

THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let's Zoom in June;

Memorial Day is now in our rearview mirror; hope everyone enjoyed their holiday weekend Shelter in Place style. Summer seems to have arrived on time but our temperature swings sure are nuts. Cool and windy one day then transitions to really warm and then wait, back to cool and windy. But then again that is about all that IS normal these days.....

Father's Day is coming up fast, hope all of you dads have a GRRRR8 special day.

Phase what did you say? 2 or 1 or 3..... Yeah I remember now, it was 1971 and I lusted after a Phase 3 Motion Performance SS 427 Camaro that was guaranteed with a qualified driver (which I certainly was not) to run the quarter mile in 11.50 seconds or less. I must have dozed off taking a ride on the way back machine dreaming of a run on Brotherhood Way in San Francisco in my make believe Phase 3 Camaro against my buddy Jeff's absolutely real 1967 Ram Air GTO sporting a close ratio 4 speed, the "BIG" factory cam, poverty hubcaps and a factory 4.33 posi. Possibly the greatest sleeper of all time? Betcha **Jim Wangers** might think so! While the GTO certainly at the track would have been at a disadvantage, on the street going from a **rolling start** Jeff's GTO was King of the Hill.... he was a master at applying the throttle like it had an egg under it and never blew off the pathetically skinny rubber...wait, just heard a faint voice in my head that is now screaming at me to GET A GRIP; this is 2020 and we are talking phases of opening the economy during the pandemic era. My Oh My back to reality here we are. Wonder if Jeff would have shown me his tail lights capturing our \$20 wager?

With the future path of the pandemic a virtual unknown, county by county variances and gatherings

of any type WAY WAY out in the future IMHO any events in the short and medium term will self-cancel for reasons beyond our control including our July picnic. Safety first, we can come back to play another day once we have some more information going forward.

Sooo..... how about we Zoom in June? Jim Lent will send out an e mail invite as he did last month for Thursday June 4th at 7pm. We had 13 attend last month, it was fun to see everyone and get caught up. Join us if you can, best we can do right now. Open mic, talk about anything you like. My crystal ball has not told me what our future meetings may look like??????

Saw an article on the news about the challenges the Pacific Pinball Museum foresees in meeting guidelines for their re-opening. Let's hope they figure it out and science develops a vaccine sooner than later so GGG will be able to crown our Pinball Wizard.

Back to FUN in 21; see ya in the fast lane;

Prez John

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.

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www.gggoats.com

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:

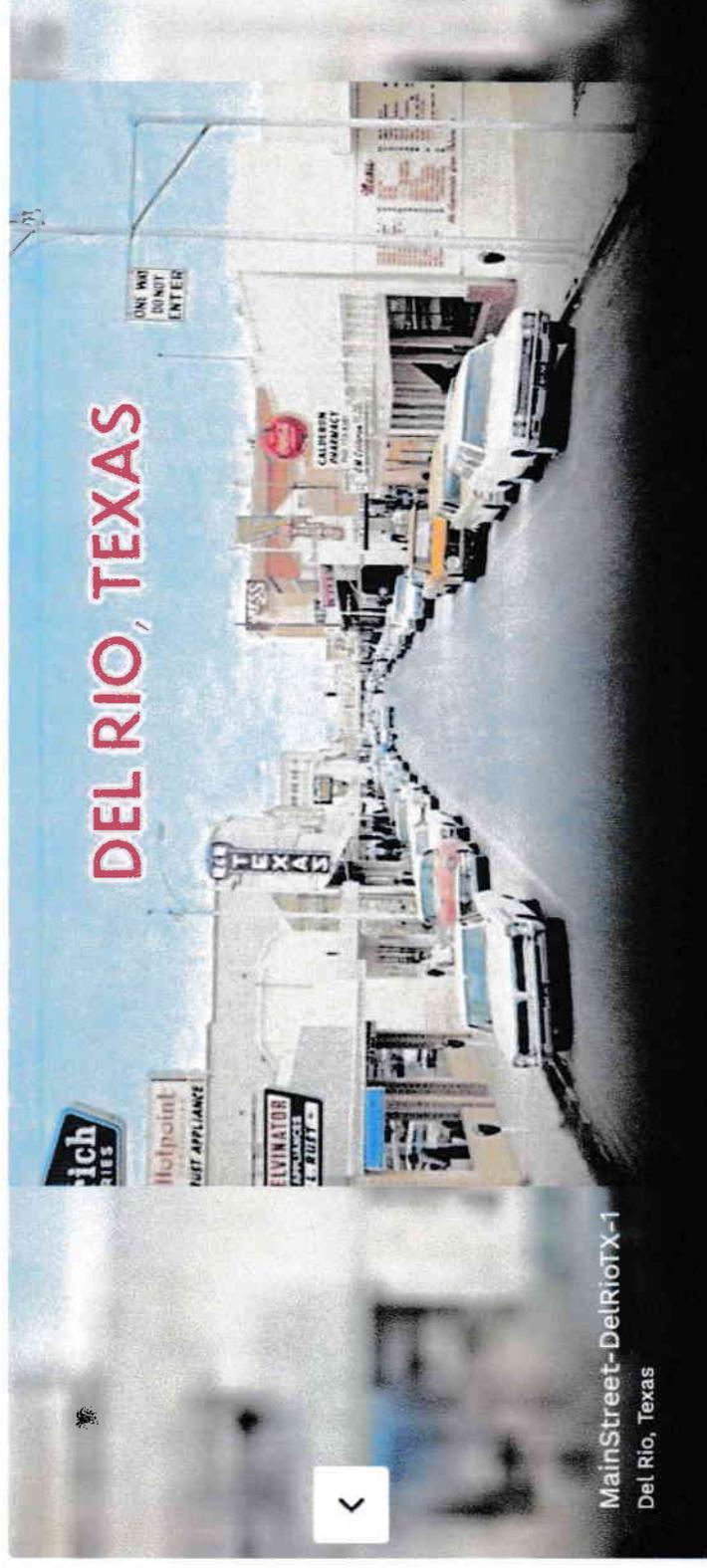
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GOLDEN GATE GOATS ZOOM MEETING TIME

For our JUNE 4th meeting we USING Zoom meeting. I will be sending out an email inviting you to join the meeting. The invite may come early but please don't try to join before 6:50 PM. Those with Microsoft 10 might want to check your settings for microphone and video capability. When you log on Zoom will automatically down the application. We may have some difficulty with many participants all trying to talk at the same time. Please be patient and maybe respond when Prez John calls on you. As the meeting leader if this doesn't work I may have to silence all microphones and individually activate them. This is all new to most of us, so bear with us as we try this new medium of communication.

Be safe. Be well.

Hope to see many of you on May 7th at 7pm





Golden Gate Goats 2019 Event Schedule



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

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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 7:00 PM **Zoom meeting (new meeting format)**

5/9 Moraga Car Show **CANCELLED**

June – Summer break – no meeting

6/6 NORCAL CHEVELLES POKER RUN **details pending**

6/28 PINOLE CAR SHOW RETURNS **details pending**

July – Summer break – no meeting

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

8/?? Hot August Niles Car Show (Fremont) **details pending**

8/??? Benicia car show details pending

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

GOLDEN GATE MEMBERS ARE FREE .

NON-MEMBERS Ads - \$10. @ per month per ad.

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510) 799-6096 or email - iimlent@comcast.net

FREE:

FREE! Like new GTO car cover. California Car Covers flannel car cover for a GTO. Cover is flannel lined and for indoor use.

Contact Tom Schaffer (925) 447-1578 or tomandlita@comcast.net

WANTED:

Endura bumper for a 1970 GTO.

Contact John Arvizu at: HOTSS@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, ssoo for everything or BO. Contact member Paul Gribaldo @
Cell: 510-209-3909, Hm: 570-429-6930

CAR OF THE MONTH ARTICLES

Hi folks,

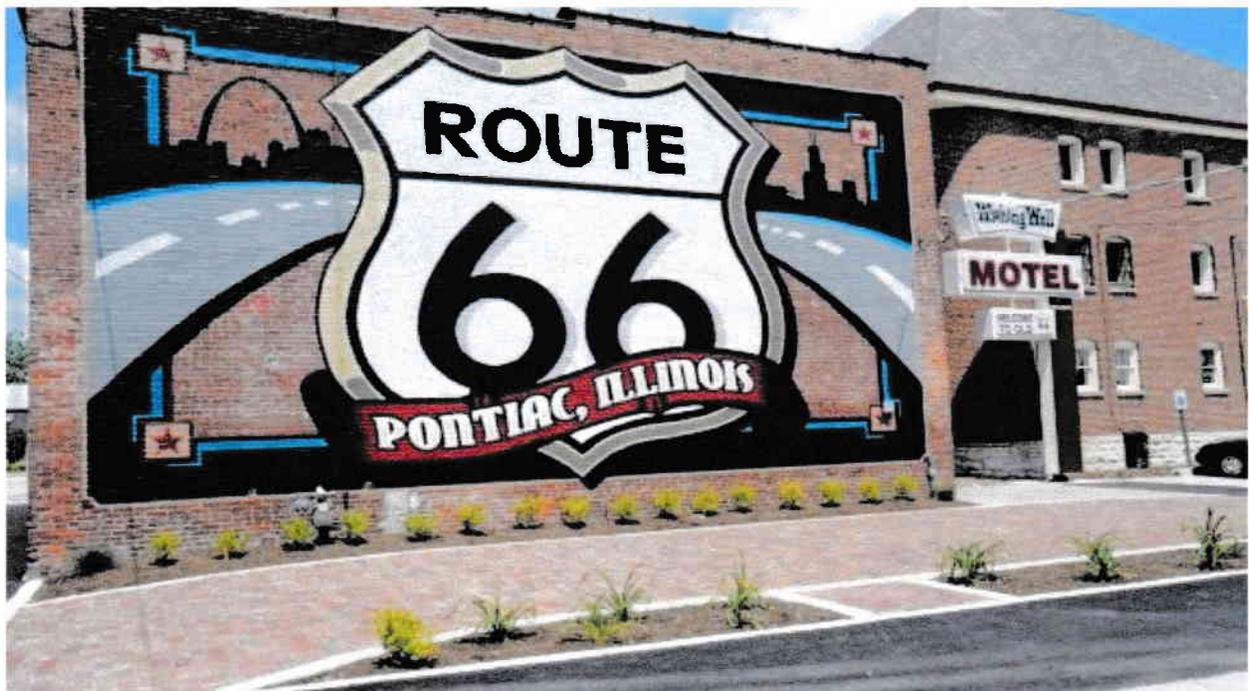
Now that wwww are all sheltering in place it would be an excellent time for you to write an article about your car. You know who hasn't done one yet or have made major changes to your car. Stop saying 'there is nothing to do' and send me an article and pics of your car. I will try to do spelling and editorial changes.

So,lets get going!

Wax on - wax off

Hope to hear from you soon.

JIM



GOLDEN GATE GOATS FACEBOOK PAGE

Join our club Facebook page!

- Open discussions with members
- Share links with GGG web site
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Join the blog by clicking on this link:

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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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A Bonneville Safari station wagon is in the foreground, with a Bonneville Vista four-door hardtop directly to the right. Under the PONTIAC 1960 sign, is a side view of the Bonneville X-400 show car, with doors opened to show off the custom interior. A cutaway Vista four-door hardtop is in the far background. On the far left, partially blocked by a draped pillar, is a Bonneville convertible with the 8-Lug aluminum wheels.

an interior accented with peacock feathers.

OK, so Pontiac wasn't in a particularly masculine mood at the time.

FEBRUARY 8-16, 1964

A focus on performance was apparent in the '64 display—led by the GTO. Though GTOs were being sold (in healthy numbers) in late 1963, a specially trimmed LeMans Flamme convertible show car brought home the message: Pontiac was hot! It featured a bright-red finish and a spe-

cial interior with anodized-aluminum insets.

Pontiac Motor Division General Manager Pete Estes was at the press preview to personally carry the message of the GTO and the rest of the lineup, which featured revised Pontiac and Grand Prix offerings.

FEBRUARY 20-28, 1965

The entire Pontiac line was chosen *Motor Trend's* "Car of the Year" for 1965, and rapidly increasing sales were vividly impressed upon

visitors to the Pontiac display at the '65 show. All-new Pontiac and Grand Prix styling and increased emphasis on the GTO gave the division plenty to show off.

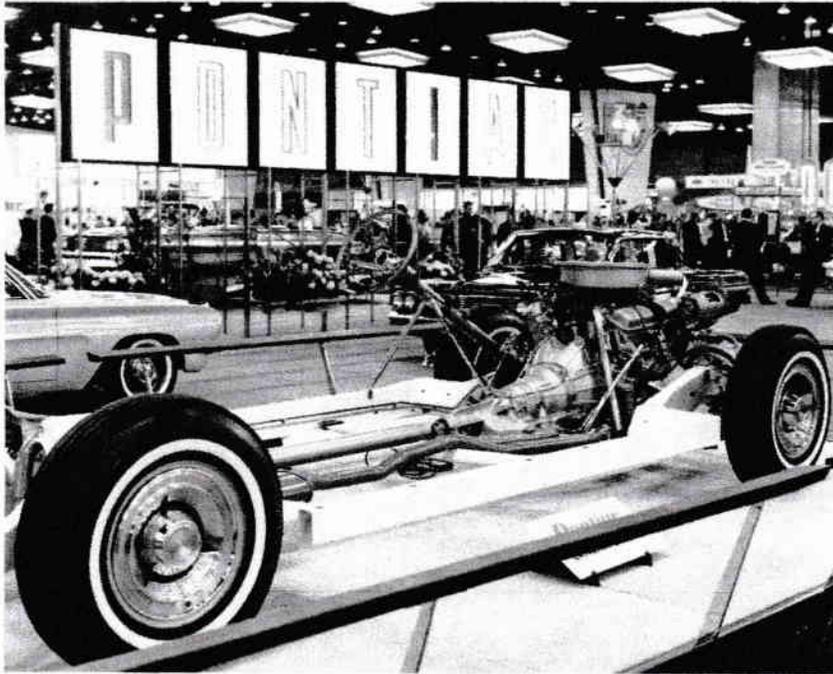
On a pedestal (in more ways than one) was the GTO Tiger show car. Again, the basic stock convertible was enhanced with real tiger skin, and even a tail in the interior to tie into the GTO Tiger advertising theme. Special paint, carpeting, and a fiberglass boot rounded out the upgrades.

Two Pontiac models were highlighted during the Motorevue for 1961, staged in the Aire Crown Theater in the newly constructed McCormick Place. The exposition hall was located alongside Lake Michigan, and the Aire Crown was in the southern portion of the building, across the hall from the auto show proper. In this scene, a Bonneville convertible is being acknowledged by ballerinas, . . .





... while the new Tempest four-door sedan receives a rousing reception from a group of cheerleaders.



▲ In the middle of the '62 Pontiac exhibit sat a chassis display, complete with the full V-8 powertrain for the fullsize models. A front section of the Tempest pokes out from the left side, while a Bonneville four-door hardtop is partially hidden behind the engine.

FEBRUARY 19-27, 1966

A Chicago Tribune ad for the '66 show read, "See the Pontiac and Tempest Tigers at the 58th Annual Chicago Auto Show, then drive your favorite in tiger country at your Pontiac dealers." Revised LeMans styling and slightly changed Pontiac and Grand Prix models were featured that year.

Holding down show-car duties was the Grande Corniche, a two-door hardtop with a Landau roof. For reasons unknown, featured on a two-door was a black leather chauffeur's compartment (complete with said chauffeur), special paint, trim, and wheels.

With the spectre of federal safety regulations hanging over the industry, Pontiac General Manager John Z. DeLorean noted at a

▼ High ceilings and wide aisles made McCormick Place a vast improvement over the old auto-show venues. The main focus of this shot is the one-of-a-kind Monte Carlo show car in the foreground. Based on the two-door Tempest, the Monte Carlo sported a shorter wheelbase, a cut-down windshield, a two-place cockpit, and a supercharged four-cylinder powerplant.





Several '63 Bonneville models fill the scene, including the modified production convertible on the raised platform, titled "Maharani." The Maharani body was painted in a pearlescent turquoise color, and the custom interior was done in multihued leather, accented with peacock feathers. Adding a finishing touch are 8-Lug aluminum wheels. Note the wheel covers with simulated knock-off spinners on the Bonneville convertible in the foreground.



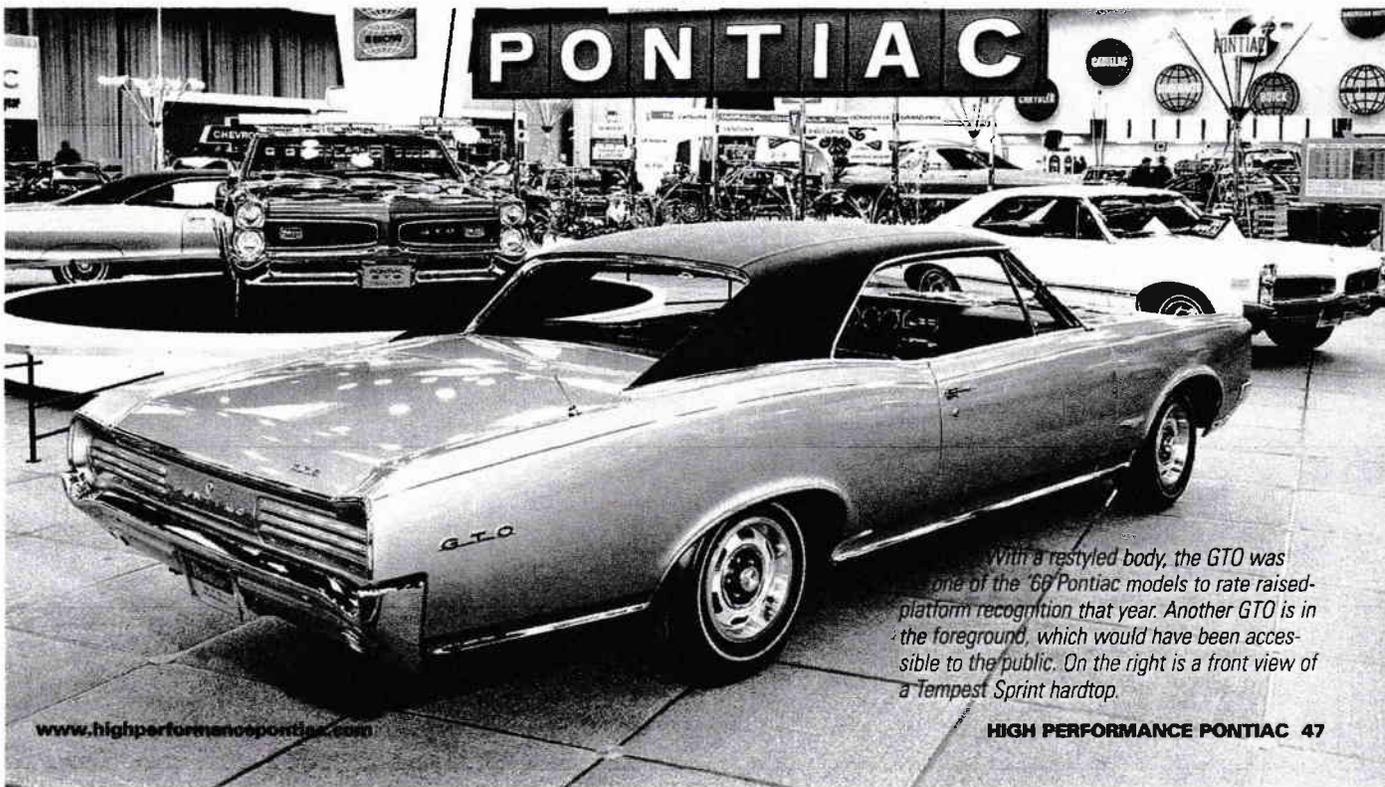
In 1964, a LeMans convertible show car, Flamme, was highlighted on the raised, finned platform in the Pontiac exhibit. The custom interior, wire wheels, and thin-line tires complemented the Firecracker Red exterior paint.



We're not sure if the lovely female model sitting in the custom '63 Pontiac convertible, or the Tempest Fleur de Lis show car itself received most of the audience attention in Chicago that year. Pontiac created the Fleur de Lis by performing modest exterior and interior changes to a Tempest LeMans ragtop.



In the center of the '65 exhibit, sitting on the raised platform, is a custom GTO Tiger show car. It featured a Tiger-theme interior of real animal skin with tiger stripes on the seats, doors, and seatbelts, as well as furry carpeting underfoot. Production models are positioned around it.



With a restyled body, the GTO was one of the '66 Pontiac models to rate raised-platform recognition that year. Another GTO is in the foreground, which would have been accessible to the public. On the right is a front view of a Tempest Sprint hardtop.

press conference: "By necessity, our cars must be—and are—made as safe as possible with existing knowledge and practical limitations." His words would only be the start of a change in priorities for automakers.

Also, unknown at the time, this would be the sixth and final Chicago Auto Show at the original McCormick place.

FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 5, 1967

A devastating fire destroyed McCormick Place just four weeks before the '67 Chicago Auto Show. Luckily, the International Amphitheatre, where the show was held from 1936 through 1960, was intact, and scheduling could be arranged.

For Pontiac and a few of its competitors, 1967 was the model year to answer the popular Ford Mustang. Pontiac's answer was the Chevrolet Camaro-based Firebird, which was just introduced. It made its auto show debut at Chicago and featured hardtop and convertible models in five series.

The Firebird name recalled the series of General Motors gas-turbine-powered dream cars that were shown at the GM Motoramas of the '50s. "We want it to be known as the Pontiac of the personalized sports-car field," John Z. DeLorean noted at the introduction press conference. "It will more than match the competition. Certainly the Firebird has Pontiac personality and will command much attention." That it did.

Restyled fullsize Pontiacs also were there for the spectators, as was the one-year Grand Prix convertible. A highlight was the GTO Surfrider convertible show car, special interior and all.

FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 3, 1968

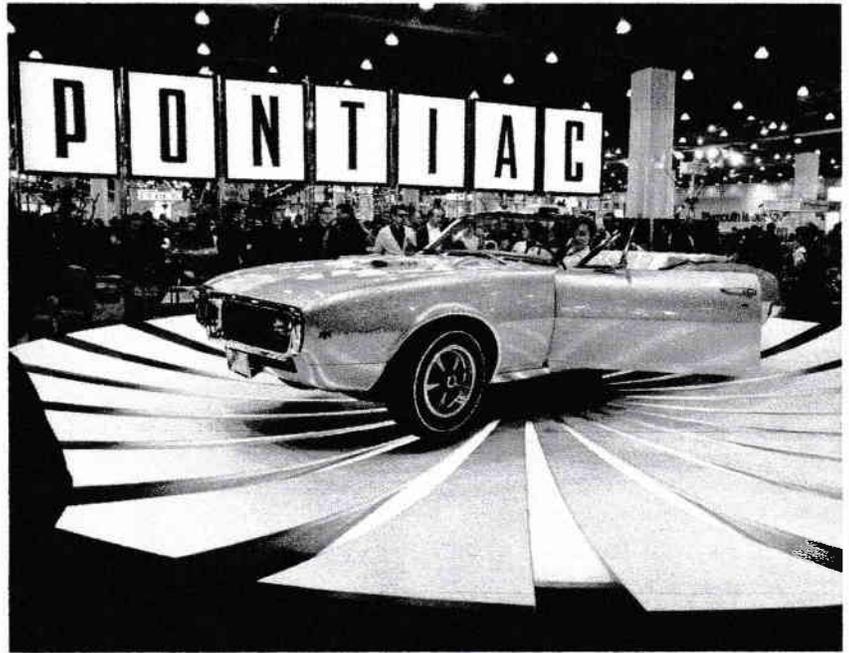
All new intermediates in general, and the GTO in particular, took center stage at the '68 Chicago Show. A notable feature was the energy-absorbing Endura front bumper. Newspaper preview ads read, "See the disappearing windshield wipers, see the disappearing headlights, see the disappearing bumper." "Functionally superior to any bumper now in use," is what DeLorean said about the Endura's front fixture.

Federal safety and emission standards were in effect, and the doomsday warnings of the domestic manufacturers a few years earlier were absent from the presentations, as the attractive offerings from Pontiac and its competitors made the '68 model year an interesting one. Even safety equipment was on the new-features list to point out to the public.

Mildly revised, the Grand Prix was now back to a two-door hardtop model. The rest of the fullsize Pontiac line and the Firebird also had detail changes for 1968.

The show would remain at the International Amphitheatre for two more years.

Our next installment will continue with the '69 Chicago Auto Show. 🐼



Revolving on a sunburst platform is the '67 Pontiac Firebird Skydiver, the highlight of the Chicago Auto Show display that year. It wowed showgoers with its pearlescent Tangerine paint, parachute fabric interior, and orange shag carpet.



Two Grand Prix models dominate this scene inside the '67 Pontiac exhibit. Held once again in the International Amphitheatre due to a fire that destroyed McCormick Place four weeks before the auto show, Pontiac had a center location. On the raised platform is a ¾ rear view of the GP convertible, the only year for that model. This example is the St. Moritz show car; it had a custom interior made of Swiss sweater fabric.



On stage during the Chicago Auto Show "Motorevue of 1968" is the GTO hardtop, encircled by miniskirt-wearing entertainers who danced around the vehicle as musicians played and an announcer described the many virtues of the Pontiac musclecar.