

# THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



## CLUB HOLIDAY PART THIS MONTH ON DEC. 6th AT BACK FORTY - PLEASANT HILL

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Howdy Folks,

Marsha and I would like to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving!

As I write this we have 38 people coming to our Holiday Party on Saturday December 6th. If you haven't yet RSVP'D and plan on attending, please let me know by e mail at [mitygto@aol.com](mailto:mitygto@aol.com), no later than November 30. Appreciate your taking a moment to do that. We decided at last month's meeting to go with a traditional White Elephant gift exchange this year taking a break from the Left -Right story version.

Marsha will give everyone an overview of how it works at the event; I do know the gift you initially choose can be "stolen" up to two times. Wrap everything as in years past, one item per person and don't forget to support our Toys for Tots toy drive by bringing an unwrapped toy. Once again Ken and Barb Davis will deliver our toy donations for us. Those of you that enjoyed last year's cake will be pleased to hear we will have one again this year. This event is taking shape to be another outstanding Holiday Party Golden Gate Goats style, hope you can join us in celebrating.

Looking forward to 2015, here is a glimpse of our event calendar. Where no date is shown it is still TBD. It was decided by the group at last month's meeting to keep our meetings at \*The Englander for 2015 so that is exactly what we will do, December excepted.

### Golden Gate Goats 2015 Event Calendar

2/5 Thursday 2015 Kick Off Meeting\* (Bring your event ideas)

3/5 Thursday Club Meeting\*

4/2 Thursday Club Meeting\*

4/11 Devils Slide Cruise 2 w/ NorCal Chevelles hosted by John and Marsha Mekisich

5/7 Thursday Club Meeting\*

5/? Moraga Car Show

6/? Run Through the Canyon hosted by NorCal Chevelles

6/? Pinole Car Show

7/18 Saturday Tilden Park Picnic catered by Back Forty BBQ

8/? Cars and Caffeine Event @ Club Auto Sport (GGG will be the Host Club)

9/3 Thursday Club Meeting

9/? Sunday Altamont Cruisers Show  
10/1 Thursday Club Meeting\*  
10/? Alameda Car Show hosted by Phil Sandri  
10/? Saturday Fall Wine Cruise hosted by Judy & Leroy Anderson  
11/5 Thursday Club Meeting\*  
12/5 Saturday Holiday Party hosted by John and Marsha Mekisich

Excellent start for next year's event calendar, wouldn't you agree? All our members can suggest event ideas at any time so as always we control our own destiny. GGG is currently 18 years young and going strong thanks to everyone's support. Keep up the good work! Officer elections for our 2015/2016 term were discussed at both our picnic and the October meeting as well as in a previous newsletter. Nobody expressed a desire to run for any office. At that point in time it was suggested your existing officers serve another term (they agreed) and a vote was taken and passed unanimously by the group. Thanks for your vote of confidence!

Until our Holiday Party, see ya in the fast lane;

**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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### 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>

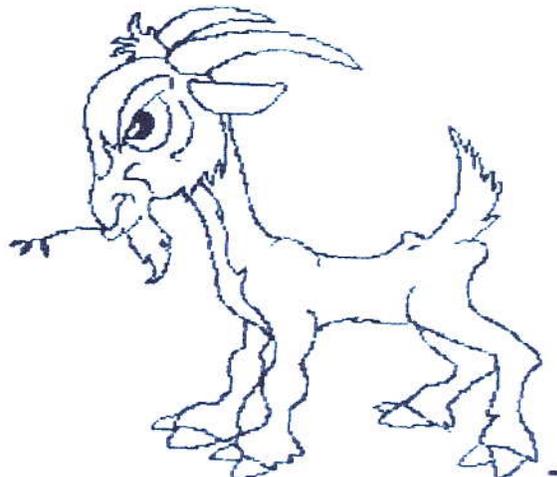


### Email List

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:  
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118 Iris Court  
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**Golden Gate Goats**  
**Holiday Party & White Elephant Gift Exchange!**  
**Saturday, December 6<sup>TH</sup> 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 Back Forty Restaurant on Saturday, December 6th. 100 Coggins Drive – Pleasant Hill – 925-935-1440. The buffet style lunch will include Pork ribs, sliced beef brisket and sliced turkey. There will be a non-hosted bar for alcoholic beverages.

Lunch will be served in the banquet room followed by the White Elephant gift exchange. **We also have the final Golden Gate Goats wrist watch, from the Smith Brothers, that a member can win.**

***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: a used fuel pump or a fantastic statue. Surprising how some gifts return every year!



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).

The club 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!***

## **Club Dues Call**

**2015 Dues - Payable now!**

**The dues amount for 2015 is \$36.00.**

**Dues can be submitted by mail or paid in person at our  
December Holiday party.**

**PLEASE HELP OUR CLUB TREASURER BY  
SENDING YOUR DUES IN TODAY.**

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email - [jimlent@comcast.net](mailto:jimlent@comcast.net)**

## **WANTED:**

**3.23 Gears.** Hi, looking for good set of 3.23 gears for 60s Pontiac 8.2 rear axle. Please email me if you have some for sale. Thank you.

Club member Bob Prichard [jrmp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jrmp@sbcglobal.net)

**Parts.** Hello, I'm looking for the following parts for my '65 Goat:

1. Ash Tray light including the harness and mounting bracket.
2. Under dash aluminum courtesy light mounting bracket. I have the harness and lens but not the bracket. Thanks, Club member Frank Pegueros [frankpegueros@comcast.net](mailto:frankpegueros@comcast.net)  
650-200-9073 (cell) San Mateo

## **FOR SALE:**

**4 Prostar Weld wheels** [like new} 15/7, 200.00; 1 Edelbrock 750 carb {electric choke}, 100.00; 1 Holley 670 carb {new} electric choke, 150.00.  
Contact club member Patrick Loushin {707} 246-0286.

### **1964 GTO-Tri Power-4spd-Black on Black \$45,000.00**

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>](mailto:bosquindo@hotmail.com)

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

### **GTO PARTS 1966 - 1971**

66-67 Rear GTO Springs New \$50 pair/ offer

66-68 4 drum brakes used with Backing plates. Complete front/rear \$100 / offer **Price Change**

New Blue Racer Camshaft - 280-2H 442/465 lift (for 67-68 400 V-8) \$40 / offer

5 piece glass set for 66-67 GTO \$75 / offer (no front windshield)

1967 GTO taillight lens - pair - used excellent condition \$50 / offer

66-67 Vent window assembly complete \$100 / offer

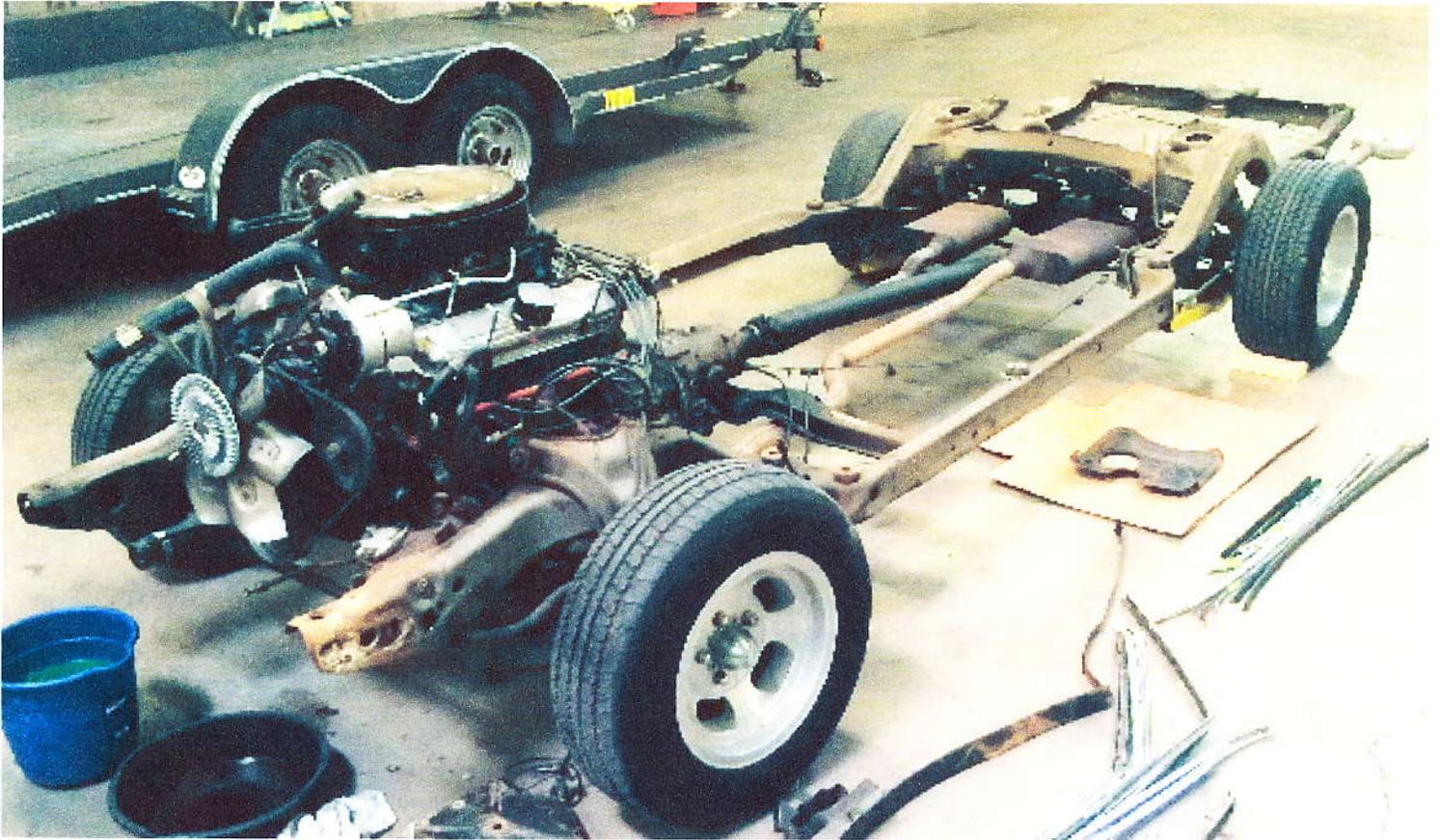
66-67 AM radio original \$100 / offer 69-71 V-8 oil pan \$40.00 / offer.

Contact Club member **Joe Mangiapane** - Home - 510-638-8226 cell phone 510-326-5060

**Complete chassis and drivetrain from a running 1965 GTO.** The motor is a stock, single carb 389 with original 2 speed automatic transmission. The rear end is the stock, non-posi unit. Included in the sale is the fuel tank. The wheels are 14" Anson slot mags. We removed this chassis from a running, driving, original, real GTO in order to put the body on an Art Morrison chassis. I drove the car before removing the body, everything works. Motor runs good, no smoke. Email me for more photos and information. Asking \$5000.00

Contact Bill Ganahl 510-783-6300

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Best wishes to All Golden Gate Goaters from Jim & Jeannie Lent. Hope your holiday season is filled with good times. Here is a story of how Santa delivers the goods. Enjoy,

**A Goat's Tale For Christmas by Tom Szymczyk,  
Delaware Valley Old Goat Club**

**Tw'as the night before Christmas, 1964 When an elf came knocking  
on Santa Claus' door. " Mr. Claus, there's a problem," was what the  
elf said, "The reindeer are sick, so they can't pull your sled!"**

**"They all caught the flu. They're hacking and wheezing. They have  
stuffy heads, and they're coughing and sneezing." "Give'em Ny  
Quil," said Santa, "is what you should do."  
"But it won't be invented 'til 1982-"**

**"The reindeer can rest," Santa said to the elf "This year I'll deliver  
the presents myself. I've got a new beast that can pull the big  
sleigh, A beast I've been saving for just such a day."  
They went around back, to Santa's garage And walked past a  
shiny, red super stock Dodge. "This one," said Santa, " belongs to  
Aunt Gina.**

**She's a little old lady from East Pasadena."  
"The Dodge here is quick. My Corvette can run. But we need more  
than speed to get the job done. Delivering presents, we race  
through the skies. These cars are both fast, but I need one that  
flies!"**

**So Santa walked down to the end of the row And unlocked the  
door of a new GTO. He hooked up the sleigh and said,  
"This one is mine. Three deuces, a four speed, and a 389."  
He then cranked it over- It rumbled real loud. He idled outside, then  
spoke to the crowd, "Without any reindeer, I'll still make my run.  
Just me and this Goat, we're gonna have fun."**

**He revved it right up and then dropped the clutch. He wheeled  
through first. The guy was too much! By second he's airborne, and  
pulling some G's. He power shifts third while clearing the trees.  
He circled the Pole and then headed south, A twinkle in his eye,  
and a smile on his mouth. And we heard him exclaim at a hundred  
miles per hour,  
"When all else fails, you should always Tri Power!!!!  
Happy Holidays.**

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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](http://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!**

## 2014 - 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  
CAN BE VIEWED AT:**

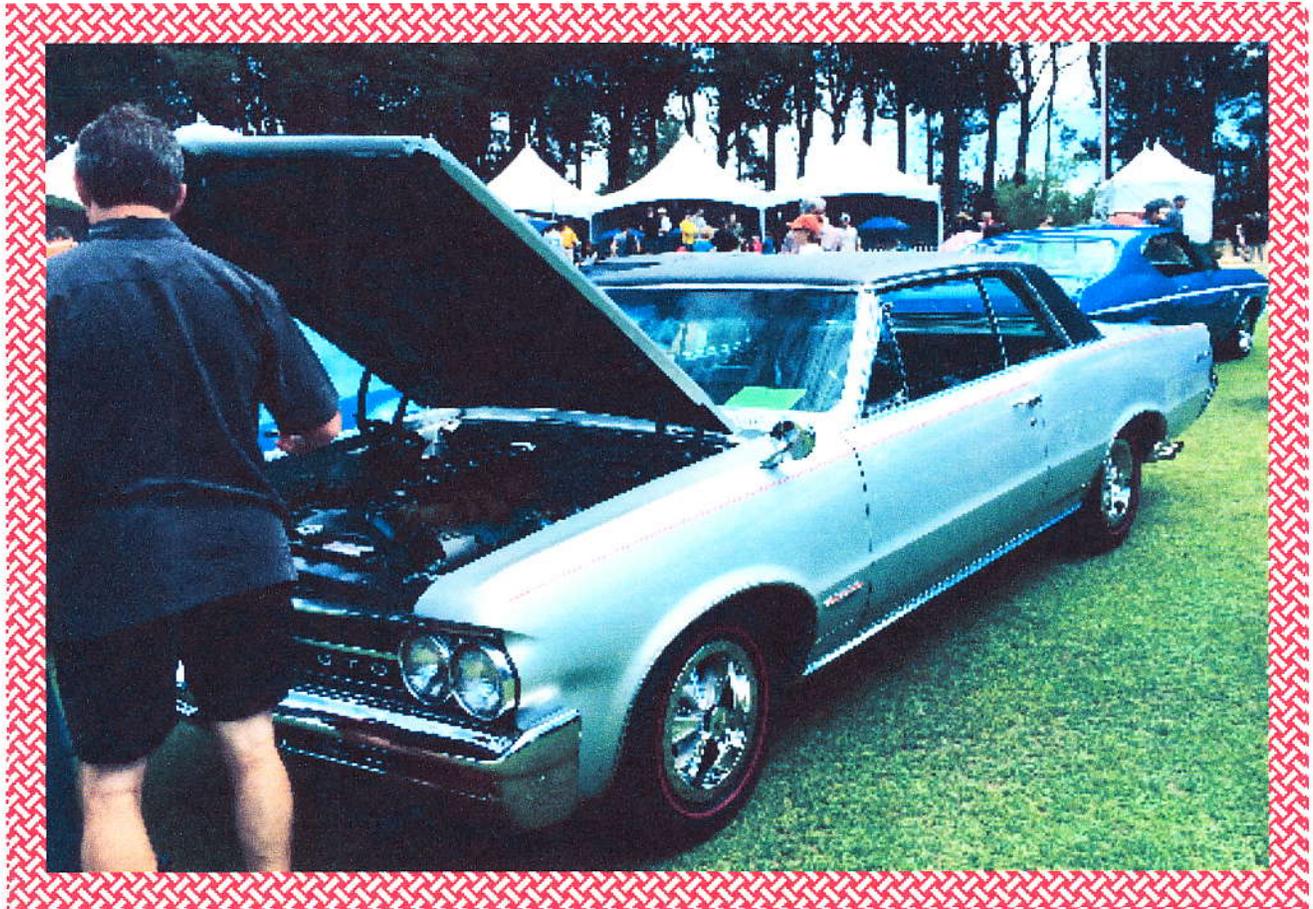
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## **GOLDEN GATE GOATS CAR OF THE MONTH**



### **MY 1964 GTO by Chuck Ingrao**

I grew up in the mid-West. I could never figure out what part of the area I lived in was associated with the West...miserable and cold winters and hot and humid summers. The winters always seemed to last twice as long as the summers and it was unsafe to roll your hot rod out of the garage anytime before May. Not a great place to live unless you were in my zip code, roughly 25 miles east of downtown Detroit and 15 miles south of Woodward Avenue.

I saw my first GTO in the summer of 1963 when my best friend and I hitched a ride from his brother to watch the races on Woodward. Skip had a '55 Chevy two door post with a built 327 motor. He dropped us at the Sinclair gas station on Ten Mile road near Woodward because they sold high octane pump fuel and an extra 300 lbs. were not conducive to a winning evening. We became friends

with the kid who pumped gas there and he told us about a Pontiac that had been in a few times. He described it as a plain grey wrapper without any badges that was similar to other models but 'not the same'. He overheard the driver tell another guy that it was a 421 experimental model and he was there to test the waters against what was on the street as well as what Chrysler and Ford were rolling out. We saw the car once but the driver wasn't talking. We heard stories about his performance but nothing was confirmed. Rumor had it that this car was never ticketed the local cops normally pulled over the loser of the street race. I never witnessed or even heard of an accident during those days so drag racing on Woodward was a money maker for the towns along Woodward Avenue from 8 mile Road to 18 mile Road.

Later that year, Royal Pontiac in Royal Oak, MI rolled out the 1964 models in their showroom on Main Street.

I always had a passion for Pontiacs and especially GTO's. My Dad had a '60 Catalina Post with a 4 barrel, posi-traction and dual exhaust. Even though it was an automatic, it ran well with the right brake-torque from the stop light. He traded it for a '64 Gran Prix so I had several Pontiacs to drive while I was living at home and going to high school

When I returned home from the Navy in 1972, I bought a 1968 GTO 2 days after I got off the plane in Detroit. It wasn't the smartest purchase I ever made because the city of Detroit is built on salt mines and cars rusted badly after 4 or 5 years. I needed a driver for school and gas prices were going up. Once they hit \$.50 a gallon, I traded the GTO for a '64 Mustang for transportation. I later treated myself to a '74 Formula 400 when I graduated even though gas was around \$1 a gallon.

I had a 1957 Thunderbird that I bought in 1991 when I was transferred to CA for my job. It needed work and after 10 or so years, I had a nice driver. The problem was that I never drove it. I started looking for something that was more from my era and naturally the GTO model was at the top of the list. I got burned once before on an eBay purchase so I was very leery about buying anything without a full inspection. It was a local sale so I was able to give it a full inspection.

I always thought that Pontiac did a nice job when they decided to move into the muscle car niche of car sales. I knew there were faster cars and other models that had some additional options, but I believe that the '64 GTO is rightfully the first muscle car.

I was a little too trusting on this purchase and I've spent some time and money correcting a few things on my car but I'm pleased with it. It reminds me of growing up in the Detroit area and Woodward Avenue and I guess that 's a good thing!

