

THE GOAT CONNECTION

Vol. 18- #7 Newsletter of the GOLDEN GATE GOATS JULY 2012
GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



NO CLUB MEETING THIS MONTH

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Howdy Folks,

The morning of June 16th for our Tilden picnic dawned clear as a bell. As I watered our garden plot at 6 am I had the feeling it was going to be a warm day. Warm it was with near record heat. I believe Berkeley hit 95 that day. Let's all give a HUGE THANK YOU to Skip and Renee and their friends Robert and Dana for doing a fantastic job of what may come to be known as The Last Picnic.. Skip and Renee will soon become Grass

Valley's newest residents so this year's picnic may be the grand finale unless someone steps up to carry on this tradition. Great weather, excellent member turnout plus great food made the day about as good as it gets!

Our original scrapbook is in the hands of Barb Davis who will scan all the photos for inclusion in her next slide show. It will be fun to present these photos to our membership and see if we can identify some of our old members, events and places. Years of history here as these photos take us all the way back to Day One and our clubs humble beginning's. The scrapbook was at the picnic and those of you that had the chance to look at it know what I mean.

I am working on getting some T shirts made and will have them at the Playland Not at the Beach event coming up in a couple of weeks if done. Going to just have white shirts to start, the first run will be about 24 as we can always expand the program and include other items, colors and sizes. These shirts will feature our original club logo as in the past.

Dave Hartz has set Saturday Sept 22nd as the day for our Sonoma Wine Cruise. This date has been added to the event calendar and Dave will have full details out to the group soon.

I have been in contact with Alisa Krinsky at the Palo Alto VA discussing some ideas for next years Al Harris' show. We have been given permission to have a raffle to make the event a little more interesting and allow us to raise additional \$ for our veterans. I respectfully ask that our membership allow me to be the Chairperson for this event in 2013.

Webmaster Terry Liu has done a stellar job on upgrading our website, take a look if you haven't already. I will be updating the FAQ's shortly. Let's all give Terry a big thanks for all of his hard work.

Skip Hendrick's will stay on as our Vice President through the end of the year and will be contributing primarily through e mail. It is a good time for members to think about officers for next year as all of our terms expire in 2012.

After much discussion, we have decided to return to a monthly meeting schedule starting this September. We are moving the meeting day to the **FIRST Thursday** of the month.

That being said we have meetings on 9/6,10/4, and 11/1. Our Christmas Party will be on Saturday Dec 1st, all meetings at The Englander. Changing our meeting schedule turned out to NOT BE one of my better ideas. The old saying " If it works don't fix it!" seems to be alive and well in 2012.

Lots of fun events coming up, check out our event calendar!

This month's message is now a wrap, SEE YA IN THE FAST LANE! Prez John

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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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 to join or to update your email address.

GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB SITE AVAILABLE AT:

www.gggoats.com

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
118 Iris Court, Hercules, CA 94547**



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>

AVON WALK FOR BREAST CANCER JULY 7 & 8th, 2012

Club member Julie Blake is participating in this walk to help defeat breast cancer. Full details of the walk have been included in previous newsletters.

Club members are invited to help cheer Julie on during the walk. We have set the date for Sunday, July 8th.

Alan Blake has determined a meeting point for those who would like to join. Here are the details:

“The hard part is to estimate the time she will cross the finish line.

My suggestion is to have folks meet at 100 pm at Round Table Pizza at 1503 North Point and we can wait there and have an opportunity to eat or drink something until she crosses the finish line. The finish line is about 300 to 400 yards away on the Fort Mason green. Julie will have a phone with her and will be able keep us informed on where she is and when she will be coming up to the finish line. For those that want to walk around this part of town is beautiful. I just hope the weather co-operates.”

If anyone needs to talk to me they can call me on my cell phone at 415-740-4706.

**Thanks,
Alan**

Please join us if you can. Even if you cannot be there it is not too late to make a donation to defeat cancer in Julie’s name at:

www.avonwalk.org/goto/jblake

GOLDEN GATE GOATS 2012 EVENTS SCHEDULE

7/8 Sunday Julie Blake Avon Walk San Francisco

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

8/18(Date Change) Saturday Peninsula Cruise/Wine Tasting (Mekisich)

9/6 Club Meeting @ The Englander (NEW DAY)

9/22 Saturday Sonoma Wine Cruise (Hartz)

9/30 Sunday Altamont Cruisers Show Livermore

10/4 Club Meeting @ The Englander (NEW DAY)

10/6 Saturday Alameda Car Show (Sandri)

10/? Saturday Delta Cruise (Schaffer)

12/1 Saturday Xmas Party/Club Meeting @ The Englander (Mekisich)

Playland-not-at-the-beach

Signup now!

Hi folks,

The July 14th cruise to Playland not at the Beach is drawing near.

Steve Beckett, Mike LaCombe and I have planned what should be a fun day.

We will meet at the Orinda Bart station at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 14th. We have planned a scenic cruise route that will take about one hour and we will end that phase at Mels Diner in Pinole for lunch.

After lunch we take a short freeway trip to El Cerrito and Playland. This place is amazing and will bring back lots of memories of San Francisco and also Santa Cruz. Lots of exhibits, photos, pictures and many games, pinball machines, etc. Almost everything is included in the admission price. The club will be paying for your admission.

You don't want to miss this cool exhibit of times past.

See flyer in previous newsletters for more details about Playland.

Some of you have already indicated that they will attend on that date. You don't need to respond.

For those who have not already signed up, please reply to let me know how many in your party will be attending. Please reply by Sunday, July 8.

Cheers,
Jim Lent

jimlent@comcast.net
510-697-6645

Directions to Orinda Bart meeting spot for Playland Not at the Beach Cruise

From hiway 24 east bound take the Orinda off ramp. At the signal turn left and get in the right lane. Turn into the BART parking lot in 1/2 block and look for our group.

From hiway 24 west bound, take the Orinda off ramp and stay in the left lane and take the Orinda cloverleaf (NOT Orinda Village). In 100 yards take the right turn into the BART parking lot. In the parking lot take the 1st left turn and another left and over the road to the East Bart parking lot where you will find our group.

From Camino Pablo heading South in Orinda, take the BART entrance to the West parking lot and then the 1st left in the parking lot, another left and over Camino Pablo to the East parking lot where our group will meet.

Parking is light on the weekends in the East BART parking lot, so you should not have any trouble spotting our group.

If you need directions call Steve Beckett at:
925-997-3483 - cell.

See you there!!



GOLDEN GATE GOATS
Wine Tasting & Peninsula Cruise
August 18th, 2012



To add a touch of nostalgia to our day we will begin in the very same parking lot where we met in October of 1996 to form the Golden Gate Goats! Located on the southwest corner of El Camino Real and Bovet Road in San Mateo just north of Highway 92. Let's meet at 9:15 and leave at 9:30 sharp. Our first stop will be Mimi's Café in San Mateo for breakfast. From there we head west up Highway 92 turning south on Skyline to our next destination which is the Thomas Fogarty winery in PaloAlto for wine tasting. Fee based tasting menu with a couple of options. Incredible views on a clear day. From here we will head back north on Skyline stopping at Alice's Restaurant in Woodside for a late lunch. Be prepared for a laid back day, no rsvp required. Both Alice's and Thomas Fogarty are popular places, parking should not be an issue but they may be crowded. There will be plenty of opportunity to exercise your car (safely of course!) along the way, keep a look out for bikers buzzing around you like bees! If seating allows we can have an impromptu meeting during the day. From Alice's we can head east on Highway 84 down to Highway 280 and in whichever direction you need from there to head home. Maps will be passed out for your navigating assistance.

See you there! Your hosts, John and Marsha Mekisich

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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

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!

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.

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CAN BE VIEWED AT:**

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email - jimlent@comcast.net**

WANTED:

Wanted - QuadraJet #7040567 (1970 GTO, 455, 4-sp, California)
rebuildable core or rebuilt. This is ideal, but open to Q-Jet very
close to this model. Also interested in orig '68-'70 GTO hood and
'70-72 GTO/Le Mans doors in good condition. Call Joe: 650-888-9259.

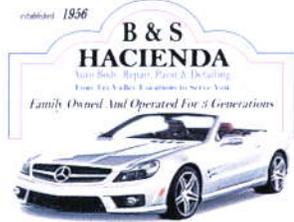
FOR SALE:

1965 GTO parts - Hood \$350, Left side fender \$250, Left side door \$250, Trunk lid \$200, fender
supports \$40 each, 4-spnd 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 **Mattt Masukawa** 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. \$1,500.00.

New – Register Online at: <http://AltamontCruisers.org/Register>



Cruisers Against Drugs 23rd Annual

Nostalgia Day Car Show

Sunday, September 30, 2012

9:00 am to 4:00 pm Downtown Livermore

Opening Ceremonies at 9:00 am

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Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email address: _____

(Print carefully — your confirmation will be sent to you by e-mail!)

Phone: _____

Make of Vehicle: _____

Model: _____ Year: _____

Judges select their favorite vehicles on the basis of "I would like to take this one home," rather than using strict guidelines; **No classes**

For Additional Information, Click on

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Show Car Registration:

Pre-registration before 9/1/12 \$35.00 \$ _____

Must be postmarked before 9/1/12 - Includes one Free T-Shirt – NO Free Shirt after 9/1/12!

Size S M L XL XXL XXXL

(If no size is selected you will receive an XL)

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Participant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature Required

Altamont Cruisers reserves the right to refuse and/or remove anyone who disturbs the event or other participants.

City of Livermore mandates no dogs, skateboards, or bicycles are allowed at event. No alcohol or open containers will be allowed at the show. Vehicles MUST remain parked in their assigned location until 4 P.M. Livermore Police Department will be present at the show.

Donate a coat or blanket for an adult or child in need & receive a Free Raffle Ticket

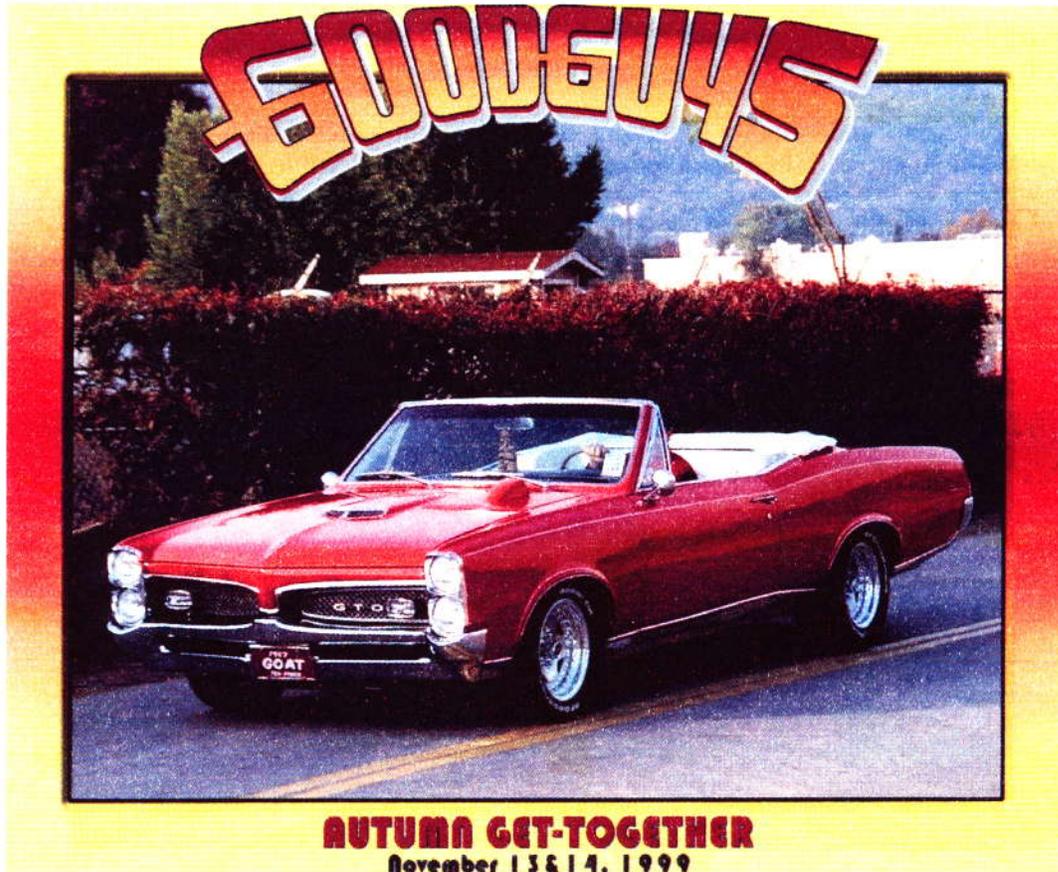
Event will be held rain or shine. Goody Bags for the first 400 arrivals.



NOVEMBER
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GOLDEN GATE GOATS
CAR OF THE MONTH



MY 1967 GTO "THE BEST YEAR"

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

