

THE GOAT CONNECTION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings GGG,

Wow, what a year 2020 is turning out to be. I sincerely hope all of our families and friends did not have any fire related issues. Can you imagine what you would have thought if you asked someone at last year's GGG Christmas party just for the sake of conversation what they thought the new year of 2020 had in store for us? They pause a moment to consult their magic 8 ball then go on to explain they saw in the very near future an event where literally the entire world would come to a screeching halt due to a pandemic resulting in a

Black Swan event for the ages. Unless your job is essential you must stay/work from home and shelter in place only going out for groceries or to exercise. Yeah, right...think I will have another serving of brisket along with another beer. We all would have thought they had a very vivid imagination and/or lost their mind. They go on to say the magic 8 ball is spewing out details of another Black Swan event happening during the pandemic where thousands of dry lightning strikes will hit our area causing wildfires of historic proportions burning over 1 million acres across virtually the entire state. At this point we would offer to drive them to the nearest emergency room for medical treatment. Vegas would have given crazy long odds on these events happening for sure. Pandemics, wildfires, BLM protests, an election year too. All of these events will no doubt make for some interesting year in review articles and a plethora of books being written. More uncertainty past and present this year than most of us has seen during our entire lives. Good news on the fire front from a containment standpoint at least, who knows what path the protests and Covid will take going forward. History tells us the Brits had a phrase that originated during their dark days of WWII.... Keep Calm & Carry On. Easier said than done but definitely solid advice for trying times such as these.....

Let's take a one month break from Zoom meetings for September.

Looking forward to seeing everyone once again in the fast lane hopefully sooner than later. This too shall pass. Zoom meetings resume in October, be safe everyone.

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

GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB SITE

AVAILABLE AT:

www.gggoats.com



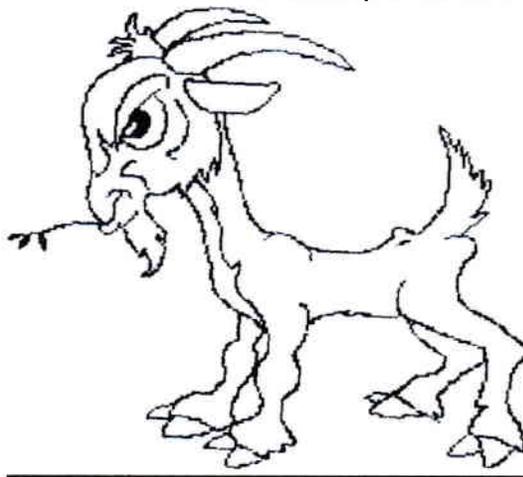
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IF WE HAVEN'T GOT YOUR INFORMATION MIXED UP YET, JUST GIVE US TIME. WE ARE WORKING AS FAST AS WE CAN.

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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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APPOLOGY FOR PHISING EMAILS YOU MIGHT HAVE RECEIVED AUGUST 20 WEEK

John mentioned in his newsletter address that it would be hard to believe the number of problems and disasters that have hit this year.

When it rains it pours. On August 20 there was an email sent from a hotmail account asking for you to buy gift cards. At exactly the same time Comcast froze my email account.

At the same time I had some medical problems that placed me in the hospital until Wenesday, August 6th. I had a pacemaker installed and am back home doing very well.

I had to spend numerous hours on Thursday and Friday on the phone with Comcast, getting a new modem and reestablishing my email account. Not a fun time but happy to be back in business.

Please accept my apologies for the hack. Be aware that I would **NEVER ask for money, or other valuable considerations, in an email.**

Included in this newsletter are some tips to avoid scams.

BE SAFE MY FRIENDS

4 Quick Tips for Avoiding Scams

(provided by the Chevron Federal Credit Union)

Hard times can bring out the best in people - and the not so best. Scammers will try to take advantage of these moments and try to manipulate you. Be prepared!

Chevron Federal Credit Union is here to help. Here are four popular type of scams and how to handle them:

1. Scam: Robocall

Scammers are using illegal robocalls to pitch everything from scam Coronavirus treatments to work-at-home schemes.

What to Do: Don't answer

If you don't recognize the number, don't answer. If you accidentally do, don't press any numbers. The recording might say that pressing a number will let you speak to a live operator or remove you from their call list, but it might lead to more robocalls instead.

2. Scam: Undelivered Goods

Online sellers claim they have in-demand products, like cleaning, household, and health and medical supplies. You place an order, but you never get your shipment.

What to Do: Fact check

Know who you're buying from. Check out the seller by searching online for the person or company's name, phone number and email address, plus words like "review," "complaint" or "scam." If everything checks out, pay by credit card and keep a record of your transaction.

3. Scam: Phishing

Scammers use fake emails or texts to get you to share valuable personal information — like account numbers, Social Security numbers, or your login IDs and passwords.

What to Do: Keep up to date

Protect your computer by keeping your software up to date and by using security software, your cell phone by setting software to update automatically, your accounts by using multi-factor authentication, and your data by backing it up.

4. Scam: Fake Charities

When a major health event — like the Coronavirus — happens, you might be looking for ways to help. Scammers use the same events to take advantage of your generosity.

What to Do: Do your homework

The website consumer.ftc.gov has information that can help you research charities. When you give, pay safely by credit card — never by gift card or wire transfer. Don't let anyone rush you into making a donation.

It is our hope that we can provide guidance and assistance to those in need and vigilance against those that wish to take advantage of troubled times. Take care and be safe.

If you have any further questions regarding Chevron Federal Credit Union's security measures, please check out chevronfcu.org/security or call us at 800-232-8101.

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!

YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!

PERSONAL ADS FOR ALL

GOLDEN GATE MEMBERS ARE FREE .

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

Contact: Jlm Lent, 118Iris Ct., Hercules CA 94547 (

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

WANTED:

Endura bumper for a 1970 GTO.

Contact John Arvizu at: HOTSS@YAHOO.COM

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#Glove Box Console Light GTO 61-88 \$15.00 New still in package

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

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#Lock set w/keys for center console glove box

\$18.00 New still in package

#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 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) **CANCELLED**
- 9/3 **ZOOM MEETING CANCELLED**
- 9/27 SAUNDAY NORCAL CHEVELLES POKER RUN **CANCELLED**
- 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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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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CAN BE VIEWED AT:**

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PUBLIC HEALTH FAILURE

President's grotesque COVID-19 manipulation demands a response

By Nicholas Kristof

What a relief!

I'd worried about the coronavirus, but we're fine! I've been watching the Republican National Convention and it turns out that while everyone else stood helpless before the pandemic, our national lodestar, President Donald Trump, stepped up and saved millions of lives. Whew!

"From the very beginning, Democrats, the media and the World Health Organization got the coronavirus wrong," according to a GOP propaganda film shown at the convention. Fortunately, "one leader took decisive action to save lives: President Donald Trump."

"We did the exact right thing," Trump said in his speech Monday. "We saved millions."

He has moved seamlessly from the fantasy that the virus would "go away," as he has said some 31 times, to the fantasy that he has already dispatched it.

I feel well equipped to cover the Republican convention, having covered personality cults in China, Iraq and North Korea. But this grotesque manipulation deserves a response, for it dishonors and erases the 180,000 Americans confirmed to have died from the coronavirus.

"The Trump administration is responsible for the single worst public health failure in the last 100 years," Peter Hotez, a global health expert and dean at the Baylor College of Medicine, told me.

Devi Sridhar, an American who is professor of global public health at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland, said it had been "astounding" to watch the Trump narrative from afar. In Scotland, she said, children are now back in school because the government there was committed to suppressing the virus.

"The biggest obstacle to an effective COVID-19 response is President Donald Trump," Sridhar told me. "There is a path through this crisis, but it requires strong leadership, transparency and letting scientists lead the response."

That's the problem in America: Trump fought science, and the virus won — so the public lost.

Some 40,000 confirmed infections are being reported each day in the United States, and another American still dies of the virus every 90 seconds.

So portraying this toll as a tribute to

Trump's leadership takes real chutzpah.

Trump initially dismissed the coronavirus as like the flu, scoffed that it was "totally under control" and insisted it would disappear "like a miracle." He imposed some travel restrictions on China (with enormous exceptions), which may have helped modestly, but he fumbled testing, didn't ensure adequate protective equipment and offered confused messaging.

The president resisted masks and embraced miracle cures, including some dangerous ones, like injecting household disinfectants. He encouraged followers to "liberate" states with lockdowns and his administration pressed the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to revise testing guidelines to exclude those without symptoms.

Trump still doesn't have a national COVID-19 strategy any more than he has a 2020 campaign platform.

The United States does not, as many Trump critics believe, have the highest death toll from the coronavirus on a per-capita basis; deaths per million have been higher in Belgium, Peru, Spain, Britain, Italy, Sweden, Chile and Brazil.

Yet those countries were able to self-correct and bring infections down, although imperfectly and with risks of a return. Italy brought infections and deaths down and currently has a death rate over the last seven days just 1/32 that of the United States. In contrast, Trump never learned and still tackles the virus with magical thinking while resisting a coherent national strategy driven by science.

Pandemic control involves not a single tool but a broad set of skills, making it a measure of good governance. It's not surprising that Germany — led by a disciplined scientist, Angela Merkel — has done particularly well, with a death rate now only 1/48th that of the United States.

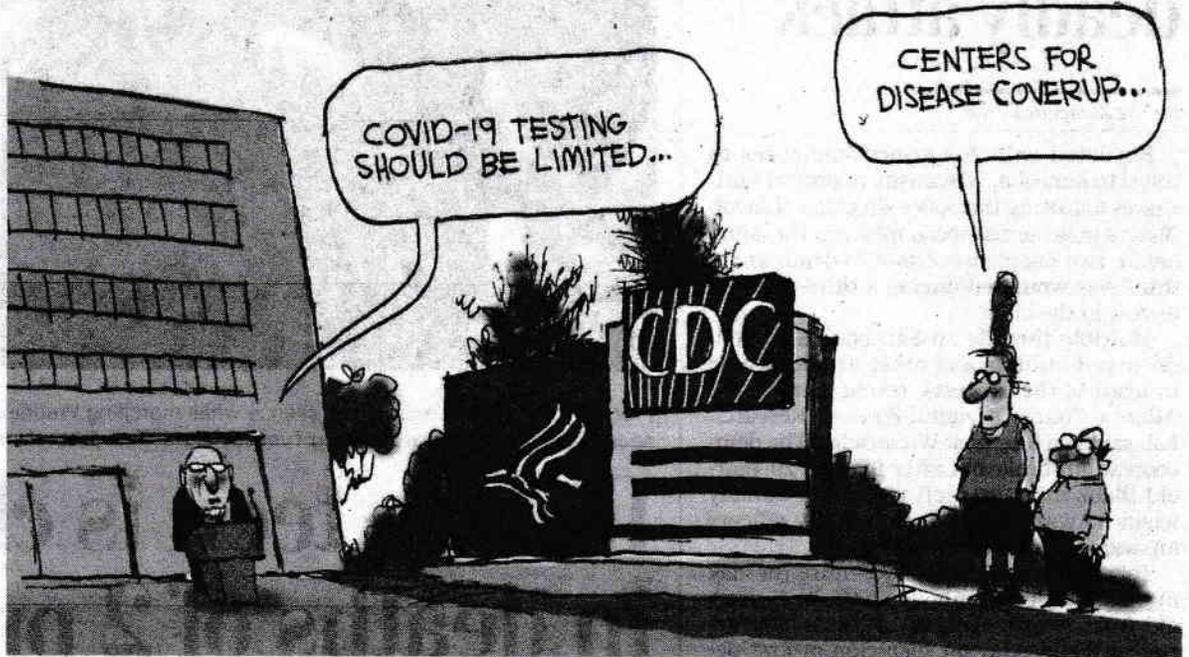
If Trump had managed the pandemic as well as Merkel, some 143,000 American lives could have been saved.

Think about those people's lives when you see Trump try to rewrite history this week. The indisputable truth is this: The United States has 4% of the world's population and 22% of the world's confirmed coronavirus deaths.

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Cartoonist's view

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