



Boot & Bonnet

By Michael Scott

Hello fellow QCC Miniacs! *Can you believe it's May already? There are a lot of fun events on the horizon for QCC. Check the website for details and to sign up!*

Thank you to Tim and Bobbi Ross for taking us through some wonderful Kentucky back roads during the April 23 Minis and Miatas Kentucky drive!

We had a great turn out for the first half of the Donut Run. 17 Minis!! So many unique donuts to sample. Thank you to John and Nancy Cusick for hosting this drive along the Butler County Donut Trail. 17 Minis on a sugar high in the rain...what could go wrong??

Upcoming events for May are as follows:

- May 7 – Taste of Puerto Rico / Salsa Dancing motor in at the Barn hosted by Gina, Hector, Toni Price and Malik
- May 11-15 – Minis on the Dragon (non club event)
- May 20-23 – Minis and Miatas overnighter – hosted by Tim and Bobbi Ross
- May 29 – Ohio Valley Austin Healey driver training (non club event)

And for those of us not able to attend the M&M overnighter we have
May 21 – Mound City Drive – hosted by Jeff and Claudette Greene

We are still in need of a Motor In location for September 3. If anyone can think of any ideas for a location, and would be willing to set something up, that would be wonderful. Please contact Jeff Greene so he can get the information on the calendar ASAP!

Remember in order to keep the club fun and exciting, we need everyone's help! Please consider hosting an event, or planning a drive for this year. There are still PLENTY of open spaces on the calendar. Contact Jeff Greene, Tim Ross or myself if you are interested in hosting an event. If you plan a drive, the club will give a \$25 Gas Card to help cover fuel costs. We will be glad to assist in any way we can!

Thank you for your continued support and we are looking forward to seeing you soon.



Join us for our May events

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| 5/ 6-Taste of Puerto Rico | 5/ 11-15-MOTD | 5/ 20-23—M&M Trip |
| | 5/ 21-Mound City Drive | 5/ 29 -Austin Healey Class |





2016 Membership Roster

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Alyssa Greener
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 2002 Pure Silver Cooper
 Hebron, KY

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 Debie Plumb
 18564 Running Deer Lane
 Greendale, IN 47025





Let's wish Happy Birthday to our May members:

Happy Birthday!

Carol Rauch	7
Katie Howell	11
Mike Obermeyer	21
Nancy Cusick	23
Kelly Raines	25
Doris Bax	26
Sean Johnson	26



QCC Merchandise

Did you know that you do not have to wait for an event or meeting to order QCC merchandise? Anything in the catalog can be embroidered with the QCC logo – the possibilities are endless!

Simply browse the online catalog at www.sanmar.com to select your item. You can then send

Don Green or Becky Green an email via the QCC website to request the discounted price and place your order. Of course you can always view the catalog in person at a meeting. There are also car rally signs, QCC decals and jewelry available.

For questions or to place a merchandise order please contact:

Don or Becky Green
dmgreen131@yahoo.com
or call at 513-497-5744.





MINI Cooper Cabin Air Filter Replacement

Have you changed your cabin air filter? Many people realize that changing your engine's air filter once a year will allow your engine to breathe better! Most people don't realize that changing or up grading your cabin's air filter will allow YOU to breathe better!

Spring is just rounding the corner and the entire winter you have been operating your vehicle with windows closed. If you live in one of the hotter and more humid states you most likely operate your vehicle with windows closed and A/C on most of the year. Doing so will trap stale air and airborne germs, bacteria, and dust particles. If you are a smoker the situation is worst since these odors penetrate the headliner, carpeting, and upholstery. One of the biggest culprits for introducing contaminants is the shoes from the drivers and passengers. Since on all vehicles the A/C intake system is near the passengers and driver foot well area, any dirt, dust, mud, and debris deposited into the carpet during the winter was eventually fired at your face the first time you felt a need to turn your A/C on high during late spring.

In the past, automotive air conditioning recirculation systems would filter the cabin air through a very porous foam type filter element. These types of cabin filter elements were not a serviceable item, access was virtually impossible, and the foam would typically deteriorate after about 6 years.

The assumption was always that the air in your vehicle was relatively clean.

MINIs are equipped with a small A/C cabin filter element. The filters are designed to trap all dust and/or solid particles. This is a major improvement over the window screen style filtration of the 70's and 80's. Unfortunately most car owners are not aware that this item even exists and requires annual replacement, and more often in dusty areas that have high vehicle population. The only indication that you would experience is that the A/C does not seem to have the force that it did

when the vehicle was new. Similar to a dirty engine filter, restriction reduces airflow and volume. I have discovered that to increase flow volume in some vehicles, dirty cabin filters had been removed and discarded without installing a replacement element. This does increase A/C pressure however it contaminates the ventilation system and clogs the A/C evaporator core.



Check our web site to see if a cabin filter is available for your vehicle. As an option, many applications offer an active carbon filter element that not only filters out solid particles, but also cigarette and pet odors. This is a great solution to the musky damp odor of a smoker's vehicle during A/C operation.



MINI Cooper Cabin Air Filter Installation

Changing the cabin air filter in your MINI is a very quick but necessary thing to do each year. Simply start by removing the cabin air filter cover from the underside of your glove box.



Pull the factory cabin air filter out making note of which way the filter was positioned. Slide in a new [Electrostatic Cabin Air Filter](#) or [Carbon Cabin Air Filter](#) and reinstall the cover.



Below are a couple images of a dirty cabin air filter from a MINI with only 5,000 miles. You can see how dirty it has become in only 5,000 miles; imagine what one would look like after a full year or two worth of driving.





2016 Autocross

Ohio Valley Region / Porsche Club of America will kick off the 2016 autocross season with five events starting in April and ending in September. Racing will be held at Forest Fair Mall, the current location of Bass Pro Shops, near the intersection of I-275 (exit 39) and Winton Road, north of Cincinnati.

For those new to the sport, autocross is a fun and exciting way to drive your vehicle on a small track against the clock plus we have instructors. Drivers will maneuver around a cone lined course with sharp curves, slaloms, straightaways and tight handling situations. All of this is accomplished in a safe and controlled environment with one driver on course at a time. Safety is the primary focus at an autocross.

There are a few changes to the 2016 season. A later start time, a 15 minute lunch break and the entry fee is just \$30 per driver. Awards are given to fastest time in class, most clean runs, best time in each run group and year end champions plus year end prizes at the annual meeting.

Startup time on race day will be 9am, with registration, tech inspections, track familiarity, morning briefing and a scheduled 15 minute lunch break. This schedule should allow us to wrap everything up by 2:00 pm. Yes, we will have un-timed fun runs after 2:00 pm for anyone who wants to extend the fun. There will be a new course layout that proves to be more challenging and longer than our 2015 season course.

Autocross is an inexpensive way to gather like minded people, push your driving limits, learn about safe handling in your vehicle and have fun. The events are open to drivers with valid driver's licenses, Porsche not required. We are hoping for more participation from other car clubs in the surrounding area so feel free to invite your friends. All manufacturers are welcome! Last year we had some very fast cars including: Miatas, Corvettes, Mercedes, Camaros, VWs, and Scions.

Be on the lookout for more articles about Autocross in upcoming issues of The Bent Pylon. If you're interested in autocross and have questions, please contact Bill Kief at HighSpeedDriving@gmail.com.

SIDEBAR 1:

Autocross 2016 Dates: April 23, June 4, July 16 & September 10

Street Survival Teen Driving School May 7th, coaches and helpers needed.

Light Car Tech, In-Car Instructor if requested, Water & Cookies at each event.





Ohio Valley Austin - Healey Club Driver's Training / Gymkhana 2016

May 1 {Sunday}
May 29 (Sunday)
June 25 (Saturday) Ladies Day
July 23 (Saturday)
September 3 (Saturday)
- Rain or Shine



Location: Live Oak Vocational School - 5956 Buckwheat Road - Milford, OH 4515V2287. Exit # 57 from 1-275 and go northeast on Route 28. (towards Blanchester) use the bypass - Right on Buckwheat Road (@Circle K gas station) this is the nearest rest room and store.

Time: The main gate opens before 9:00 AM. Registration is the first 20 cars with up to 25 drivers. Preference may be given to Ohio Valley AHC members. The maximum is usually reached BEFORE 10:00 AM. Runs start as soon as possible. Glean up and awards about 3:30. The more help picking up cones and cleaning the earlier we leave.

Cost: \$25.00 per Driver - Max - 25 drivers - spectators free! - Rain or Shine

Everyone will be required to sign a waiver and all drivers are required to work the course when not driving. Bring chairs and a cooler; there is shade available. No alcohol.

Required Equipment: A safe / functioning car (we will inspect it) any make or model, the cooler the better Helmets are required for drivers and passengers. There are usually loaners available.

Goal: "Fun & Family Oriented Gymkhana" Meaning - street legal tires driven to the event only (no tire changing is allowed); No trailered cars unless they are vintage European or Japanese. We may give out awards for improvement over the day i.e., training.

This event is designed to be a safe, fun way to enjoy your automobile. No dangerous driving or recklessness will be tolerated. We operate near a residential section and ask that the exhaust system be street legal for noise.

Regardless; we reserve the right to determine if it toooo loud. We want to come back next year.

We would like to see more vintage iron in 2015.... Remember - you are competing against yourself, not others * come out and have some fun with your car!

Questions call the Committee: Jake Jacobs (beancounter) 513-858-3071, 513-858-3071; Don Klein (Track Master) 513-895-2624, 513-895-2624; Skip Jackson (Equipment Master) -513-720-7547, 513-720-7547 or E-mail me if you want to be on our update list.

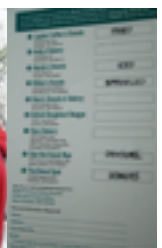
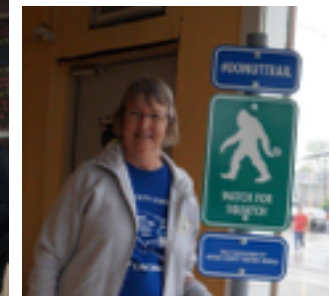
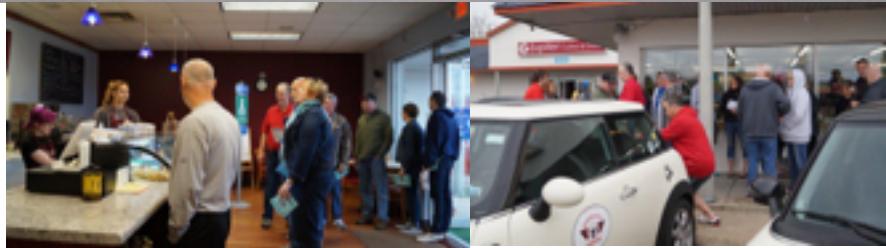
jake.jacobs@fuse.net or check our web site: www.OhioValleyAHC.com

http://www.ohiovalleyahc.com/Driver_training_Tech_Sessions.html





2016 DONUT RUN





M & M Drive

May 20-23, 2016

This year, we're visiting car museums: The Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum, The Gilmore Car Museum, and The Henry Ford complex. The focus is on the museums, not the driving, so we'll have quite a few miles on Interstates.

On Friday, May 20, we'll leave the Waffle House on Tylersville Road at Cox at 8:30 – come earlier if you want to have breakfast there. We'll head north on I-75, then west on U.S. routes to Fort Wayne to I-69 to Auburn, IN where we'll have lunch. We'll spend the afternoon exploring the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg Museum (\$12.50 admission), then head north to Battle Creek, MI for the night at the Courtyard by Marriott Battle Creek.

On Saturday, May 21, we'll leave the hotel at 9:00 for Hickory Corners and a day at the Gilmore Car Museum (\$12 admission). Lunch will be at The Blue Moon Diner or the Heritage Café in the Gilmore's 90-acre complex. By 5:00, we'll be on the road to Dearborn and The Dearborn Inn. Dinner will be on the road, then we'll make a trip to Shatila's for ice cream after checking in.

On Sunday, May 22, you'll have your choice – either the Henry Ford Museum or Greenfield Village – both if you move quickly! Tickets may be purchased in advance (<http://www.thehenryford.org/visit/tickets.aspx>) (\$17-26 individually, \$29.50-36.50 in combinations) and you'll get a voucher to redeem. For those who can stay over, we'll have dinner at the Inn – either the Ten Eyck Tavern or Edison's.

On Monday, May 23, we'll leave the hotel at 9:00 to get to the Henry Ford Museum by 9:10 to check in for the 9:20 bus to the Ford Rouge Plant Tour. Lunch afterward will be at Michigan Café in the Henry Ford Museum before we head south and home to Cincinnati.

Please email me at bobbi.ross@fuse.net when you've made your reservations (names, cell phones in

Friday, May 20 – Courtyard by Marriott

12891 Harper Village Drive
Battle Creek, MI
269-979-2900
Group code: MMDO by phone
Online: www.marriott.com/btlcy
under special codes, check group code, then MMDMMDA for king standard or MMDMMDB for double queen
\$139, excludes breakfast

Saturday & Sunday, May 21 & 22

The Dearborn Inn – A Marriott Hotel
20301 Oakwood Boulevard
Dearborn, MI
By phone: 877-757-7103 "M&M Drive Room Block"
Online: http://www.marriott.com/meeting-event-hotels/group-corporate-travel/groupCorp.mi?resLinkId=M%26M%20Drive%20Room%20Block%5Edtwi%60mmdmmda%60179.00%60USD%60false%603%605/21/16%605/23/16%6004/29/16&app=resvlink&stop_mobi=yes
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Mail Application and Dues to:

- QCC Memberships
Debie Plumb
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Greendale. IN 47025

MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS:

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

MEMBERSHIP TERM / DUES:

- January 1st thru December 31st
- \$25 Annual Fee
- Renewals Due by December 31st
- Make Checks Payable to:
"Queen City Coopers"

MEMBERSHIP DEFINED:

- Member, and up to one Associate Member



Mail Application and Dues to:

Membership Form

QCC Memberships, Debie Plumb, 18564 Running Deer Lane, Greendale, IN 47025

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: _____ *Year is Optional*
(MMDD/YYYY)

Associate Member's Birthday: _____ *Year is Optional*
(MMDD/YYYY)

Emergency Contact: _____

Emergency Contact Phone: _____
Should not Be Member or Associate Member

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? _____

