

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 Everyone,

Typically this month I have the opportunity to recap our Tilden park picnic. In this year of Covid-19 restrictions and ever changing conditions our event was cancelled along with so many others. Hopefully all of us are safe and sound as we navigate our way through the pandemic and all the changes we are experiencing on what seem to be a daily basis. Below is LAST YEAR's recap transporting us back to GGG's normal for July, enjoy the ride down memory lane. As I said a few months ago...Back to Fun in 2021. Let's put

on our thinking caps and generate some ideas on making next year's picnic our best yet.

GGG's recent annual July Tilden Park picnic was a great success again this year featuring a GRRR8 member turn out, killer food, and a fantastic display of club cars. Passers by driving past were oohing and ahhhing all day long as were the many bike riders and motorcyclists. Lots of interesting raffle items (some returning) were brought making for a fun raffle, thanks for that. Marsha Mekisich was kind enough to volunteer to sell raffle tickets, thanks Marsha! Thanks also to Barb Davis for taking photos. Our 20th Anniversary GGG T's are now completely sold out, guess it is time to start thinking about designing one for our 25th Anniversary which is only 2 years from now. 50/50 raffle winner was new member Dave Svoboda who joined in May and went home with an extra \$248 in his pocket. Dave mentioned to me very enthusiastically that he had recently acquired his 65 GTO and was livin the good life... congrats Dave on your new ride, pocketing some cash and joining GGG. Thanks everyone for buying raffle tickets, appreciate your supporting our club. Back Forty did another stellar job catering our event. Their van left with one of our vintage GGG logo antenna balls installed, gave them a couple backups too! LOL. All in all about as

good as it gets, hopefully all of you that attended enjoyed yourselves.

Our next Zoom meeting is on Thursday August 6th starting at 7:00 PM. We can discuss anything you feel needs attention at this time. Look forward to seeing those of you that can make it. With the Governor's dimmer switch approach to what is allowed at any given time on a county by county basis our hand along with everyone else's is being played by others. The good news to me is that each day, week and month going forward brings us closer to the end of the pandemic whether by vaccine, herd immunity or a combination of both.

That's it for now, enjoy our fine August weather.

See ya in the fast lane; just don't know where or when!

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

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www.gggoats.com



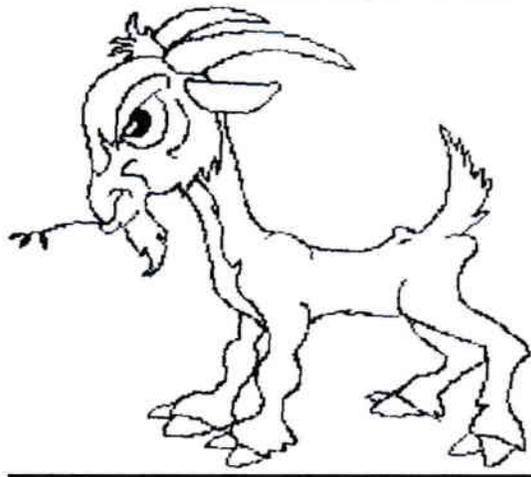
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CAR OF THE MONTH ARTICLES

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 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 7:00 PM **Zoom meeting (new meeting format)**
- 5/9 Moraga Car Show **CANCELLED**
- June – Summer break – no meeting**
- 6/28 PINOLE CAR SHOW RETURNS **CANCELLED**
- July 2 - THURSDAY 7:00 PM Zoom meeting**
- 7/18 Saturday Tilden Park Picnic catered by Back Forty BBQ **CANCELLED**
- 8/6 THURSDAY 7:00 PM **Zoom meeting (new meeting format)**
- 8/?? Hot August Niles Car Show (Fremont) **details pending**
- 9/3 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at ???r
- 9/27 SAUNDAY NORCAL CHEVELLES POKER RUN **NEW DATE**
- 10/1 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at ???
- 10/10 Saturday Alameda Car Show hosted by Phil Sandri **DETAILS PENDING**
- 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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Endura bumper for a 1970 GTO.

Contact John Arvizu at: HOTSS@YAHOO.COM

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#Console Lid Spring Center for Console glove box 64-67

\$25.00 New still in package

#Lock set w/keys for center console glove box

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#Lamp Housing for for light in rear of center console for GTO 64-67 \$68.00 New still in package

#Bracket spare tire hold down GTO 64-70 \$5.00 New still in package

#Console Base Plastic for GTO 64-67 for automatic transmissions

\$250.00 New still in box

#Rally II wheel 15"x7" New (one only) \$150.00

#Rally II wheels 15"x7" used good condition with Pontiac Rally II center caps set of 4 \$75.00 each

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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

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!

Welcome to the Freedom Cafe! We trust you to make your own choices if you want to wear a face mask. And, in the same spirit of individual liberty, we allow our staff to make their own choices about the safety procedures they prefer to follow as they prepare and serve your food.

7:20 AM · Jun 28, 2020 · [Twitter for iPhone](#)

Libby

We encourage employees to wash their hands after using the bathroom, but understand that some people may be allergic to certain soaps or may simply prefer not to wash their hands. It is not our place to tell them what to do.

·Jun 28

We understand that you may be used to chicken that has been cooked to 165 degrees. We do have to respect that some of our cooks may have seen a meme or a YouTube video saying that 100 degrees is sufficient, and we do not want to encroach on their beliefs.

Some of our cooks may prefer to use the same utensils for multiple ingredients, including ingredients some customers are allergic to. That is a cook's right to do so

Some servers may wish to touch your food as they serve it. There is no reason that a healthy person with clean hands can't touch your food. We will take their word for it that they are healthy and clean

Water temperature and detergent are highly personal choices, and we allow our dishwashing team to decide how they'd prefer to wash the silverware you will put in your mouth.

Some of you may get sick, but almost everyone survives food poisoning. We think you'll agree that it's a small price to pay for the sweet freedom of no one ever being told what to do - and especially not for the silly reason of keeping strangers healthy.

BE CAREFUL ABOUT ASSERTING YOUR RIGHTS AT THE RISK OF SOMEONE ELSE'S HEALTH

Other Views

15 INDICATORS

Signs of authoritarianism can be seen all over U.S.

By Ann McFeatters

You probably are asking yourself, about now, "What are 15 signs my country is sliding into authoritarianism?"

1 The president refuses to commit to abiding by how Americans vote in the November election until he sees what happens. Check. Donald Trump in a Fox News interview would not say he will be bound by voters' wishes.

2 Soldiers in unmarked uniforms and no identifying insignia swoop in as the president's personal militia to arrest peacefully protesting pedestrians in the middle of the night, throw them into unmarked vans and streak away. Check. (Happening in Portland, Oregon, and Trump promises it will happen in other cities.)

3 People are denied the right to vote until they pay all costs any courts say they owe, whether or not they are allowed to dispute them. Check. Happening in Florida.

4 Data about a pandemic are hidden from the public so that the president can control who sees such information as the number of available hospital beds. Check. Trump ordered that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention no longer gets the data, hence the public can't see it.

5 The president is recognized around the world as someone who does not keep his word and does not tell the truth. Check. Leaders of other democracies will no longer deal with Trump. Multiple organizations have clocked

Trump at telling more than 20,000 lies or mis-statements in 3 ½ years.

6 The president courts dictators known for violating human rights. Check. Trump openly admires Russia's Vladimir Putin, North Korea's Kim Jong Un, Brazil's Jair Bolsonaro, Turkey's Recep Tayyip Erdogan and others.

7 The president seeks to divert spending on public health in favor of public monuments. Check. Trump is fighting to cut COVID-19 funding.

8 Children are separated from parents and imprisoned without adequate medical attention or basic compassion. Check. Thousands may never see their parents again, and hundreds still languish in COVID-19-infested camps.

9 Borders are sealed, and people are not permitted in or out. Check. Trump enacted bans on people coming and going, including scientists considered vital to American research.

10 Racism and sexism are openly encouraged and fostered by the leader. Check. Trump is stressing division and racial anger as he campaigns for reelection.

11 The public display of evil symbols is enthusiastically endorsed. Check. Trump says Confederate battle flags, which were carried by traitors to the U.S., should fly when supported by white supremacists because it's free speech, although he says protesters do not have the same right to protest racism.

12 Enemies are punished and friends

are rewarded. Check. Trump's lawyer Michael Cohen is in jail not just for doing Trump's bidding but for telling Congress and law enforcement about it. Roger Stone was convicted of felony offenses by a jury and is free because he lied to Congress and the FBI to benefit Trump.

13 Millions of people are declared non-persons. Check. Trump has ordered that more than 11 million undocumented people not be counted when congressional district lines are redrawn even if they have been in the U.S. for decades.

14 Science is routinely denied. Check. A thousand people die every day because the lessons of science and history were ignored and months passed with no national planned response to the novel coronavirus even as Trump demanded schools be opened this fall or lose federal funding.

15 The power of the presidency is used for personal gain. Check. Foreign diplomats curry favor by enriching Trump's hotels and golf courses. Large campaign donations are given and rewarded by White House endorsement of commercial products. Trump tried to get the British Open held at his golf resort in Scotland and then fired the nonpartisan inspector general who wrote a report about it and had the report marked classified.

But you be the judge. In November.

Ann McFeatters is a Tribune News Service columnist.

2020 Poker Run - Sunday, September 27, 2020

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Come and join us for a day of cruising on our 25th Annual Run Thru the Canyon!
(In memory of our Friend & RTTC Founder – Chuck Bonasera)

Each year our Chevelle-Caminos car club has a premiere event that welcomes all makes of classic car enthusiasts to attend. This year our day will begin in Fremont. After cruising through Niles Canyon to Pleasanton, KarPark, Specialty Car Sales and Rubino Winery, our final stop will be Callippe Golf Course in Pleasanton, where they have reserved a spacious banquet hall with seating for 90+ people for our wonderful buffet lunch. Not only will there be fun raffle prizes, the person with the best final poker hand wins a **\$100 cash prize!** The map of our route with addresses for all stops will be provided in your goodie bag at Registration the morning of Sunday, September 27th.

Our 1st Stop will be at 43821 Pacific Commons Blvd., Fremont.

Please note our address at the bottom of this flyer for returning your registration.



8:00AM check-in and "late/same day" registrations. 9:00AM "Run" start
(Registrations must be received no later than September, 19th)

----- Please return this bottom portion with your payment -----

Email address: _____ (required to confirm your entry)

Name: _____

Car Make: _____

Car Model & Year: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Cost: \$30 per adult, \$12 per child (12 & under) (\$40 per adult after September 19th and day of cruise)

Number of people in your party: _____ Car Club: _____ Total Enclosed: _____

In consideration of acceptance as participants in the Nor-Cal ChevelleCaminos Run Thru the Canyon, by execution of this entry, I/we hereby release the Nor-Cal ChevelleCaminos car club, its members, officers and anyone connected with this event, of and from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments and/or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by participating in this event or any spectators.

Signature: _____ Date: _____ License Plate Number: _____

Mail to: Nor-Cal ChevelleCaminos, P.O. Box 36046, San Jose, CA 95158 www.nor-calchevelles.com/
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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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**AUGUST
2020**

GOLDEN GATE GOATS CAR OF THE MONTH

(Plum Crazy Dave) Svoboda's 1965 Plum Crazy Purple GTO.



My story starts out with a dream as a 15-year-old kid wanting a GTO since 1964. Seeing them race up and down the streets in Ohio. In 1965 we moved to Southern California where muscle cars and hot rods were the way of life. I've always fantasized about owning one someday.

Going through life with raising a family, military service, working and buying a home, it was impossible to save any money until the kids left home and on their own. Once that happened and I retired I was able to start looking and buying my first muscle car.

When the day came, to get serious, I only had so much money to spend and could not decide on which year I wanted until I looked at what the GTO meant to me. I figured that the first year 1964 GTO was like a test year for muscle cars to see what the public's reaction to it would be. By 1965 the GTO would have had most of the bugs worked out of it and with the new body style the popularity grew fast. That was the year I knew the GTO had it all together with horsepower, performance and looks.

I searched for over a year looking for the right car to buy that would fit into my budget. I went to every website that I could think of and finally found Gateway Classic Cars out of Detroit Michigan in May of 2019. They have several locations throughout the country and figured that they would be honest and truthful about the car I buy.

There it was, a 1965 Plum Crazy GTO with black interior, 400ci, 407 horsepower, with a Turbo 400 dual gate/ his and hers automatic transmission that came out of a 67 GTO. The car looked and sounded awesome, just what I was looking for. After a few days of negotiations, the car was on a transport to California.

Upon arrival the car had to be pushed off the transport because the battery was dead, it would not stay running because the carburetor needed work and the power steering pump was burned out along with a lot of other problems. Repairs right off the bat and haven't driven it one mile. I fixed those problems hoping this was not a sign of the future.

In May, I joined the Golden Gate Goats so I could meet people and talk GTO. In July I went to my first GTO picnic, I have to say, the car did get a lot of attention that day and I was proud of my car and that I made the right choice.

That same weekend on Sunday I was just merging onto the freeway at a normal merging speed and the engine blows bending rods, rod glides and rocker arms. The engine had to be pulled to see what and why things went wrong. Along with that I had the transmission pulled to see what condition it was in.

On the motor I had no choice but to rebuild it and dig into the transmission because it was showing signs of wear. I wanted everything new in that 400ci. block all new, no old parts with new parts. The rebuild included a Crane roller cam and roller rockers just to enhance the Pontiac performance with high torque. I also had the Turbo 400 totally rebuilt for added performance to make it a little beefier to handle GTO driving.

I was hoping that was the end of the big repairs but that was just one of many more to come. With a new engine looking good I wanted to make a statement under the hood. I had the engine painted Pontiac Blue Metallic (block and Heads), with an aluminum Edelbrock intake manifold, Headman Headers with electronic cutouts, black Pontiac valve covers, Black Holly Sniper EFI fuel injection, black serpentine belt system, Vintage Air and everything else added would be in black. The motor pops under that Plum Crazy hood.

The next step was getting the interior done. I had the upholstery, headliner, carpeting, and dash restored in new black vinyl. Because of the 1967 400ci motor and a 1967 Turbo 400

transmission, I added a 67-center console to make it fit the dual gate shifter. Added Dakota Digital dash instruments and an original 65 GTO wood steering wheel. The interior is now complete and looks and smells great like a new car. I added BF Goodrich T/A tires and period correct Crager chrome wheels. The tires that came with the car were 19 years old.

The engine builder suggested the rear end gears should be 308's for better gas mileage and freeway driving. When I picked up my car from the rear end shop, I asked what gears were in the car before the change. He said, "323 gears". I confirmed that the car now has 308's. He said, "no he put in 373's". Why, when I asked for 308's, his answer, "everyone puts 373's in cars like yours because the performance is much better". He said, "drive on these for a while and see how you like them and if you don't, I'll put the 308's in at no charge". Agreeing I took my car and drove it, I liked the gears and didn't want the 308's. Now that was a problem because driving 55 mph, tacking was around 3400 rpm's. The next step is to look for a transmission with overdrive. But which one? I decided on the 700R4 with overdrive. The car performed really well and is ready for the road.

I've had the car now for about a year and a half and only driven it a few hundred miles, most of the miles were driving to and from different repair shops to have things done. As of this date GTO is still under repair and hoping to be done in the next few weeks.

I'm looking forward to the day that I can go to car shows and cruising the highways and byways showing off my Plum Crazy car.



