

THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



21th Anniversary 1996 - 2017

CLUB MEETING AT CLUB PICNIC THIS MONTH

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Fourth of July GGG!

Hope all of you and your families have a wonderful 4th of July holiday weekend. I always take a moment to reflect back over the weekend as half of the year has already passed by. For me the one thing that sticks out is how busy I am with both volunteering and hobby stuff. Time just fly's by; it will soon be time for our annual club picnic at Tilden Park coming up on Saturday July 15th. Complete information in the

newsletter. We have a fun day planned for everyone with lunch catered by Back 40 BBQ (Yum Yum!), plenty of premium highly visible parking for club cars, our summer meeting plus an opportunity to take home some extra cash by winning our 50/50 raffle. All of these things plus a chance to visit with your fellow club members makes this event so popular. Thanks to those of you that responded to Jim's reminder a few days back and keep those RSVP's coming as we have plenty of space for everyone. Why not RSVP as you read this?

Our meeting will include an impromptu member poll regarding our putting together a GGG Facebook Page. If the group decides to move forward, Jim Sloane has offered to put a page together and manage it until a volunteer steps up to handle this long term. A club FB page was suggested at our last meeting as a way for us to develop a presence on social media allowing us to reach out to the masses. This should be an interesting discussion so please give this idea some consideration and come prepared to discuss. We will have adequate time as well to hear any suggestions you may have regarding future events and what you would like to see your club doing in the future. Let's take some time as well to recap Run Through The Canyon and our recent Giant's game outing.

My darling wife and raffle queen Marsha will not be attending our picnic this year as she will be spending the day with her Mom. Looking for a volunteer to sell raffle tickets during the event please let me know if you can help with that. Please do take a moment to

review the event details and have fun deciding what to bring to the raffle. RSVP's need to be to me by 7/7/2017 at mitygto@aol.com Hope to see you there!

Taking a peek into August we have a new event for your consideration which is the American Iron Car Show in Pleasant Hill on Sunday August 13th. Complete details in the last newsletter.

Think I will stop here for now.....
Till the picnic, 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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Hercules, CA 9454**



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
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WWW.GGGOATS.COM



GOLDEN GATE GOATS 20th Anniversary Club Picnic

Saturday, July 15, 2017
Island Picnic Area
Tilden Park, Berkeley
10:00 a.m. until ???



Join us to celebrate our 21st YEAR!

Location: Tilden Park in Berkeley, Island Picnic Area (Next to the Brazil Room)
Date: Saturday, July 15, 2017
Start Time: 10:00 a.m.

The Meal:

The Club will provide catered by Back 40 Texas BBQ;

- Barbecued chicken, pork ribs and slow smoked beef brisket
- Ranch rolls, bbq beans and corn cobettes
- Assorted cookies, sodas and bottled water with ice
- Plates, utensils/napkins, condiments and table clothes

Members, please bring:

- Your favorite adult beverage (see below)
- 50/50 Raffle item(s) Theme based suggested 1964 to 1974 cars/music/movies or?

Please note:

- [RSVP to John by July 7th](mailto:MITYGTO@aol.com) MITYGTO@aol.com
- Beer and wine are permitted in the picnic area; hard liquor is not allowed.

Directions: From Highway 24, take the Fish Ranch Road exit (immediately east of the Caldecott Tunnel). Take Fish Ranch Road to Grizzly Peak Road. Turn right on Grizzly Peak Road. Turn right on South Park Drive, then left on Wildcat Canyon Road. The Island Picnic Area is on the right side of Wildcat Canyon Road, just past the Brazil Room.

Parking:

- Goat parking for about 25 cars immediately in front of the picnic area
- Overflow parking and space for daily drivers directly behind the picnic area

Things to Do at Tilden:

- The Little Train (scaled-down steam train) offers rides along the scenic ridge.
- 18-hole public golf course with driving range, pro shop, and coffee shop.
- Regional Parks Botanic Garden - the most complete collection of California native plants, including rare and endangered species - offers tours and lectures.
- Lake Anza offers swimming in season, with a sandy beach, bathhouse and food stand. Fishing is permitted all year.
- Tilden's merry-go-round – an antique carousel with hand-carved animals and a calliope.
- Children's pony rides, in season.

Check out their website for up-to-date information about availability of these and other attractions:

<http://www.ebparks.org/parks/tilden>

RSVP no later than July 7th to John Mekisich by:

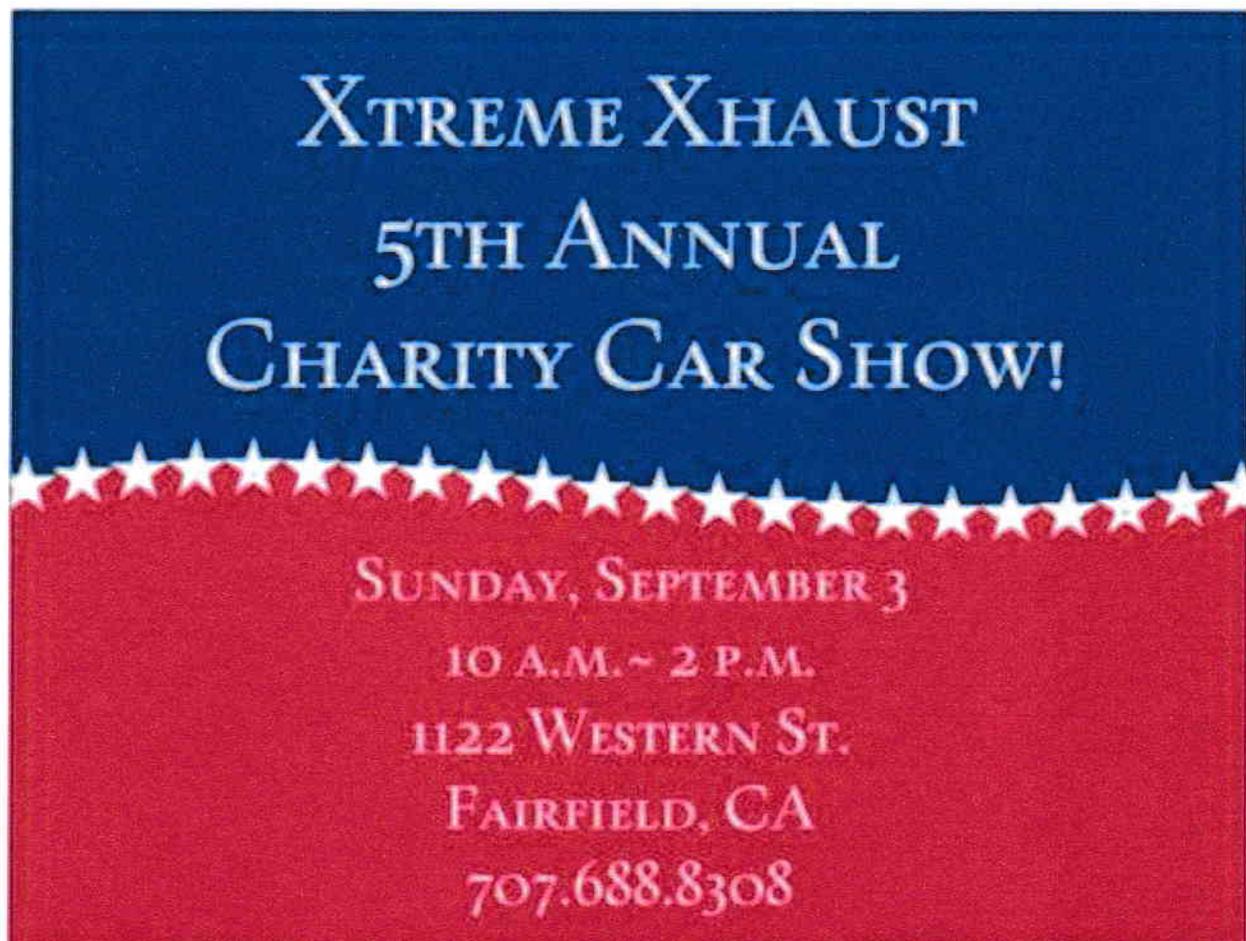
- Phone 650-477-8540, or
- Email MITYGTO@aol.com

Golden Gate Goats Coming events

July 15, Saturday. GGGoats Club picnic & meeting

August 13, Sunday. American Iron Car Show, Pleasant Hill

SEPT. 1, Sunday. Extreme Xhaust Show



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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**
- 8/13 Sunday, American Iron Car Show, Pleasant Hill - **NEW EVENT**
- August & September – Summer Break – no meeting
- 9/3 Sunday, Extreme Exhaust Show – Fairfield **NEW EVENT**
- 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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Make checks payable to PHR&PD or if you are using a credit card, you may fax the completed, signed form to (925) 682-1633

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Signature _____





AUGUST - 1998



**GOLDEN GATE GOATS
CAR OF THE MONTH**

**This is my GTO story
by Jeff Gitschel**

My brother-in-law, Roland Short, was the original owner of the '71 GTO, the White Goat, purchased in 1971 in Norman, Oklahoma. He started his career in the U.S. Navy and was stationed in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. Not a bad place to be, especially with his White Goat. Roland served three years in the Islands before returning to the mainland. So, the car and Roland moved to the Moffett Field Naval Center in Mountain View, CA. Being an electrician, he enjoyed radio communications and, on civilian time, he became an active CB radio user. This is where he met my older sister, Janet. One day he pulled up to our house in this White Goat. Well, who is this guy dating my sister? Who cares, he has a nice car, boy was it! He gave the girlfriend's little brothers a spin around the block. I couldn't get over how fast it was. Eventually my sister married this guy and moved the car one more time to San Diego, CA.

As the family grew, two kids on the scene now, the money was needed to feed them. So, the car had to go on the block. It was featured on the Navy mess hall info board, "Hot Wheels, 1971 Pontiac GTO -- 400 cubic inches, automatic with dual gate shifter, P.S., P.B., Air, all original, including owner. This beauty will turn some heads, \$2,800." An enlisted guy, Randy Smith saw the ad and had to have it. So the car moved one more time to Silverdale, Washington.

Randy wanted to restore the car and started on replacing the whole suspension, a heater core, some new tires and a new master cylinder. Now, Randy never drove it in the rain and this guy lived in rain town, USA. But when he did take it out, he entered it into the local car shows, and it placed 2nd one year.

After three years with the White Goat, Randy ran into some financial problems. His son had a brain tumor and the insurance didn't cover all the surgery bills. So, on the block it went. After two months in the local paper, there were no takers. He decided to call the original owner, Roland, to see if he wanted to buy the car back. Roland still had the two kids and the budget said no. But he knew his brother-in-law Mark had his eye on that car. Mark had one month to scramble for the big bucks. He thought the car was in sight but then a curve ball, one of the relatives fell short with the financial support. Mark drastically sold most of his possessions and came up with the \$4,000. He asked his brother Jeff (me) to fly up to Seattle and bring the car home. When we arrived at the airport, Randy was waiting for us. He asked Mark, "Are you sure you want to buy this car?" "No, I flew up here just to look at it!" After a short drive, we arrived at his home. Randy opened the garage, pulled off the car cover and there it was. Wow, in the same shape we remembered it. Randy handed over the pink slip and we headed back to California. As we proceeded south on I-5, we hit a turbo rain storm in, where else, Washington. Hit the wiper blades and continued south. Now, each road journey has its tales. We encountered a very difficult obstacle, you know - one with 18 wheels. We hit the pedal to the metal to blast past the water spraying beast. As we came up alongside the whale, the water spray was so intense that no wipers would work and we barely escaped this wall of water hitting us broadside. We couldn't see a damn thing and thought this was it, but the White Goat pulled us through. As we continued with our journey, passing through Oregon, the car started to squeak. One of those under the hood sounds. We pulled over and discovered that the power steering fluid was low and that the fan clutch was shot. We limped into California and made it to San Jose. Mark started the car the following day and the fan clutch bearings shot all over the ground.

Mark had the fan clutched fixed and enjoyed the car for three years, the car he had dreamed about owning one day. It wasn't until he purchased a home that the financial burdens became too great. So, he called his brother Jeff, the one who joined him to that famous Seattle trip and asked him, "Let's keep it in the family." So, Jeff became the new owner. Now I get to enjoy my high school dreams to one day own a true muscle car. My friends had muscle cars, '70 Barracuda, '68 Firebird Convertible, but I could not afford it. My summer job financed my first car, a '69 Ford Fairlane. It was the nuns' car from my Catholic Church - not a GTO by far. Now I'm living my dream and experiencing something that can only bring that chill created by Pontiac V-8 power.

