



**GOLDEN GATE GOATS
2012 Newsletter Update**

Hello Everyone,

It was decided at our November meeting to transition over to full electronic distribution of our newsletter starting with our January 2012 edition. I will expand on the reasoning behind our decision in my upcoming Presidents Message in our December newsletter. Members that *REALLY NEED* to continue receiving a hard copy, please let me know your circumstance(s) and we will make an exception. Not having a computer and/or e mail address is about the only reason I can think of but there may be others.

This change requires that we obtain e mail addresses from all members that currently receive a hard copy at your earliest convenience. Please include your name so we can update our mailing list. Your cooperation with a quick response will allow us to have a smooth and seamless transition.

Please realize that if you are currently receiving a hardcopy and **DO NOT respond to this letter, you will not receive a January 2012 newsletter. Our goal is to avoid any delivery issues so **PLEASE** respond to me no later than 12/10/2011. Mark your calendars as that is also the date of our **GGG Holiday Party**.**

Contact me via e mail MITYGTO@aol.com or by phone 650-349-2095. Thanks in advance to all our members for your continued support. 2012 will be another great year for GGG

Happy Holidays!



**Happy Hollidays to all Golden Gate
Goat Families**



**Hope your holiday season if filled with
good times and memories.**

**Don't forget those less fortunate - plan
to attend our holiday party and bring
unwrapped gifts to donate along with
your white elephant gifts.**

**Cheers
Jim & Jeannie Lent
the Goat Connection staff**



THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



**CLUB MEETING TUES, NOV.
15th at the Englander in
San Leandro**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Howdy Folks,

Hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Please note the date of our Holiday Party is Saturday December 10th at The Englander with a start time of 11 a.m. There were a couple of typos in the newsletter so wanted to mention here so all of us are on the same

page. Complete information can be found in the newsletter, kindly take a moment to review. This event is typically very well attended so I hope to see many of you there.

Our November meeting was well attended and very productive. Everyone participated which made for a very lively meeting! The group has decided to go with full e mail distribution of the newsletter starting with our January 2012 edition. We included a cover letter with instructions in our dues mailer that went out a couple of days ago. If we all take a moment to **read and respond to the instructions in a timely manner** we should have a seamless transition which is of course our goal. I have asked for members to respond to me by Dec 10th latest. The reasons we chose to take this path are many and include cost savings that will be used to fund club events such as the 2012 Tilden Park picnic. It is also without a doubt the "green" thing to do. From a content standpoint we can add additional pages and color articles without any concern over increased postage or production costs. Thank you in advance to all of our members for your cooperation in making this transition a smooth one. Expect to see weekly reminders from me on yahoo groups as we want all members to receive their January newsletter.

2012 will also mark our transition to bi-monthly meetings. The group decided unanimously to hold our February kick off meeting at The Hidden Wok in San Leandro on a Saturday, date to be announced soon. We will then go with meetings in April, June, August, October and December. The plan is to have the

summer meetings (June & August) at club only events as we did many years ago with the remaining meetings continuing to be held at The Englander. This meeting schedule is a new direction for GGG; the goal is to increase attendance by making meeting times and locations more accessible to many of our members that are unable to attend weeknight meetings in San Leandro. This will work hand in hand with our plans to have several GGG stand alone events next year. There are currently three events being planned PLUS the Tilden Park picnic so having two summer meetings during events should come together just fine. Clubs are all about participation and member involvement. Your Board of Directors **with member input** has made several changes to put GGG on track for increased member involvement/participation in 2012 and beyond. Let us all pull together to make this a reality as the future of Golden Gate Goats depends on this. Our new webmaster Terry Liu is making nice progress updating the website. A total revamp is still in the works and will become a reality in several phases early next year.

Happy Holidays! See Ya in the fast lane and on December 10th!

Prez John

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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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.

CAR OF THE MONTH **ARTICLES**

Would you like to see your car, and its story, published in this newsletter. Take this opportunity now to memorialise your ride!

Tell us about your ride: how you got it, what you have done to it, where you like to drive it, etc. Make your car the star.

You can email your story and pictures to Jim Lent at; jimlent@comcast.net

**or send them by snail mail to: Jim Lent
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GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB **SITE AVAILABLE AT:**

www.gggoats.com



12/10/2011

SAVE THE DATE!

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**Saturday, Dec. 15th is the
date for our annual
Holiday party. Full details
in this newsletter.**

Golden Gate Goats
December Club Meeting & White Elephant Gift Exchange!
Saturday, December 10th - 11 AM to 2 PM

Free Lunch

The club picks up the cost of your lunch. But, as they say there is no free lunch! Your group must bring a new, unwrapped toy to donate to the Toys for Tots and be ready to have a great time celebrating the holiday season.

Club Meeting

The meeting takes place at the Englander Restaurant, 101 Parrott Street in San Leandro, on Saturday, December 10th. Lunch will be served in our banquet room prior to the meeting then, at about 12:30 PM, we will be going over the regular agenda of club business followed by the White Elephant gift exchange.

White Elephant Gift Exchange

Many of you have asked, what is a White Elephant gift? The best way to describe it is to think of a gift you received that made you say, "You shouldn't have." But you really wanted to say, "What were you thinking!? You should never, ever have purchased this thing! What am I going to do with it?!" For example:



So, look in your closets, garage and attic and find that "unique" item, wrap it up to look like an expensive and wonderful gift anyone would love to have (it makes the shock factor that much better when the gift is opened).

Former President Russ Louthian will provide a story again that will result in all the gifts being exchanged. That's right you'll rid yourself of one ugly gift item but get to take home another in its place..

See you there – Happy Holidays!

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email - jimlent@comcast.net**

WANTED:

No items listed.

FOR SALE:

1967 GTO – Yosh Miyako’s family is selling his GTO. See details at Golden Gate Goats website CarFax link or <http://imageevent.com/jimlent/carfax>. Car # 54. \$25,000/offer.
Contact **Matt Masukawa** masuk64@yahoo.com with questions.

Powerglide transmission with shift kit for sale. It was in my 64 GTO and performing well. Asking \$150. Contact club member **John Arvizu** 408-722-8457.

1965 GTO Tri-power setup. Used. in very good condition. Complete with correct water neck and alternator bracket. Ready to bolt-up on and run. Painted late model metallic blue. Foam filters. 4 speed carb tags. ran on my 69 Judge less than 3k miles. Contact club member **Charlie Neefe** at home: 775-867-3086 and cell 775-426-9815 or charlie_neefe@yahoo.com. \$1,500.00.

Parts:. Black 65-68 Passenger side bucket seat - Complete, needs new skin, frame & all \$100/B.O.
Seven pieces glass for 66-67 GTO. (no front windshield) \$100.
New Blue Racer Cam shaft – 280-2H .442/465 lift (for 67-68 400 V-8) \$50.00
Contact club member **Joe Mangiapane** 510-638-8226

GOLDEN GATE GOATS FIRST EVENT -
LOS GATOS CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS
PARADE - DECEMBER - 1996

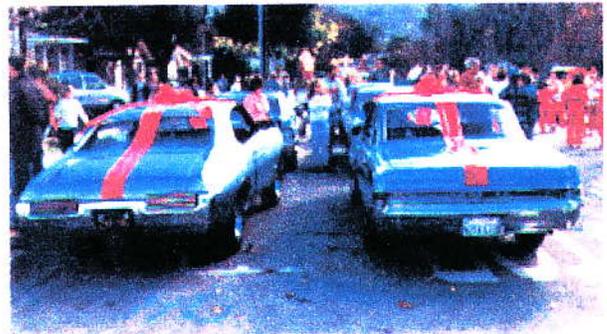
Goats at the Front.



Quotes from the day: "I had one just like that"
 10yr. old - "Lite 'em up!" "GTO - is that an
 "Great looking cars" Oldsmobile?"
 "What does GTO stand for?"



Goats at the rear.



(Just a wannabe!)

Even some Goats of undetermined year!

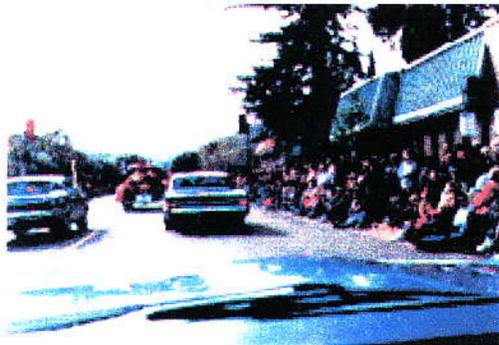


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Our own goatherder gathered his flock here that day. But many were missing - they may have wandered away



THE FUTURE IS OURS
"CARPE DIEM" (SIEZE THE DAY)
COME TO THE JAN. MEETING
AND WE'LL PLAN FUTURE PLAY !!



Best wishes to All Golden Gate Goaters from Jim & Jeannie Lent. Hope your holiday season is filled with good times. Here is a story of how Santa delivers the goods. Enjoy,

A Goat's Tale For Christmas
by Tom Szymczyk, Delaware Valley Old Goat Club

Twas the night before Christmas, 1964
When an elf came knocking on Santa Claus' door.
"Mr. Claus, there's a problem," was what the elf said,
"The reindeer are sick, so they can't pull your sled!"
"They all caught the flu. They're hacking and wheezing.
They have stuffy heads, and they're coughing and sneezing."
"Give 'em Ny Quil," said Santa, "is what you should do."
"But it won't be invented 'til 1982."

"The reindeer can rest," Santa said to the elf
"This year I'll deliver the presents myself.
I've got a new beast that can pull the big sleigh,
A beast I've been saving for just such a day."

They went around back, to Santa's garage
And walked past a shiny, red super stock Dodge.
"This one," said Santa, "belongs to Aunt Gina.
She's a little old lady from East Pasadena."

"The Dodge here is quick.
My Corvette can run.
But we need more than speed to get the job done.
Delivering presents, we race through the skies.
These cars are both fast, but I need one that flies!"

So Santa walked down to the end of the row
And unlocked the door of a new GTO
He hooked up the sleigh and said,
"This one is mine.
Three deuces, a four speed, and a 389."

He then cranked it over.
It rumbled real loud.
He idled outside, then spoke to the crowd,
"Without any reindeer,
I'll still make my run.
Just me and this Goat, we're gonna have fun."

He revved it right up and then dropped the clutch.
He wheeled through first, the guy was too much!
By second he's airborne, and pulling some G's.
He power shifts third while clearing the trees.

He circled the Pole and then headed south,
A twinkle in his eye, and a smile on his mouth.
And we heard him exclaim at a hundred miles per hour,
"When all else fails, you should always Tri Power!!!!"

Happy Holidays.



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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!

CLUB LOGO ITEMS

In 2005 we opened our online club store on our website. The store carries a full line of apparel, house wares, and gifts with the Golden Gate Goats logo, Outlaw GTO Association of Western America logo, and images of our club cars! Go check it out at:

www.cafepress.com/gggoats

2011 - Club Meetings

Club meetings are scheduled for the following months:

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

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

**GOLDEN GATE GOATS EVENT PICTURES
CAN BE VIEWED AT:**

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**NOVEMBER
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GOLDEN GATE GOATS CAR OF THE MONTH



MY 1967 GTO "THE BEST YEAR" by Jim Kendall

Back in early 1966 when I was all of sixteen years old, my mother needed a new car for herself, so I suggested she consider a Pontiac Lemans. Of course my recommendation was not just any "run of the mill" Lemans - but the GTO version which should also include a convertible top, a Hurst heavy-duty four speed (on the floor), three deuces, and positraction. My sweet mother said she could understand the convertible for the few sunny and temperate days in Chicagoland, but what were those other things (options) and why did she need them? I convincingly explained that the four speed and three deuces saved on fuel consumption (gas was an exorbitant 26¢ a gallon) because "under normal driving conditions" the car usually operated on only one of three carburetors and the other two carbs were for "some extra power" for instance, to safely accelerate when merging on to a freeway. The positraction was to lend stability in icy or snowy road conditions. (Was that convincing or what?)

Needless to say I closed the deal with my mom and that was the genesis of my sales career which continues today.

In retrospect the only things that I regret about selling my mother on the "rocket with wheels" was that she would get leg cramps from trying to push down the heavy duty clutch, and whiplash when she did finally try to quickly and safely merge on to a freeway.

The '66 was mine on the weekends and summers and I proceeded to paint the streets of suburbia black with the residue of several sets of red-line tiger paws.

In '66 there were no smog controls in Illinois and they pumped leaded high-octane gas which allowed the 3 twos to put some fire power into the 389.

That beautiful yellow with black GTO was sold when I went to college in 1968 and I always wanted another GOAT.

Fast forward 30 years to 1998. I finally had enough disposable coin to search for a 1965 to 67 GTO. I wanted to get a car that was in very cherry condition because as I have related to several of my G.G.G. associates, I am a great polisher but as my wife says "I am a danger to myself and others when I am near tools."

I looked at cars for over two years and I finally found one on the Internet which the owner in Florida had created a very comprehensive web-site just to sell the car - a red with white 1967 convertible.

I am extremely happy to again (after 30+ years) be able to drive a nice GTO. The previous owner who restored most of the car added a few touches to the car like some chroming of the engine parts. Most viewers at the shows the G.G.Goats attend will ask me if I own a chrome shop - I respond by pointing to the engine compartment and say "I do now."

I conclude by stating that my wife and I have been very happy to be associated with the members of G.G.Goats. I find this club to be very un-pretentious and engaging...as long as your discussion the superiority of the GOAT to Chevy, Ford, or Mopar or debating on which is "the best year" - hint...it's 1967!

Have a great Fall and Holiday season.

Jim and Sharon Kendall

