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THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



CLUB MEETING THIS MONTH at
the Englander, San Leandro
Thursday, NOVEMBER 1, 2012

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Howdy Folks,

We had a modest turnout at our recent November 1st meeting which came as a bit of a surprise to us as the new T shirts were available for pick up plus our main topic was putting our heads together and coming up with event idea(s) for Wangers 2013. We understand that people are very busy, thanks to

all of you that were able to make it.

Our new GGG club logo T shirts came out great and look really sharp. The logo on the black shirts now has a white background which makes the logo absolutely jump off the shirt. Members ordering shirts for pick up that have not yet done so should plan to pick them up at our 12/1 Xmas Party meeting. Or contact me and request them to be shipped to you. Members that asked your shirts be shipped will receive them shortly as all shirt orders were priority mailed on 11/1. I will bring the few remaining unsold shirts to the 12/1 meeting in case anyone wishes to purchase them. We also have quantity 4 (four) size large of the very rare GGG American Flag T shirts that will be available for purchase as well.

Have some old club business to catch you up on from our October meeting. We voted to have a raffle drawing each month with a \$25 cash payout to the winner as a way of trying something new. Our very first winner was Barb Davis! Elections for 2013/2014 board members were also held. Mike LaCombe was re-elected to the position of Treasurer, Dave Hartz was elected as Vice President and yours truly was re-elected as your President.

The position of Secretary remains open, someone *please* nominate yourself!

At our November meeting we came up with an event idea for Wangers 2013. Our thought is to hold the event at a restaurant that has a meeting room with audio/video equipment available where Jim can give his presentation. We will be having a car show as well. We voted to invite the Nor Cal club with their late models to make things a little more diverse. Let's discuss this idea in greater detail at our 12/1 meeting, please be prepared to present any possible venues you are familiar with. Location must be able to support both the presentation and have parking available for perhaps 40 cars. Please bring your ideas on 12/1; it would be a plus to have a couple of potential venue suggestions to investigate. We have proposed a date of 5/18/2013 to Mr. Wangers as that stays away from both Mothers Day and the Memorial Day weekend. Our goal is to make this event something really special. We also decided to NOT have a meeting next January. Starting Feb we will resume our traditional meeting schedule with meetings now being held on the first Thursday of the month continuing at The Englander in San Leandro.

Due to the way dates fall along with my Holiday schedule the next three newsletters will run a little bit later than normal as my President's Messages will get to Jim about a week or so late. We, (I) will get back on schedule for our February 2013 issue.

Rapidly approaching is our Holiday Party on Saturday December 1st held once again at The Englander in San Leandro with a start time of 11 am. Please note this date is one week earlier than prior years as we had several member requests to have it earlier due to it being such a busy time of year. This year we will be starting the meeting with Barb Davis' latest presentation titled "Golden Gate Goats Early Years" featuring photos from our original scrapbook. Barb was a real trooper and scanned about 500 photos (really, not a typo!). Next up we will continue our discussion for Wangers 2013. As I

mentioned earlier, it is important that we have a couple of potential venue suggestions to look into as soon as possible. Our traditional white elephant gift exchange will take place again this year so come up with those oh so interesting items, wrap them and bring them so they find a new home. Once again we will also be supporting Toys for Tots. Please bring a **new unwrapped** toy; Ken and Bard Davis have once again volunteered to deliver our donations to their local Fire Station. These happenings should make for a very fun fast paced 3 hour or so Holiday Party. As in prior years the club will cover the cost of everyone's lunch, liquor is on you. As mentioned earlier, those of you that are planning to pick up your shirt orders please plan on paying Mike LaCombe at that time. A free lunch, Barb's presentation, shirt pick-ups, an earlier meeting date plus an opportunity for you to determine where Wangers 2013 could be held should result in a record turnout.

Marsha and I would like to wish all of you and your families a very Happy Thanksgiving Holiday.

Until our 12/1 meeting, see ya in the fast lane!

Prez John

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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>

Golden Gate Goats
December Club Meeting & White Elephant Gift Exchange!
Saturday, December 1st 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 1st. 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:

Wanted - Someone with better mechanic skills than mine! Need to get my '70 Goat back on the road, but short on time and know-how. Most everything has been rebuilt or is new and needs to go back together. Call if you can help on one task or many. Contact club member Joe Salerno to discuss: 650-888-9259.

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Weatherstrip set for '68 to '72 GTO's and GM A body hardtop. Set consists of left and right door weatherstrip, left and right roof rail weatherstrip and trunk weatherstrip. Made by SuperSoft. Items are in original packaging and unopened. \$100.00.
Contact Tom Schaffer, 925 447-1578 or leeandrae@comcast.net

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.



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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
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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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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)

10/13 Saturday Alameda Car Show (Sandri)

11/1 Club Meeting @ The Englander (NEW DAY)

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

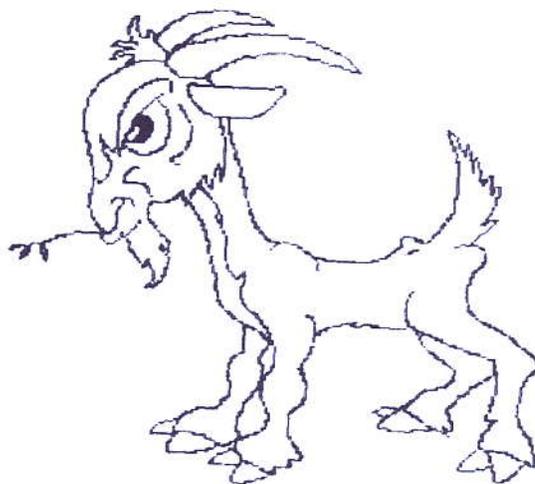
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CAR OF THE MONTH ARTICLES

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

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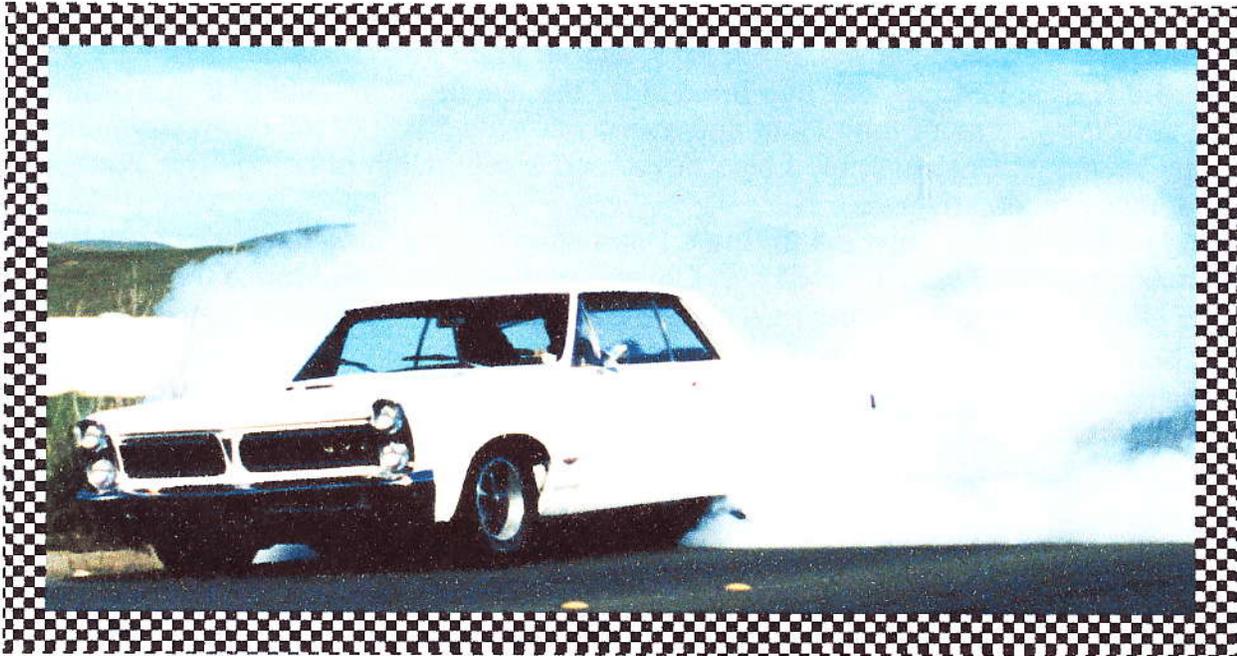
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GOLDEN GATE GOATS CAR OF THE MONTH



How I Became “The Pontiac Guy”

by Stewart Cole

It all started when I was 15 or 16 or so. My parents had bought a house in Benicia at the top of a hill. One day, while walking home from school, I took a different route home past a guy putting a ‘for sale’ sign in a white GTO at the bottom of my hill. I stopped, knowing I need a car, and asked him how much? He said \$5500 and offered to pop the hood. Now I knew nothing about Pontiacs, GTOs or anything else from Chevy or Ford. When he popped the hood I had my first introduction to tri-power carburetion. It was a beautiful thing! I immediately went home to work on my parents. After all their laughing died down I was informed that if I wanted a car that I had to buy it myself and I couldn’t have a loan. Needless to say I didn’t get the white GTO.

However the GTO mysteriously had the ‘for sale’ sign removed and it sat on the side of the guys house for 5 years. During that time I wound up racing VWs and got pretty good at synchronizing carbs and such. After a few blown motors I decided that 4 cylinders were not going to make me happy, so I sold all my VW stuff and bought a Honda Accord and a ‘58 Chevy Pickup with a ‘68 Corvette 327 motor in it. Finally I had a taste of V-8 power and how much fun it could be!

My mom was proud that I had a ‘sensible’ car to go to college with. But, 6 months later, that same white GTO had another ‘for sale’ sign in the window. I stopped by and this time noted it was a ‘65

hardtop and it was still priced at \$5500. Remembering the laughter from my parents the first time I had asked for a loan, I went to my Grandfather and told him I need the car to get more girls! Bing, bong bing, I had a winner! Sold my sensible Honda and the GTO became my daily driver (I had blown the 327 in the truck when I missed a shift at 7000 RPM - Whoops). I fell in love with the torque that this car produced and kept trying to to get it to idle better. I took the car to a guy named Rick, who had built a 9 second Super Comp Firebird, for tuning help. We discovered that I had several bad valves and needed to have the heads rebuilt. We pulled off the heads and discovered the 389 I had bought was really a '69 350 engine. Also discovered that the block was cracked in the number one cylinder bore. I was devastated and thinking I would be riding the bus to college forever. Fortunately Rick, sensing my desperation, sold me a 428 block and crank for \$100.00. After a couple of weeks and a drained bank account, I was back on the road with a much faster car than before. After breaking-in my motor I started screwing around racing my friends. At first I thought they were being nice to me by letting me win, but soon I realized that I was just faster than they were. So naturally I added a N.O.S. kit to my car and headed for the clandestine world of illegal drag racing. I'll admit I won considerably more than I lost and eventually saved half of my down payment for my house out of my winnings. Unfortunately I also developed a reputation of being "The Pontiac Guy" and couldn't get many races anymore.

Still, it was good while it lasted. I made it to Sears Point once to try to tune the car but got kicked off the track for running an 11:98 without a roll bar. Oh well, just another time I broke the rules. Now i'm content to drive hard and try to figure out new places to go and do new things in the car.

