

# THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



**23rd Anniversary 1996 - 2019**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year GGG,

Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays. They seemed to come out of nowhere for us, rolling along on autopilot then Thanksgiving appeared followed closely by another absolutely fantastic GGG Xmas Party whose highlights were covered in last month's December 2018 newsletter. Now Santa is back working in his North Pole workshop and another new year is upon us.

Please note that 2019 dues are currently due, thanks to Jim Lent for his subtle e mail reminder. Thanks to all of you that have paid and thanks in advance to those of you that plan to soon. As discussed at our Xmas Party 2019 may be the year where we can no longer cover bbq expenses solely from our club monies meaning a co-pay may be on the horizon. Treasurer Mike LaCombe will keep us in the loop on that.

Thursday January 31<sup>st</sup> will be the date for our 2019 Kick-Off Meeting at The Englander in San Leandro. 11:30 meet/greet/ eat with the meeting starting 12:15 prox. The remainder of our meetings this year will be on our normal first Thursday rotation. Due to a personal conflict chose to move our February meeting forward a week. Prior to our meeting please think about what existing events we should attend this year along with any new GGG only event ideas you may have. Once Nor-Cal Chevelles have their event schedule set we can talk about any events we/they may want to join in on. We have two members currently having their GTO's restored that should be completed this year. If the members/owners are interested perhaps we could do a club event as sort of a coming out party? If anyone else is doing a build please let me know. Hope to see many of you at our February meeting. We realize noon time meetings prevent many of you from attending, please e mail me any club business and event ideas you have and we will include them in our discussions. As have said many times before we control our own destiny

and GGG will be this year and every year going forward whatever we choose to make it.

2019 is our 23<sup>rd</sup> year, been a GRRR8 ride so far and looking forward to another great year!

See ya in the fast lane;

**Prez John**

**GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB**  
**SITE AVAILABLE AT:**  
**[www.gggoats.com](http://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.**

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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](mailto:jimlent@comcast.net) to join or to update your email address**



## **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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Hercules, CA 94547**





## **Golden Gate Goats 2019 Event Schedule**



- 1/31 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander
- 3/7 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander
- 4/4 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander
- 4/28 Sunday Benicia Car Show hosted by Stuart Cole
- 5/2 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander
- 5/11 Moraga Car Show
- June – Summer break – no meeting
- 6/23 PINOLE CAR SHOW RETURNS details to follow
- July – Summer break – no meeting
- 7/13 Saturday Tilden Park Picnic catered by Back Forty BBQ
- 9/5 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander
- 10/3 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander
- 10/12 Saturday Alameda Car Show hosted by Phil Sandri
- 10/20 Saturday - Fall Wine Cruise
- 11/7 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander
- 12/7 Saturday Holiday Party at Back Forty BBQ 11:00 – 3:00

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email - [jlmlent@comcast.net](mailto:jlmlent@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](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)

# **Club Dues 2019 Dues - Payable now!**

**The dues amount for 2019 is \$36.00.  
Dues can be submitted by mail or paid in person at  
our January 31st. meeting.**

**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 2019 dues.**

**Sakamoto, Woods, K. Davis, D. Davis,  
Sherman, Allee, A. Beckett, Holcomb,  
Pillado, Hemphill, Bender, Wilhelm, Rowles, Johnson,  
Schinella**



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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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+ 67-81 Camaro + 67-81 Firebird + 64-72 GTO + 64-72 Skylark/GS  
+ 64-72 Cutlass/442 + 66-74 Dodge/Plymouth

**Bethel's Goat Farm - 10% discount - ask for Ed ( 408 ) 295-7611**

**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.**

**World Muffler - 10% Discount - 966 E. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale - 408-738-2318 Contact Maynard Rougier or Patrick Karl**

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**Electrical:** Custom harness fabrication, stock harness repair, electrical diagnosis, Fuel injection wiring, etc.

**Engine:** Rebuilds, tune ups, performance modifications, Drivability improvements, Fuel injection service

**What ever your automotive needs maybe we can handle it.**



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!





**APRIL  
2003**



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



### **My Little Red GTO**

**by Rick Guagliardo**

I acquired a love of the automobile at any early age. I grew up in the 50's and I can still recognize and name almost all the cars from that era. As a kid my dad, brother and I went to many car shows in Milwaukee. I can still remember many of the hot rods from those shows.

I received my driver's license on my 16th birthday. I used the family '56 Ford station wagon for the test. The car had a 312 cubic inch solid lifter Thunderbird engine, 3 on the tree and 411 gears. Dad let me use the vehicle occasionally. He complained that the tires were wearing out too fast (I loved to do burn outs). He was getting suspicious about my driving and started writing down the mileage. He also told me not to drive over 15 miles each time I borrowed it. I quickly learned how to disconnect the speedometer.

My dad's next car was a 1957 Pontiac Star Chief two-door hardtop. This was my first experience with Pontiac. This was a great car definitely an attention getter. A year latter I totaled the car and ended up in the middle of the highway on a rural Wisconsin road at 3:00 AM. Fortunately there

wasn't much traffic and I didn't get run over. A picture of the vehicle accident made the Milwaukee Journal the next day with a caption about the importance of having safety belts (this car never came with safety belts).

I finally got permission to buy a car at seventeen. I purchased a 1955 Pontiac 2 door hardtop two-tone brown and cream with leather interior. The car had okay performance but I couldn't get the tires to spin without revving it in neutral first and then dropping the gearshift to low. My friends thought this was pretty cool until I broke the universal joint making a neutral drop when leaving a Bobs Big Boy restaurant. I didn't show my face at the restaurant for a long time after that. I sold the car six months later after breaking one of the A arms going over a curb that was hidden by snow.

During my last year at Wauwatosa West High School I saw my first GTO. The car was red with red interior and had three carburetors. I knew that someday I would own a GTO. Seven years ago I found a used 1964 GTO convertible. The car was un-restored and fairly clean with some minor rust in the trunk. The body was straight but in need of paint. The interior was in fair condition. The motor was a stock 389 with two-speed automatic transmission. With a little haggling I bought the car. For the next 8 months this was my daily commuter until the engine started overheating. I finally stopped driving it and parked it my driveway for the next two years. My wife wanted me to sell the car since it was taking up space. Time for a restoration. My son and I pulled the engine and transmission out. The car was sent to my buddy Gary (408-227-1878) to strip the paint, repair any dings and paint the car.

Wade, at Toupals in San Jose, completed the upholstery (408-259-8210). I came across a rebuilt 455 short block and purchased used 96 heads from Ed at the Goat Farm (408 295-7611). The heads were rebuilt at Smedings Performance in Sacramento (916-638-0899). The tri-power was purchased at a swap meet at a good guys show. Ed from the goat farm helped me with excellent advice and parts needed to complete the project. My good friend JR Riley built the turbo 400 with switch pitch from a Cadillac. The car is painted PPG Hot Red with red interior and white convertible top. Pulley belts were continually coming off during rapid acceleration so I installed a serpentine belt and pulley system purchased from the March Company. The car is running slightly hot and could use an upgraded radiator (next project).

Amy and I have enjoyed our association with the Golden Gate Goats club and look forward to participating in upcoming events.

