

# THE GOAT CONNECTION

Vol. 18- #3 Newsletter of the GOLDEN GATE GOATS March 2012  
GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Howdy Everyone,

Many long time members will remember that our original club historian was Adam Peralta. After a few years Adam was no longer participating and the whereabouts of what I will call the "Early Years" scrapbook was unknown. Sadly Adam was killed recently in an accident. Drum roll please as the GGG Early Years scrapbook is alive and well. Lolly Mayeda advises Adam's brother has lent her the scrapbook!

Can't wait to meet up with Lolly and take a look. Photos should go all the way back to the beginning, circa 1996. Next time Barb Davis puts together a slideshow she may be able to go all the way back and perhaps have photos of the first Los Gatos Christmas Parade in December 1996 and Good Guys 1 in June 1997. Just think how much younger we will all look!

We are currently working on inviting other car clubs to the Al Harris show in hopes of pulling in as many cars as possible. We can certainly use a few additional volunteers for this event, if you would like to help out please let me know. Also, if you know of a car club that we should invite let me know as well. E mail me at [MITYGTO@aol.com](mailto:MITYGTO@aol.com)

You will find flyers for the Al Harris Show, Tilden Park Picnic and other events in this newsletter. Here are our upcoming events through June;

- 4/17 Tuesday Club Meeting at The Englander (Itinerary in next newsletter)
- 4/29 Sunday Benicia Car Show
- 5/12 Saturday Moraga Car Show
- 5/26 Saturday Al Harris Memorial Day Car Show
- 6/16 Saturday Tilden Park Picnic and Club Meeting
- 6/24 Sunday Pinole Car Show

Looking past June we have one to two events scheduled each month through October, kindly refer to

last month's newsletter for additional dates. There is plenty of time to add events throughout the rest of the year. If you have been thinking about hosting an event, this year would be a good time.

Terry Liu is still hard at work on our website update. Can't wait to see what the new website will look like. Lots of work involved in achieving the result we are looking for.

Until we meet again, see ya in the fast lane;

Prez John

## **CHANGES, MISPELLINGS, 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.

E-MAIL: [jimlent@comcast.net](mailto:jimlent@comcast.net)  
SNAIL MAIL: Jim Lent - 118 Iris Court  
Hercules, CA 94547

## **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](mailto:jimlent@comcast.net) to join or to update your email address.

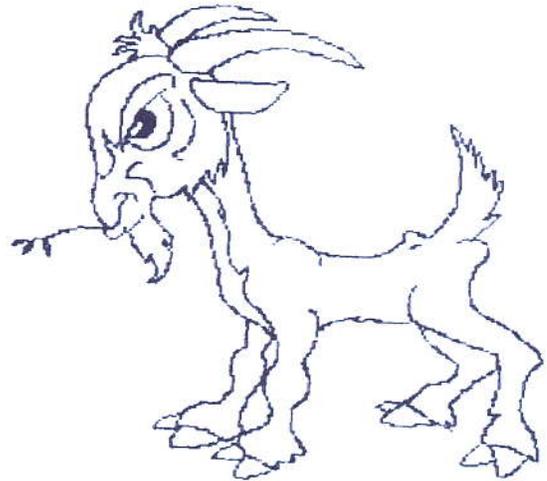
## **CAR OF THE MONTH ARTICLES**

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](mailto:jimlent@comcast.net) or send them by snail mail to: Jim Lent  
118 Iris Court, Hercules, CA 94547

## **GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB SITE AVAILABLE AT:**

**[www.gggoats.com](http://www.gggoats.com)**



## **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>



**NEXT GOLDEN GATE GOATS MEETING - APRIL 17 at THE ENGLANDER IN SAN LEANDRO**

## **BENICIA CAR SHOW MEETING INFORMATION** **Sunday – APRIL 29<sup>th</sup> , 2012**

Howdy Folks, Its time for the Benicia Car Show again! This is your chance to get new bugs on your windshield coming out to a fun little show in Benicia! The show is held on the waterfront of downtown Benicia with our parking spot on a peninsula surrounded by the bay. Due to this location it can be brisk so you might want to dress in layers because the afternoons are usually in the 70's and the mornings are a little less. To further entice you we will supply hamburgers cooked by a club member with simple condiments for your lunch, but you need to bring your own assorted drinks. Please let us know if you are coming so we can have enough food for you. Please come out and support the Benicia High School band and spend a nice spring day with your fellow goat members. If you are a last minute sort of person we have always found room to get you in to the show.

We are Meeting on **SUNDAY** the 29th at 7:00 am at Starbucks and will leave for the show at 7:15 in an impressive display of Pontiac horsepower. To get to the Starbucks in Benicia from the south on highway 680 you should follow 680 north to highway 780 at the Benicia bridge. Take 780 north to the Southampton exit. at the bottom of the exit turn right and take the next left into the shopping center. find a place to park, Starbucks is on the left. From the south or the north on highway 80 take highway 780 south to the Southampton exit. At the bottom of the exit take a left turn under the freeway. Take a left turn at the 2nd stop sign into the shopping center. Find a place to park, Starbucks is on the left.

If you have any questions or need directions call me at home 707-745-2918 or on my cell phone at 707-486-3660.  
s2cole@hotmail.com

The day of the show try my cell phone, it will be on.

Thanks and looking forward to seeing you,

**Stuart Cole**

Open to all years  
Of American cars and trucks



# CAR SHOW

Saturday, May 26th, 1PM to 3:30 PM

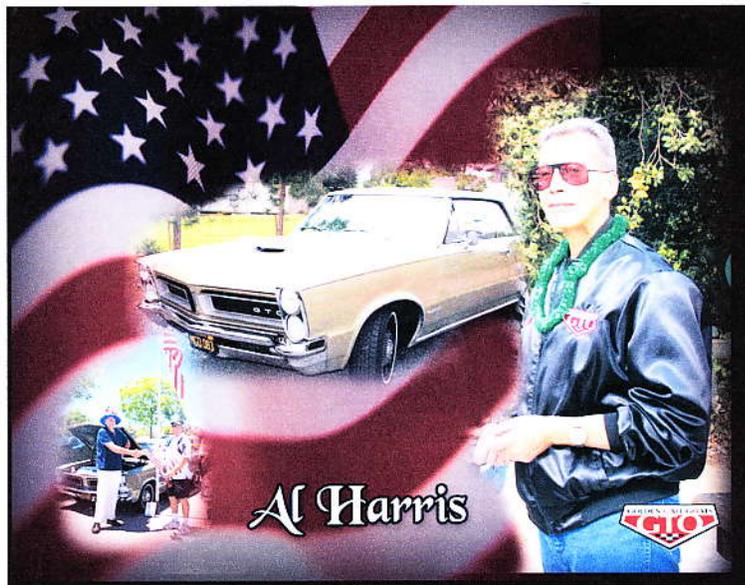
**Al Harris Memorial Day**

**All American Car & Truck Show**

**Registration Starts at 12:00**

A "Fan's Favorite" award will be presented

In Memory Of Al Harris



**Palo Alto Veterans Administration Medical Center  
3801 Miranda Avenue, Palo Alto**

**Cost is just \$10.00 per vehicle Cash or Check made payable to:  
VA PA HCS GPF 2350**

All Proceeds go directly to the Veterans Administration Palo Alto Hospital Care Services  
General Purpose fund #2350

Please plan to have your car (and yourself) ready for display with flags and other  
appropriate red, white, and blue decorations by 1PM for the opening of the show

**DON'T MISS IT!!!**

**CRUISE**

**EAT**

**PLAY**

**SATURDAY, JULY 14**

**Save this date for a fun filled day with the Golden Gate Goats doing things we do BEST!**

*We will start off at the Orinda Bart station and leave for a cruise thru some scenic East Bay back roads.*

*We will stop at Mel's Diner in Pinole for lunch at an old style diner that celebrates classic cars.*

*After lunch we have a short freeway drive that delivers us to a place of fun and dreams called PLAYLAND NOT AT THE BEACH in El Cerrito for an afternoon filled with games, displays and fun memories of San Francisco's Playland and other attractions from places like Santa Cruz. Penny Arcade games, pinball machines from many eras and showcases and pictures of many by-gone attractions.*

*This is definitely a trip in the "way back machine" that you won't want to miss.*

*The club will be paying the admission charges for Playland. As we get closer to the date we will be getting a head count of those planning to attend.*

**[www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org](http://www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org)**

# **GOLDEN GATE GOATS 2012 EVENTS SCHEDULE**

**4/17 Tuesday Club Meeting at the Englander**

**4/29 Sunday Benicia Car Show (Cole)**

**5/12 Saturday Moraga Car Show (Kent)**

**5/26 Saturday Al Harris Memorial Car Show (Mekisich/Sakamoto)**

**6/16 Saturday Tilden Park Picnic/ Club Meeting (Hendricks)**

**6/24 Sunday Pinole Car Show (Lent)**

**7/8 Sunday Julie Blake Avon Walk San Francisco**

**7/14 Saturday Playland not at the Beach in El Cerrito  
(Lent/LaCombe/Beckett)**

**8/25 Saturday Peninsula Cruise/Wine Tasting (Mekisich)**

**9/? Saturday Sonoma Wine Cruise (Hartz)**

**9/30 Sunday Altamont Cruisers Show Livermore**

**10/6 Saturday Alameda Car Show and Club Meeting (Sandri)**

**10/? Saturday Delta Cruise (Schaffer)**

**12/1 or 12/8 Saturday Xmas Party/Club Meeting at Bosco's in Sunol  
(Mekisich)**

# GOLDEN GATE GOATS

## Club Picnic

Saturday, June 16, 2012

Island Picnic Area

Tilden Park, Berkeley

10:00 a.m. until ???



*Join us as we kick-off the summer season with this classic Golden Gate Goats Get-together.*

Location: Tilden Park in Berkeley, Island Picnic Area (Next to the Brazil Room)

Date: Saturday, June 16, 2012

Start Time: 10:00 a.m.

### The Meal:

The Club will provide:

- Barbecued tri tip and chicken and grilled hot dogs
- French bread and hot dog buns
- Condiments
- Plates, utensils and napkins

Members, please bring:

- A side dish to share
- Your favorite beverage, along with ice and plastic cup(s) if needed

### Please note:

- Grill space is limited. Call Skip first (510-566-6361) if you are planning to bring a side dish that requires heating.
- Beer and wine are permitted in the picnic area; hard liquor is not allowed.

Directions: From Highway 24, take the Fish Ranch Road exit (immediately east of the Caldecott Tunnel). Take Fish Ranch Road to Grizzly Peak Road. Turn right on Grizzly Peak Road. Turn right on South Park Drive, then left on Wildcat Canyon Road. The Island Picnic Area is on the right side of Wildcat Canyon Road, just past the Brazil Room.

### Parking:

- Goat parking for about 25 cars immediately in front of the picnic area
- Overflow parking and space for daily drivers directly behind the picnic area

### Things to Do at Tilden:

- The Little Train (scaled-down steam train) offers rides along the scenic ridge.
- 18-hole public golf course with driving range, pro shop, and coffee shop.
- Regional Parks Botanic Garden - the most complete collection of California native plants, including rare and endangered species - offers tours and lectures.
- Lake Anza offers swimming in season, with a sandy beach, bathhouse and food stand. Fishing is permitted all year.
- Tilden's merry-go-round – an antique carousel with hand-carved animals and a calliope.
- Children's pony rides, in season.

Check out their website for up-to-date information about availability of these and other attractions:

<http://www.ebparks.org/parks/tilden>

**RSVP no later than June 10<sup>th</sup> to Skip Hendricks by:**

- Phone 510/566-6361, or
- Email [sixty5qto@comcast.net](mailto:sixty5qto@comcast.net)

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GOLDEN GATE MEMBERS ARE FREE -**

**NON-MEMBERS Ads - \$10.00 per month per ad.**

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

**WANTED:**

No items listed.

**FOR SALE:**

**1965 GTO parts** - Hood \$350, Left side fender \$250, Left side door \$250, Trunk lid \$200, fender supports \$40 each, 4-spd console \$300, White bucket seats \$250 each, white rear seat \$300.  
Contact **Mark** at 415-405-5841.

**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](mailto:masuk64@yahoo.com) with questions.

**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](mailto: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



**REGISTRATION FEE: \$25**

Includes: Car caption card, lunch for 2 per entry, and commemorative photo and DVD of all cars.  
Please send this form and 1-3 photos of your car.  
(Let us know if we can publish them for event promo and if you need them back.)  
Make check payable to **Moraga Chamber of Commerce**

**CAR SHOW CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Registration: Brad: 925-247-4629  
Gloria: 925-247-4473  
Bradnoggle@yahoo.com

Address: Moraga Chamber of Commerce  
1480 Moraga Road, Suite 1, Box 254  
Moraga, CA 94556  
Attn: Brad and Gloria

**TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF**

Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**TELL US ABOUT YOUR CAR**

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_  
Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_

Tell us the story of your car and its unique facts and history. This information will go on your car's caption card for the show.

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I will not hold the Town of Moraga and the Moraga Chamber of Commerce liable in case of any damages or loss of exhibitor equipment, or any injuries incurred while attending the faire. In addition I agree to attend the car show from 11 am to 4 pm.

I am submitting the Kimco Realty hold harmless agreement.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Deadline: May 5, 2012**

Mail all documents and your payment to  
**Brad, Car Show Coordinator** 1480 Moraga Road, Suite 1, Box 254, Moraga, CA 94556  
Make check payable to **Moraga Chamber of Commerce**





Indemnity Agreement

INDEMNITY: Activity/Exhibitor/Participant shall indemnify RHEEM VALLEY, KIMCO REALTY CORP. a New York Corporation; and all affiliates, officers, agents and employees, against all loss, damage, expense and liability resulting from injury to or death of persons, including, but not limited to, employees of Activity/Exhibitor/Participant, Licensor or Center Owner, or Owners, arising out of or in any way connected with, Activity's/Exhibitor's/Participant's access to our use of the Center, however caused, regardless of any negligence of Licensor or Center Owner, whether active or passive, except for such injury or death as may be caused by the sole negligence or willful misconduct of Licensor or Center Owner. Activity/Exhibitor/Participant shall upon request by Licensor or Center Owner defend any suit exerting a claim covered by this obligation to indemnify.

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Authorized Signature of Activity/Exhibitor/Participant

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Print Name

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Date of Signature

**Moraga Community Faire**

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Name of Activity/Organization

**5/12/2012**

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Date of Activity

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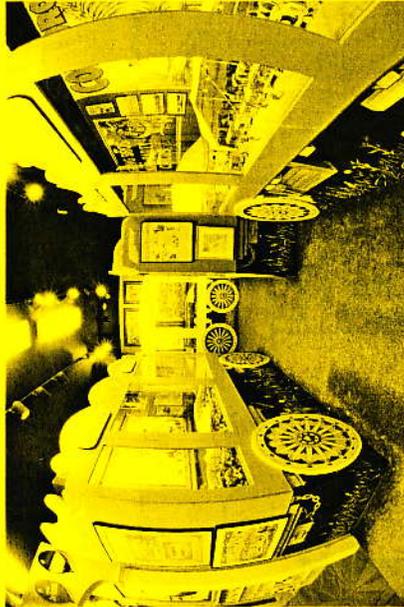
# PLAYLAND

NOT-AT-THE-BEACH

## Museum of Fun!

Bring the whole family to enjoy our 9000 square foot building chock-full of wonderful things to see and do! 30+ Pinball Machines set on FREE Play, classic carnival games (where you win prizes), live magic shows, historic movies of America's bygone amusements, Miniature Circuses, Side Show Attractions, Haunted House, Penny Arcades, Antique Amusement Devices, Fascination games, and Classic Video Games -- they are all here waiting to entertain you!

There's something for every age group from 3 to 103. Including antiques and artifacts from the Sutro Baths and Whitney's Playland. Adding new games and adventures all the time.



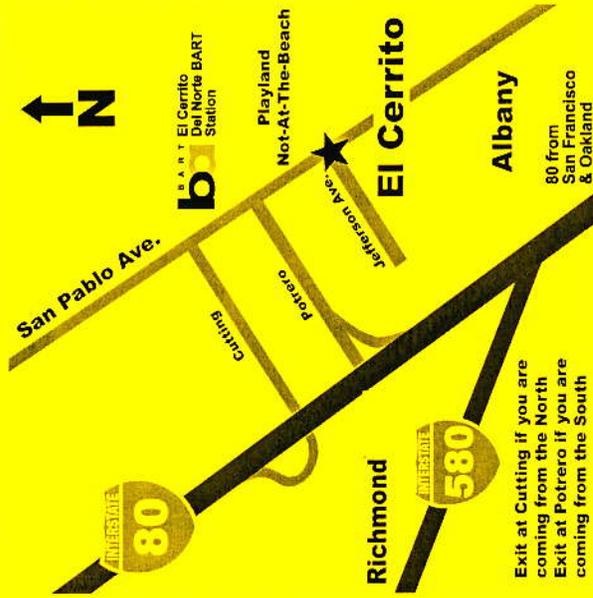
### Days & Hours

Open to the public 10 am to 5 pm  
Saturdays, Sundays & many school holidays.  
Field trip and group rates available.  
Available for day or evening parties.  
Call (510) 932-8966 for available dates.  
Check our website for updated schedule.

### Perfect for Parties!

The Playland-Not-at-the-Beach Museum of Fun is available for birthday parties for toddlers turning 1 year old to seniors celebrating their 100th birthday. We also host murder mystery events and corporate team-building exercises. People of all ages enjoy our wide range of attractions and exhibits. When was the last time you planned a special party for grandma and grandpa?

Each party is specially planned with a budget in mind. You are welcome to bring your own refreshments! Call (510) 932-8966 for more details and to check for available dates.



Just 15 miles from San Francisco

Playland-Not-at-the-Beach  
10979 San Pablo Avenue  
El Cerrito, CA 94530  
(510) 592-3002 (Information)

frank@playland-not-at-the-beach.org  
www.playland-not-at-the-beach.org

# PLAYLAND

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# Museum of Fun!

El Cerrito, CA

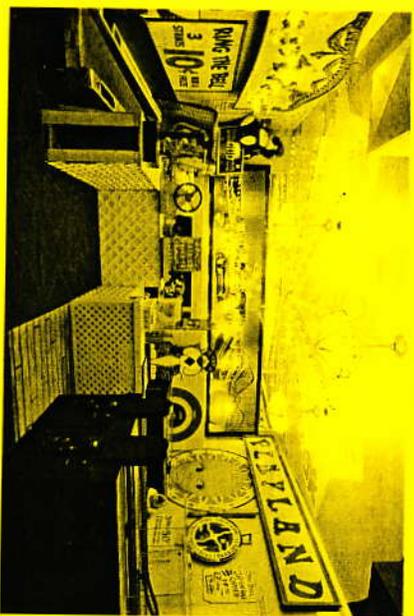
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# PLAYLAND

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## Museum of Fun?

Visit and explore our amazing array of attractions celebrating America's Bygone Amusements. From our display cases full of artifacts and memorabilia from amusement parks of the past to Laughing Sal's Theater where you can watch films of the "good old days," Playland-Not-at-the-Beach has magical attractions and surprises that will make the whole family laugh and smile. Visit Laughing Sal and her strange sister Sinister Sal as well as our 3000-year old mummy!



Tour "Circus World" -- Don Marcks' amazing hand-carved miniature replica of a 1930's era traveling circus and visit the world of the "Side Show"

Play 40 years of games in "Carousel Carnival" and you can win tickets to trade-in for prizes!

Prowl the caverns of "Dark Mystery" and peer into specially created scenes of shadowy creatures and year-round Halloween celebrations.

Enjoy "Bygone San Francisco" with the Golden Gate Exposition on Treasure Island and detailed glimpses of life in 1939 in the City by the Bay.



"Sutro's Showcase" features games from the 1930s, museum pieces from Adolph Sutro's museum, and an outstanding collection of memorabilia and photographs.

Laugh at the antics in "Santa's Village" -- watch our 200 elves as they work and play in scenes celebrating life, work and play at the North Pole.

Thrills and chills in "Laff in the Dark" -- the world's only 3-D pinball arcade where the walls and floor seem to be in constant motion.

"Penny Arcade" features rare artifacts and arcade attractions from 100 years ago.

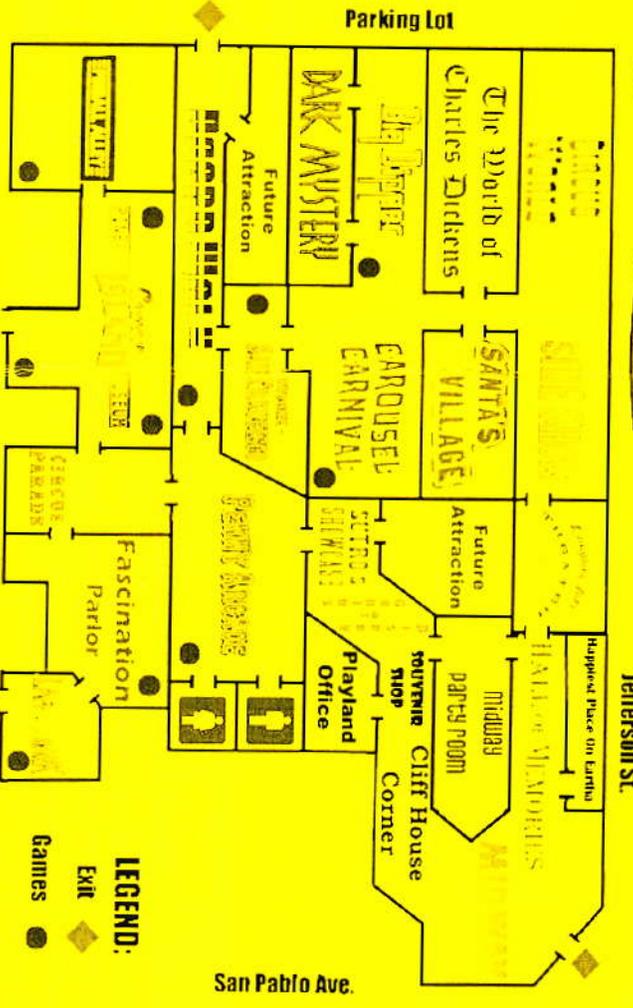
Wonder how the game of Pinball evolved? "The Coney Island Pinball Museum" has an amazing group of games from the 1920s to modern day. From pre-flippers to electronics loaded with all the bells and whistles!

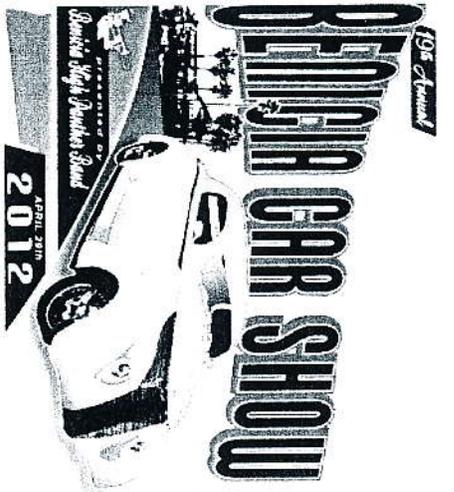


Every exhibit area of Playland-Not-at-the-Beach is full of artwork, artifacts and surprises.

## PLAYLAND Map of Attractions

NOT-AT-THE-BEACH





# The Benicia High School Band Presents: The 19th Annual Benicia Classic Car Show PRE-REGISTRATION FORM

Sunday April 29, 2012  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

FIRST STREET GREEN AT BENICIA WATER FRONT  
Pre-1976 American Made Car/Truck Show

This event supports the award winning Benicia High School Panther Band Program.  
Entrants receive Free breakfast for 2 until 10 am

For the first 300 car entrants: Goodie bag and dash plaques  
Show trophies for numerous categories voted by other entrants.  
Vendor booths: food, crafts, and car-related merchandise.

Complete and mail this form with payment no later than April 15, 2012 to:  
**PANTHER BAND BOOSTERS, P.O. Box 2247, Benicia, CA 94510**

For Official Use Only

Visit our new web site!  
[www.pantherbandboosters.com/car-show](http://www.pantherbandboosters.com/car-show)  
Come listen to the award-winning Panther Jazz Band  
And more music  
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Raffles every hour

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle:  Car or  Truck Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Car Club: \_\_\_\_\_ Club Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**\$30.00 Pre-Registration:** Admits 1 car (\$40 at the gate if space is available)

Event T-Shirt: \$15 each (\$20 at the show)

MARK QUANTITY OF EACH SIZE REQUESTED

S: \_\_\_\_\_ M: \_\_\_\_\_ L: \_\_\_\_\_ XL: \_\_\_\_\_ 2XL: \_\_\_\_\_ 3XL: \_\_\_\_\_ 4XL: \_\_\_\_\_

Total Please make checks payable to **Panther Band Boosters**

**\*\*NOTE\*\***  
Vehicle Registration starts 7 a.m.  
Please have your car ready to show. No "For Sale" signs can be displayed and no "Display Only" non-judged vehicles can register the day of the show.  
**Questions?**  
Call Bob or John at (707)742-3590  
Email at: [carshow@pantherbandboosters.com](mailto:carshow@pantherbandboosters.com)

I/we hereby release the Panther Band Boosters, Benicia Unified School District, their officers, employees, the City of Benicia, their officers, employees and anyone connected with this event of any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by anyone participating in this event or by spectators at the event, in acceptance of participation in the 19th Annual Benicia Classic Car Show by execution of this entry form.

Signature Required \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Registration is non-refundable. Event held rain or shine.

# Avon Walk for Breast Cancer: San Francisco 2012 July 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>

## THE ROUTE

The walk route to and from Fort Mason and the Wellness Village will consist of a combination of the bustling streets of San Francisco and the scenic paths in Marin County. The route itself will be clearly marked with directional signage and other markings. This is how you will navigate the route during the event — by following the signs.

There is also a route support team called "the Sweep Team," which is available to help you while you are on the road between Quick Stops and Rest Stops.

Overall, the route will take you through some of the Bay Area's most beautiful neighborhoods, and is designed to be safe, fun, and interesting!

## CEREMONIES - Fort Mason

Opening: July 7, 2012 | Walker Arrival 5:30-6 AM | Ceremony Begins 6:30 AM

Closing: July 8, 2012 | Ceremony Begins at 3:00PM

Fort Mason

Bay and Franklin St.

San Francisco, CA 94123

Family/friends staying for the Ceremony can park at Fort Mason Center which is adjacent to the Ceremony site. The entrance is at Buchanan Street and Marina Boulevard. Fort Mason Center offers a limited amount of paid parking for a minimal charge, and all funds generated from parking revenue are allocated for the preservation and restoration of this National Historic Landmark. Vehicles can enter the lot at any time. There is a cashier on duty from 8:00 am until midnight every day. The exit gates accept credit or debit cards, so vehicles can exit anytime provided they do not require cashier assistance.

Weekend Parking is very limited near the Ceremony site at Fort Mason and we encourage you to have your friends/family drop you off or utilize public transportation. If you choose to drive your own vehicle to Opening Ceremony, you will need to find parking in a nearby public parking garage or parking lot, or find street parking in the adjacent neighborhood – please be aware of and obey all posted parking restrictions. Public transportation and carpooling is highly encouraged. Participants can take the complimentary shuttles from the Westin St Francis to Opening Ceremony. Complimentary shuttles to Fort Mason will run from the Westin St Francis, between 4-6 a.m. Saturday morning. Buses returning to the Westin St Francis on Sunday will depart immediately after the conclusion of the Closing Ceremony.

**Our club members are planning to cheer Julie on along the route in San Francisco at a location to be determined on Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup>. Stay tuned for additional information, Julie advises the route is not announced until a few days before the event for security reasons. A location along The Embarcadero is quite likely, there WILL BE parking available.**



# Greater San Francisco Bay Area Pontiac GTO Club

[www.gggoats.org](http://www.gggoats.org)

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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](http://www.cafepress.com/gggoats)**

## **2012 - Club Meetings**

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

**January, April, June**

**August, October,**

**and December.**

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

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

**[HTTP://imageevent.com/jimlent](http://imageevent.com/jimlent)**

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**Victory Automotive Machine**, 10 % Discount - 3500 Pearl Ave, Unit E. San Jose -Contact Vic Anderson 408-266-7570 victorymachine@netscape.com.

**COYBILT**

10605 Altamont Pass Rd., Livermore, CA 94551

Our phone number is 925-454-1965

Website [WWW.COYBILT.COM](http://WWW.COYBILT.COM)

**Restoration:** from stock to all out custom show stopper.

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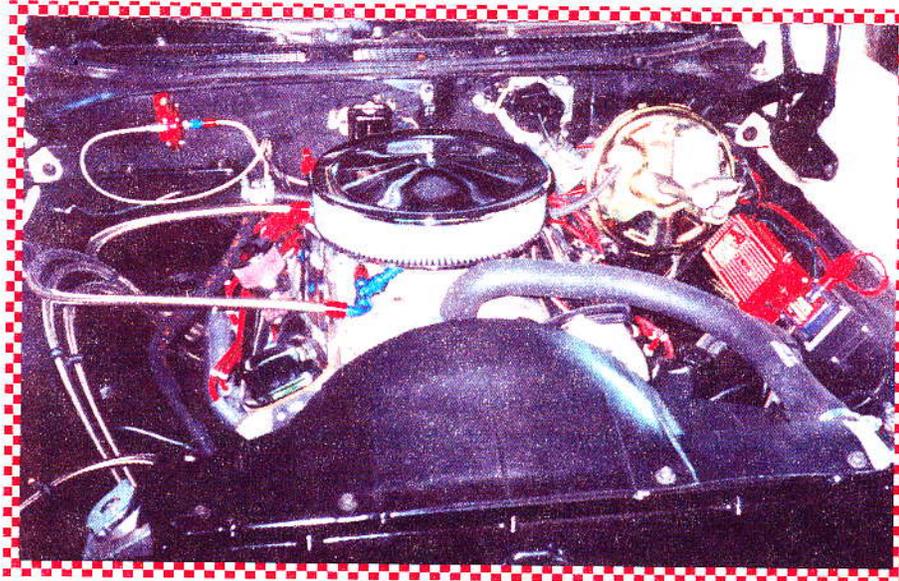
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## **MITY GTO**

**By John Mekisich**

My 1970 GTO hardtop was a 40th birthday present from my wife, Marsha. Her hairdresser, Pitt, had just purchased the car from its original owner. He also cuts my hair and knew that I was into muscle cars. When Marsha went in for a haircut, he told her about the car. Pitt gets in and out of a lot of cars for the fun of it, and he tries to make a bit on each car. Apparently the original owner just got tired of the car and wanted to sell it quickly, so Pitt bought it for a song. He told Marsha what he was asking for it and she offered to buy it on the spot! She knew it needed fresh mechanicals, but the price was right. Then he told her that someone else was coming to look at it first. When she came home, she told me about the car. It sounded like a great deal, however I did not want a car with air conditioning. Pitt called and said the other party did not buy the car, and we said that we would be right down. There it was, parked in the alley behind his shop. It was wearing LTL GTO license plates! As I began to look the car over, Pitt mentioned that it was bought new in Burlingame and never left the area. This was an original GTO, at a very attractive price. While test-driving it, steam started to pour out from under the hood at a stoplight on Woodside Road, so I pulled into a gas station a couple of blocks from where EVCOR is now located. A heater hose had cracked. I called Pitt and he said go ahead and get it fixed, so I did. The car was white with a black vinyl top and had the deluxe wheel covers. It looked very conservative, to say the least. As I drove it back, the GTO started to grow on me. It was a

done deal. WOW! I just received a GTO for my birthday! Thanks a lot, babe.

Before \$ exchanged hands, Pitt mentioned that the LTL GTO plates were not part of the deal. He would be willing to let me have the MITY GTO plates off his 66 GTO convertible. He explained that MY MIGHTY GTO was a song Jan & Dean did in response to GTO by Ronnie & the Daytonas. Seven letters for a license plate became MITY GTO. I was a BIG Jan & Dean fan and had seen them in concert many times. I had never heard the song, MY MIGHTY GTO. It was out as a single. How many of you remember it? I heard it for the first time in 1996 when I bought a Jan & Dean "All the hits from SURF CITY to DRAG CITY" compact disc. Now that I knew my GTO had plates named after a song, I thought they were way cool! I am pleased to say that the car's new drive train should be able to stand behind what is on the license plate. I had no idea that the purchase of that GTO would be my first step towards starting GOLDEN GATE GOATS two years later, or that SB-42 and friendships that came about as a result of the club would make it possible for me to build the car of my dreams four years later!

It all started with the purchase of the car. As GGGoats grew, I learned a lot more about GTOs. My car "roots" have always been with "modifieds." I was fortunate enough to have owned, modified, and raced several different ponycars, a couple of Corvettes and a couple of muscle cars. My father bought a new Dodge Super Bee in 1968 while I was a freshman at ARAGON right here in San Mateo! Musclecars are pretty much in my blood.

As I spent time around lots of GTOs during club events, I spent a lot of time talking to other owners about their cars. Member Mike Ryder has a "stout" motor in his 64 and referred me to Rock & Roll Engineering and Bruce Fulper. About the same time, the after-market started to come out with some really neat "speed" parts for Pontiacs. As I could not build the motor I wanted in a smog-legal manner, I contemplated what to do. When SB-42 passed, I was totally stoked! Now I could build the car, or could I? Marsha was behind me. I have been around cars enough to know that I could not build this car without professional help in a shop environment. GGGoats member Wayne Barnes, as many of you know, owns ON TRACK AUTOMOTIVE in Burlingame. Wayne and I have become good friends since meeting through the club. I outlined the details of how I wanted to build the car and asked if he would like to be involved in the project. He answered yes! First he wanted to ask wife Jodi if it would be ok with her as it would require a lot of time, at night and weekends. Jodi gave her ok. Wayne then asked partner Bob if he was ok with the car being at the shop for an extended period of time. Bob said, go for it.

This was December of 1997. My goal was to build as much horsepower as possible with "reasonable streetability." As my car is not a daily driver, we could push the limits a bit. I wanted a combination as close to bulletproof as possible. I decided early on to "pull" my original drive line and go to the after-market. My choice to build the motor was Bruce Fulper's Rock & Roll Engineering. Bruce took the time to discuss every component with me. Over a couple of weeks, the combination came together. On January 23rd, I ordered my dream motor from Bruce! 455 on 3-inch mains, balanced & blueprinted, Edelbrock heads, custom-ground Comp Cams roller and lots of after-market parts. It would come completely assembled, broken in and tuned, and we would handle the rest. Bruce suggested at least a 3.70 gear, preferably in a 12 bolt as he didn't think a 10 bolt could live. Wayne suggested Larry Woltzen at California Differentials to build the rear end. Larry and I discussed my combination and he also suggested a 12 bolt with the appropriate mods. I chose to run 4.10 gears. Larry built it really stout! I went with boxed control arms from Just Suspension as well. My original plans were to just rebuild the Turbo 400 and live with the high revs at cruising. The current trend is to go with an overdrive trans swap. I began talking to various people and learned that a 200-R had perfect gear ratios. While talking with Art Carr, I discovered that they made an extreme duty version capable of living under my intended application, along with an extreme duty torque converter! Wayne also thought an overdrive would be perfect. The day after I ordered it, I received the latest HI PERFORMANCE PONTIAC magazine with an article on their doing the same swap into a 67! Finding the proper flexplate took a bit of work. As this is a relatively new swap, there are not a