

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

Howdy Folks,

With Labor Day upon us summer moves out and fall rushes in...or so they say. Weather wise summer seemed a bit fleeting. Our tomato plants are probably thinking that summer never came this year at all here on the Peninsula as they are now just ripening. Our warm days were definitely a bit warmer (climate change?) which had many of us wondering if we should consider having air conditioning installed in our houses. Lower level at our house hit 87 according to

the readout on the thermostat, upstairs was probably a bit warmer. Heat breaks in a couple days as onshore flow returns ushering in the wind and fog. And the beat goes on!

We return to meetings this coming Thursday September 5th at The Englander. Meet/Eat/Greet begins at 11:30am with the meeting starting about noon. This meeting falls during a holiday week for some so perhaps we will get a break with traffic. Let's recap our annual Tilden Park Picnic and Niles Car Show plus discuss our upcoming events along with any club business you feel needs to be addressed. Drum roll please, let's remember it is never too early for discussing ideas for next year. Hope to see you there.....

Taking a peek into October we have our meeting on Thursday 10/3 and the Alameda Car Show on Saturday the 12th, information can be found in this newsletter.

Just a heads up it does appear as previously discussed a member co-pay will be required to subsidize the cost for this year's Xmas Party. As I write this thinking \$10 per person. We were able to fund both the Tilden Picnic and Xmas Party with club funds up to now which was a very positive thing. Jim Lent deserves a lot of the credit for that as a few years back Jim

noticed discounted gift cards for Back Forty BBQ at his local Costco and took the initiative to implement a strategy using them that saved us the most \$ and over the years the savings really added up. If Jim hadn't done that we would have had to go with co-pay long ago. Thanks again Jim!

That's about it for now..... Happy Labor Day and;

See ya in the fast lane;

Prez John

GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB SITE AVAILABLE AT:
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>

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



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



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 or send them by snail mail to:

Jim Lent
118 Iris Court
Hercules, CA 94547

COMING EVENTS

**September 5, Thursday - Club meeting at The
Englander, San Leandro. 11:30 lunch with
meeting to follow.**

**October 3, Thursday - Club meeting at The
Englander, San Leandro. 11:30 lunch with
meeting to follow.**

**October 12 - Alameda Car Show. App. info in this
newsletter. Be sure to list Golden Gate Goats as
your club to ensure parking together.**

**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



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

6/22 NORCAL CHEVELLES POKER RUN

6/23 PINOLE CAR SHOW RETURNS details to follow

JuLY – Summer break – no meeting

7/27 Saturday Tilden Park Picnic catered by Back Forty BBQ (**NEW DATE**)

8/17 Hot August Niles Car Show (Fremont) – (**new Event**)

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

11/7 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander

12/7 Saturday Holiday Party at Back Forty BBQ 11:00 – 3:00

GOLDEN GATE GOATS FACEBOOK PAGE

Join our club Facebook page!

- Open discussions with members
- Share links with GGG web site
- Buy/Sell your auto parts

Join the blog by clicking on this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1739685286060250>

Find the 'Request to Join' on the page and send your request to us. Acceptance will take about a day, and you will be notified when you have been given permission.

Start sharing your ideas, stories, parts and recommendations with the club!

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Catalogs free with order

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- 67-81 Camaro • 67-81 Firebird • 64-72 GTO • 64-77 Skylane/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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What ever your automotive needs maybe we can handle it.





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**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!**

Greater San Francisco Bay Area Pontiac GTO Club

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

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**

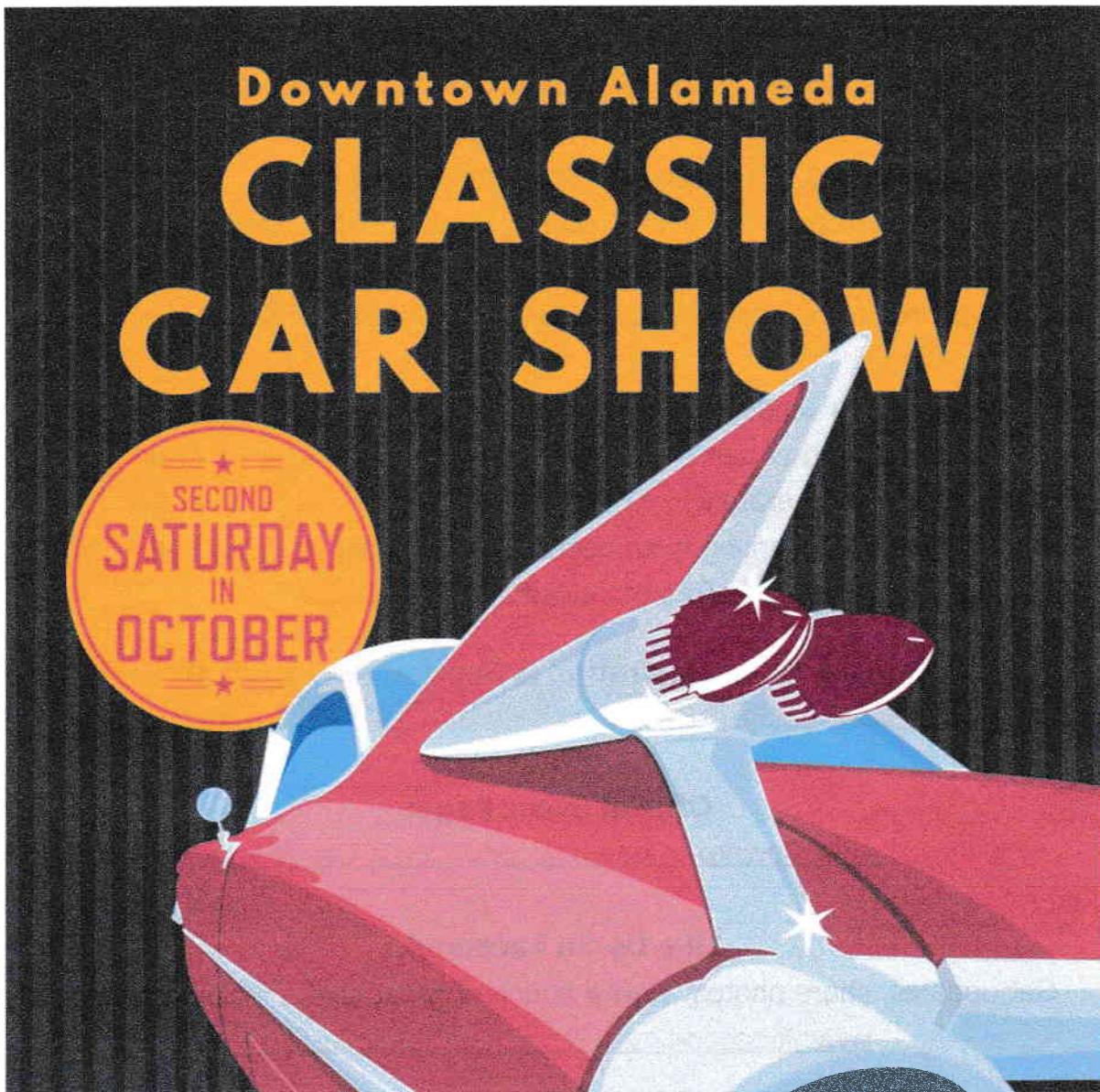
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Get set for the Classic Car Show on Park Street and other fun events!

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**26th Annual Downtown Alameda Classic Car Show
Saturday, October 12, 2019**



The Downtown Alameda Classic Car Show is one of the best car shows in the San Francisco Bay Area. 400 classic vehicles of all types are invited to be on display in Alameda's historic downtown district.

If you or your buddies haven't registered yet, don't wait!
Spaces usually fill up before the deadline.

Click Here to Register

Things to know...

- The show date is Saturday, October 12.
- Our show is open to 1987 and older classic vehicles.
- Entry fee is \$35 per vehicle. (\$45 after the deadline)
- Each participant receives a commemorative t-shirt, dash plaque, goodie bag, and assigned space on the street.
- Parking for registered vehicles begins at 7:30am. The show ends at 4:00pm.
- If you and friends want to park together, agree on one Group Name and include that name on each registration. (Vehicles must be registered separately.)
- **IMPORTANT:** Parking instructions will be mailed to registered vehicles 2 weeks before the event.

Deadline for registration is September 13, 2019.

Official Event Page:

www.DowntownAlameda.com/Classic-Car-Show

Like Us On Facebook:

Get updates, share photos, view a bunch of great cars... including yours!

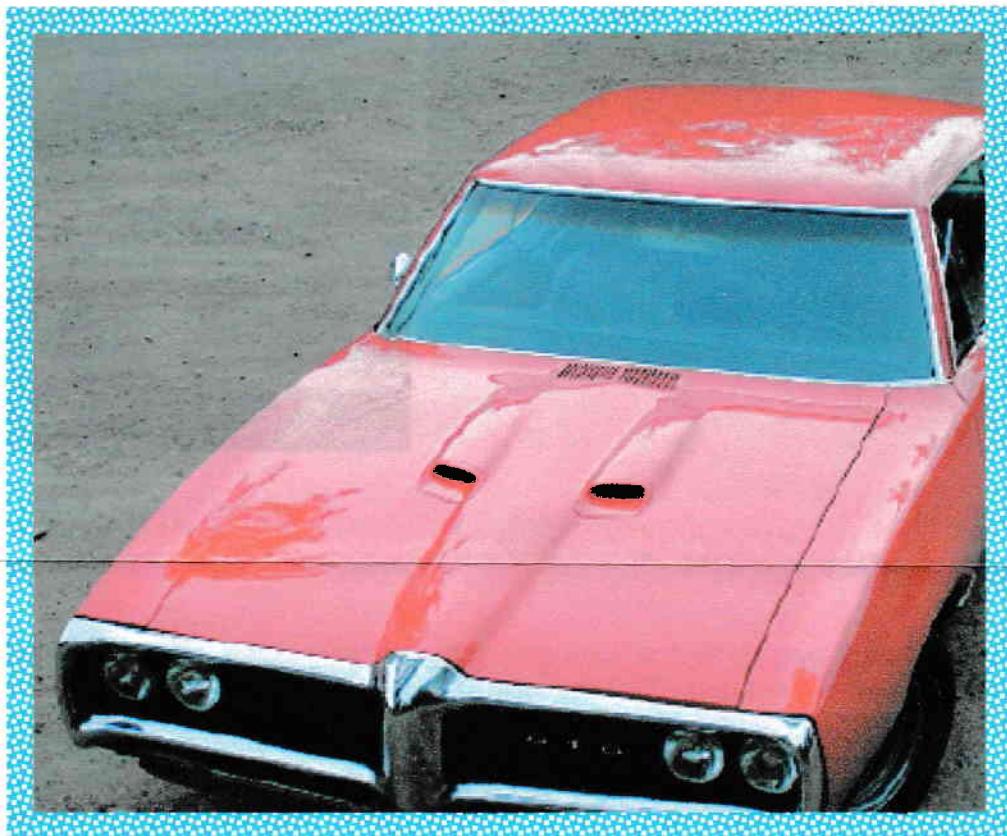
www.facebook.com/ParkStreetClassicCarShow

Click Here to Register



NOVEMBER
2005

GOLDEN GATE GOATS
CAR OF THE MONTH



**PETR DIVIS' 1968 GTO
FROM THE CZECH REPUBLIC**

In 1996, during my and my wife's holiday in California, browsing through ads in Local Auto Trader of San Diego county, our friend Dell suddenly pointed his finger on some strange car and said: "look! This one is cool! A '68 Goat!" My favorite 'muscle car', in that time was a '78 Camaro, but this one had a nice chrome bumper and looked wild. Thus, we went to see that Goat. I think the owner took a parts car and had completed it to running condition. It had 350 Buick engine with 2-speed automatic, brakes that didn't brake so much, no dash, some newer torn seats, an old dirty carpet, and etc. It was not expensive and even negotiable. We bought it, because that car was something really unique and looked very very mean. It was painted in black primer, had the shiny chrome bumper and some fat tires in the rear. I was quickly in love and didn't care about the details.

Three months later, after a great hassle with overseas shipment and customs here in Czechia I was able to park that monster on my yard. Neighbors and friends were walking around and nodding, being totally confused as if they had seen a U.F.O. Their faces always turned to smiles when I started that Buick motor in it. Well, it had an all new Flowmaster exhaust.

Another three months was estimated for its repair. I wanted to bring it into running condition and drive it! But my 'repair' turned soon into frame off restoration, without having any experience with cars previously. All I have learned, all I have purchased, all people I started to know, all the advice I got was only thanks to the Internet.

According to PHS, my car was a real GTO that came from factory with WT 400 engine, 3-speed manual, 3.55 posi rear, bucket seats, custom seat belts, rally II wheels, console, soft ray windshield and Solar Red exterior paint. The chrome bumper was not an original option.

That old Buick engine needed to be replaced with an appropriate Pontiac motor. I was able to locate and buy fresh used 400 YC engine with 1968 #16 heads and M20 four speed Muncie with clutch - the whole setup. Although not numbers matching it was good enough. After many other shipments from Ames, Year One and Summit Racing, and five years of my interrupted work, my GTO left its garage for the first ride. I can remember I was really surprised how stiff the new urethane bushing were and the new springs too. I also had expected more horses out of that engine. These first rides were really surprising.

After a period of initial excitement I felt unsatisfied with the results of my restoration and decided to do it again, only better this time. This point is very critical, isn't it? I knew the Year One catalogue had asked a strange question "How many times do you want to restore your muscle car?" and now here was the answer. During the second resto, the front suspension got 2" drop spindles with disc brakes, engine heads were ported and polished, more radical camshaft installed, car was painted shiny orange pearl paint, all missing parts were obtained and installed, the dashboard got a real wood insert plus two gauges that filled the hole of missing radio. A new Hurst shifter provides safer shifts, 3.36 posi rear and many more little improvements. My GTO is now made of almost all new parts!

That restoration was my big struggle, and I am sure I did it the most expensive way I could. But now I enjoy driving a car that draws a lot of attention (and makes a lot of people smile when they see it and hear it!) with endless acceleration. I even received some awards at US cars meetings. Old American cars are popular and there are several US cars clubs here.

Last year during my visit in California I was very happy to meet some of GGG club members and also become a member. I enjoyed meeting and talking with the club members. I like the way you are able to enjoy your cars and your hobby. Also I find the GGG club very active, it offers many more activities than our local club does.

I wish you many happy miles, and reasonable gasoline prices for the future. Well, we paid \$5.50 per gallon in September 2005 here...

