

THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



NO CLUB MEETING this Month
Please see Holiday Donation
information in the issue

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hi Folks,

Hope that all of you had a great Thanksgiving Day Holiday, this newsletter should hit your mailboxes just after we all go back to work.

This Presidents Message, number 98, is a very emotional and special one for me to write.

This is because I am announcing my retirement and will be stepping down as your President. GGG VP, Russ Louthian has offered to take over my responsibilities until a new President has been elected. At our last meeting, Russ was nominated for President and Jim Lent was nominated for Vice President. Both of them have accepted their nominations. Please see Russ' letter in this newsletter outlining the itinerary for our Jan. 05 meeting that will bring everyone up to speed on elections, event planning, etc. Anyone wishing to run for a board position, now is your time. I will be available to our new President and Vice President as necessary to make sure the transition is a smooth one.

Many things contributed to my making this decision and I would like to share a few of them with you. Since we formed GGG back in October of 1996, we grew beyond our wildest expectations. Being your club President has been one of the most rewarding and at times challenging experiences of my life, I thank all of you for giving me this opportunity. Little did I realize that Marsha's 40th Birthday present to me in 1994 of a 70 GTO would be the start of all of this. Thank You Marsha. 1996 was a long time ago, I am 8 years older and my life and interests have changed. My job at Bay Alarm now requires more of my time. I also have many other activities and hobbies I enjoy doing, some old and neglected, some new and calling to me. These conditions resulted in my level of participation in the

GGG dropping notably in 2004. I am no longer willing or able to contribute the time required to be your President and participate as I have over the years. Being a club President and seriously accepting that responsibility can place some very real time demands on a person. It has to be a priority in your life and for many years it was just that to me. Whatever GGG needed of me was what GGG got. Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead !!!! Over time, that will get to you and it got to me this year. I knew that I was not having as much fun as before and my duties became much less of a joy and much more of a chore. The 04 debate was exasperating. Candidly, I lost touch with doing what I enjoyed most with my GTO, cruising, drag racing and hanging out with GGG. As I started to CLEARLY ACCEPT what was going on (I had seen it coming late last year, however I figured I would be able to work through it. Something kept me going on. Was it ego, testosterone, over confidence, unwavering dedication to GGG? It took me awhile longer to REALIZE I could not continue on that course) I saw the light and decided that the time to officially pass the torch had come. I owe it to GGG and to myself. It is the right thing to do. I would like to extend a special Thank You to Russ, Jim, Al and Barb for all of their help this year in keeping things on course and soldiering on in my absence. You guys did a really good job.....

Going forward, I will participate, time permitting as a club member only. As GGG's founding father, our club will always be a very important part of my life. It is my hope that the next 8 years will be as much fun and allow us to make as many new friends as the last 8 have. I am finding it very difficult to express in words exactly how I feel right now, but I am confident that I will do a much better job at our Jan 15th meeting at the Englander when I see you all in person.

Marsha and I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Let me say as part of my Presidents Message for the last time.....

See Ya In the Fast Lane;

Prez John

RECIPE CORNER

Hi Everyone,

Holidays are here and let the baking begin. Visited my sister Cece and her family a couple weeks ago. She lives in a beautiful spot along Roaring Creek up towards Lassen. The fall colors were awesome. I was lucky for two bald eagle sightings. Took my breath away. In the mornings, woke up to fresh coffee and wonderful biscotti. Thought maybe you might like to try Cece's recipe.

Enjoy!

Marsha

Lemon Poppy Seed Biscotti By CeCe Mayer

1/3 cup Butter
2/3-cup sugar
4T finely shredded Lemon zest
1T poppy seeds
2 teaspoons baking powder
2 eggs
2-1/2 cup Flour
1/2 cup powdered sugar for "dusting"

*In a large bowl beat butter w/ electric mixer on med to high about 30

seconds, or till softened.

*Add sugar, shredded lemon zest, poppy seed, baking powder, and baking soda. Beat till combined.

*Beat in as much Flour as you can with the mixer. Using a wooden spoon

stir in the remaining flour.

*Divide dough in 2 loafs. Flatten to 8-9" wide by 10-12" long and

1/2" thick. Place on an ungreased cookie sheet.

*Bake in preheated 375° oven till wooden toothpick inserted in the

center comes out clean, aprox 20min.

*Cool on rack 1 hour.

*Remove, and slice each roll into 1/2" slices. Arrange the slices flat

side up on cookie sheet.

*Bake 325°oven 8 min, flip over an additional 8 min till browned, and

crisp

*Remove Biscotti from the baking pan to racks to cool.

*Dust the outside of each Biscotti w/ powdered sugar.

Enjoy..!!

Makes aprox 36 biscotti's--

*May substitute orange zest for lemon, delete Poppy seed add snipped cranberries/cherries?

*Or drop ALL zest, add chopped chocolate chips, sliced almonds, and substitute brown sugar for the white sugar, adding 2t. Almond extract.

MESSAGE FROM YOUR VICE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Golden Gate Goat Club Members -

First I want to say I sincerely apologize for not being at the meeting on Wednesday, November 3rd. As Vice President of this Club, I had every intention of being there and working through the issues we would face in the next year. I want to thank Jim Lent for taking control at the last minute with NO warning. I know I missed a very important meeting and found out later that I had been nominated for President. It has taken me a few weeks to think it over . . . especially knowing what John has gone through this last year.

Therefore, I think we need to make a few things real clear from the start. In my opinion, no matter who is selected to be on the Club's Board, those people deserve to know from the start that what they have agreed to do is not open-ended, but for a set period of time. Now, I don't think we should be going through this routine every year, so I would suggest all Board positions be for two year terms and that there be a two term limit on each position, but I am open to suggestions.

My goal is to help get this Club back to basics, and have as many fun events as possible during the next year. As a member of this club from the start, I am committed to working toward that goal regardless if I'm the next Club President or not. When the club started, the Board members each took on multiple responsibilities because we were small in number and the tasks were not all that difficult. We are no longer a 20-member organization. We are OVER TEN TIMES that size, and the tasks (although still not all that difficult) now each take more time and attention than ever before.

To compensate, we tried to get a bit more formal. I would rather see members who volunteer to help the club only have one task to do in addition to showing up for meetings and events and having a bunch of laughs.

I would like to see more involvement from other members doing small tasks. I think if we make the pieces small enough, we can get folks to sign up for them. I would like to see things like the vendor discount program, new member welcomes, car of the month articles, raffles, etc. each have a specific individual or couple assigned to be responsible.

I also think that if you are an officer or a member doing a task for the good of the club, then you are doing plenty. There is NO NEED for you to sign up for more than one task, and you shouldn't even have to host or work on any event – UNLESS YOU REALLY, REALLY WANT TO! By splitting up the "club chores" into small jobs I hope we can take the pressure off of our core members so they don't always feel like they should sign up for more and more.

I happen to love doing events, and REALLY, REALLY WANT TO DO MORE! So, I will be delighted not only to host an event, but to help anyone else in the club who wants to host one. If after reading this, you folks are still goofy enough to want to put me in charge, the least I can do is try to make sure we all have more fun and for sure have many more laughs.

As Vice President and acting President until the matter of Board elections is resolved, it is my responsibility to run the January meeting.

At that meeting we most likely will have to assign a couple of folks to read and adjust our official club rules and regulations. We need to have the wording for types of vehicles allowed in the club (to reflect the 2004 GTO vote and to make sure 1973 and 1974 years are included). I would also like to clearly state what positions make up the Board of Directors, and set term lengths and limits. More importantly, we need to set an events calendar for 2005 that will make every other car club member in the state wish they belonged to the Golden Gate Goats. We are well on our way to

that goal so far, but don't let that stop you from coming up with an idea. Remember, unlike the past, coming up with an idea WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY make you totally responsible for making it work. I say if people like the idea, they can do a little (keeping the chores small and simple, of course) to help make it happen.

Last, but not least, we each need to personally thank John for doing a fantastic job and creating a truly unique car club. For years there were attempts all over the Bay Area to start a GTO club, but John somehow made it happen almost overnight. Now look at the size of this thing! It's huge by Mustang or Corvette car club standards. Think about how much John has done for us all by starting this club. It is only fair and right that he have a chance to receive the thanks he has so rightly earned from as many of us as possible.

John will be at the January meeting. I will be there too, no matter how many U-turns I have to make. Make sure you are there as well. Until then, I'll see you at the on ramp.

Russ

Message from your Board of Directors:

Please join us on Jan. 15, 2005 for our annual planning meeting and election of officers. This is your club and your ideas about events that we participate will help us plan exciting events. The possibilities are only limited by your imagination. Come on out and join in the GTO fun.

Message from Jim Lent

Hi folks,

I allowed myself to be nominated for VP at the Nov. meeting in order to make sure that Russ Louthian did not feel that he was left alone in the effort to lead the Golden Gate Goats as President John retires.

I feel that I can comfortably handle the duties of Vice President as well as continue to be the newsletter editor. However, I don't feel that I would be a candidate to replace our next President in two years (if Russ' suggestion of two year terms is approved by the membership).

So where I'm at is that I would like to see someone else step up to be the Vice President and leaving me to just remain as your newsletter editor. It is not rocket science and, as Russ points out, having folks take on small manageable chunks of responsibility in our club should make it fun and much less stressful for all. So, I am asking members to consider running for Vice President. or any other Club office. **Please contact the Golden Gate Goats Secretary, Barb Davis, at kbdavis14@sbcglobal.net or 408-866-7197 if you are interested in running for any office.**

Thanks,
JIM

HOLIDAY DONATIONS

The Golden Gate Goats voted to donate \$250 to the Second Harvest Food Bank at our November meeting. This was in the context of donating the funds at the Santa Cruz Parade. As mentioned elsewhere the local government lack of funds Grinch caused the parade to be cancelled. Your board of directors decided to make \$50 club donations to each of the seven food banks in the greater Bay Area. We urge fellow members to make a donation to one of these food banks during the holiday season or to another group that provides similar help. Please consider other less fortunate folks during this holiday season.

Bay Area Food Banks

Redwood Empire Food Bank
3320 Industrial Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95403
(707) 523-7900 <http://www.refb.org/>

Marin Community Food Bank
75 Digital Drive, Novato, CA 94949
(415) 883-1302 <http://www.marinfoodbank.org/>

San Francisco Food Bank
900 Pennsylvania Ave., San Francisco, CA 94107
(415) 282-1900 <http://www.sffoodbank.org/>

Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano
PO Box 271966, Concord, CA 94527-1966
(925) 676-7543 <http://www.foodbankccs.org/>

Alameda County Community Food Bank
PO Box 94590, Oakland, CA 94623
(510) 834-3663 <http://www.accfb.org/>

Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties
750 Curtner Ave., San Jose, CA 95125-2118
(408) 266-8866 <http://www.2ndharvest.net/>

Second Harvest Food Bank of Santa Cruz and San Benito Counties
PO Box 990, Watsonville, CA 95077-0990
(831) 722-7110 <http://www.thefoodbank.org/>



Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 3rd, 2004
Note Taker: Barb Davis

Date/Location: Harry's Hofbrau in Redwood City, CA 7:00 PM

Club Officers 2004
John Mekisich <u>President- Not present</u>
Russ Louthian <u>Vice president – Not Present</u>
Al Harris <u>Treasurer-Present</u>
Barb Davis <u>Secretary-Present</u>
Jim Lent <u>News Letter Editor-Present</u>
Everyone introduced themselves.. no new members attended the meeting.

Jim Lent held the meeting. President **John Mekisich** was not present. VP **Russ Louthian** not present. We had a small group attending the meeting. Less than 10 people.

The club will be holding elections for new officers next month. Anyone interested in taking over a position let Barb Davis know.

No club events for the month of November. The GoodGuys is an unscheduled non sponsored event. November 13, 14, 2004 Alameda County Fairgrounds, Pleasanton, CA Saturday, November 13: 8am to 5pm Sunday,

Jim Lent will send out an e-mail regarding the Santa Cruz parade.
Jim Lent proposed we donate \$250.00 to 2nd Harvest Food Bank. All in attendance agreed. Bring can food to the parade to donate. The 1st Saturday in December

Al Harris will contact Englanders in San Leandro to make plans for our January planning meeting. It was agreed to hold the meeting 11:00 – 3:00 on January 15, 2005.

Jim Lent reminded the club to think about suggestions for next years upcoming events. He also told us about a possible event for Sept. 05. The Pontiac club of Central California is having an Event at Bass Lake, Sept 30th to Oct. 2nd. More details to follow.

No December meeting.

Please sign up for the CAR OF THE MONTH articles. Send them to Jim Lent/News Letter Editor.

NEXT MEETING WILL BE Saturday January 15, 2004.

Golden Gate Goats Election Ballot 1/15/2005

Please vote for one in each position.

PRESIDENT:

- Russ Louthian
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VICE PRESIDENT:

- Jim Lent
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TREASURER:

- Al Harris (incumbent)
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SECRETARY:

- Barb Davis (incumbent)
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Your name could be on this ballot!

If you would like to run for an office please contact the Golden Gate Goats Secretary, **Barb Davis**, at kbdavis14@sbcglobal.net or 408-866-7197. Nominations received before Dec. 30, 2004 will be listed in the **January, 2005** newsletter. Late nominations can be made at our January 15, 2005 meeting.



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CLUB LOGO ITEMS

T-SHIRTS & TANKS - \$15.00

**RED, BLACK, TAN, GREEN, MAROON
& BLUE HATS - \$15.00**

SATIN COACH COATS - FR. \$90.00

CLUB LOGO HAT-LAPEL PINS \$3.00

**WINDOW STICKERS -
\$3.00 each / 2 for \$5.00**

**ADDITIONAL NAME BADGES
AVAILABLE FOR \$3.75 each**

**Contact Alan & Julie Blake for T-shirts @
925-373-9610 or Jimmy & Michele
Sanderson @ 925-455-4702
Contact Jim Lent for all other items.**

**Check our website for color
pictures of available items.**

**Our goal is to preserve
and keep the legend of the
Pontiac GTO alive. We plan
to do this by having fun as
we learn more about our
GTOs through various club
activities: Cruises, Parades,
Car Shows, Picnics & MORE!**

2004 - Club Meetings

**Club meetings are scheduled for the
following months:**

**February, March, April, May
September, October, November,
and December.**

**Check newsletter or website
for updated dates, times & locations.**

2005 GOLDEN GATE GOATS ELECTION & PLANNING MEETING

PLEASE JOIN US IN SHAPING OUR 2005 CLUB ACTIVITY PLAN.

SATURDAY, JAN. 15, 2005 - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

The 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.



YOUR AD COULD BE HERE! PERSONAL ADS FOR ALL GOLDEN GATE MEMBERS ARE FREE - NON-MEMBERS Ads - \$10.00 per month per 1/4 page ad.

Contact: Jim Lent, 118 Iris Ct., Hercules CA 94547 (510) 799-6096 or email - jimlent@comcast.net

WANTED:

Looking for a 1/4 panel extension driverside for a 1964 Lemans...or know who I can contact to purchase one, please contact club member Lolly Mayeda at lol69gto@aol.com.

70-72 GTO/Tempest/Le Mans UNCUT Instrument Panel Plate Assembly (aka dash bezel, dash housing, etc.) with AC opening for a 1970 GTO. I need another one because the one that's in there now has been cut for an aftermarket radio. Please contact club member **Harry Cooper** at 408.835.9934 or swingdaddy@sbcglobal.net

A 1966 GTO 389 engine, or just a set of 1966 93 cast heads. Date code for engine would be nice if it was anytime in the month of February, or the first week of March. Contact club member **Ray Herman** 925-829-4059 or E-Mail rh94583@sbcglobal.net

FOR SALE:

Original Ram Air Pan for 1965 Tri Power. This is an (original) Pan (not a RE/POP) for the Smaller Center Carb on the 65's. It is in MINT Condition and just happens to be Chrome Plated. The Chrome is (OK) as it was done some time ago. I will include a (MINT) opened scoop that was CNC Machined to Perfect tolerances and a new foam seal if you are serious. Contact Club member **Ken Davis** -email kendavis14@sbcglobal.net. Or call my cell PH. (408) 209 - 2553. Or Home # (408) 866 - 7197.

1965 GTO/Lemans Deck Lid - \$50, 1969 GTO doors - \$100, 1970-72 Doors \$50-\$100, 1968-69 front endura bumper - complete with headlamp bezels and grills (not hideaway) - \$350;

Contact club member **Will Valle** at 650-255-8512 or email will69goat@rcn.com

Set of Rally II wheels for sale. They are in great shape. The PMD center caps and chrome trim rings are in excellent shape. They wheel itself is in very good condition, but would need to be repainted to be 100% show quality. They have some general Big O tires on them. Very good tread still on them. Contact club member **Jason Silva** EMAIL: SILVAJA@CTL.COM Cell Phone: 707-480-4847 Direct Dial: 707-570-4131

64/65 GTO parts: Trunk lid \$100.00. R & L quarter patch panels \$30.00 each. Lemans hood - \$75.00. 65 GTO hood, solid, surface dings - \$350.00. 69 GTO parts. Set 69 hardtop tinted glass - \$300.00. Set 14x7 Rallye II wheels code "JJ", + trim rings and caps - \$250.00.

Contact Club member **Robert Lawson** @ (925) 208-1555

Parting Out '66 GTO Flex Fan \$15, Arm Rest (Front & Rear) \$40 set, Windshield Wiper Arms (1 set) \$25, Chrome Rear Fender Trim \$10, "T3" Light Bulbs (3) \$10 each, Brake Pedal Assembly (No Clutch) \$40, Accelerator Pedal \$20, Emergency Brake Pedal \$25, Firewall Clutch Pedal Plate \$5, Rear Bumper Bracket \$10, Steering Column Cover-lower \$10, Starters (2) \$20 each, Bell Housing (9785581 Minor cracks) \$40, Dust Shield (9794324) \$10, Rear Transmission Brace \$40, Pont 389 CID '65 (Non GTO) Engine \$200. Needs rebuild...some internal corrosion in one cylinder. (Call or email for detail). Ashtray (Black) \$10, Glove Box Door (Black) \$10, Doors & Rear Quarter Windows with Tracks & Regulators \$50 ea. Under Carpet Sound Deadener "New ! Never out of box ! \$20. Call or email if looking for parts not listed ~Contact club member **Garreth & Kallie Jones** 707-437-6769 or Poncho66gto@msn.

Set of 4 "Original" Goodyear Polyglas E 70 14's, "Custom Wide Tread" mounted on Restored 14x6" GM Steel Wheels \$450. Set of 4 1969 Stainless Wheel Covers with new lucite inserts \$250. 1969 Air Cleaner - restored \$75. 1970 Le Mans Sport Grill Inserts \$80. 1968 Front Chrome Bumper & Frame - Straight with good chrome \$225. 1969 LeMans Passenger Door & Glass \$30. 1969 LeMans Instrument Cluster with printed circuit \$50

Contact club member **Mike Scales** via e-mail mkscales@sbcglobal.net or cell 415.272.7331

New Cast Pistons - 389 (+.030) - Federal Mogul/Sterling #288P Never installed in '64 Engine. Set of 8: 1/2 Price - \$125. New Std 398 Timing Set - \$12. "64/65" Call member **Mike Tarrant @** (707) 584-5787 - email: mjtarrant@aol.com (phone calls - 4pm to 9pm weekdays-9am to 9pm weekends)

2005 Golden Gate Goats Dues

You can pay now - or pay \$5.00 more if you procrastinate!

**PLEASE USE THE RETURN ENVELOPE
INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER!**

Your dues are payable now. You can use the envelope in this newsletter to return your dues to our club treasurer. Please help to make this process as easy as possible for our treasurer. Dues are again \$30.00. Those members who joined in 2004 have their dues amount prorated. The amount due is listed on the return address of the envelope included in your December newsletter. The amount for dues received after the February 2005 club meeting will be \$35.00 so please save your \$5.00 and renew early.