

THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



20th Anniversary 1996 - 2016

**Club meeting at Jacks Prime -
San Mateo on Saturday
March 12 . PLEASE RSVP**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Everyone,

Last Saturday morning Feb 20th started out on the cool side but warmed up quickly. A group of both GGG and Nor-Cal Chevelle members met at the Orinda Bart station then took a nice cruise through Briones to meet up with the

remainder of our group at DeVinos restaurant in Pleasant Hill. After a nice lunch with time to chat we drove over to The Cobra Experience in Martinez. Well an **experience** the Cobra Experience is! Check out both the photo gallery and the race car start up video that has been distributed via e mail. **WAY** more than just a museum with cool cars, you need to see this place to believe it. The movie they show in their custom built theatre with absolutely state of the art sound is worth the price of admission alone. When I first sat down in the theatre I looked up at the ceiling and noticed many black panels. I wondered if they were sound absorption panels to improve room acoustics or surface mount speakers. Well I soon got my answer as the movie began with a camera at ground level on a narrow local two lane road. In the distance you hear something approaching..... I am not going to say anymore; those of you that were unable to

attend owe it to yourself to see it. The original plan was to fire up a Cobra 427, it shook the room while cranking and would not start. 14.5 to 1 compression ratio engines can be finicky. Owner Drew Serb then walks a few feet away over to a race car, lifts the rear hatch, climbs inside (center driving position) and proceeds to fire up that car. This car is fitted with equal length 180 degree headers which results in a very specific exhaust note. The car fires right up, Drew allows it to clear out at perhaps 2500 rpm which in that car could be idle speed? He then proceeds to hammer the throttle and the engine soars to what I would guesstimate to be 7000+ RPM where he held it for a while. You had to hear it to believe it. That experience was absolutely priceless. Let's give Steve Beckett a round of applause for suggesting we experience the Cobra Experience. I got excited again just writing this message, going to replay the video right now.....

Whew, after watching the video at high volume, it took a few seconds to return to earth!

Our next meeting is Saturday March 12th at Jack's Prime in San Mateo. RSVP required, please see the event flyer in this newsletter for additional information. Mystery cruise will follow the meeting, this is a rain or shine event. Meeting itinerary will be to recap our visit to the Cobra Experience, discuss future events to include our 20th Anniversary Tilden Park July event and ask your input on the design of our special edition 20 year celebration t shirt.

Hope to see many of you at Jack's on 3/12; till then see ya in the fast lane

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.

E-MAIL: jimlent@comcast.net

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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**



Golden Gate Goats Meeting & Mystery Cruise



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

**When: Saturday, March 12, 2016 Rain or Shine
10:30 a.m. until ????**

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 westbound 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 will have reserved parking.

After a nice lunch on their patio we will take a scenic cruise on the Peninsula, routes will be handed out at Jack's. I will take the weather into consideration when putting our cruise route together. Possibilities are many so no worries there.

This event promises great food and premier parking at Jack's, fun to drive roads plus whatever else I come up with!

***RSVP by Monday March 7th
to mitygto@aol.com***

E mail John with any questions. See you there!

John's cell phone is 650-477-8540



Golden Gate Goats 2016 Event Schedule



- 2/4 Thursday Club Meeting at The Englander - **Cancelled!**
- 2/20 Saturday Kick Off Event & club meeting Lunch at DeVinos & Cruise to Cobra Experience. Rain or shine
- 3/12 **Date change** **Saturday Meeting** @ Jacks in San Mateo. Mystery cruise to follow. Rain or shine
- 4/7 Thursday Club Meeting at the Englander
- May or June** Saturday @ Filoli Garden Tour hosted by John and Marsha Mekisich Rain cancels
- 4/24 Sunday Benicia Car Show hosted by Stuart Cole
- 5/30 Saturday - Pontiacs of Central CA Car Show - Clovis
- 5/5 Thursday Club Meeting at The Englander
- 5/14 Moraga Car Show
- 6/25 Run Through the Canyon hosted by NorCal Chevelles
- 6/26 Sunday Pinole Car Show hosted by Jim Lent
- 7/16 Saturday Tilden Park Picnic catered by Back Forty BBQ **20th Anniversary Celebration!**
- 8/6 and 7 Wine tasting at Ironwood Winery in Murphys hosted by Bob Doten.
- 9/10 **Saturday Meeting** @ Jacks in San Mateo. Mystery cruise to follow
- 9/25 Sunday Altamont Cruisers Show
- 10/6 Thursday Club Meeting at The Englander
- 10/? Saturday Alameda Car Show hosted by Phil Sandri
- 10/22 Saturday (date change)** Fall Wine Cruise hosted by Judy & Leroy Anderson
- 11/3 Thursday Club Meeting at The Englander
- 12/3 Saturday Holiday Party at Back Forty BBQ

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email - jimlent@comcast.net**

WANTED:

1965 GTO Hardtop 4spd. or auto Ok. Email Club Member Robert Newcomer
@ rnewebay@gmail.com or call 1-925-360-9329,

FOR SALE:

N O S 1965 PONTIAC GTO Passengers Side Grill Insert. Slight Shelf Wear, no original Box. Never installed. \$600.00. You'll likely look long and hard to find another one. Don't wait for your Insurance Company to try to find one of these. I have one in Heated Storage protected by Sig & Sauer. Call Ken Davis. 408-209-2553. kendavis14@sbcglobal.net

Many 67 GTO parts, too many to list. I also have a set of 68 heads and a 68 turbo 400 transmission. Contact club member Paul Gribaldo Hm: 510-429-6930 Cell:510-209-3909

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
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)
66-67 Vent window assembly complete \$100 / offer 66-67 AM radio original \$100 / offer 69-71 V-8 oil pan \$40.00 / offer.**Bonneville or Catalina Rally 2 rim. Sand blasted and painted with products from Ames. Great condition.\$60.00/offer** Contact Club member **Joe Mangiapane** - Home - 510-638-8226 cell phone 510-326-5060



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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

2015 - 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.

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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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**AUGUST
2002**



GOLDEN GATE GOATS CAR OF THE MONTH



THEN AND NOW By GTO Joe Sims

A Chevy Man

In 1964 my grandparents bought me my first car, an ill running, lowered, 1955 Two Door Hard Top, Two Speed Auto. I named it "Ce La Vie". I found out later the V-8 was sick with 2 bad cylinders and without cash to fix it, I had to drive it that way. Wow!

I bought Hot Rod Magazines instead of comics. Hot Rod's articles taught me how to work on cars. I converted the Chevy over to a High Boy 575 Horse. 6 carb 327 complete with Fender well Headers, Four Speed and 510 Gears. The '55 running hard, blew and burned. Next was the '57 post "Rambunctious" 327, ran very fast, sold it. Next another '55 Chevy Hard Top "Yellow Fever"; took a 20 lb. sledge hammer to the fire walls and installed my first Big Block 409 with 2-4's. By now I'm a mechanical powerhouse in the Chevy World.

Turning Pages in Hot Rod Magazine

In early 1967 the ad for the new 1968 Pontiac GTO appeared in Hot Rod. That's when I decided that's the car for me. Working hard with minimal bills and \$500.00 down at the old racing age of 18, I took delivery of a new factory ordered '68 Goat in November, 1967 from Lee Adams Pontiac in Oakland. Just think, for \$4,700.00 - a Hood Mounted Tach, 390 posi, 350 HP, 400 cubes, 4-Speed and lightning fast! What a car!

How did I become "GTO Joe"?

As a member of "Street Racers, Inc." car club, becoming a Pontiac man was new turf for me. Well, it is early 1968, me and my Goat enjoyed racing until we started racing The Big Boys, my Chevy competition. My Goat got blown away by a 272 cu. in. Ford Falcon (modified of course). In my Chevy world that could not happen. So I decided to name my Goat "The UFO" and turn it into a Monster. Bored & stroked to 478 cu. in., balanced, counter balanced, blueprinted and cc'd, 12 1/2 to ones,

3 twos, 585 Lift 320 duration Crowler cam, 2,900 lb. Weber clutch 220 Low 4 Speed with 488 Gear, and Mallory Mag making 650 HP at 6,000 RPM, so fast, so quick, my fellow racers dubbed me "GTO Joe". Many victories, broken parts, until that fatal day in 1972. Blown engine, big fire, totaled Goat. A sad day. Life as a Goat Man over.

28 years later, 2000

I take the Fifth Street San Francisco exit every day going to work. In January all of a sudden, on a car lot with Beamers and SUV's, sitting in the back row I could see the red top of a 70's something GM vehicle as I took this exit. Please understand I love GTOs, my famous Mallory Mag is the only part remaining from the days of the Mighty UFO. This red top called me every day for three months to come on over and take a look. Now it is March, in my mind I figured a Chevy of some year. One day the decision was made to go and check out the red top. Heart stopped, eyeballs popped, chin dropped; a 1970 GTO Judge right before my eyes! Unbelievable! The car was OK, good in's and out's, but in poor health.

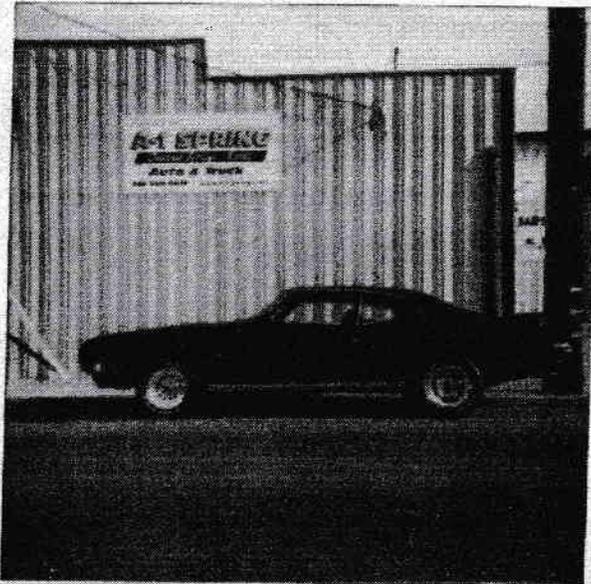
I bought the car on the spot, had to fix it on the lot. Dealer couldn't find a repairman that understands older cars. Well, I'm GTO Joe, cut a repair deal, worked on the car 2 months in mv spare time. Finally I get to drive it home. More dollars later and lots of passionate hours of work, it's a Hot Rod, loud, fast and funky, "Fear This" 1970 GTO Judge. Once again the Goat Man lives! GTO Joe is alive and well.

If you notice in the pictures in 1968 A-1 Springs did the suspension on the UFO. After more than 30 years, A-1 springs also did the mods on "Fear This"

The Golden Gate Goats

GTO Joe and Fear This; What a combo! Where are we going? What are we going to do? In my travels for parts and stuff, the yellow pages sent me to Ed at the Goat Farm. I asked him about other Goats. He gave me info on GTOAA and The Golden Gate Goats. Well, with GTOAA I couldn't see them or hang out with them, so I took the zero. Now with The Golden Gate Goats, that's a wonderful story in itself, one day I'll hafta tell ya. From day one, my first meeting, paid my dues and realized me and my Goat found a home. We've been running with the herd ever since. Talk about a great group of people! Very down to earth and all Pontiac. A special thanks to all members, the ladies, guys and cars. Now I know where we're going and what we're doing.

GOATS FOREVER! GTO JOE



Fear This
Now: Dec 18th 2001



THE UFO
Then: April 15th 1968

BENICIA CAR SHOW MEETING INFORMATION

Sunday - APRIL 24th, 2016

Howdy Folks, Its time for the Benicia Car Show again! This is your chance to get new bugs on your windshield coming out to a fun little show in Benicia! The show is held on the waterfront of downtown Benicia with our parking spot on a peninsula surrounded by the bay. Due to this location it can be brisk so you might want to dress in layers because the afternoons are usually in the 70's and the mornings are a little less. To further entice you we will supply hamburgers, hot dogs & sausages, cooked by club member **Stuart Cole**, with simple condiments for your lunch, but you need to bring your own assorted drinks.! -

We are asking that you bring something pot-luck style to share with the others (appetizers, desserts or chips suggested)

Please let us know if you are coming so we can have enough food for you.

Nor Cal Chevelles will be joining us at Benicia again this year.

Please come out and support the Benicia High School band and spend a nice spring day with your fellow goat members. If you are a last minute sort of person we have always found room to get you in to the show.

We are Meeting on **SUNDAY** the 24th at 7:15 am at Starbucks and will leave for the show at 7:30 in an impressive display of Pontiac horsepower.

To get to the Starbucks in Benicia from the south on highway 680 you should follow 680 north to highway 780 at the Benicia bridge. Take 780 north to the Southampton exit. At the bottom of the exit turn right and take the next left into the shopping center. find a place to park, Starbucks is on the left.

From the south or the north on highway 80 take highway 780 south to the Southampton exit. At the bottom of the exit take a left turn under the freeway. Take a left turn at the 2nd stop sign into the shopping center. Find a place to park, Starbucks is on the left.

If you have any questions or need directions call me at home 707-745-2918 or on my cell phone at 707-486-3660.
s2cole@hotmail.com

The day of the show try my cell phone, it will be on.

Thanks and looking forward to seeing you,

Stuart Cole



2016 Benicia Classic Car Show

Sunday, April 24, 2016 9am - 3pm

Owner Registration Form (Please print and complete)

Thank you in advance for pre-registering for the 2016 Benicia Classic Car Show, sponsored by the Benicia Panther Band Booster Organization. This is the twenty-third year of our show and will be held on the 1st Street Green located at the corner of 1st and B Streets. On behalf of everyone involved in supporting the Benicia High School Panther Band program, we look forward to having you come and spend the day with us!

This event is for pre-1976 American made cars and trucks!

OWNER INFO:

Last Name: _____

First Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail: _____

Tel: _____

Car Club? _____

VEHICLE INFO:

Car ___ Truck ___ Tractor ___

Year: _____

Make: _____

Model: _____

REGISTRATION FEE:

Early Bird ___ \$30.00 (Must be postmarked by Feb. 29)

Pre-Register ___ \$35.00 (Must be postmarked by Apr. 16)

Day of Show ___ \$40.00 (We cannot guarantee space will be available if you choose to register on show day.)

T-SHIRT ORDER:

Note: T-Shirts are \$15 pre-order and \$20 on day of show

Mark quantity of T-shirts next to each size requested

S: ___ M: ___ L: ___ XL: ___ 2XL: ___ 3XL: ___ 4XL: ___

OPTIONAL DONATION:

As this is a fundraising event, any additional donations would be most welcome! Amount: _____

GRAND TOTAL DUE:

Reg. Fee + (# of T-Shirts x \$15) + Donation = _____

It is important that your registration information is accurate. When you have completed filling in your information, please sign and mail the form with a check or money order made out to "Panther Band Boosters" to:

Panther Band Boosters, P.O. Box 2247, Benicia, CA, 94510



Each registrant is entitled to two complimentary breakfasts which will be served between the hours of 7:30 am and 10 am only.

IMPORTANT

Please note: Due to street closures by the City, we are cautioning that vehicles must be parked by 9 a.m. and will not be allowed to move or depart prior to the end of the show at 3 pm. Check-in begins at 7 am. Get there early! Car Clubs need to arrive as a group in order to be assigned parking together. Note also that the event will be held rain or shine and that registration fees are non-refundable.

The 1st Street Green is in close proximity to an environmentally sensitive area. If you have a vehicle that you know requires drip cloths or pads, please bring these items with you to the show.

Vehicle Registration starts at 7 a.m. Please have your car ready to show. No "For Sale" signs can be displayed. Questions? E-mail us at: registration@pantherbandboosters.com

I/we hereby release the Panther Band Boosters, Benicia Unified School District, their officers, employees, the City of Benicia, their officers, employees and anyone connected with this event of any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments, and/or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by anyone participating in this event or by event spectators.

Signature _____ Date _____

