

THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings GGG,

We frequently hear the phrase life is full of surprises. Last Tuesday February 25th Jim Lent just happened to see an article in the newspaper about a long time East Bay restaurant closing at the end of the month in 3 days due to losing its lease. That restaurant is none other than The Englander where we have been holding monthly GGG meetings for

at least a decade if my memory serves me correctly. They set up shop in 1997 making them about the same age as GGG. Always sad to see a successful business suddenly close down, especially one that is family owned. Luckily for us Jim saw the article as those of us going to the meeting would have been excited upon arrival to be able to park free in their main lot but moments later wonder why the building is closed. Unfortunately Englander management never notified me of their closing. So as our meeting tradition at the Englander ends the question becomes where do we go from here? Our March 5th meeting will be held at Back 40, please refer to the e mail Jim sent out a few days back detailing this change. Our relationship with Back 40 allowed Jim to put this together in short order, thanks Jim for doing that. Perhaps the venue change will allow some other members to attend. Our meeting topics will be discussing possible new meeting location options along with events for

the remainder of the year and any other topics of interest the group wishes to discuss. Those of you not attending the meeting knowing of a potential meeting location along the 880 corridor please contact me and we will add them to our list of possible locations.

Our April meeting date will be a visit to the Pacific Pinball Museum in Alameda where we will have a friendly pinball tournament open to all GGG members, watch for additional details to follow. We will meet in front of the museum at 11 then have lunch at a local place chosen at random. Should be a fun time; check out their website at www.pacificpinball.org. The seed for this event was planted over the last couple years with me and member Joe Soares both claiming to be Pinball Wizards. Full disclosure, Joe owns a machine and plays frequently whereas I have not played in a while. Perhaps Joe will be our pinball wizard for the day, perhaps someone else? Should be a lot of fun.....

At this point in time thinking May meeting to be held at Back 40. May is our last meeting before our Summer Break giving us time to do recon for a new location starting in September.

Till our March 5th meeting, 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, 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.

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Hercules, CA 9454**

GOLDEN GATE GOATS MEETING LOCATION CHANGE

High Folks,

Due to the closing of the Englander Restaurant in San Leandro we are moving the **March 5th meeting to the Back Forty in Pleasant Hill. Many of you are already familiar with the location and quality of the food.**

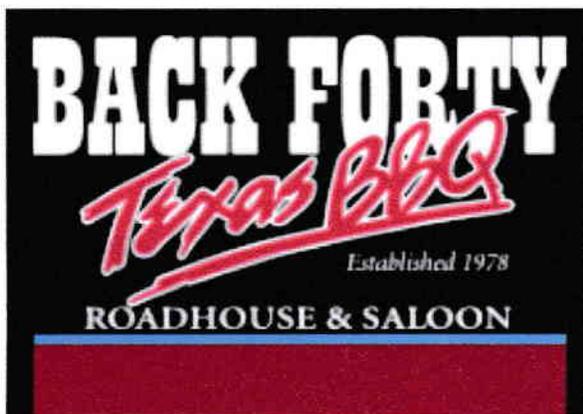
In order to reserve a specific area on the ground floor of the restaurant we have agreed to use their large party menu options. The seven choices are attached for you viewing and you will choose at the restaurant.

The cost including tax & tip have been rounded up to \$20.00 per person to avoid dealing with odd amounts. The bill is a single one but each person can pay by cash or credit.

Meeting as usual at 11:30 for lunch.

New members are encouraged to attend if possible. We will be discussing 2020 events as well as possible meeting sites for rest of year.

Please reply to this email so we can plan for seating.



**100 Coggins Drive
Pleasant Hill, CA
94523
(925) 935-1440**

LARGE PARTY DINING

Groups 13 - 25

SEATED LUNCH

Party Name: Golden Gate Goats Phone: 510-697-6645

Date: March 5, 2020 Time: 11:30am - 1:30pm

Final Number of Guests: 15-20 Email Address: jimlent@comcast.net

This menu is plated and will be served to your group in the main dining room unless the private seating option is selected below.

Your guests will be given the option to choose from one of the following meat selections on the day of your event:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pork Ribs | <input type="checkbox"/> Sliced Beef Brisket | <input type="checkbox"/> Beef Ribs | <input type="checkbox"/> Sliced Turkey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ Chicken | <input type="checkbox"/> Sausage Links | <input type="checkbox"/> Prime Rib (add \$5 per person) | |

Select any TWO fixin's on the list below. Every guest's lunch plate will have the same two selected fixin's with their choice of meat.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Tossed Green Salad | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Texas Country Fries | <input type="checkbox"/> Potato Salad | <input type="checkbox"/> Sweet Potato Fries |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cole Slaw | <input type="checkbox"/> Garlic Mashed Potatoes | <input type="checkbox"/> Homemade soup | <input type="checkbox"/> Mac & Cheese |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BBQ Beans | <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Vegetables | | |

Select ONE seating option: PRIVATE NON-PRIVATE

Meals include: Soda, Tea or Fresh Brewed Coffee, and Fresh Baked Assorted Breads

\$14.99 Per Person (Plus tax) Non-Private

BENICIA CAR SHOW MEETING INFORMATION

Sunday – APRIL 26th, 2020

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 26th 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



27th ANNUAL BENICIA CLASSIC CAR SHOW

Sponsored by the BHS Panther Band Boosters

On **Sunday, April 26, 2020** - the Benicia Classic Car Show will bring together classic car owners and vehicle enthusiasts from all over the Bay Area and beyond for a day of fun, music, and awards. The family event will be hosted by a dedicated group of Benicia High School Band students, their booster friends and families. Registration, sponsor and donation proceeds go directly to support our award-winning Benicia High School Panther Marching Band program.

REGISTER AT: **www.BeniciaClassicCarShow.com**



ON

Saturday, June 29, 2019, members of the San Diego Chapter POCL, the Southern California Chapter POCL, and the Inland Empire GTOs gathered for a birthday bash honoring "The Godfather of the GTO," Jim Wangers. Our classic Pontiacs came out in force, displaying no less than 18 beautiful cars at Silverado Memory Care, the assistive care facility where Jim has been comfortably residing for the past year or so.

Jim's nephew, Gordon Wangers, later arrived in his awesome Lincoln Continental Limousine, greeting our group and thanking us for attending this special celebration in honor of his uncle's 93rd birthday.

The guest of honor came outdoors to welcome us as we wished him a happy birthday and gathered for a memorable group photo. Jim — just as he would do in his glory days —

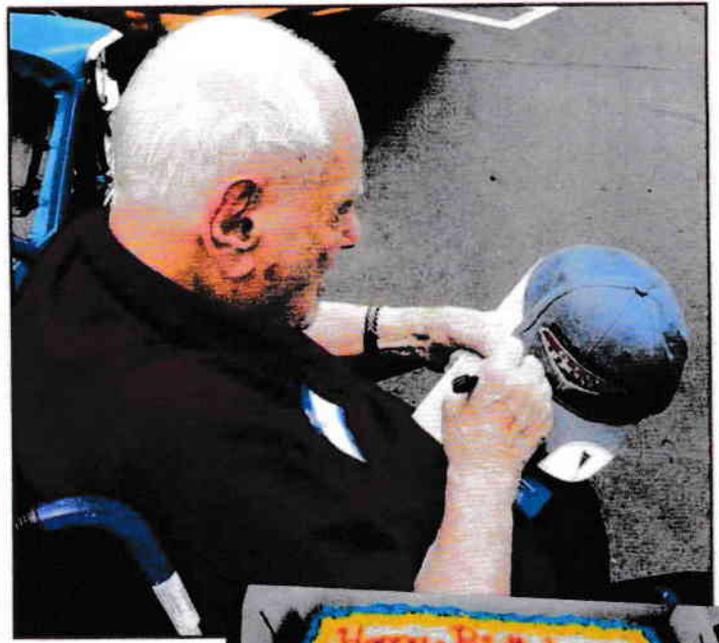
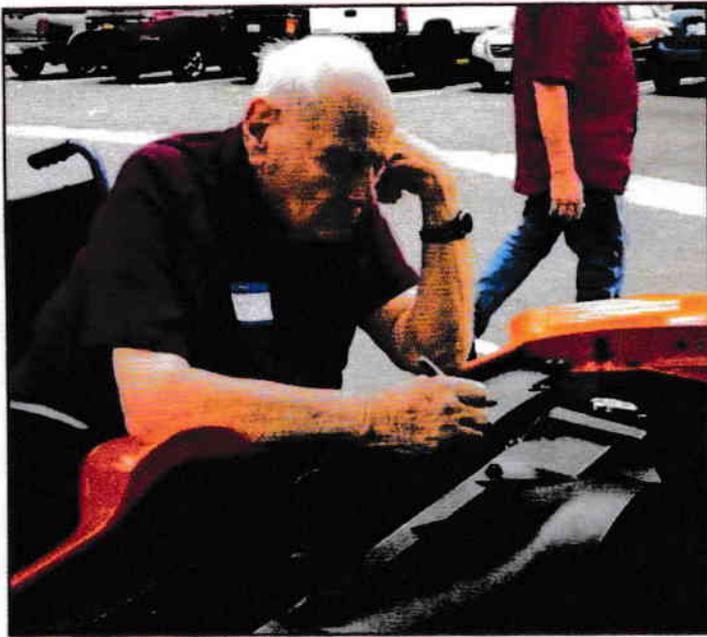


immediately offered to autograph books, hats, car visors and radiator supports.

The day was beautiful, warm and sunny with a light breeze. It was great to gather the various members from the three clubs and "talk Pontiac" in the presence of an individual who was so instrumental in the marketing successes of the GTO and Pontiac's original Wide-Track era.

Heading over to the adjacent outdoor eating area, we were treated to a delicious meal of burgers with all the fixings, macaroni salad, chips, fruit kabobs and refreshments. Gordon said a few words about how much this meant to Jim and expressed





BY TOM DIOT, SAN DIEGO CHAPTER POCI



his appreciations for our presence. "Old Man" Jim Taylor unveiled a personalized "Here Comes Da Judge" sign, and many of us presented birthday cards and greetings to our beloved Pontiac VIP. After singing "Happy Birthday," a well-decorated and delicious birthday cake was served to all.

A big THANK YOU to everyone who came out to see Jim — you could tell that he truly appreciated our visit!

Later, we received a note from Gordon Wangers' personal assistant, Barbara Rush, who coordinates Jim's needs and scheduling. She wrote: "Just left Jim... he's doing a little better



today. I asked how he enjoyed himself

yesterday at the party, and he replied, 'It was really wonderful!' He looked very happy. So, 'WONDERFUL' is high praise as he was able to remember the day. I wanted you all to know, so please share this with all who came.

Gordon and I also both agreed it was just WONDERFUL. Of course, you can share my email and phone number with anyone who wants to visit Jim. He loves to see people!

I will keep you updated on his condition. Thanks to you and your help for organizing this day with Jim... Deeply appreciated!"



Anyone wishing to send friendly notes or greeting cards with snapshots to Jim may address them to: Jim Wangers, Silverado Escondido Memory Care, 1500 Borden Rd, Escondido, CA 92026. To arrange a visit with Jim in-person, please first send an email to Barbara Rush at wangershomeoffice@gmail.com so that she can make the necessary arrangements with Silverado. Additionally, you may call Barbara at (760)-500-6469. She is quite eager to assist with Jim's day-to-day well-being, and she welcomes your contact! 🍷



Golden Gate Goats 2019 Event Schedule



2/6 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander

3/5 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander

4/2 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at BACK FORTY

4/26 Sunday Benicia Car Show hosted by Stuart Cole

5/7 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at ????

5/9 Moraga Car Show

June – Summer break – no meeting

6/6 NORCAL CHEVELLES POKER RUN

6/28 PINOLE CAR SHOW RETURNS details to follow

July – Summer break – no meeting

7/18 Saturday Tilden Park Picnic catered by Back Forty BBQ

8/?? Hot August Niles Car Show (Fremont)

9/3 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at ???r

10/1 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at ???

10/10 Saturday Alameda Car Show hosted by Phil Sandri

11/5 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at ???r

12/5 Saturday Holiday Party at Back Forty BBQ 11:00 – 3:00

**YOUR AD COULD BE HERE! PERSONAL ADS FOR ALL
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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:

Endura bumper for a 1970 GTO.

Contact John Arvizu at hot_ss@yahoo.com

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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 FACEBOOK PAGE

Join our club Facebook page!

- Open discussions with members
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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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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!

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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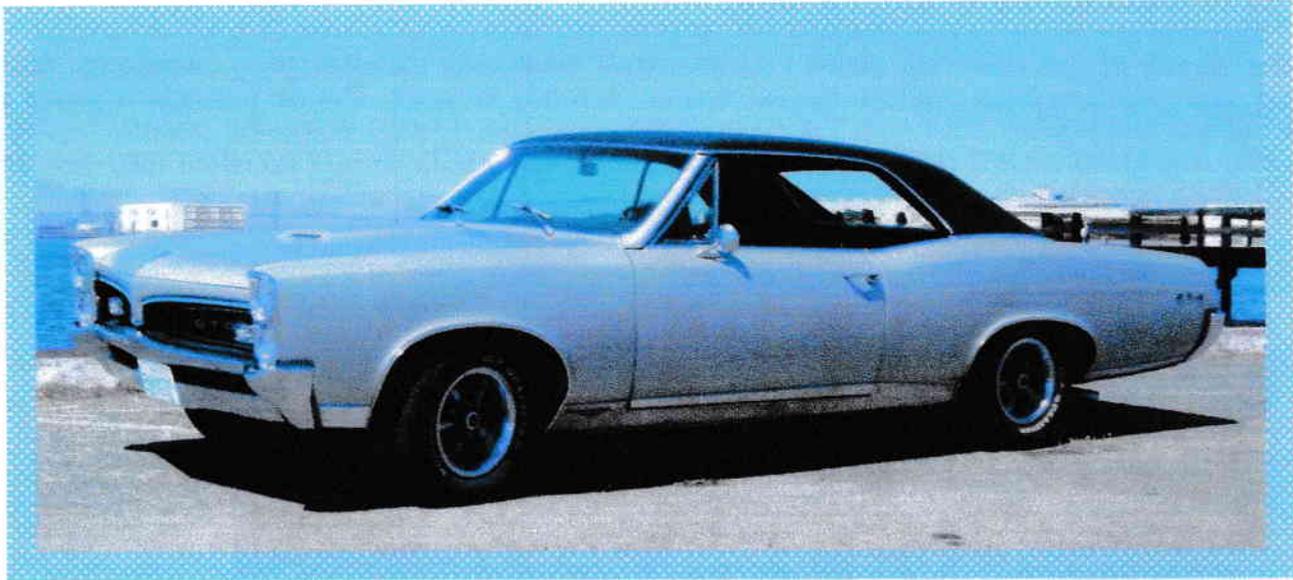




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GOLDEN GATE GOATS CAR OF THE MONTH



PHIL SANDRI'S 1967 GTO

My love of classic cars was passed down to me from my father at an early age. Some of my earliest memories are of him taking us out for drives in his classic 1954 Jaguar XK140 sports car with the top down. And I'm fairly certain my lifelong interest in cars was forged the night he came home with a bright yellow Dodge Demon 340 that he purchased off the showroom floor from the local dealership.

Several years later when my older brother began driving, I tagged along on a car shopping venture. Just when it looked like my folks were going to saddle my poor brother with a sensible late seventies Pontiac Sunbird, he and I spied a 1968 Ford Mustang with a 289 V8 and Cragar wheels near the back of the lot and persuaded our folks that this was a much better choice!

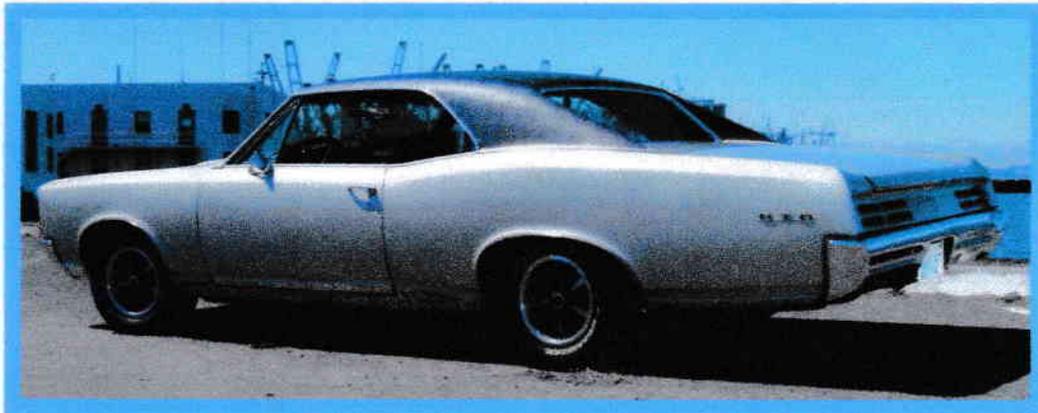
Eventually the 1968 Mustang was passed down to me and I spent much of my spare time in high school tinkering with it and restoring it. Most of my high school friends shared my interest in cars and when we weren't working on our cars, scouring junk yards for parts, or participating in the Wednesday night drags at Baylands Raceway Park, we were looking for the next 'must have' car. Of course, muscle cars were much more affordable and available at the time so we were frequently buying and selling cars. Fortunately, I managed to hold on to a few of those old cars including my 1965 fastback Mustang, 1965 convertible Mustang, 1969 Plymouth Roadrunner, and 1970 Mach 1.

Although my friends labeled me as the 'Ford guy' by virtue of my Mustangs, I always appreciated the many different car makes and models. My fondness for GTOs was sparked when my buddy Bill and I

were driving through downtown Hayward and we spied a Signet Gold 1967 GTO hardtop on a used car lot. After looking the car over and taking a brief test drive Bill shelled out \$988 of his hard earned pizza-delivery wages and the GTO was his. We had a lot of fun driving that car around and ever since then I wanted one for myself.

Years later my wish came true when I came across my 1967 GTO nearby in Oakland, Ca. and convinced my wife that we needed to have the vehicle. It is a four speed car built in Fremont that was originally delivered to a dealer in Portland, Oregon and eventually made its way back the Bay Area. When I found the car it ran well and was in fairly solid shape although it looked like a jalopy and had suffered from some neglect over the years. The worst damage was caused by a leaky rear window which forced me to replace the rusted trunk floor and taillight panel. It was also apparent that the car had hit something as the front bumper, header panel and grille assembly were all pretty well tweaked. Although the interior was quite stale it had never been butchered and still included the original AM radio. I even found the original interior trim build sheet while replacing the carpet.

Over the course of the next two years I spent many weekends disassembling, repairing, cleaning, polishing, and replacing pieces before the car was finally ready for paint. The car has now returned to its original Pontiac 'Silverglaze' color with the correct black vinyl top. I really enjoy the visceral feeling that comes with driving the car and get a kick out of seeing other car fans' faces light up when they see one of these old classics rumble by.



CONCORD FRIDAY NIGHT CAR GATHERING



**All Years, Makes and Models are Welcome !
Bring the Family and Friends.**

**For 2020 we will be meeting at the
Domino's Pizza
at the Sun Valley Mall in Concord.
Every Friday From 4:30pm on.**



Domino's Pizza @ 901 Sun Valley Blvd, Concord, CA 94520

**Take the 680 to Concord, Exit the Willow Pass Exit. Head West and you
will see us on the Right Side just pass the Sears Parking lot.**

Dates are from March 13th 2020 to October 30th, 2020

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