



Greetings GGG,

The rush from attending our GGG 30 event lasted for a couple of days hope yours did as well? Thank You to everyone who attended our 2026 Tilden Park 30th Anniversary Picnic making for a memorable one-time celebration along with those of you that purchased our event T shirt. We were forty plus people strong with 9 cars in attendance. Planning for our 30th Anniversary was in the works for a long time, and it was extremely rewarding to see the event come together in such a spectacular way. Special thanks to Rich Colombotto for displaying our GGG club banner and saving parking places with help from Phil Meese, Barb Davis and Mike Graeney for taking photos, Larry Weiss for making our People's Choice trophy(s) from car parts by hand and Marsha Mekisich for working the raffle and selling t shirts. I know I have forgotten to thank others that also helped, everyone's efforts are greatly appreciated as it takes many hands to facilitate our picnic, which featured great food, great people, and an amazing collection of club cars. A special thanks also to Barb Davis and Marsha Mekisich who brought specially decorated cakes to celebrate this event. Back 40 once again did a wonderful job providing excellent BBQ and yes once again the brisket was the first food to disappear despite adding a couple of extra pounds to our order. Extra special thanks go to Barb Davis for her outstanding 30th Anniversary t shirt design she really hit it out of the park and sales were brisk. She worked relentlessly perfecting the design and ALL the credit for the shirt design goes to Barb. If you would like to order one, please contact me. Weather was agreeable as well, making for a perfect day. This year's winner of our extremely popular 50/50 raffle was Anthony Bilecci who pocketed a cool \$170. Anthony now joins the podium with former winners Joanie Butler in 2025, Lori Sandri in 2024, John Phillips in 2023, Adam Beckett in 2022, Dave Svoboda in 2019 and 2021, John Whitmore in 2018 and himself in 2017. Thanks to everyone for supporting our club raffle! You may notice 2020 is not listed? Covid cancelled us that year. Wonder who will win in 2027? As you can see our 50/50 raffle is a perennial favorite.

New for this year's picnic thanks to a suggestion by Larry Weiss who also handcrafted the trophies attendees voted for our first annual People's Choice GGG Award that went to Mike Greaney and his 65 GTO. Larry made three trophies; Mike picked his favorite, leaving us two

for use at future events. Also, our annual G.O.A.T. trophy and necklace found a new owner; this year's winner was Tom Schaffer and his original owner 1969 GTO. Congrats to both trophy winners. Our first winner of the G.O.A.T. award was Mike Rahmgren in 2024 followed by Rich Colombotto in 2025. Everyone enjoyed participating in choosing both award winners and since the G.O.A.T. is a one-year award every year we will have a different winner. Perhaps next year will be your year to win? Fun times!

As many of you know, both Jim and Jeannie Lent have had health issues this year preventing them from participating in club activities. Ken Davis had just finished updating our group with the latest on Jim and Jeannie mid event when a super cool BEST YEAR 66 GTO backed into an open space among our club cars. Yes, it was indeed Jim Lent's car Jeannie was in the passenger seat her son and daughter-in-law brought Jeannie to the picnic it was nice to see her and their 66 GTO. Cards can be sent to Jim and Jeannie Lent at their home address of 118 Iris Court, Hercules Ca. 94547-1211. There are two photo albums capturing the day's activities, one by Barb Davis I forwarded that link in an e mail on July 19th and by Mike Graeney added to our Facebook page. Please do check them out a few photos are included below.

We are currently on summer vacation from meetings, our next in- person meeting will be on Tuesday September 15th at JPs in Castro Valley starting time 11:30. The agenda for that meeting will be in my September President's message.

Most recent update for the Danville Hot Summer Days Car show on August 30th went out just the other day please refer to it as needed and watch for future updates as the show gets closer. Pre-registration has closed however you can pay \$50 cash at the show. 40 GTO's will be in attendance both member and non-member cars, which will be the largest gathering in recent years and there is room for more. Former member Dave Svoboda and I are the Event Coordinators for this event with Dave taking the lead. This many GTO's in attendance offers us a fantastic opportunity to recruit new members by talking with non-member owners about GGG during the event. All GGG members are welcome to join me in this effort; our club banner will be on display; we will have business cards to hand out along with an updated club application and our inventory of 30th Anniversary shirts. If you still have your 5x8 inch laminated dash plaque with our club logo that we used to use at shows to identify our member cars, please bring it and put it on your dashboard. If you don't have it or can't find it, I will have a new one for you at the show. I suspect over our long and storied 30-year history some members never received one I will have one for you as well just let me know please. Having not used them for awhile now is the perfect time to bring them back!

Incredibly happy to report that I am currently putting test miles on my GTO after getting it out of the shop where they spent about a month preparing it to come out of a multi-year hibernation touching all the systems on the car. The shop put some easy test miles on it which uncovered a couple of minor issues that were corrected before releasing it back to me. Plan to experience the Danville show by bringing my GTO and will be taking time between now and then adding additional real-world test miles to see if any bugs remain. So far just getting a feel for how the car drives with an eye on the gauges before really putting it to the test. Every drive builds my confidence it certainly feels good to have it running again fingers crossed it behaves itself as much as any classic car can.

Till Danville on August 30th see ya in the fast lane.

Prez John



GGG Club Dash Placard 5x8



Barbs GGG Anniversary Cake



Marsha's GGG Anniversary Cake



2026 G.O.A.T. trophy winner Tom Schaffer



2026 People's Choice trophy winner Mike Greaney



Jeannie and kids in Jim's cool '66 Best Year



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