

THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



NO CLUB MEETING THIS MONTH - SUMMER BREAK

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

After an odd bit of rain summer has arrived in a big way! Looks like nice weather for the 4th of July holiday weekend. Happy 4th of July to everyone!

19 years and 6 months almost to the day I no longer have GTO storage. My neighbor who allowed me to use her carport has transitioned to assisted living and will be selling her house. The cars new home is in front of our house. Will

be on the lookout for other close by options, if anyone knows of a storage solution on the Peninsula please let me know.

Keep your RSVP's for our Jim Wangers event coming. Club Auto Sport just advised we will be able to use one of their conference rooms located in their main facility in lieu of the Goodies Speed Shop facility. This will be more comfortable and private. The reason is that one of their owners runs a consignment classic car business and is a GTO owner whose car has been signed by Jim Wangers. Heard that he was stoked that Jim would be visiting their facility and offered to host us. As a condominium owner he has priority over the Goodies location. I do not yet know who the person is, will keep you posted after I meet with them again the week of July 8th. This will make our Jim Wangers event even better. We have room for 60 people and space **remains open**. First priority goes to GGG members then Nor Cal GTO members .If we do not have the room filled we will open it up to GGG members guests and possibly to NOR Cal Chevelles. So if you are planning on coming let me know as soon as possible. I am at a loss as to why **ALL** our members wouldn't want to come which would overbook us and make us scramble to

add space. RSVP to mitygto@aol.com please. Let's plan on setting a recent year record for # of club cars in attendance as well. See the flyer in this newsletter for additional information.

Also in this newsletter is a flyer for our upcoming Devil's Slide Tunnel Cruise to be held on Saturday August 17th. I need your RSVP for this event as well so I can advise Jack's Prime with a head count. Starting in San Mateo we will take a leisurely cruise over the hill then through the newly completed tunnel. The sound of a group of GTO's exhaust notes bouncing off the tunnels surfaces should be something to remember! Cruise route is to be determined as I will work it around the weather, by that I mean if it is a warm day and we are likely to hit a ton of traffic on 92 westbound towards Half Moon Bay we will take an alternate route. There are several fun ways to get there and back!

Coming up quickly is Nor Cal Chevelles Run Through the Canyon event on Sunday July 14th. Registration form is in this month's newsletter. Poker run style event with a variety of cars participating should be a fun time. Nor Cal has been kind enough to extend an invitation to GGG members to attend their yearly event.

We are on a summer vacation schedule until Sept 5th when we resume monthly meetings at The Englander. Look for updates on club happenings and events in newsletters and yahoo group's e mails.

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.

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GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB SITE AVAILABLE AT:

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>

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
118 Iris Court
Hercules, CA 94547**

Don Micale Health Advisory

Club member Don Micale has been having severe health problems over the past several months. This has seen him in and out of hospitals and then in care facilities during this time. Our thoughts go out for Don, his wife Sue and his other family members. The club has sent a \$250 Visa card to help with expenses.

UPCOMING EVENTS - JULY & AUGUST 2013

**NOR-CAL CHEVELLECAMINOS RUN THRU THE
CANYON - SUNDAY, JULY14.**

Our friends from the Nor-Cal Chevelle Caminos club have invited us to join them on their annual cruise & poker run. This is a fun event that has a new route each year. Lots of prizes and a super BBQ at the end of the run. Please try to make this a great event to share with our GM friends. We had over a dozen of them join us at Benicia and so we should try to attend in force to enjoy the day.

APPLICATION INCLUDED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17th. - DEVIL'S SLIDE TUNNEL TOUR

John and Marsha Meckisich are planning another fun day doing what the GGGoats do best - Eating and Cruising! Bring you GTO and your appetite for a good time. More details will be coming the the next few weeks.

SEE FLYER IN THIS NEWSLETTER



Golden Gate Goats Devil's Slide Tunnel Cruis



Where: Jack's Prime 3723 S. El Camino Real in San Mateo

**When: Saturday, August 17, 2013
10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m**

Jack's Prime is located south of Hillsdale Boulevard and north of Ralston Avenue on the EAST side of the El Camino Real in San Mateo. Easiest way is Ralston Avenue eastbound off Highway 101 in Belmont. Right (north) on El Camino Real through Belmont into San Mateo. Be alert as you don't want to miss the driveway which is on the north side of the building. Find a place in the lot and **BACK IN, will be a great photo opportunity as we have reserved parking directly in front.**

After a nice lunch on their patio we will cruise over the hill to the coast and go through the newly completed Devil's Slide Tunnel which is located just south of Pacifica. After we go through in one direction we will make an infamous GGG U Turn and go through in the other direction as the views are completely different. Continuing north through Pacifica along Hwy 1 into San Francisco we arrive at the new Lands End visitors center located above the old location of Sutro Bath's at Ocean Beach. More great views plus the Cliff House is within walking distance for those who may want to partake in an adult beverage.

Cruise routes will be handed out at Jack's. I will take the weather into consideration when putting our cruise route together. San Mateo to Half Moon Bay is only 12 miles but on a warm weather day can be stop and go due to everyone trying to escape the heat. Several much less congested alternate routes are available for us to choose from if the weather will be warm.

This event promises great food and premier parking at Jack's, fantastic views and fun to drive roads plus a chance to blow your own horn going through the tunnel..... in two directions!

RSVP to mitygto@aol.com

E mail John with any questions. See you there!

John's cell phone day of the event is 650-477-8540



Golden Gate Goats Jim Wangers 2013 Get Together

Where: Club Auto Sport in San Jose

**When: Saturday, September 14, 2013
8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Directions;

Club Auto Sport is located at 521 Charcot Avenue in San Jose which is the corner of Junction and Charcot. Enter through the gate on Junction Avenue. EZ access from all directions, please use Google Maps, etc. as there are too many ways to get there to cover them all.

Event Overview;

Car Show

We will be participating in their Cars and Caffeine monthly car show program which is open to all makes and models. Arriving promptly at 8 will allow us to secure preferred group parking; the car show opens at 8:30.

Jim Wanger's Presentation

Takes place in one of the conference rooms located within their main facility, comfortable and private. Jim's topic will be "The Anatomy Of The Muscle Car" which is the history of every muscle car participating in the US market since WWII. In addition our event date aligns nicely with the 50th Anniversary of the GTO. At the conclusion of his presentation Jim will have books and other items for sale and will be available to autograph YOUR GTO!

Please refer to my President's Message in this newsletter and Jim Lent's article in last month's newsletter for more information.

This is an event you do not want to miss!

RSVP to mitygto@aol.com

E mail John with any questions. See you there!

John's cell phone day of the event is 650-477-8540

GOLDEN GATE GOATS 2013 EVENTS SCHEDULE

4/4 Thursday Club Meeting at the Englander

4/28 Sunday Benicia Car Show (Cole)

5/2 Thursday Club Meeting at the Englander

5/11 Saturday Moraga Car Show (Kent)

6/23 Sunday Pinole Car Show (Lent)

**7/14 Run thru to Canyon -
Sponsored by NORCAL Chevelle Caminos Club**

8/17 Devil's Slide Tunnel Tour_- Peninsula (Mekisich)

9/5 Thursday Club Meeting at the Englander

9/14 Jim Wangers visit - Auto Club Sport - San Jose

9/29 Sunday Altamont Cruisers Show Livermore

10/3 Thursday Club Meeting at the Englander

10/5 Saturday Alameda Car Show (Sandri)

11/7 Thursday Club Meeting at the Englander

12/7 Saturday Xmas Party/Club Meeting (Mekisich)



JIM WANGERS VISITS THE GOLDEN GATE GOATS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH

Our good friend, 'The Goat Father', is coming to visit us once again. Please take this opportunity to show Jim that GTO/Pontiac power remains strong in the Bay Area. Those friends who have met Jim before can tell you that Jim is a super friendly and knowledgeable member of the Pontiac team that brought us the GTO.

If you haven't met Jim or had the opportunity to have him sign a your GTO (maybe a sun visor or a trunk lid) then you should make every effort to attend! Don't let this opportunity to check off a bucket list item get by you!

Contact Prez John, at MITYGTO@aol, to confirm you will be there.



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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**

2013 - Club Meetings

**Club meetings are scheduled for the
following months:
February, March, April, May
September, October, November
and December.
Check newsletter or website
for updated dates, times & locations.**

**GOLDEN GATE GOATS EVENT PICTURES
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**Contact: Jim Lent, 118 Iris Ct., Hercules CA 94547 (510) 799-6096 or
email - jimlent@comcast.net**

WANTED:

FOR SALE:

For 1965 up GTO will also fit other A bodies: Edelbrock shocks, front and rear, low miles: \$100.00. 1 1/4 inch front sway bar, may also fit F body:\$100.00. Can email pictures for all upon request.
Contact club member Bob Prichard jrmp@sbcglobal.net.

1966 GTO parts. I'm upgrading my 1966 GTO and have parts for sale: 4 sp Muncie Wide Range transmission with Hurst linkage - \$600.00.
Heads are ID Code 093 - 1966, 389 or 421 c.i., 10.5 c.r. Need rebuild - \$200.00
If you buy all parts, \$725.00. Contact club member
Jim Sloane 408- 219-2319 or email to jim@3dwoodies.com

'64 GTO-Tri Power-4spd-Black on Black \$36,000.00

This example of raw power is in the form of the Original Muscle Car. There are no power drains: No power steering, No power brakes, No Air Conditioning, No Smog Pump. This is the sturdy post top model. Built for speed. It was built in the Fremont, CA assembly plant on an order from a buyer in Portland. No rust. Although it has been restored and rebuilt, it looks like the car was garaged most of its life. Original Protecto Plate sits in its place in the glove compartment. The entire car is like new. The car is rarely driven, just enough to keep it in top shape.

Here's the List of Features: Black Exterior with Clear Coat; Polished 17-in. deep-dish American Wheels; Also have steel wheels with dish hubcaps and spinner hubcaps. Plus, brand new period torque thrust mags; So, there are 4 ways to do your wheels with this car! All rubber and weatherstripping like-new; Newer emblems throughout; Newer front and rear glass; Newer original style black interior and carpet; GTO floor mats; Original Console; Original AM radio in works(listen to Oldies as you drive!); Original dash mounted Tachometer; Sixties style rally gauge pack shows engine temperature, oil pressure and alternator amperage; Four-point Simpson racing seat and shoulder belts; Vanity license plates lic # GGGTO; Golden Gate Goats car club member and license plate frame; Excellent chrome bumpers; Rebuilt engine about 15,000 miles ago is a Pontiac 428 block featuring a Crower hydraulic racing cam; Pertronics Electronic ignition; Doug's headers, nickel finish; Original style re-cored radiator; Flowmaster exhaust; Newer water pump; OEM style splitter tailpipes; Newer clutch and brakes; 3:23 Differential with Pos-I-Traction; Tuned suspension for a firm but comfortable ride; This car needs nothing but a qualified buyer.

Also Included in the sale price:

New 2-volume set of General Motors Service Manuals; Specialty tools such as wiper arm tool; Custom fitted Wolf '64 GTO car cover; Contact Club member Mark Vanderhoof at 831-234-8117 or

<bosquindo@hotmail.com>

Pictures available at: <http://imageevent.com/jimlent/markvanderhoofs64gto>



**MAY
2008**



GOLDEN GATE GOATS CAR OF THE MONTH



Bart Miller's 1967 GTO

XXX Meets GGG

I caught the "muscle car bug" when I was a kid watching my Dad scream around in a 69 Roadrunner and my older friends showing up at ball games with Pontiac, Chevy, and Mopar muscle. Man, there was nothing like a sound of power and the smell of rubber when they all took their turns beating up the asphalt after each game. Though the passion was now part of my being, I put everything on hold while I chased a couple of degrees and traveled the world.

Fast forward to 1997...with my Dad now into vintage Maserati's (and rubbing my nose in it...ha-ha), I began to look for a GTO and found a 67 near Redding that was a great candidate for restoration. And talk about history...the original owner purchased the car for drag racing and negotiated a documented dealer swap out of the factory 400 HO for a 428...unfortunately, he was killed during the Vietnam conflict and the car went to a

family relative who let it sit too long, destroyed the interior, painted the exterior with what looked to be white house paint, and used gobs of bathroom caulking to seal up the rear window. What a mess!

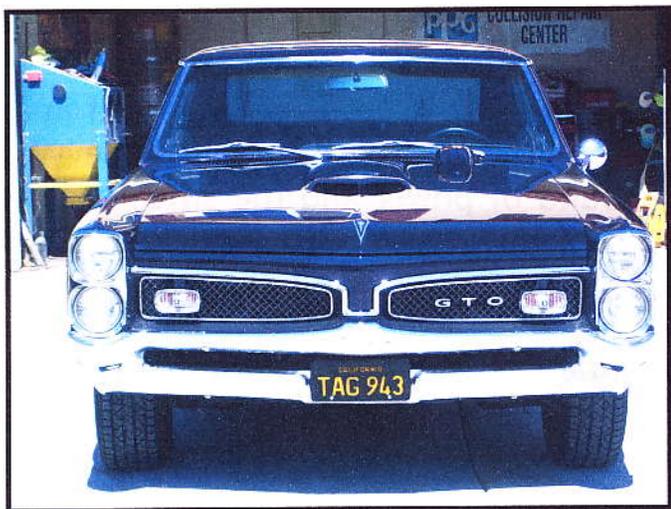
Anyway, I saw the potential and bought the car for a significantly reduced price (ha-ha). I'll never forget the look on Al Harris' face (another GGG member who lived in my neighborhood at the time) when I brought it home. It looked like crap next to his '65 tri-power. My son and I took the car to some fun GGG-hosted events at Pleasanton and a club picnic at Tilden Park where many viewed the carnage that I was starting with...ugly, ugly, ugly.

Shortly thereafter the movie 'XXX' became popular. That was it! There was my vision of what this car could be (minus the machine guns and onboard rocket launcher). I began working on the restoration with a local talent but, approximately 2 years later, he passed away due to cancer. The 428 engine was being rebuilt by his subcontractor (who I didn't know) and, during the confusion of his illness and passing, the engine was sold off to another for services rendered. Talk about depressing.

I managed to recover what was left of the car and hooked up with Bruce Bethel of Bethel's Country Motors in Loomis. For those of you who don't know Bruce, his river of talent runs deep when it comes to Goats. Bruce found a 400 HO with the correct date code and began the rebuild. Another friend, Mike Warbington, took the car, made sure everything was straight, and did a beautiful job of laying down the deep blue paint with fine magenta pearl. Things were looking up!

Thinking out of the box, I took the original Magnum 500 wheels and had each bead blasted and chromed. The spokes were polished to a high sheen and the wells were left as unpolished, pitted chrome. What a cool look! Bruce took the painted car shell, installed the engine, installed the interior, and replaced the 'crusty' electrical wiring. Once completed, Mike did the final rub on the paint and voila...the 67 GTO I had been dreaming about.

Presently, I'm looking at a piece of property where I'm planning on building a custom "dream garage". Though I've now collected nine rare muscle cars, the 67 GTO will get the "center fold" position...when it's not cruising the asphalt.





Nor-Cal Chevelle Caminos Car Club
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The Nor-Cal Chevelle Caminos Run Thru the Canyon 17
Sunday, July 14, 2013 (RSVP by July 7th)

Each year The Nor-Cal Chevelle Camino Club has a premiere event that we put on and welcome all car enthusiasts to attend. We would like you to join us for a day of cruising, a scenic poker run, some great raffle prizes, and delicious food presented by the Doubletree Hotel in downtown San Jose, 2050 Gateway Place. Our day will start at the aforementioned hotel where we'll have coffee and pastries at the 1st leg of our cruise. Here we will get our 1st poker card draw, 1 of 5 throughout the day. After that, we'll proceed and do our scenic drive to each stop and finally reach our 5th & final poker stop. Following the run, we'll have a wonderful BBQ and some great raffle prizes! So come and be a part of our annual get together. Bring the family, and we'll all have a great day with our classics, maybe share a few stories along the way, kick a few tires and brag about our cars. Check out our Run Thru the Canyon section in the Events portion of our website, and be sure to note our address at the top of this flyer for returning your registration.

For questions, call Steve (925.389.0900) or Roger (213.446.2508). See you there!

Great food, raffle prizes & most of all, lots of fun with our classics!

-----Please return bottom portion with your payment-----

Email address: _____ (to be used to confirm your entry)

Name: _____ Car Make _____

Address: _____ Car Model & Year _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: (____) _____

Admission Fee: \$25 per adult, \$15 per child (12 and under)

In consideration of acceptance as participants in the Nor-Cal Chevelle Camino Run Thru the Canyon 17, by execution of this entry, I/we hereby release the Nor-Cal Chevelle Camino Car Club, members, officers and anyone connected with this event, of and from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments and/or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by participating in this event or any spectators.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ Drivers Lic. # _____