

THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



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MEETING ON TUES., April 5th.
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NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On a Roll!

We are off to a fantastic start for 2005. Three events during the three months when most car clubs don't even think about having a meeting! More importantly, these were good

quality, fun events. Plus, we had three lively (as in loud, laugh filled, and interesting) club meetings with terrific attendance. Now, I don't know about you, but I am not big on getting in the car to go someplace during my

somewhat scarce "free time," only to have it to be a waste of that time.

In January, we managed to meet a last-minute, not very well thought out invitation to have our cars on display at the San Jose International Car Show. We can all be very proud of the way the Golden Gate Goats represented the cars we love at that show – people I talked to said we had the best display of any cars at the show, including the new cars!

In February, **Pam & Al Harris** treated us to the unique combination of Sharffen Berger Chocolate, incredible views of the bay at Skates on the Bay Restaurant and, to top it all off, a tour of Takara Sake. I saw nothing but smiles all day that day.

In March, we got near 80-degree winter weather you only find in California and took full advantage of it with a most enjoyable cruise to Cache Creek. **Julie Blake** took us out on a cruise down Highway 505 where our parade of classics was photographed and given

thumbs up by bikers, tourists, and even the locals. Just getting to the Casino was great fun, but once there Julie made sure we were treated as extra special VIPs – Wow!

Now the fun really begins. Take a look at what we have planned for April, May and June. In addition to the raucous and possibly ribald club meetings set for March and April, there are a total of 9 club hosted events scheduled! These events range from the sublime (like the April 16th breathtakingly scenic Microbrewery Cruise and Tour planned and hosted by Leroy & Judy Anderson) to the absolutely ridiculous (like the June 24th Route 66 Mother Road Cruise to Albuquerque planned and hosted by yours truly).

While you're at it please note the date of our August Golden Gate Park event is now set for Saturday the 20th (provided I make it back from Albuquerque by then), and note also that we have a brand new event and club meeting date scheduled for November 5th. More on that as we get closer to the event date.

Remember, all of our events are open to not only club members, but to your family and friends as well. Every one of these events promises to be a lot of fun and a lot of laughs.

So take a moment right now to look at the 2005 Club Event Calendar. I bet you'll find at least one event worth spending some of your hard earned and very scarce "free time" doing.

Until then, I'll see you at the on ramp!

Russ

GOLDEN GATE GOATS EVENT PICTURES

We have a picture hosting site that has lots of event pictures. These can be downloaded to your own computer or you can order pictures directly from the site. Pictures can be viewed at:

<http://imageevent.com/jimlent>

Email List

We have an active list that provides frequent updates on club activities and provides links to pictures of club activities. E-mail jimlent@comcast.net to join or to update your email address.

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CHANGES, MISSPELLINGS, ETC.

IF WE HAVEN'T GOT YOUR INFORMATION MIXED UP YET, JUST GIVE US TIME. WE ARE WORKING AS FAST AS WE CAN.

Please contact Jim Lent with any name, address, phone number or vehicle corrections or changes. (510) 799-6096.

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PONTIACS OF CENTRAL CALIFORNIA PONTIACS AT THE PINES SHOW

SEPT. 30- OCT. 1 2005.

SHOW IS AT BASS LAKE NEAR YOSEMITE

Show information and application form available at GGGoats.org website
SEE EVENT CALENDAR LINKS

GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEBSITE AVAILABLE AT:
www.gggoats.org

GOOD GUYS SUMMER GET TOGETHER

JUNE 4 & 5, 2005

As many of you already know, Golden Gate Goats is the host club for the Good Guys 11th Summer Get Together at the Pleasanton fairgrounds. This has proven to be one of our largest event to date with 70+ GTOs in attendance last year. Our club has become one of the largest GTO clubs in the nation with approximately 200+ current members. The enormous amount of exposure we get at this show has played a large part in helping us increase our membership. Good Guys management was very happy with the job we have done as well as the fact that we pretty much blew 'em away with our level of participation! They invited us back for this year's show during last years show! For a niche club such as ours, the opportunity to host a show of this caliber is a really big deal!

This year's coordinator's, **Jimmy Sanderson & Alan Blake**, invite you to volunteer at our April or May club meetings or by using the link provided at the club web site: <http://www.gggoats.org>. Go to the Events Calendar on the website and click on the "I WANT TO VOLUNTEER" button. There you will be provided an email with instructions. Please be sure to list the day or days you can volunteer, the number of family members or friends who will volunteer and shirt sizes. Jimmy can also be reached at 925-455-4702. **ONLY THOSE WHO VOLUNTEER BY EARLY MAY WILL RECEIVE A FREE EVENT SHIRT!**

THIS IS THE EVENT WHERE YOU WILL SEE MORE GTO's PARKED TOGETHER THAN ANYWHERE ELSE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA. NEW MEMBERS, DON'T MISS THIS GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW YOUR CARS AND MEET CLUB MEMBERS. FREE SHOW ADMISSION, FREE, GOODY BAG, FREE EVENT SHIRT AND FREE BBQ FOR BOTH DAYS!

MORE DETAILS WILL BE AVAILABLE AS THE SHOW DATE APPROACHES.

Benicia Car Show – Sunday April 24, 2005

Applications must be mailed by 3/31 for \$20.00 reg. fee

Hi folks, its time for the Benicia car show again! As the largest car club in attendance we have the honor of showing that the Golden Gate Goats are more than just a gathering of individuals but a large slightly dysfunctional family with a common Pontiac bond. Come and celebrate that bond with your brothers and sisters at the 2005 Benicia car show April 24th. Its a low key event that involves a breakfast cooked by high school students and a hamburger and hotdog lunch cooked by club members for your enjoyment. Hopefully you can find the time in your busy lives to come out and support the Benicia High School Panther band and revel in the comradery of our club. Weather is usually sunny but can be windy in the afternoon so please dress in layers just in case. We will be meeting at the Starbucks coffee shop at the Raley's shopping center at 7:30 am and traveling together to the show. Please rsvp so we know how much food to bring for lunch, we wouldn't want anyone to go hungry. RSVP to call Stuart Cole or to ask questions at (707)745-2918 or the day of the show at (707)486-3660. Hope to see you there!

Stuart Cole

s2cole@hotmail.com

Directions to Starbucks meeting point.

Take 80 or 680 to 780 and then take the Southampton exit. Head north on Southampton Rd. to the intersection of Southampton Rd. and Chelsea Hills. Turn left at the light into the shopping center and look for a place to park. Starbucks is on the left side of the shopping center. Starbucks does have restroom facilitie

Show application available at: <http://www.ggoats.org>

Auto innovator John DeLorean dies at 80

JEFFREY GOLD
Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. - While only about 9,000 of his namesake cars were ever built, John Z. DeLorean's place in auto history was assured as soon as the gull-winged sports cars rumbled off the assembly line.

DeLorean was among just a handful of U.S. entrepreneurs who dared start a car company in the last 75 years and he helped shift Detroit toward smaller, more efficient autos.

DeLorean died late Saturday in Summit of complications from a recent stroke, said Paul Connell, an owner of A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors in Royal Oak, Mich., which was handling arrangements.

"John DeLorean was one of Detroit's larger-than-life figures who secured a noteworthy place in our industry's history," GM Chairman and CEO Rick Wagoner said Sunday in a statement. "He made a name for himself through his talent, creativity, innovation and daring."

While apt to be remembered popularly as the man behind the car modified for time travel in the "Back to the Future" movies, DeLorean left a powerful imprint in automaking built on unique, souped-up cars.

A Detroit native, DeLorean broke the mold of staid Midwestern auto executives by "going Hollywood," and pushed General Motors Corp. to offer smaller models, auto historians said.

While at GM, he created what some consider the first "muscle car" in 1964 by cramming a V-8 engine into a Pontiac Tempest and calling it the GTO, fondly dubbed the "Goat" by auto enthusiasts.

DeLorean was a rising if unconventional executive at GM who many believe was destined for its presidency before he quit in 1973 to launch the DeLorean Motor Car Co. in Northern Ireland. Eight years later, the DeLorean DMC-12 hit the streets.

Its hallmarks, such as an unpainted stainless steel skin and the gull-wing doors, have been ignored by mainstream automakers. The angular design, however, earned it a cult following.

But the factory produced only about 8,900 cars in three years, estimated John Truscott, membership director of the DeLorean Owners Association. That figure is dwarfed by the major automakers, who sell more than a million vehicles a month.

DeLorean's company collapsed in 1983, a year after he was arrested in Los Angeles and accused of conspiring to sell \$24 million of cocaine to salvage his venture.

DeLorean used an entrapment defense to win acquittal on the drug charges in 1984, despite a videotape in which he called a suitcase full of cocaine "good as gold."

DeLorean was later cleared of defrauding investors, but continuing legal entanglements kept him on the sidelines of the automotive world, although his passion for cars did not abate. After declaring bankruptcy in 1999, he said he wanted to produce a speedy plastic sports car selling for only \$20,000.

John Zachary DeLorean joined GM in 1956 as an engineering director for Pontiac. His patents included the recessed windshield wiper and the overhead cam engine. DeLorean led Pontiac by age 40, and four years later became the youngest head of GM's giant Chevrolet division.

He helped shift Detroit toward smaller, more efficient autos, such as the Vega 2300 in 1970. DeLorean was a GM vice president in charge of all North American car and truck operations when he quit in 1973.

The namesake car he created in the early '80s featured a rear-mounted, aluminum 2.8-liter V-6 fuel-injected engine that produced 130 horsepower and went 0-60 mph in less than 8 seconds. Independent four-wheel suspension, a broad 62-inch stance, and front wheels smaller than the rear set made for tight handling, aficionados said.

"Twenty years later, it's still just as modern as anything coming out of the factories now," Truscott said.

After the DeLorean car venture failed, he was involved in some 40 legal cases, including his 1985 divorce from model and talk show personality Cristina Ferrare - his third wife - after a 12-year marriage.

"I believe I deserve what happened to me," DeLorean told The Associated Press after the divorce, which followed his drug trial.

"The deadliest sin is pride," he said, proclaiming his faith as a born-again Christian. "I was an arrogant egomaniac. I needed this, as difficult as it was, to get my perspective back."

Steppen' Out with the Stipanov's 4th Annual Northbay Event

Presents *Wrangling with Wangers*

Saturday May 7, 2005

(Or make it a weekend getaway to Sonoma County's Wine Country)

What could be better? Two of your favorite GTO get together rolled into one! Start at the Stipanov's house in Sebastopol (approx 50 miles north of the Golden Gate Bridge) for coffee, bagels and pastries and talking with our favorite Goat-father Jim Wangers and then a unique experience at Privately owned "Georgetown" an "old west" town mainstreet with antique cars, and all sorts of 1930's - 40's Hollywood memorabilia. See Louis B. Meyers Rolls Royce and the buggy from "Gone with the Wind", that Rhett and Scarlett drove from the burning of Atlanta.

Friday night **MUST RSVP** (so we can plan on how much to provide) Informal dinner with Jim Wangers – come learn everything you wanted to know about Pontiac and the GTO at Mark and Deidre's

Saturday Schedule:

9:30 – 10:30am Meet at Mark & Deidre Stipanov's house for coffee and pastries

Please RSVP So we can plan on how much to provide.

6023 Lone Pine Rd, Sebastopol 707-829- 1448 email – dragon64gto@comcast.net

About 10:45am - Leave for "Georgetown" (just a 15min drive from the Stipanov's) – **Since Georgetown is a privately owned property, you must arrive with the group for this unique experience.**

11:00 – 4pm Tour Georgetown on our own and with a private guide. Lunch BBQ provided by Mark and his sons.

5pm (approx) More Informal/ casual discussion with Jim Wangers at the Stipanov's

Directions to Mark and Deidre's house:

- 101 north to Hwy 116 exit (about 45 miles north of the Golden Gate bridge)
- Take the Sebastopol – Rohnert Park 116 Exit. Turn Left under the freeway. If you need gas get it here or at Bill's Deli (there are 3 or so different types of gas stations right here at freeway)
- Approx 4 – 5 miles you will see Bill's Deli and Gas on your right. Continue for about 300 yards.
- On the left is Lone Pine Rd. between Landers Automotive and "Call of the Wild." Go up Lone Pine Rd about 1 mile. 6023 is on the left. **(make sure you only drive 40 mph up Lone Pine!!! Highway Patrol does radar and will give you a ticket.)**

For those of you who would like to spend the weekend:

Holiday Inn Express (707) 829-6677 1101 Gravenstein Highway South, (Hwy 116) Sebastopol. Call ASAP. Check to see if there are any rooms left under Stipanov (we reserved a few extra)

Sebastopol Inn – 707-829-2500 6751 Sebastopol Ave. Sebastopol (More Expensive) but very nice!

Best Western Inn, Rohnert Park 707-584-7435

Background on Georgetown – Georgetown was built by George Smith and his sons to house all the memorabilia and "Stuff" he collected from his Hollywood days as a Stuntman in the 1930's and 40's. He and his wife Joyce (of the Sepulveda family) moved their family to Sebastopol to grow apples and get away from the rat race of growing Southern California. He wanted to create a "old western town" movie set mainstreet on his extensive property – and he succeeded. In the buildings, he houses antique cars from then early 1900's to 1960's and all kinds of other collectibles. Unfortunately, George died a few years ago but his son Guy will give a private tour of his father's "world" by appointment only. Georges's wife Joyce, his son, Guy and his family and his daughter Mindy and her family, still live on the property. Many car clubs and other organizations visit Georgetown yearly. This is a privately owned property and can only be seen by appointment/invitation.

**GOLDEN GATE GOATS CLUB MEETING Agenda
TUESDAY, April 5, 2005**

**ENGLANDER RESTAURANT
101 PARROTT STREET
SAN LEANDRO, CA
510-357-3571**

DINNER 6:30 - 7:30 PM.

MEETING AT 7:30- 8:30 PM

8:30 Š 9:00 SOCIAL, NO HOST BAR

**ENGLANDER IS ABOUT ONE MILE NORTH OF HARRY'S HOFFBRAU.
WASHINGTON MUTUAL BANK IS ON THE CORNER OF PARROT AND EAST
14th. Turn WEST on Parrot and restaurant is located in small shopping
center behind the bank on the left hand side of the street.**

I . Welcome to new members

II. April 2005 Events and Updates

A. Microbrewery Cruise & Tour / April 16th –

Leroy & Judy Anderson

B. Benicia Car Show / April 24th – Stewart Cole

III. May 2005 Events and Updates

A. Wangers & Wranglers / Sebastopol / May 7th –

Deidre & Mark Stipanov

B. College Park High School Show / Pleasant Hill / May 14th –

Apryl Winston

C. May Madness / San Rafael / May 21st –

Jim Brennan, Jackie LeVesque, Russ & Sandy Louthian

IV. June 2005 Events and Updates

A. Good Guys / Pleasanton / June 4th & 5th

– Alan Blake & Jimmy Sanderson

B. Route 66 Mother Road Cruise / Albuquerque/ June 24th & 25th

– Russ & Sandy Louthian and Deidre & Mark Stipanov

C. Annual Summer Picnic / Tilden Park / June 25th

– Skip Hendricks & Jim Lent

D. Northern California Cruisers Show / Pinole / June 26th

– Jim Lent

V. Other Event Updates

A. Golden Gate Park event now scheduled for Saturday, August 20th

B. New club meeting date and event scheduled for Saturday,

**November 5th. Tony La Russa's Animal Rescue Foundation (ARF) has invited us
to tour their foundation in Walnut Creek, and have a "doggie bag" lunch at their
meeting facilities for our November meeting. -- Hosted by club member Peter
Monachello**

VI. Club Calendar for 2006 - Lolly Mayeda, Barb Davis, Carmen Cole

VII. Other topics for discussion

A. Questions & answers

VII. Adjourn

2005 Golden Gate Goats Car Club Event Calendar

January

- Jan. 5 – 9 International Car Show / San Jose.
Hosted by: **Jim Lent & Russ Louthian**

- Jan. 15 - Club Meeting / San Leandro

February

- Feb. 1 - Club Meeting / San Leandro
- Feb. 5 - Scharffen Berger Chocolate + Takara Sake Tours / Berkeley
Hosted by: **Al & Pam Harris**

March

- Mar. 1 - Club Meeting / San Leandro
- Mar. 12 - Casino Cruise / Cache Creek Casino / Hosted by: **Julie Blake**

April

- Apr. 5 - Club Meeting / San Leandro
- Apr. 16 - Microbrewery Cruise & Tour / Hosted by: **Leroy & Judy Anderson**
- Apr. 24 (Sunday) - Benicia Car Show / Benicia / Hosted by: **Stuart Cole**

May

- May 3 - Club Meeting / San Leandro
- May 7 - Wangers & Wranglers Wild Wild West / Sebastopol /
Hosted by: **Mark & Deidre Stipanov**
- May 14 - College Park High Spring Car Show / Pleasant Hill /
Hosted by: **Apryl Winston**
- May 21 - May Madness / San Rafael / Hosted by: **Russ & Sandy Louthian
& Jim Brennan & Jackie LeVesque**

June

- Jun. 4 – 5 - Good Guys / Pleasanton / Hosted by: **Alan Blake & Jimmy Sanderson**
- Jun. 24 – 25 - Route 66 Mother Road Cruise / Albuquerque /
Hosted by: **Russ & Sandy Louthian and Mark & Deidre Stipanov**
- June 25 - Annual summer picnic / Tilden Park / Hosted by **Skip Hendricks & JimLent**
- June 26 - No. Cal. Cruisers Car Show – Pinole - **Hosted by Jim Lent**

July

- Jul. 23 - Summer on the Lake / Lake Chabot, Castro Valley /
Hosted by: **Pam & Al Harris**
- Jul. 29 – 31 - San Jose Grand Prix / San Jose / Hosted by: **Don Gootee & The South Bay Gang**

August

- Aug. 1 – 7 - Hot August Nights / Reno / Hosted by: **Jim Lent**
- Aug. 20 - Golden Gate Park + Presidio + Treasure Island / San Francisco /
Hosted by **Russ & Sandy Louthian and John & Marsha Mekisich**

September

- Sep. 6 - Club Meeting / San Leandro /
- Sep. 17 - Goldsmith Seeds + Sarah's Vineyards + Gizditch Ranch / Cruise /
Hosted by: **Russ Louthian, Peter Odello & John Whitmore**
- Sep. 30 – Oct. 2 - Pontiacs at the Pines / Bass Lake / Hosted by: **Blake's, Lent's, Sanderson's**

October

- Oct. 4 - Club Meeting / San Leandro /
- Oct. 15 - Luau! / San Jose / Hosted by **Ray & Ellie Ibia and The South Bay Gang**

November

- Nov. 5 - Club Meeting, Lunch & Animal Rescue Foundation Tour / Walnut Creek /
Hosted by: **Peter Monachello**

December

- Dec. 3 - Club Meeting White Elephant Holiday Party / San Leandro
- Dec. 10 - Sunnyvale Pontiac Toys for Tots & Second Harvest Fund Raiser / Hosted by: **Marc Balestra**

MICROBREW & MORE CRUISE

Saturday April 16th, 2005

Hosted by Judy & Leroy Anderson

MEET: 9:30AM in Novato at the Chevron Station across the street from Moylan's Brew Pub (where we ended last year).

DIRECTIONS: Take 101 north through Marin county toward Novato just north of the Hwy 37 Sonoma/Napa turn-off watch for the Rowland Way Exit (should be 2nd one after 37). Take exit, stay in one of the two right turn lanes, go past Moylans (on your left), turn left at 2nd traffic light which should be Vintage way. This will take you into the parking lot of Taco Bell and the Chevron station. There is a large parking area behind the gas station. If you end-up by Costco, just follow the signs back towards 101 and you'll see the Chevron. If you get lost, call my cell at 707-337-6462.

THE DRIVE: We will leave at 10AM SHARP! We will head into the west Marin countryside via Novato Blvd. We'll pass through some beautiful farm land heading into Sonoma County. Around 11AM we will stop at the small town of Bodega for a chance to stretch our legs. There, we can check out the schoolhouse used in the Hitchcock film "The Birds".

Next, we'll take a scenic drive ending just north of Sebastapol. There we will stop for a tour and BBQ lunch at the "Ace in the Hole Cider Pub". They make and sell premium hard ciders, along with some good local ales. The cost of the lunch should be less than \$10 per person.

Next, we'll drive through the Russian river area and north to Healdsburg. We'll end-up in downtown at the "Bear Republic Brewing Co.". There we'll get a private tour and a tasting. For those not interested in the brewery, the Kendal Jackson Winery tasting room is just around the corner, along with MANY shops.

After that, we can call it a day, or I will lead those interested to a brewery/restaurant in Santa Rosa for dinner. The total driving distance from Novato to Santa Rosa will be around 95 miles.

SEE YA THERE!
LEROY

Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, March 1, 2005

Note Taker: Barb Davis

Date/Location; Englander, San Leandro, Tuesday March 1, 2005

Club Officers 2005

Russ Louthian- President

Mark Stipanov-Vice President –Not present

Al Harris Treasurer

Barb Davis Secretary

Welcome new members

Russ Louthian explained the new bylaws. The bylaws will be posted to the website and discussed the upcoming events for 2005.

March 12th 2005

Casino Cruise Hosted by **Julie & Al Blake** Table lessons on California Craps

Secured parking, rain or shine event. More information to go out in newsletter as well as an e-mail.

April 16th 2005

Microbrewery Cruise hosted by **Leroy and Judy Anderson**. We will meet in Novato between 9:30 and 10:00. Tour Bodega. Tour a Hard cider factory. More information in next newsletter.

April 24th 2005

Benicia High Car show. Hosted by **Stewart and Carmen Cole**. Last year we won club participation award. Pancake breakfast. BBQ hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch. Pre pay or register at the gate. Meet at Starbucks. Take Southampton exit off of 780. Show application in newsletter and on the website. Early registration for Benicia April 24 Car show at the \$20.00 rate must be mailed by March 31st. See previous newsletters for application or go to our website for a downloadable version. Late registration will be \$25.00

August event to Golden Gate Park, Presidio and Treasure Island may be moved from Aug. 13th to Aug. 20th. Hosted by **Russ & Sandy Louthian**

May 7th 2005 event hosted by **Mark & Deidre Stipanov. Wangers & Wranglers Wild, Wild West Weekend**. Mark called Holiday Inn to book extra rooms. Reserve your room now .

July event to Lake Chabot will be hosted by **Pam & Al Harris**. It is in the planning stages.

May 21st is the May Madness Classic Car Parade and Rockin' Street Dance, one of the most popular car events in the Bay Area is taking applications. Downtown San Rafael, Saturday, May 21st. <http://www.downtownsanrafael.org/>. More information on the GGGoats website

June GoodGuys. New committee will be meeting with GoodGuys in March. They provide us with more information at the next meeting. GGGoats will host the event. Next Meeting a list will go around for GoodGuys volunteers.

June 25th , Summer picnic at Tilden park in the Berkeley Hills. BBQ chicken and Tri Tip. **Skip Hendricks** will BBQ.

June 26th Crusin in the Sun Pinole car show 8:00-5:00 \$30.00 registration fee. **Jim Lent** will host.

Last Call to fill open positions.

1. Promotional items / was not filled
2. Car of the month editor/ was not filled.

Lolly Mayeda brought a calendar to show us from a car club in Arizona. It was suggested that we look into putting together a club calendar. **Barb Davis** and **Carmen Cole** will look into the cost of publishing

Next CLUB Meeting: TUESDAY APRIL 5TH 2005

Place: Englander Restaurant 101 Parrott Street San Leandro - Time: Dinner 6:30 – 9:00. Meeting Time: 7:30 -8:30