

"ALL WHO WANDER ARE NOT LOST"



Boot & Bonnet



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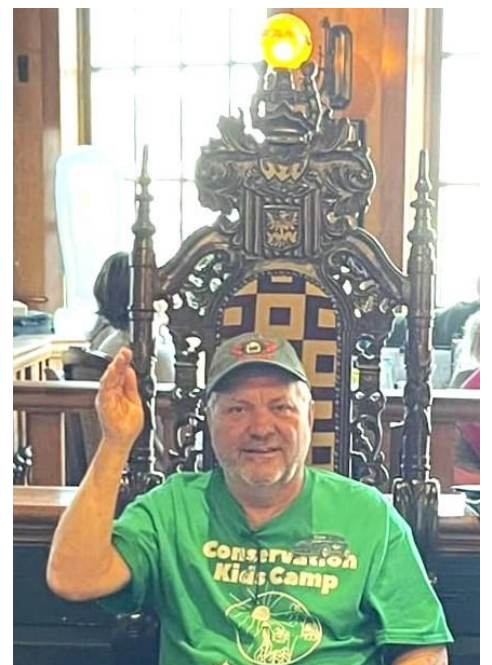
PRESIDENTS CORNER—Dale Ballinger

March came in like a lion and went out like a lamb. We held the March 2 Motor-In at Quaker Steak with a drive beforehand. We enjoyed a dinner at The Pub on March 16, the day before Saint Patrick's Day.

Both were fun and successful. Now, the challenge is to build more interest in the club. So, ideas are welcome. What are your ideas?

We have an EDITOR! QCC members, Stan and Debbie Porter stepped up and took the leap. Was it the front-page cliffhanger in the March B&B? No, it was the mere desire of Stan and Debbie to help our club. They managed the newsletter for their yacht club for about a decade. Now, they have found time to help us. Let's give them articles, photos, and maybe some of our 20th Anniversary history that is fit to print.

There will not be an April Motor-In due to lack of participation at the March meeting. Only three members, who were not officers, or their spouses showed up. I anticipate we will not skip during the



summer, okay? If you know a great place worthy of a visit, let us know.

We are still lacking an event coordinator. So that means we need volunteers to set up and lead drives. I am planning another pre-Motor-In cruise for Saturday, May 4, from Devou Park to our home in Union. Stay tuned. It will be kinda like the one I led for March. But it will be shortish (under 90 minutes).

The Official Newsletter of the Queen City Coopers

PRESIDENTS CORNER—Dale Ballinger (Cont.)

A big thanks to Treasurer, Ed Fenker, for granting me a \$25 Shell gift card for the covered bridges cruise on March 2. I will not accept one for May, though, since it is so close to our home. But if someone explores back roads and sets up and leads a nice drive, you will receive one for sure.

This is your club, so please plan to attend some events or lead one this year.

Thanks y'all
Dale

Events—QCC visits The Pub

On Saturday, March 16, ten members enjoyed the food and drink on Saint Patrick's eve at The Pub in Rookwood Commons. Craig Schlesinger arranged it for us, and we had a great time!

L-R Ed and Vel Fenker, Sandy & Dale Ballinger,

(new members) Bill and Michelle Howell, Carol Rauch, and Karen Schlesinger with photo by hub-by Craig. Lisa Poor dropped by after we took this shot. This was a nice chance to relax and get to know each other better. We need to do more of this!



“We live in a wonderful world that is full of beauty, charm, and adventure. There is no end to the adventures we can have if only we seek them with our eyes open.” – Jawaharial Nehru



Events—March Mini Motor In—March 2

We had a great time traveling into the hills and woods to see some amazing sights on Saturday, March 2, in Milford. We saw the impressive spiritual sanctuary Hindu Temple of Greater Cincin-

ran the 26.2 miles from Marathon to Athens to announce the Greek victory and died on the spot. This proves the notion that: "No good deed goes unpunished!"



We then crossed the McCafferty Road Covered Bridge, in Brown County, Ohio TWICE! It is a 160 foot historic covered bridge built in 1877. It spans the East Fork of the Little Miami River. It was built in 1877 by the Smith Bridge Company.

Our third jewel was the 1878 Stonelick Covered Bridge in Clermont County, Ohio, crossing the Stonelick Creek. Almost 50 covered bridges were built in Clermont County, Ohio between 1825 and 1878, yet only THIS ONE remains.

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Then we passed the home of Motorsports Country Club of Cincinnati. It is a private club. "We love karting! Our vision is to provide a local establishment where members and their families can satisfy their "need for speed" or just relax in a comfortable motorsports atmosphere."

Next, we drove through Marathon (Ohio) whose name comes from the legend of Pheidippides, a Greek messenger. The legend states he was sent from the battlefield of Marathon to Athens to announce that the Persians had been defeated. He

We ended where we started, back at Quaker Steak & Lube, Milford. We had six cars on the drive. Sandy and I in the lead 2011 Mini, Lan Ackley in his white 2015, Craig and Karen Schlesinger in their 2022, Carol Rauch in her 2013 convertible, Ken and Doug Bogart in the 1996 Miata, and Tim Ross in his 2017 Maxi-Mini Ford Flex. Tim took photos and narrated some of the cruise. He knew that Bootsy Collins lives on Barg Salt Run Road and that the captain of the ill-fated Ohio River steam ship race was buried at the Perintown United Methodist Church by Round Bottom Road.



March 2024 Motor-In Minutes—Dale Ballinger

Ed Fenker and John and Nancy Cusick joined us for the March motor-in and meal. I found out the hard way that it gets VERY noisy around dinner time. (Sorry) So, the Motor-In meeting was very brief.

Karen said we will order new QCC name tags. However, you must ask for them and pick them up in person. We will not order them for everybody on the roster. They are for active members who will attend some of our events.

Ed gave our balance of \$2317. Nancy said she has removed non-payers from our roster.

The QCC E-board voted to skip April for a motor-in due to low turnout. My wife volunteered to host the May Motor-In at our house in Union, KY on Saturday, May 4. We plan on another pre-drive from Devou Park in Covington (photo opt) via back roads through Burlington to our place for a Derby Day happening. Details will be disclosed before the event, and it will be posted on the web site for your registrations.

We are seeking drives, tours, and activities. AND YES, we have a volunteer editors!!!! BIG thanks go to Stan Porter and wife, Debbie, for stepping up.

Submitted by President Dale

Treasurer:Ed Fenker

We have a balance of \$2,317 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 QCC members a 15% discount on MINI accessories, parts, and labor and member pricing on all new Mini purchases.**
- **. You will need to present your QCC Membership Card to qualify for the discount!**



Birthdays

Happy Birthday to our April Members:

Amy Plumb	4/14
Corina Taylor	4/14
Nick Banschbach	4/28



Upcoming Events—Collection 21 Mac River Grill - Saturday April 6

Hello! Please check your calendar and to see if you can make a trip back in time on Saturday, April 6. We will tour over 200 American-built cars and trucks dating from 1900 to 1980, plus one Rolls Royce. You will revisit memories of YOUR days gone by. Let's show up there at 1:00 PM and spend a couple hours looking around. We can plan to go to lunch nearby at 3:00 PM. Registration is not required, please come and enjoy these vintage cars. In return, they ask for a small donation of \$15 per person. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky charity.

Q. Is this a museum?

A. No. This is one man's personal collection. It is not a business and only offers complimentary tours with donations cordially accepted for Housing Opportunities of Northern Kentucky. A bucket is available on site for donations.

Q. How do I get to The Car Barn?

A. The Car Barn is located just off I-275 at 21 Kenton Lands Road, Erlanger, KY 41018. Get on I-275 and drive into Kentucky. Take Exit 82, go south onto US-25/Dixie Highway towards Crestview Mall, go just barely past McDonald's, and turn right (across from Wendy's) at a traffic light onto Kenton Lands Road. The Car Barn is the second warehouse on the left directly across from Stewart Iron Works.

At 3:00 we will drive back towards I-275, but turn right into Crestview Hills Mall for a late lunch at MACKENZIE RIVER pizza, grill, and pub. They promise warm, Montana hospitality with a good measure of spontaneity and humor thrown in. The highest quality ingredients and unique, 'scratch-made' meals served fresh every day. The environment embodies the spirit of the uncomplicated, refreshing, and mind-clearing "Big Sky" outdoor lifestyle.



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Crestview Hills Kentucky 41017-2402

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<https://www.mackenzieriverpizza.com/menu/>



2024 Membership Roster

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 Dale & Sandy Ballinger
 Gaby & Jennifer Batshoun
 Mark & Linda Bingman
 Nick Banschbach &
 Becky Roberts
 Jeff & Tonda Davis
 Rob & Doris Bax
 Jim & C J Bowling
 Devon Burroughs
 Quincy Canady
 Jeffrey & Kim Crabb
 John & Nancy Cusick
 James & Erica Dean
 TJ & Jim Dixon
 Tom Draper
 Nelson Farmer & Anji Roberts
 Vel & Ed Fenker
 Tom Foster
 Andrew & Jessica Gear

Ron Gregory & Sandy Stanford
 Mary & Matt Hopton
 Bill & Michelle Howell
 James Hutsell & Jean Durkiz
 Jean Janneck
 Scot Jonas & Jessica Proctor
 Regan Lamb & Julia Fermier
 John & Dara Lang
 Ann & Grant Light
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 Debbie & Dan McCormick
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 Janet Scanlon
 Brittany Schlemmer
 Craig & Karen Schlesinger
 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.**

Welcome New Members—March 2024

Nancy Gack, Bill & Michelle Howell

Want to be a Member?

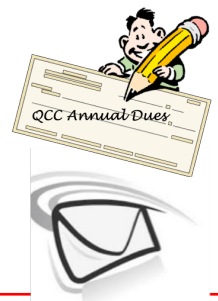
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QCC Swag at RP Diamond—Karen



QR Code

On the glowing recommendations from our friends from the Ohio Valley Austin Healy 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 Dia-

mond Printing!

For the time being, we've curated a limited selection of quality embroidered items including hats, men's and women's polos, Half-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 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 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 items, 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 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 am hoping to have samples at the next Motor-In. I'm hoping to see you there to share more details in person.

Until then CHEERS!! And GET YOUR QCC SWAG ON!!

Karen



Newsletter

Debbie and I have volunteered to do the monthly Boot & Bonnet newsletter for the Queen City Coopers mini club. We have been members for a few years, did one rally (which we enjoyed), but have been busy with other toys. Since Stan retired, we now have more time and would like to get more involved.

Stan worked in industrial sales most of his career, and Debbie taught high school business and supervised the co-op program. She is also retired.

We have been long time sailors and we currently sail a 36' Pearson sailboat on Lake Erie. We belong to the Middle Bass Island Yacht Club. Three years ago we purchased a Fleetwood Discovery motorhome which gives us something to do in the winter.

Stan's very first car was a Triumph Spitfire back in the 1960's. Then he had larger cars until we purchased a

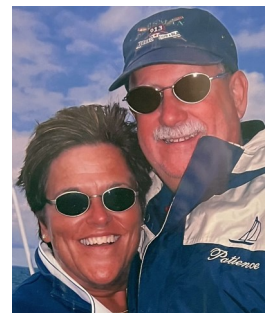
2012 JCW Mini Cooper. What fun that was! However, it was not the best vehicle for work, and we went back to larger cars. Then, in 2021 the bug hit again, and we now we have a 2021 racing green Mini Cooper 4-door hard-top and love it!

We did the newsletter and yearbook for years, and we decided this might be a good way to get involved in Queen City Coopers.

We are looking forward to meeting you'all at some of the upcoming events.

Any advice or suggestions for the newsletter will be much appreciated. We can always use news articles and photos.

Stan and Debbie Porter



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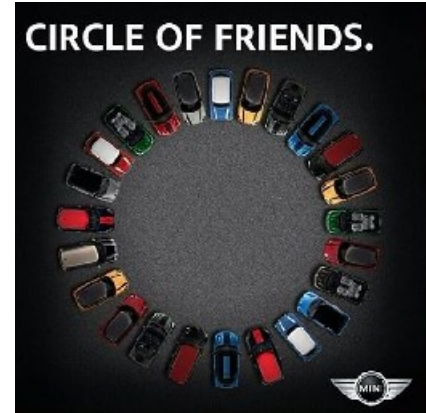


QCC Resources

The following vendors have Proven their quality of service to QCC members in the past and have welcomed us with good service, quality work, and excellent prices. If you are in need of the type service that they provide, please give them a call, identify yourself as a QCC member, and see how they can be of service to you.

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Membership Form

Revised March 28, 2024

MEMBERSHIP PRIVILEGES

- Club Name Tags
• Full access, Online Event Registration and Access to 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 OCC sponsored events.
• 15% off Cincinnati Mini Accessories, Parts, and Labor
• Member pricing on all new Mini purchases

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS

- Own/Lease a Mini
• Valid Driver's License
• Proof of Insurance (Primary Driver)

MEMBERSHIP TERM/DUES

- January 1 thru December 31
• \$20 Special 20th Anniversary Dues
• Renewals Due by December 31
• Make Checks Payable to: "Queen City Coopers"

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- QCC Memberships
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MEMBERSHIP DEFINED

- Member, and up to one associate member

Your information will be included in our online Member Directory viewed by other members for communications purposes on our Secure Site unless indicated by an "X" in the box

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

PRIMARY PHONE: _____

MOBILE PHONE: _____

MEMBER'S EMAIL: _____

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS EMAIL: _____

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EMERGENCY CONTACT: _____ (SHOULD NOT BE MEMBER OR ASSOCIATE)

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE: _____

MINI MODEL _____

MINI YEAR _____

BODY COLOR: _____

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MINI'S NICK NAME : _____

PURCHASE DATE OF MINI: _____

WAS MINI PURCHASED AT CINCINNATI MINI? YES NO

ALLOW OTHER MEMBERS TO EMAIL YOU THROUGH THE WEBSITE? YES NO

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE CLUB? _____

