

THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



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APRIL CLUB MEETING CANCELED

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Goats Trumped By the Easter Bunny,

Just when we think the rains are over, they aren't. Oh well, it all counts toward the drought as our 2017 rainy season of Drought to Deluge continues.

Can the headline above really be true? Yes it can! None other than the Easter Bunny will be visiting Jacks Prime at the same time our meeting was scheduled. On Saturday April 15th Jacks is having a special promotion photo shoot for the kids to come in and have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny no purchase required. THANKFULLY I received their media blast and found out in advance as the place likely will be an absolute zoo. To avoid potential total chaos we have decided to RESCHEDULE this event and can discuss at our upcoming 5/4 meeting. Hope all of you have a nice Easter Sunday, bunny optional.....

Due to an overwhelmingly positive response to our recent noon test meeting, the remaining Thursday meetings of 5/4, 10/5 and 11/2 have been moved to an 11:30 start time. Good news is that we have the big meeting room at The Englander once again. Please note we did not have any meeting date changes. Since traffic for our Friday test meeting worked well, these Thursday dates should work even better. This alone will have members in addition to me doing their happy dance..... Wait, doesn't the big meeting room have a stage? LOL.....

Sunday April 30th GGG returns to Benicia for the always popular car show and perhaps even more popular lunch prepared by event coordinator Stuart Cole. Historically this has always been a well-attended event; some years in fact GGG won the coveted Club Participation Award! Can we win it again this year?

See ya in the fast lane;

Prez John

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

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>

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.

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:



BENICIA CAR SHOW MEETING INFORMATION

Sunday – APRIL 30th, 2017

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 30th 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



2017 Benicia Classic Car Show

Sunday, April 30, 2017 9am - 3pm

Owner Registration Form (Please print and complete)

Thank you in advance for pre-registering for the 2017 Benicia Classic Car Show, sponsored by the Benicia Panther Band Booster Organization. This is the twenty-fourth 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: (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!)

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. 28)

Pre-Register ___ \$40.00 (Must be postmarked by Apr. 15)

Day of Show ___ \$50.00 (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 10:00 am only.

IMPORTANT

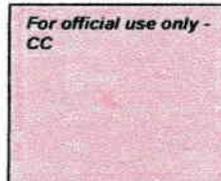
Please note: Due to street closures by the City, we are cautioning that vehicles must be parked by 9 a.m. and will not be allowed to move or depart prior to the end of the show at 3 pm. Check-in begins at 7 am. Get there early! Car Clubs need to arrive as a group in order to be assigned parking together.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

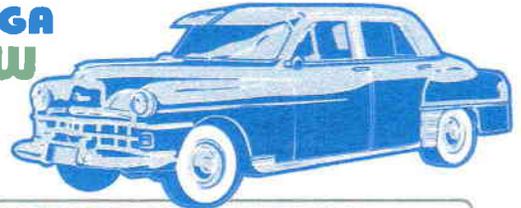
Vehicle Parking starts at 7 a.m. Please have your car ready to show. No "For Sale" signs can be displayed. Questions? E-mail us at: registration@pantherbandboosters.com

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 _____



May 13, 2017, 11am - 2pm



REGISTRATION FEE: \$35

Includes: Car caption card, lunch for 2 per entry, a ribbon and a commemorative photo.

Please send this form and 1-3 photos of your car.

(Photos may be emailed to moraga@5aspace.com. If they are sent US mail you will get them back the day of the event.)

Make check payable to Moraga Chamber of Commerce

(Cancellation Fee = \$15/car)

CAR SHOW CONTACT INFORMATION:

Registration: Gloria: 925-247-4473
moraga@5aspace.com

Address: Moraga Chamber of Commerce
 1480 Moraga Road, Suite C, Box 254
 Moraga, CA 94556
 Attn: Gloria

REGISTRATION & CONTACT INFORMATION

Owner Name: _____

Phone: _____ Cell: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: *please provide:* _____

TELL US ABOUT YOUR CAR

Make: _____ Model: _____

Year: _____ Body Style: _____

Tell us the story of your car and its unique facts and history. This information will go on your car's caption card for the show.

I will not hold the Moraga Chamber of Commerce liable in case of any damages or loss of exhibitor equipment, or any injuries incurred while attending the faire. In addition I agree to attend the car show from 11 am to 4 pm.

I am submitting the Kimco Realty hold harmless agreement.

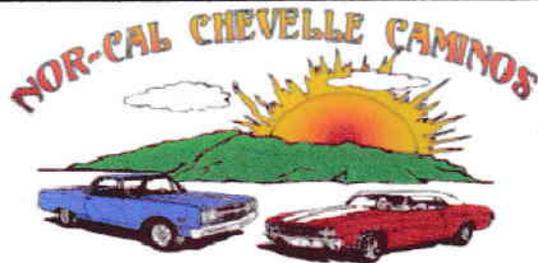
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Registration Deadline: May 1, 2017

Mail all documents and your payment to
Car Show Coordinator 1480 Moraga Road, Suite C, Box 254, Moraga, CA 94556

Make check payable to **Moraga Chamber of Commerce**





Nor-Cal Chevelle Caminos
P.O. Box 36046, San Jose, CA 95158
<http://nor-cal.chevelles.net>

Nor-Cal Chevelle Caminos 2017 Run Thru the Canyon
Saturday, June 17, 2017

9:00 a.m. check-in and "late" registrations - 10:30 a.m. "Run" start
(Registrations must be received no later than June 10th)

Each year our Chevelle-Camino car club has a premiere event that welcomes all makes (GM, Ford, etc.) of classic cars enthusiasts to attend. We invite you to join us for a day of relaxation, cruising and our annual scenic Poker Run. More details about the Poker Run route and delicious picnic afterwards will be posted on our Club website and mailed out to early registrations. Participants will enjoy several raffle prizes, and the person who ends up with the best poker hand wins a big cash prize. So come join us and be a part of our annual get together! Bring the whole family! You'll enjoy a great day with our classics, share a few stories along the way, kick a few tires and brag about our cars. Be sure to check out our Run Thru the Canyon section in the Events portion of our website, and please note our address at the top of this flyer for returning your registration.

For questions, call Steve Fox (925-389-0900) or Mike Crusco (650-238-7035).

Come cruise with us!

-----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: (____) _____

Cost: \$25 per adult, \$10 per child (12 & under) **(\$35 after June 10th and day of cruise)** Number of people in your party: _____

In consideration of acceptance as participants in the Nor-Cal Chevelle Camino Run Thru the Canyon, by execution of this entry, I/we hereby release the Nor-Cal Chevelle Caminos car club, its 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: _____ License Plate Number: _____

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WANTED:

1965 GTO Dash Tach

Contact club member Bob Newcomer at: rnewebay@gmail.com or 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

'68' GTO turbo 400 transmission, transmission with stand, 67 trunk skins, engine hoist, \$500 for everything or BO. Contact member Paul Gribaldo @ Cell: 510-209-3909, Hm: 510-429-6930

Full set of front and rear Urethane Control Arm Bushings (Prothane Motion Control). New in boxes. Fits '65 to '72. \$125.00. Call Tom Schaffer (925) 447-1578 or email tomandlita@comcast.net

64-67 GTO/Tempest Power antenna. 39" X 1.5" AM/FM boost. 3 ft. oem plug. 12 volt. Autoloc MFG #PAA146663T4. Orig. \$60 at Pep Boys \$30
Contact club member Bob Newcomer at: rnewebay@gmail.com or 925-360-9329

1964 GTO-Tri Power-4spd-Black on Black \$36,000 price change

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

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>

Golden Gate Goats coming events

April 30th, Sunday. Benicia Car Show. See app. & info in this newsletter. Always a great time with Chef Stuart preparing a great BBQ lunch at our own reserved spot. Get your app. posted by April 15 to save \$. One of our best attended events all year!

May 13, Saturday. Moraga Car Show. A very nice car show associated with a community Faire. Entry fee includes lunch for two people.



Golden Gate Goats 2017 Event Schedule



- 2/2 Thursday Club Meeting at The Englander
- 3/3 FRIDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander
- 4/15 **Club Meeting Cancelled**
- 4/30 Sunday Benicia Car Show hosted by Stuart Cole
- 5/4 Thursday Club Meeting at The Englander
- 5/6 Saturday - Pontiacs of Central CA Car Show - Clovis (info only – not a club event)
- 5/13 Moraga Car Show
- June – Summer break – no meeting
- 6/11 Giants versus the Twins, Sunday afternoon
- 6/17 Run Through the Canyon hosted by NorCal Chevelles
- 7/15 Saturday Tilden Park Picnic catered by Back Forty BBQ **with club meeting**
- August & September – Summer Break – no meeting
- 9/24 Sunday Altamont Cruisers Show
- 10/5 Thursday Club Meeting at The Englander
- 10/? Saturday Alameda Car Show hosted by Phil Sandri
- 10/21 Saturday - Fall Wine Cruise hosted by Judy & Leroy Anderson
- 11/2 Thursday Club Meeting at The Englander
- 12/2 Saturday Holiday Party at Back Forty BBQ



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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

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!

2017 - Club Meetings

Club Meetings are scheduled for the following months:

February, March, April, May

July, October, November

Check the newsletter or website for updated dates, times & locations

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**GOLDEN GATE GOATS
CAR OF THE MONTH**

JOHN PHILLIPS' 1966 POST COUPE

When I went into the service, in 1966, I owned a fire orange red 1957 Chevy. While I was in the service, my mother drove to the store one day, got into an accident and customized the right front side of the car.

Upon returning from Korea, in 1968, I purchased a bright red 1967 GTO hardtop in Tacoma, Washington. While I was stationed at Ft. Lewis for a short time in Engineer Supply, I got my first feel of the power of the car. I was entering the Interstate 5 on ramp and I had the gas pedal pretty much buried into the turn when I hit a patch of black ice. Needless to say, I made my own design for getting on Interstate 5 in the quickest time. I thought the car was never going to stop skidding! No major damage, except for a little dirty underwear, but from that time on I had much respect for the power of that car.

I had three months left to serve in the Army and got transferred to Ft. Carson, Colorado -- Colorado Springs to be exact. When I got there I had to do some carburetor adjustments because of the high altitude. I couldn't even smoke the tires in first gear. My last day in Colorado, my platoon leader and I left Ft. Carson together, he in his 1966 Chevelle and me in my 1967 GTO. We left at 12:00 noon at the south entrance of Ft. Carson. Seemed like the whole company was there because everyone knew what was going to take place. Two hundred feet outside of the Ft. Carson guard house we had an official starter. We lined up and lit up those tires. The 1/4 mile was marked off. I beat him by about 1 1/2 car lengths. When he pulled up along side of me we looked at each other and gave the thumbs-up sign. He went to Houston, Texas and I went back to the Bay Area. That race was the first

time I felt like when I was at the Fremont Drags for Friday Grudge Nights: race anybody and everybody for \$1.00.

Returning to the Bay Area did I get a rude awakening. A twenty-year-old, single male with a perfect driving record, and they wanted \$1,200.00 a year for insurance. Back in 1969 that was a lot of money, especially when I was paying \$320.00 a year in Washington and \$275.00 a year in Colorado.

I kept the GTO for about two years after I got out of the service. My first ticket ever was Feb. 24, 1970 on Tassajara Road in Pleasanton. A CHP clocked me at 110 mph plus in a 55 mph zone and also for making a Hollywood stop at the sign that I seem to have overlooked. I had to appear before a judge in Pleasanton. I brought about \$700.00 with me to the courthouse. The judge said, being that this was my first ticket ever, he was going to reduce my ticket to \$50.00 for speeding and \$12.00 for the stop sign or 30 days in jail. He asked me if I had the sufficient funds. I said, "Yes I do, judge." I would hate to get that same ticket today, because I would have definitely gone to jail.

In June of 1971 I sold the GTO and bought a new 1971 1/2 ton Chevy Step-side. I had it custom painted by Tony Del Rio, and Carl Hovey did the pinstriping with "KEEP ON TRUCK'IN" in six-inch gold-leaf lettering on the doors.

I often told my wife that if we ever saved enough money I would like to get another GTO and revert back to my youthful days of fast cars and fast women. She said that I probably could still handle the fast cars, but as for the fast women -- those days are long past me and I will never see them again in this lifetime. In July 1995, I was able to buy a 1966 (Post) GTO. The people needed a down payment on a house that they were going to buy and I needed a new toy. Finally, I had my GTO back after 24 years. My wife often tells me I act like a little kid with a new toy. And I tell her that I'm a TOYS 'R US adult. My wife says, "You men and your cars, always doing something to them: either small minor adjustments, to polishing them or heavy duty major replacements." It's hard for my wife to understand that when I was growing up we didn't have computers, malls, bowling alleys or amusement parks to pass the time. My whole life was under the hood of a 1946 Ford flathead six pick-up that my dad had said, "If you can get it running you can drive it." I was weaned on a 1955 Ford, 292 cu. in., 2-barrel carb, with three-on-the-tree. It also had a posi rear-end, chrome rims with baby moons and garter belts lining both sun visors.

The end of May marks the end of a very long process of building and installing a new engine in my GTO. A lot of work and a lot of money, but it's what I enjoy. I'm a firm believer that God didn't put us on earth to work seven days a week. He put us on earth to enjoy life in its many aspects. What better way to enjoy life than to cruise around in a GTO! Any year will do, but preferably in a 1966 GTO. I also enjoy the friendship of my fellow GTO enthusiasts. Hope to see all of you at this year's events. Let's flush this El Niño!

