

# 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,

GGG's recent July picnic was a great success again this year, great turn out, food, and a mini car show. Lots of interesting raffle items were brought making for a fun raffle too, thanks for that. Fran Descalzo was kind enough to volunteer to sell raffle tickets, thanks Fran! 50/50 winner John Whitmore went home with

an extra \$160 in his pocket. Former winner Anthony Billeci was within ONE ticket of winning again. Back Forty did another stellar job catering our event. All in all about as good as it gets, hopefully all of you that attended enjoyed yourselves.

Coming up on Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup> is our Giants Day. TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE at \$28 per, please contact Treasurer Mike LaCombe if interested. In the interest of full disclosure, we bought the tickets BEFORE we met the 25 person minimum for special pricing. I will take the blame for that, I dropped the ball in communicating with Mike. ME BAD.....

Taking a peek into September, we have our next NOONER meeting at The Englander on Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup>. We will discuss upcoming events, member thoughts on the State of GGG and anything else you feel needs discussion at that time. Look forward to seeing those of you that can make it there.

A question for all you techies, do you know of an easy, cost effective way we could hold a meeting along the lines of a conference call? If so, please touch base with me on that. Marsha just told me she uses Zoom for her work, however have not yet had an opportunity to look into that.

That's it for now, enjoy our fine August weather.

See ya in the fast lane;

**Prez John**



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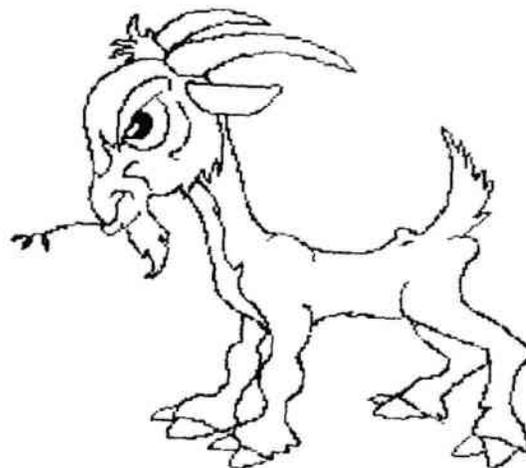
## **CHANGES, MISPELLINGS, ETC.**

**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](mailto:jimlent@comcast.net)**

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## **CAR OF THE MONTH ARTICLES**

**Would you like to see your car, and its story, published in this newsletter. Take this opportunity now to memorialize 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:**

**Jim Lent  
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## **GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB**

**SITE AVAILABLE AT:**

**[www.gggoats.com](http://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](mailto: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>**

# Golden Gate Goats coming events

**August 26, Sunday. Giants vs. Texas Rangers ballgame. 1:00 PM.**

View level 3rd Base side is \$29 The View level third base side is what we did last year. It was section 325 just passed third base.

Please respond to **MIKE LACOMBE @ [mike.lacombe@comcast.net](mailto:mike.lacombe@comcast.net)** to order tickets and arrange delivery.



## 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 Chevelles
- 6/24 PINOLE CAR SHOW RETURNS details to follow**
- July – Summer break – no meeting
- 7/14 Saturday Tilden Park Picnic catered by Back Forty BBQ
- 8/26 Giants VS Texas Rangers ball game 1:00PM
- 9/6 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander
- 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

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GOLDEN GATE MEMBERS ARE FREE -  
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email - [jimlent@comcast.net](mailto:jimlent@comcast.net)**

## **WANTED:**

**1964-1967 GTO** with air conditioning. Clean, reliable, and ready to drive. Prefer original looking car. Will consider all body styles. PHS and good colors are a plus. Price is up to \$30,000, negotiable. Contact club member Keith Holowecky, 509-993-2965, Sacramento, CA. Send info and photos to [keith.holowecky@gmail.com](mailto:keith.holowecky@gmail.com).

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:tomandlita@comcast.net)

Downtown Alameda's Classic Car Show is open to 1987 and older cars, trucks, and other classic vehicles.

**25th Annual Classic Car Show  
Saturday, October 13**

Interested in bringing your car? Online registration is now open!

Entry fee is \$35. Participants receive a commemorative silver anniversary t-shirt, dash plaque, and goodie bag.

Deadline for registration is September 14. If space is still available, registration will be accepted on day-of-show. Pre-registration is strongly advised as space is limited and fills up fast.

Parking spaces are assigned. If you would like to park together with club members or friends, be sure to include the same Group Name on each registration.

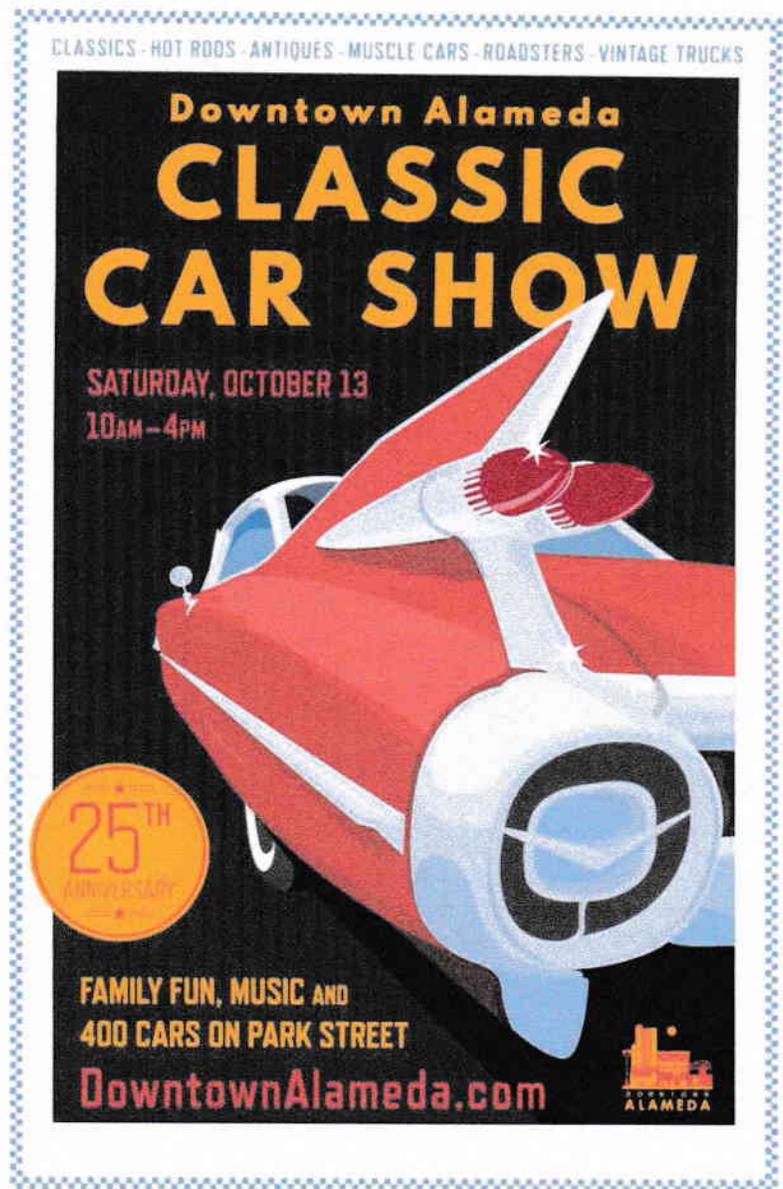
Parking for pre-registered vehicles begins at 7:30am. Entrant must check-in by 9:15am or space will be released to the waitlist. Stand-by registration waitlist will be taken starting at 7:00am (first come, first served).

The show ends at 4:00pm. Please plan to stay for the duration of the event.

This event is held rain or shine.

Paper applications are available at Fink's Automotive (<https://downtownalameda.com/bizdirectory/finks-automotive/>), located behind the former Lee Auto Supply.

For questions, email [events@downtownalameda.com](mailto:events@downtownalameda.com) or call 510.523.1392



## Register for the Show

[https://downtownalameda.com/events/classic-car-show/#car\\_registration](https://downtownalameda.com/events/classic-car-show/#car_registration)

BE SURE TO LIST GGGOATS AS YOUR CAR CLUB FOR PARKING

We have started a Facebook page for the club. Here are some benefits of a GGG club Facebook page:

- Provides social media interface, getting more club interest from members. (This will be a closed group, only those invited to join can interact with the page.)
- Blogging - members can open discussions that are open to everyone accepted into the group, building interest and knowledge in GTOs and the club.
- Threads can be used to provide technical information discussions
- News feeds are available
- Members can upload pictures and movies
- Replacement parts needed are seen by a larger audience
- Links to the GGG web site can be placed on the Facebook page
- A GGG member finds a 'better deal' with another parts provider and shares that with all

If you are interested in joining the group, please click on this link, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1739685286060250/>

Find the request to join on the Facebook page and send your request. Acceptance will take about one day, and you will be notified when you have been given permission. Let's start sharing ideas, stories, parts and recommendations!



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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!**

**2018 - 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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**Performance Years** - offers discounts to club members on orders up to \$500 of 3% w/charge card or 5% prepay. Orders over \$500 8% with charge card or 10% prepay. 215-712-7400

**Paddock West** - offers club members a 10% discount on their orders. Identify yourselves with the code "GGG1" to get the discount. 800 854-8532 or (909) 798-4166.

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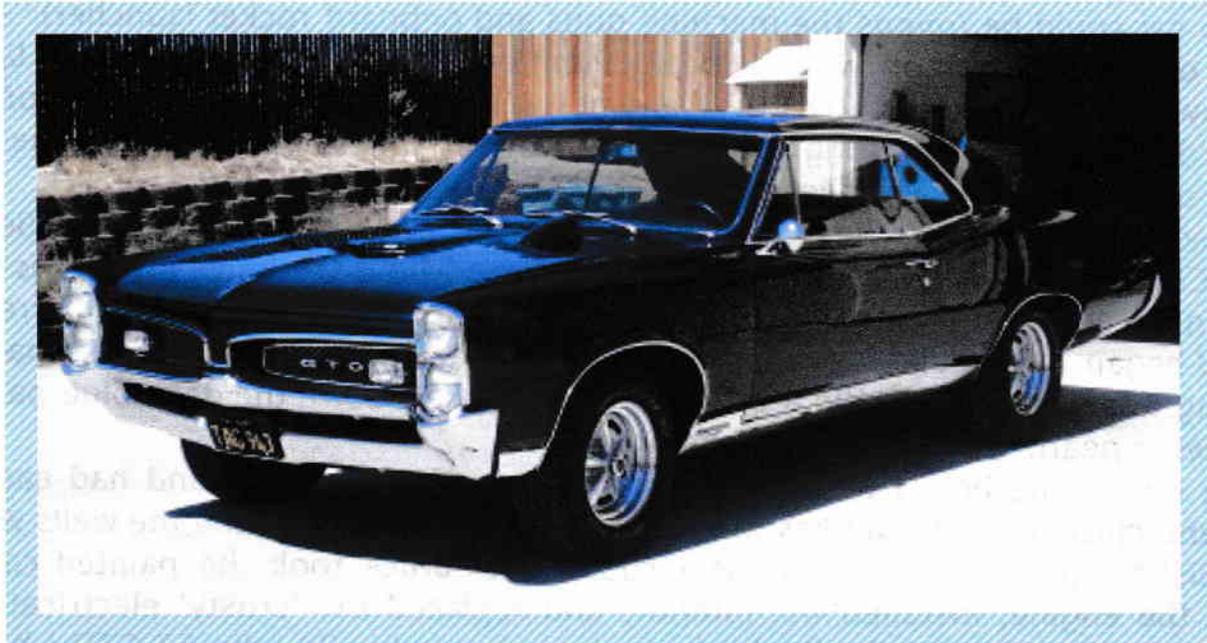




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## **GOLDEN GATE GOATS CAR OF THE MONTH**



### **Bart Miller's 1967 GTO**

#### **XXX Meets GGG**

I caught the "muscle car bug" when I was a kid watching my Dad scream around in a 69 Roadrunner and my older friends showing up at ball games with Pontiac, Chevy, and Mopar muscle. Man, there was nothing like a sound of power and the smell of rubber when they all took their turns beating up the asphalt after each game. Though the passion was now part of my being, I put everything on hold while I chased a couple of degrees and traveled the world.

Fast forward to 1997...with my Dad now into vintage Maserati's (and rubbing my nose in it...ha-ha), I began to look for a GTO and found a 67 near Redding that was a great candidate for restoration. And talk about history...the original owner purchased the car for drag racing and negotiated a documented dealer swap out of the factory 400 HO for a 428...unfortunately, he was killed during the Vietnam conflict and the car went to a

family relative who let it sit too long, destroyed the interior, painted the exterior with what looked to be white house paint, and used gobs of bathroom caulking to seal up the rear window. What a mess!

Anyway, I saw the potential and bought the car for a significantly reduced price (ha-ha). I'll never forget the look on Al Harris' face (another GGG member who lived in my neighborhood at the time) when I brought it home. It looked like crap next to his '65 tri-power. My son and I took the car to some fun GGG-hosted events at Pleasanton and a club picnic at Tilden Park where many viewed the carnage that I was starting with...ugly, ugly, ugly.

Shortly thereafter the movie 'XXX' became popular. That was it! There was my vision of what this car could be (minus the machine guns and onboard rocket launcher). I began working on the restoration with a local talent but, approximately 2 years later, he passed away due to cancer. The 428 engine was being rebuilt by his subcontractor (who I didn't know) and, during the confusion of his illness and passing, the engine was sold off to another for services rendered. Talk about depressing.

I managed to recover what was left of the car and hooked up with Bruce Bethel of Bethel's Country Motors in Loomis. For those of you who don't know Bruce, his river of talent runs deep when it comes to Goats. Bruce found a 400 HO with the correct date code and began the rebuild. Another friend, Mike Warbington, took the car, made sure everything was straight, and did a beautiful job of laying down the deep blue paint with fine magenta pearl. Things were looking up!

Thinking out of the box, I took the original Magnum 500 wheels and had each bead blasted and chromed. The spokes were polished to a high sheen and the wells were left as unpolished, pitted chrome. What a cool look! Bruce took the painted car shell, installed the engine, installed the interior, and replaced the 'crusty' electrical wiring. Once completed, Mike did the final rub on the paint and voila...the 67 GTO I had been dreaming about.

Presently, I'm looking at a piece of property where I'm planning on building a custom "dream garage". Though I've now collected nine rare muscle cars, the 67 GTO will get the "center fold" position...when it's not cruising the asphalt.

