

Greetings GGG,

Time sure does fly as I write this a quarter of 2026 is already in our rearview mirrors. During last month's very lively meeting while our group of seniors chatted about the fact that we are certainly not getting any younger and admittedly are slowing down the conversation morphed into a full blown roundtable discussion on options for growing GGG going forward beyond our participation as we all realized we need to A) increase the # of members B) get current members more involved and C) get younger enthusiasts to join. All of these goals together will hopefully result in D) increasing member involvement and headcount. Very productive meeting with everyone participating resulted in an enjoyable experience. Nothing new here, we all knew this was coming eventually. The question going forward is where do we go from here? All our members can have a say in what we do going forward as we control our own destiny. We have a clean slate available so if you want to increase your level of participation in determining our future please throw out all ideas to me via phone call, text (650-477-8540) or e mail at mitygto@aol.com I am happy to report currently having conversations with a couple of members along these lines so the ball is rolling and I am excited! Going to be another GRRR8 year for Golden Gate Goats and looking forward to the ride.

One idea presented by Larry Weiss is to invite a just forming club he has become involved with of younger enthusiasts to join us at future events. Among their membership, they have several GTO's with other models mixed in. This would be similar to what we have been doing with Nor-Cal Chevelles. Let's discuss this in greater detail along with upcoming shows/events at our Tuesday April 14th meeting at JP's in Castro Valley. Come on out and join in our discussion, start time is 11:30.

At this point in time, I will be assuming the event coordinator position for Walnut Creek Elks show on Saturday May 30th and the Hot Summer Days car show in Danville on Sunday August 30th. See the flyer for WC Elks in this newsletter, Danville Registration opens on May 1 we will post information at that time. When you sign up let me know via text or e mail so we can coordinate. We have an immediate need for someone to volunteer for Benicia, Pinole, etc. Happy trails to Dave Svoboda who has chosen to leave GGG in search of greener pastures, we thank him for his participation. Dave will still be participating in these shows however with no GGG affiliation. He and I will coordinate so we keep all the GTO's parked together.

Kevin Traylor advises there is a show in Danville on Sunday June 14th, see the A Brighter Day car show flyer in this newsletter for full information. Kevin has offered to coordinate this show for us so come on out GGG. Please RSVP once you have signed up by call or text at 925-890-7028 or via e mail at krtsiu@aol.com Kevin will attend our April meeting thanks Kevin we appreciate your participation.

Our Tilden Park 30th Anniversary Event is scheduled for Saturday July 18th look for a flyer with full details and sign-up information in next month's May newsletter so please mark your calendar now. A special t-shirt to commemorate this event is in the design phase, thanks to Barb Davis for working on this.

I am excited to share with you that Al Schendan has offered to be our very first Golden Gate Goats Marketing Manager. Al will be attending our upcoming April meeting to share his ideas with you. To whet your appetite a bit Al has some thoughts on our working again with the GTOAA taking advantage of the clean slate I mentioned earlier in this message. Thanks, Al, for taking this on.

I will close here for now, until our April 14th meeting see ya in the fast line,

Prez John