

THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



22nd Anniversary 1996 - 2018

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings Everyone,

Amazing weather lately for us here in the Bay Area with no rain in sight forecast through the middle of this month. Yikes, wonder if the powers that be will have us back in water rationing mode soon?

Very lively 2018 Kickoff meeting last Saturday, attendance was lower than what I would have hoped for however the flu is going around plus it was Super Bowl weekend. Thanks to those of you that came out to help put together our 2018 Event Schedule which is

included in this newsletter, hopefully it meets your expectations.

Both GGG and Nor-Cal Chevelles are interested in combining events going forward with the emphasis being on cruises to a destination, our 2018 event schedule reflects that. We have an event scheduled monthly throughout the remainder of the year. Some are old standbys while others are new. The meeting became quite lively during our "Mind Excursion" exercise where we went around the room sharing our thoughts about the future of our hobby, where GGG fits in our personal plans and even a little about where our cars may go when we are no longer here! Not going to get into specifics now as those of you in attendance know what was said and don't want to influence what members not at Kickoff may want to share at our upcoming 3/1 meeting. Definitely more on this subject to come!

I will say that there is definitely enough enthusiasm among membership that GGG will celebrate our 25th Anniversary in 2021 and carry on beyond that. We're here to stay and that is GRRR8 news indeed! On a personal note would like to say thank you all for your vote of confidence in allowing me to continue leading our club. Looking forward to many more fun years.

As always, if you have an idea for an event, please let me know. In addition our GGG Facebook page is a great resource for posting local/regional events. While the bulk of our membership remains in Alameda and Contra Costa county overall we have members from many other counties. If you know of a show or cruise local to you and not sure if it would be of interest to the entire club feel free to go ahead and post it. The Facebook page is also a great place to post relevant photos and articles. For example, those of you building cars, send us some photos. Feel free to contact me at any time regarding GGG, you know where to find me.....

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

GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB

SITE AVAILABLE AT:

www.gggoats.com

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 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
SNAIL MAIL: Jim Lent - 118 Iris Court
Hercules, CA 9454



SAD NEWS

Our club member Bob Newcomer passed away in early January. Bob searched for over a year to find a 1965 GTO to let him relive part of his early days. He will be missed.

His car of the month article is reprised in this newsletter.

**YOUR AD COULD BE HERE! PERSONAL ADS FOR ALL
GOLDEN GATE MEMBERS ARE FREE -
NON-MEMBERS Ads - \$10.00 per month per ad.**

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

WANTED:

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



Golden Gate Goats 2018 Event Schedule



- 2/3 **Saturday** Club Meeting at The Englander
- 3/1 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander
- 3/31 Sonoma Raceway Show & Shine
- 4/5 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander
- 4/7 Chevelle club wine cruise
- 4/29 Sunday Benicia Car Show hosted by Stuart Cole
- 5/3 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander
- 5/12 Moraga Car Show
- June – Summer break – no meeting
- 6/23 Run Through the Canyon hosted by NorCal Chevilles
- July– Summer break – no meeting
- Giants versus ?????, Sunday afternoon TENTATIVE
- 7/14 Saturday Tilden Park Picnic catered by Back Forty BBQ
- 8/??? Giants VS ??? ball game
- 9/6 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander
- 9/? Cruise to Disney Museum SF (To be Determined)
- 10/4 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander
- 10/14 Saturday Alameda Car Show hosted by Phil Sandri
- 10/20 Saturday - Fall Wine Cruise hosted by Judy & Leroy Anderson
- 11/1 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander
- 12/1 Saturday Holiday Party at Back Forty BBQ 11:00 – 3:00

We added this event at our February 3rd club meeting.

No registration is required. Just show up and have fun.



SCC Show & Shine Car Show

Saturday, March 31, 2018

Sonoma Raceway and Speedway Children's Charities (SCC) will partner with Nor Cal Cars & Coffee to host the track's second Sonoma Show & Shine event on Saturday, March 31. All proceeds from this cars-and-coffee style event will benefit the Sonoma chapter of SCC and Sonoma Charter School.



Car enthusiasts and car club members alike are invited to park their cars on display in the raceway's main paddock, while enjoying entries ranging from exotics to hot rods and a hot cup of coffee and pastries. The car show will run from **9 a.m. to noon**; admission for participants and spectators is **\$15 per car**. Last year's event attracted more than 450 participants, so whether you want to show your car, make it a family outing or enjoy a morning at the raceway, all are welcome for this festive day at the track.

Show & Shine attendees can also enjoy high-speed action on the drag strip as bracket drag racing runs throughout the day on the quarter-mile drag strip. The Raceway Café will also be open for lunch.

SCC, the charitable arm of Sonoma Raceway, is dedicated to caring for children in educational, financial, social and medical need in order to help them lead productive lives. The Sonoma chapter of SCC has distributed more than \$6 million to Sonoma County youth groups since 2001, including more than \$400,000 in grants awarded in 2017.

Sonoma Charter School is committed to equipping students with the tools they need for academic, personal and social achievement.

www.BeniciaClassicCarShow.com



SUNDAY MAY 29TH

SEE INFO FLYER ATTACHED.

THIS YEAR YOU NEED TO REGISTER ONLINE.

<https://sites.google.com/view/beniciaclassiccarshow>

BENICIA CAR SHOW MEETING INFORMATION

Sunday – APRIL 29th, 2018

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 29th 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

Below is a note from Jim Wangers nephew, Gordon.

On Jan 25, 2018, at 9:02 AM, Gordon Wangers <gwangers@gwangers.com> wrote:

Merrill Gardens
760-659-3543; 3500 Lake Boulevard; Oceanside, CA 92056

Dear Pontiac Enthusiasts,
As Jim Wangers' next of kin and legal guardian, I wanted to update you on his condition as there seems to be some misunderstanding out there in Pontiac land.

Like my father, his brother, Robert, Jim is stricken with Alzheimers and dementia. It is a terrible disease that destroys the mind slowly and also affects physical capabilities over time. My father died several years ago of the same symptoms, but his illness lasted over four years and it was difficult to watch the slow deterioration that is characteristic of this ailment, for which there is no treatment.

With the TLC and lovingkindness demonstrated by his primary caregiver, Jeanne Weiss, assisted by my longtime PA Barbara Rush, Jim is living very comfortably at age 91 in a lovely facility called Merrill Gardens located just off Highway 78 and College in Oceanside. The contact information for Merrill Gardens is listed at top of this message.

The real purpose of this is to encourage you all to come and visit Jim. Visitors are strongly encouraged and help keep the mind and memory stimulated. You can call ahead to let them know you are coming but is not critical as to be blunt, he most likely won't remember even if you call the day before. You can just show up around lunch time ideally, the dining room is quite good and you will be our guests. Just check in at the front desk and let them know you are looking for Jim. It varies from day to day but he will almost certainly remember you all and be thrilled to see you.

Thanks in advance for making the trip. Please contact Jeanne or Barb via email if you need further info or want to just confirm your visit.

Sincerely,

Gordon Wangers

gwangers@gwangers.com

760.801.1708

**Club Dues
2018 Dues - Payable now!**

The dues amount for 2018 is \$36.00.

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

**Use the envelope included in the bill
sent to you or:**

**SEND YOUR CHECK, MADE OUT TO "GOLDEN GATE
GOATS" TO:**

**GOLDEN GATE GOATS TREASURER
145 Pleasant View Drive
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523**

The following members still owe their 2018 dues.

**Pillado
Woods,
Hemphill
Holcomb,
Miller
Ingrao**

**Schinella (owes \$18.00)
Gray (owes \$9.00)
Sherman,
Franklin
Bowers**



JANUARY
2017
GOLDEN GATE GOATS
CAR OF THE MONTH



My 1965 GTO
by BOB NEWCOMER

I purchased the car in March 2016 after looking for a year, Its is a semi-restored car from a GTO Club member in Ohio. The car has always been in Ohio and was always garage kept, and I am now the Third owner. The Car was partially restored about 5 yrs. ago and now has 100950 miles on it. The 389 was replaced with a rebuilt 1970 GTO 400 4brl. and a rebuilt Borg Warner 4 speed transmission, the Interior was replaced and a new Night watch Blue original color respray was done, New rally rims were recently added with new

tires. When I acquired the car I replaced the radiator assembly, springs, shocks, and fuel tank. I had a pair of 1965 Black and yellow license plates that turned out to be good and put them on the car, and now I will save up for AC in the future. It has turned out to be a very nice driver and I hope to have several years of around about fun. I have to Thank Jim Lent, Mike LaCombe and Steve Beckett for there advice and help in my search during the past year and information on work needed to bring the car up to par. I have added a photo of me after graduation in 1968 of me and my first GTO.

