brent & Christy Nibert
Steve & Jane Nickerson
Angela & Brooks Nieberding
Mike & Mary Obermeyer
Robert & Victoria Philpot
Lisa Poor
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
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

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



**New Members
are Debbie and
Dan McCormick**

**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:

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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.





MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

John Cusick
7d Cinchris Dr.
Fairfield OH 45014
513-942-7710
John@tintguy.com

Authorized
Suntek
Installer

Tint Guy
tintguy.com

Window Films : Automotive - Residential - Commercial
Paint protection films

Specials for Queen City Coopers

SEASON OF DRIVE
YEAR END EVENT

MINI ELECTRIC

LEASE \$299/MONTH

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.

[VIEW INVENTORY](#)

2024 QUEEN CITY COOPERS OFFICERS & SUPPORT STAFF

**TREASURER/WEBSITE:**

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EdFenker@gmail.com

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**MEMBERSHIP:**

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Nancy.cusick@gmail.com

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Linda Bingman
Lgbingman@gmail.com

**EVENTS COORDINATOR:**

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**QCC SWAG COORDINATOR:**

Karen Schlesinger
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* Volunteers needed!



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Zakira's Garage Inaugural Chili Cook Off Report: by Dale Ballinger



On Saturday, January 13 the QCC brought six members to check out the shop and to sample and judge the chili. Nancy and John Cusick, Tim and Bobbi Ross, also Sandy Ballinger and myself. The event on a very cold and windy day in Blue Ash included about 50 participants, staff, and onlookers. Members from the Audi Club of Kentucky, Eastside Cruisers, Queen City Coopers, and the Greater Cincinnati Miata Club stopped by to check it out.

Participants checked in with Jennifer DePillo upon arrival for a number for judging and a tag for chili. She and her crew provided tables, chairs, power strips, utensils, napkins, beverages (non-alcoholic) and a delightful atmosphere. Some people brought chips, veggie trays and the like. Tim Ross and myself took some photos of the gathering.

When it came time for the awards I was amazed to hear my number 5 was the winner for the spiciest / hottest chili! I was not trying for that, but I'll take it.....even Jennifer looked surprised..... The awards were made from VW bug cylinders, filled with Permatex, bolts, metal shavings, and a spoon stuck in it. Three valve stems were welded into a "Z" for the final touch. Y'all should try to come back next year when they host the event a second time.



Summary of the 1/6 QCC E-board and planning session: By President Dale Ballinger

The weather was mixed for Saturday, but not terrible. We started e-board meeting at 3:30 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance, my January tradition. I thanked Brittany Holscher for hosting us at Cincy Mini. We next had statements or quick reports from officers and support staff attending. I asked for recommendations for editor and events coordinator. One name was mentioned for editor, but none for events. I asked if we should skip the February Motor-In if there is nothing going on. Everyone agreed. We discussed the March M-I at Wilder Mellow Mushroom with the Miata Club in another section of the restaurant. As it developed, the dates and times did not work out.

Treasurer Ed reported on the financial aspects. He switched me over as QCC co-signer at US Bank. The bank rep warned us concerning the risk of using or mailing paper checks. We will consider doing split-the-pot ticket sales at more well attended Motor-Ins.

Swag Karen wanted to have all e-board phone numbers for better communications. She wants to develop a jewelry line for QCC. RP Diamond can add our logo to anything you supply for a fee. There is a flat \$10 shipping fee. You can pick it up in person at their Loveland store to get around the fee.

Membership Nancy is sending out her annual "dues are due" notice for 2024 via email thru the QCC web site. She said many have paid already. We discussed new name tags and agreed that since they are primarily for wearing at meetings, you must attend in person to sign up for them in 2024. If someone joins only for the Cincy Mini discount, which is fine, then they probably do not need an actual name tag or two. (If they only attend the Christmas party, maybe we should bring stick on tags for the event.)

There was a question concerning the timing for compiling the Boot & Bonnet. Nancy said Michael would ask for input by the 20th. The send out the draft by the 25th for officers to preview. It went out to everyone before the end of the month, or near the first. This still works.

We then invited in the 3 spouses and Tim Ross who were in the upper lobby waiting. Tim was carrying the tall walking rallye trophy which Tom Foster and Vel Fenker keep winning and apparently don't have room for it. Treasurer Ed passed out 2023 balance sheets for QCC. He also expressed the need to heavily promote Club events. Sending out a notice about the event a few days before or even a week ahead doesn't allow people the time to plan to attend. This has been part of the problem the past 2 years as events were not usually heavily promoted. With the ease of sending out an email blast or posting on Facebook, this shouldn't really be an issue. We really need to promote our drives/events as early as possible to get attendance up.

Next was ideas for 2024. Next weekend was the Zakira's Garage Chili Cook-off. March 2 is a 4 PM Motor-In at Quaker Steak & Lube restaurant in Milford with a 2 PM pre-M.I. back roads drive. March 16 get together at The Pub in Rookwood for a (midnight in Dublin) 5:30 PM pre-Saint Patrick Day shindig. We may skip April M.I. unless we think it would be well attended. Ed is thinking of an observation rallye in April. Start and end at Cincy MINI. My wife Sandy wants to host a M.I. at our Union, KY home for KY Derby Day on May fourth. Possibly start at 2 PM in Devou Park in Covington, pass thru Burlington and end here for the 4 PM M.I. Summer time M&M overnight drive to??? June or July M.I. on Ross deck. Fall M.I. at The Coop at Cusick's home in Fairfield. September is British Car Day Fairfield. October spirited run to a winery. Maybe a M.I. at the winery for 15 minutes only. November M.I. and SOUPS, STEWS, CHILIS, AND CHOWDERS at Riverpointe Condos clubhouse. There is a \$15 big car museum hidden in Northern KY. Gone are Florence Y'all's, doughnut run, ice cream run, and Coney lights as we are looking for NEW things to do. Suggestions?

