

# THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



**24th Anniversary 1996 - 2020**

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings GGG,

Of all the monthly messages have had the privilege of writing during my tenure as your President this was the most challenging one for me to write. The constant bombardment of both real and fake news on all platforms just keeps your head spinning. Pointing fingers, blame, he said she said really serves no purpose. The magnitude of this is truly shocking.

So here goes.....

WHAM, Covid-19 (what did you just call this?) is upon us and our lives change literally overnight or so it seemed. Despite an extremely delayed haphazard response at the federal level, our state and local leaders seem to be taking a very proactive approach playing catch-up and I applaud them for that. Shelter in place, most of us seem to be doing what is asked of us to help "flatten the curve" however there are always those too selfish to change their behavior. As a result the rest of us lose out on park access, etc. Hopefully their actions won't get anybody sick or worse. Looking forward one would conclude social distancing requirements may continue in some form for months. Shelter in place through May (it was just extended through April as I was writing this) would not surprise me at all. Since many of us are in the high risk category can't imagine we will be rushing out into crowds singing Happy Days Are Here Again when this begins winding down. Very curious to see how the world and our lives will be changed permanently by this pandemic. An initial takeaway for me is just how interconnected and fragile our world has become with our hyper globalization culture.

Stay courageous everyone, be safe and continue to flatten the curve. All we can do is wait till the pandemic follows its course and ends while hoping

that none of us, our families or friends is adversely affected by this. I don't consider hope a strategy but a force greater than us is driving the COVID-19 bus and for the most part we are just along for the ride. Control what we can and the rest is fate? Looking forward to the end of this pandemic and seeing it in our rearview mirror as we come out the other side at full throttle tires ablaze.....

Think I will re-read Glory Days now that I have some free time.

See ya back in the fast lane soon.

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](mailto: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.

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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:

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## 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 **CANCELLED**
- 4/26 Sunday Benicia Car Show hosted by Stuart Cole **CANCELLED**
- 5/7 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at ????
- 5/9 Moraga Car Show **CANCELLED**
- 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

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Due to the current situation with COVID-19 and the shelter-in-place order, the [Benicia Classic Car Show](#) has been cancelled for April 26, 2020. We are in process of rescheduling the car show for a date in August 2020.

As you know, 100% of the proceeds made from the [Benicia Classic Car Show](#) goes to the Benicia High School Panther Marching band program. We are non-profit and with the band program relying highly on donations and fundraisers, not having a car show in 2020 will make a financial impact for the 2020-2021 band program.

Since we plan to hold the car show in August 2020:

- If you registered your vehicle for the car show, we will give you the option to let us hold your vehicle registration & fees on file (including t-shirt pre-orders), or you can request for a full refund today.
- If you are a sponsor, vendor or provided a donation -we will give you the same option to let us hold onto your information and funds, or you can request for a full refund today.

As always, all contributions to the car show are tax-deductible as we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Thank you.

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

**WANTED:**

**Endura bumper for a 1970 GTO.**  
Contact John Arvizu at [hot\\_ss@yahoo.com](mailto:hot_ss@yahoo.com)

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**'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
- 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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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!

## 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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Ed (408) 295-7611**

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## FOOD TRENDS

## GOLDEN OLDIE STILL FRESH AT 90

### Fit for a wedding or a murder trial, Twinkie delights.

BY NATALIE WYSONG

**F**rom its humble origins as a budget snack cake, the delicious but nutritionally empty Twinkie achieved a status high enough that it warranted a spot in the Millennium Time Capsule. Twinkies briefly disappeared from shelves in 2012 when their maker, Hostess Brands, fired most of its workers and went out of business. Dismayed fans clamored for more Twinkies, and the new owner's relaunch of the beloved brand was a great success.

James Dewar, savvy manager at the Continental Baking plant in River Forest, Illinois, in 1930, had a lot to do with the success of the original confection. It owes its place as an enduring classic to the recipe that, at heart, is simple: a feather-light sponge cake filled with sweet cream.

THE ONLY THING  
better than a  
Twinkie, is the  
value party pack!

#### SWEET NOTHINGS: 10 TWINKIE FACTS

Great Depression economics were the starting point for these cream-filled cakes, which are now a part of cultural history. Here's what's fact—and fiction—in the Twinkie tale.

TWINKIE BOX: HOSTESS BRANDS; TWINKIES: NODERO/GETTY IMAGES; BUFFALO BOB/UNDERWOOD ARCHIVES/GETTY IMAGES; DEWAR LAB/AP/SHUTTERSTOCK

## HISTORICAL ARTIFACT

To represent American accomplishments at the end of the century, White House Millennium Council staff included Twinkies in the national time capsule. Staff subsequently ate the Twinkies, concerned the treat would attract mice.

## EMPTY PANS

The Twinkie took shape when Dewar wanted to find a use for the bakery's shortcake pans, which were idle when strawberries were out of season.

## BANANA?

Original versions were stuffed with a banana-flavored filling, but a lack of bananas in wartime forced the bakery to switch to vanilla cream in the center. Twinkies continued to sell like hotcakes.

## SNACK ON THIS

Buffalo Bob Smith, below, on *The Howdy Doody Show* told kids to ask for Twinkies in their school lunch boxes.



## EASY ON THE PEDAL

Before the bakery line was automated, workers stuffed each little cake using a machine they operated with their feet. If the Twinkies were overstuffed, they exploded.

## IT'S NOT MY FAULT

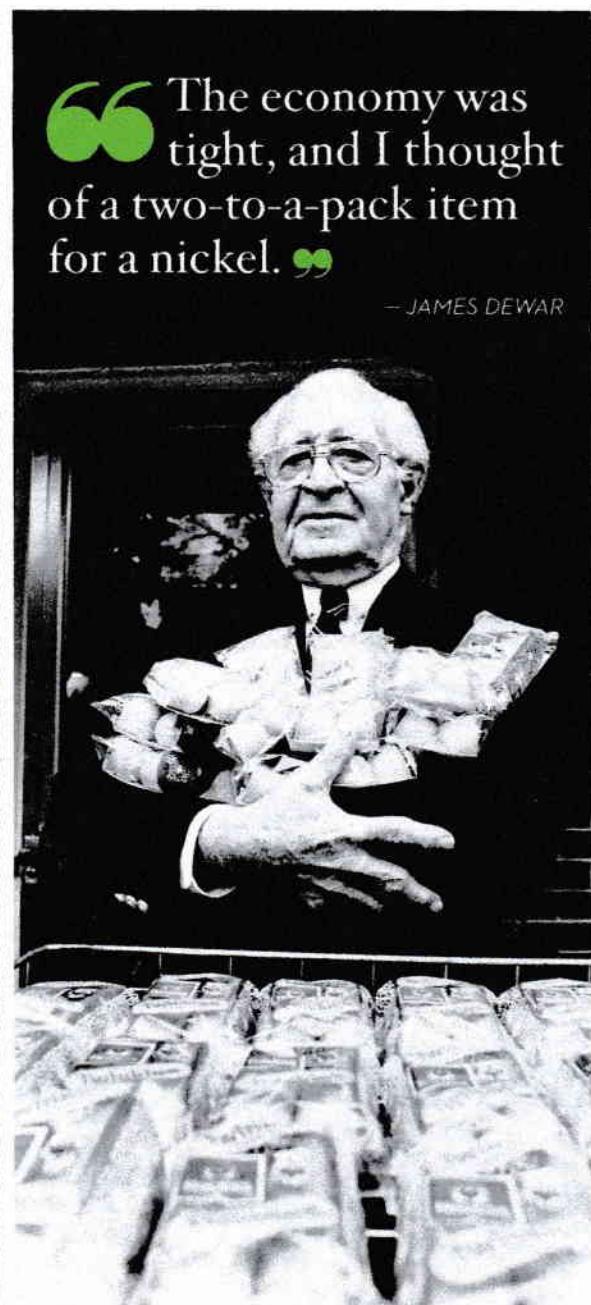
The "Twinkie defense" describes the improbable legal strategy of blaming a nutritionally poor diet to avoid responsibility for one's actions.

## THEY LAST WEEKS (NOT YEARS)

Are Twinkies the best dessert for stocking the fallout shelter? Twinkies have ingredients similar to those in most highly processed foods, giving them a shelf life of 45 days.

## SWEET COMEBACK

After Hostess Brands declared bankruptcy in 2004 and again in 2012, it looked like the end of the line for Twinkies. New owners brought Hostess out of bankruptcy, embraced the brand's cultural status and regained market share.



**CREATOR OF THE TWINKIE**, James Dewar, lived to be 88, eating Twinkies to the end. He made light of the idea that the treat was unhealthy, noting that he fed them to his children and grandchildren: "Twinkies never hurt them."

## I DO!

Love Twinkies so much you want them at your wedding? With 7 3/4 pounds of fondant and 27 Twinkies, you can make a Hostess-approved wedding cake!

## FLOUR, SUGAR AND CORN

The original recipe contained eggs, milk and butter, but today's treat has 39 ingredients, eight of them corn-based. ●