

THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



NO CLUB MEETING THIS MONTH

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Howdy Folks,

Saturday July 14th, the day of our Playland Not At the Beach event started off very overcast and cool with a bit of drizzle on the Peninsula. Upon meeting in Orinda the weather stayed the same. Low and behold, Mike La Combe who wears shorts most of the time had long pants on! Good turnout and the cool weather made for happy GTO owners and happy GTO's. Jim Lent. Steve Beckett and Mike LaCombe put together an event that really rocked! Those of you that missed

it missed a really fun day. Cruise route was a blast with outstanding views. Lunch at Mel's with special parking added to the fun. Playland Not At the Beach was simply outstanding! You need to go there for yourself.

Our visit started out with an overview and short movie and then we were left to our own devices. Many of us made a beeline for the pinball machines (ladies included!) in the arcade while others enjoyed the many exhibits. Quite a few of us had either grown up in SF or visited Playland as kids, so visiting was a real blast from the past.

Next up event wise is our Peninsula Cruise and Wine Tasting Event on Saturday August 18th hosted by John and Marsha Mekisich. See flyer in this and last newsletter. At the conclusion of breakfast at Mimi's we can make a gas stop as there are few places to get gas along the cruise route. It has been brought to my attention that eating before and after wine tasting might be a bit much for some members. No worries, we can address that at Thomas Fogarty Winery when we are about to leave. If the group chooses not to go to Alice's in Woodside for lunch I can easily add to the cruise route. The ways down the hill from the winery are plentiful.

Dave Hartz has chosen Saturday September 22nd for our Sonoma Wine Cruise. He is working on the details and should have information for us shortly. In the meantime mark your calendars!

A special thanks to Barb Davis for taking the time to scan every photo from our original scrapbook and

putting it into an album for our online viewing pleasure.

Jim Lent sent out the link a few weeks back.

After a bit of a wait I received the T shirt quote from a local source. The quote came in a bit expensive as both Jim Lent and I had expected. I did not have much luck working with online vendors as they want you to do all their work for them, their customer service departments are non existent. My local source took 3 weeks to get me a quote and they also buy from an online vendor. Yikes! I will go back online with a little more patience. Wait, is that Marsha in the background I hear saying good luck as John has no patience!

September has us back to monthly meetings at The Englander starting on Thursday September 6th. As I mentioned last month we are going with a date change to the 1st Thursday of each month. Let's hope this change increases our level of attendance.

Looking forward to a good turnout, I will advise with a meeting itinerary a week or so prior to the meeting via yahoo groups.

Hope to see many of you at our wine cruise on August 18th.

Until then, see ya in the fast lane.

Oh, talking about the fast lane, CHP tagged me on my way home from visiting my Father in Oregon coming back down the hill from Lake Shasta heading into Redding. Officer said the radar gun read 85 which was 20 over. What, me doing that driving a rental car no less! He was just around a bend positioned perfectly to catch someone like me. As I watched him get in his cruiser and come after me I pulled over as there was no question I was his guy. As he approached my right side window I said good morning officer and admitted my guilt. Worked out fine, he cited me for 5 over with a verbal for going 85. While the officer completed his paperwork I took a moment to text my sweetie the news. Her immediate reply simply asked "How fast were you going?"

Prez John

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>

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.

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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.

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**

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**Contact: Jim Lent, 118 Iris Ct., Hercules CA 94547 (510) 799-6096 or
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.

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1965 GTO parts - Hood \$350, Left side fender \$250, Left side door \$250, Trunk lid \$200, fender
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Contact **Mark** at 415-405-5841.

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.

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)



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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**

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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Vic Hubbard Auto Supply -Preferred Buying Program 1-510-537-9001. Club members receive a Car Club Account Card. Simply present the card every time you shop at any of the Vic Hubbard locations. While there, don't forget to pick up your FREE Parts Pro Catalog. Make sure you give your Account Card to your sales agent prior to making your purchase to insure you receive your special Golden Gate Goat Club Discount.

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

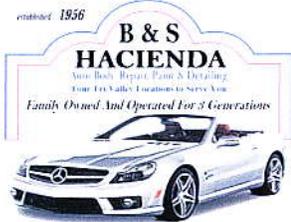


To add a touch of nostalgia to our day we will begin in the very same parking lot where we met in October of 1996 to form the Golden Gate Goats! Located on the southwest corner of El Camino Real and Bovet Road in San Mateo just north of Highway 92. Let's meet at 9:15 and leave at 9:30 sharp. Our first 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

650-349-2095 (Home) MTYGTO@aol.com Cell on 8/25 510-715-1100

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

Name: _____

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

<http://AltamontCruisers.org> or Call (925) 461-2020

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)

Late Registration after 9/1/12 \$40.00 \$ _____

Extra T-Shirts (S, M, L, XL \$15.00)

(XXL, XXXL \$17.00) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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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.

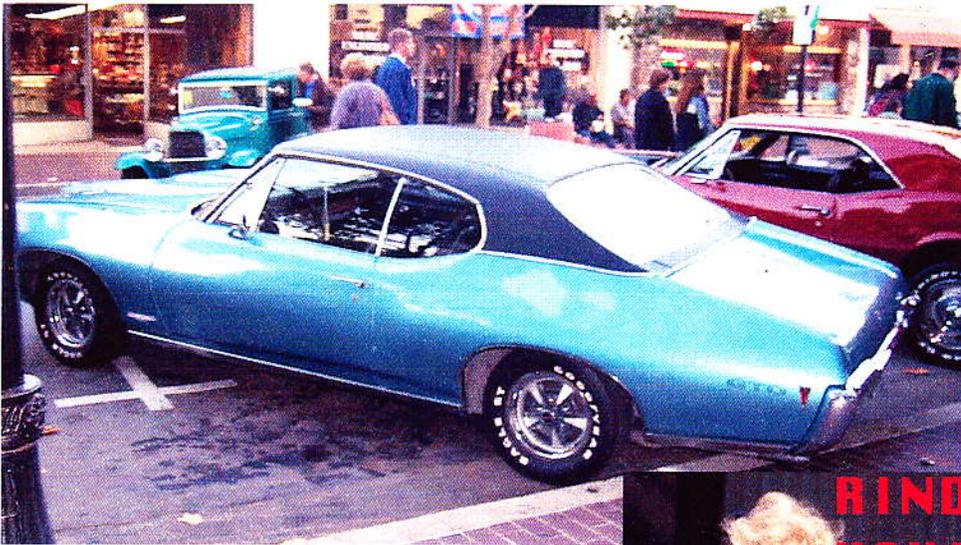
Donate a coat or blanket for an adult or child in need & receive a Free Raffle Ticket

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

RINDY ST. CLAIR'S 1968 GTO

Well...Let's see in 1974 my Uncle John decided he needed to sell his 1968 GTO because my Aunt Sue was pregnant with their 1st child and he did not feel that it was a suitable family car. (not a 4 door) I had my son in 1978 and it was the best family car, the car seat fit in the middle of the back perfectly. The minute I saw it I fell in love. The roar of the motor and the awesome power. I gave him \$1100.00 for the car. He was the original owner and I am the 2nd owner. I got it when it only had 67,000 miles on it. Boy Uncle John is sorry to this day. I feel bad when he looks at it. He has a very longing look and a gleam in his eye (probably remembering all the fun times he had in it). The car was in excellent condition. He used it to go back and forth to work in the city, (San Francisco) that is why he ordered it with the Hurst dual gate transmission. My Uncle John is an airplane mechanic for United. He changed the oil in it every 1500 miles. I continued to do the same. My GTO has outlasted 2 marriages and been very dear to me. I always held on to MY car. It has been very reliable. Oh there have been things that have gone wrong along the way one time I lost the timing chain and bent all but one push rod. Actually that has happened twice. Once while burning rubber I dropped the drive line! Boy was I lucky, it was the front one and I was going really fast! I still have the original motor in place and the #'s match. It was a daily driver up until 1991. I sold my house and gave "Betsy" a rebuild. She had 275,000 miles on her. The motor was polished and ported and bored. Had the transmission rebuilt at the same time. WOW...good as new again! She used to be maize (buttercup yellow). I got her repainted Mist Blue, an original Pontiac color. I think when I get it painted again I'll go back to the yellow. I have replaced the vinyl top, the headliner and carpeting. Arland just recently replaced the carburetor with a 750 Edelbrock. It sure does work good. Still need to replace the dashboard, interior seats (front & back) and also redo the dash instrument cluster. I have ordered the grill pieces for the front end currently I have 69's in their place. They should be here any day. I would also like to get a posi rear end.

I have been to several of the group events and I have enjoyed every single one of them. I really liked the cruise to the Pontiac Grill. it was such a beautiful day and a gorgeous drive. All I could see was a sea of Goats in front of and behind me. Filoli was a very nice tour. At one point in my life I wanted to be a horticulturist so I was quite intrigued. We also went on the cruise Dinah's Poolside brunch and cruise to Putnam Pontiac in Burlingame. Wayne & Jodi did an excellent job! Thanks! That 99 year old woman was quite a kick! We really enjoyed Behring Automobile Museum. Cherry's Jubilee was a lot of fun! A very well organized event. Thank You Jim & Jeannie! We have already made reservations for next year. The 17 mile drive was so inspiring. Cannery row just for the cherry cars! What FUN!! Oh and Burger by the Bay! Best hamburger in Monterey. Best of all, is all of the new friends who are Goat enthusiasts as well. We have a really great group of people! You can really appreciate the term Pontiac "We build excitement."



**RINDY
ST. CLAIR'S
1968 GTO**



**GOLDEN GATE GOATS
CAR OF THE MONTH**

**NOVEMBER
1999**

