

# THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



**25th Anniversary 1996 - 2021**

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings GGG,

Hopefully everyone found ways to celebrate a Covid compliant holiday season.

This is our first newsletter for 2021, a year starting with a continuing pandemic in the near term that will become somewhat under control later in the year plus less across the board volatility and turmoil. Nobody I have

asked yet will miss seeing 2020 fade away. As 2020 came to a close the electoral college confirmed a new President and Covid vaccines arrived locally on the same day moving us towards a better tomorrow, date of arrival to be determined. Unfortunately near term uncertainty due to the pandemic will still be wreaking havoc as the New Year dawns. It is currently unknown what path the virus and resulting lockdowns will take early in the year. I tried to reach both Dr's Fauci and Birx for their projections but they were unavailable for comment.

For GGG the only card to play until things improve is to stay within mandated health guidelines pretty much keeping us Zooming away for meetings. Mark your calendars for our Kick-Off 2021 meeting on Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. More details of topics for discussion to follow. A month or so from now in late January we may/may not have some insight into how the first half of this year may

unfold for us from an event planning standpoint.

As I take a few moments reflecting on 2021 and all the things that will hopefully return to normal the corny title song from the Carousel of Progress, an exhibit sponsored by GE at Disneyland circa early seventies starts playing in my head..."There's a great big beautiful tomorrow, starting at the end of every day" Hope it starts playing again real soon in reality.

Stay safe, take care and talk to you soon, till then;

See ya in the fast lane;

Prez John

**For your reading enjoyment below is our message from one year ago.....**

Happy New Year & New Decade GGG,

Hope everyone enjoyed the holidays; they seemed a long way's off until they weren't! Thanksgiving being a week later might have been the culprit? Thank you to everyone that was able to attend making for another absolutely fantastic GGG Xmas Party whose highlights were covered in last month's December 2019 newsletter. Now Santa is back working in his North Pole workshop and another new year is upon us. Happy to report the odd looking wooden head that Bea Phillip's was kind enough to gift to me has found a new home; it was a gift for a friend's ugly sweater party just before Xmas. Hope none of you will be missing it too badly next

year; it had to go as Marsha didn't like it any more than Bea did.

Please note that 2020 dues are currently due, thanks to Jim Lent for his subtle e mail reminder. Thanks to all of you that have already paid and thanks in advance to those of you that plan to soon. And speaking of 2020, not only is this going to be Golden Gate Goats 24<sup>th</sup> year, on top of that accomplishment we have achieved being an active club during part of **FOUR DECADES**. Perhaps a new t shirt design with that theme is in order?

Thursday February 6th will be the date of our 2020 Kick-Off Meeting at The Englander in San Leandro. 11:30 meet/greet/eat with the meeting starting 12:15. Prior to our meeting please think about what existing events we should attend this year along with any new GGG only event ideas you may have. Once Nor-Cal Chevelles have their event schedule set we can talk about any events we/they may want to join in on. I hope to have some details for a club outing to the Disney Museum in SF to present at the meeting.

We have two members currently having their GTO's restored by Josiah Coy that should be on the road this year. A couple other cars are currently being updated with projects ranging from paint and bodywork to adding fuel injection. If the members/owners are interested perhaps we could do a club event as sort of a coming out party or do a reveal during our Tilden Park summer picnic? If

anyone else is doing a build please let me know. Hope to see many of you at our February meeting. We realize noon time meetings prevent many of you from attending, please e mail me any club business and event ideas you have and we will include them in our discussions. As have said many times before we control our own destiny and GGG will be this year and every year going forward whatever we choose to make it.

Till our February meeting; 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](mailto:jimlent@comcast.net) to join or to update your email address

### **GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB SITE**

#### **AVAILABLE AT:**

**[www.gggoats.com](http://www.gggoats.com)**



### **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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Hercules, CA 9454**

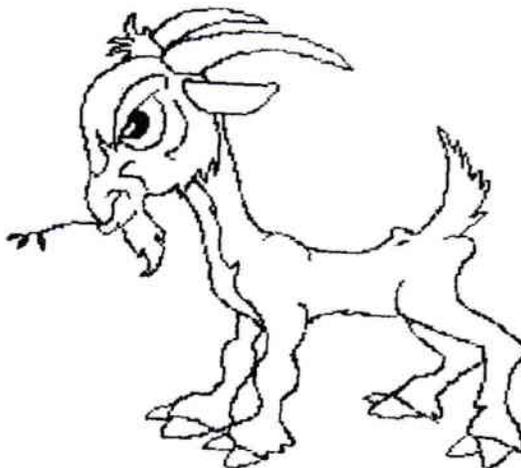
### **CAR OF THE MONTH ARTICLES**

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:

**Jim Lent  
118 Iris Court  
Hercules, CA 94547**



# **Club Dues 2021 Dues - Payable now!**

**The dues amount for 2021 is \$36.00.**

**PLEASE HELP OUR CLUB TREASURER  
BY SENDING YOUR DUES IN TODAY.**

**Use the envelope included in the bill  
sent to you or:**

**SEND YOUR CHECK, MADE OUT TO "GOLDEN GATE  
GOATS" TO:**

**GOLDEN GATE GOATS TREASURER  
435 West 25th Ave.  
San Mateo, CA 94403**

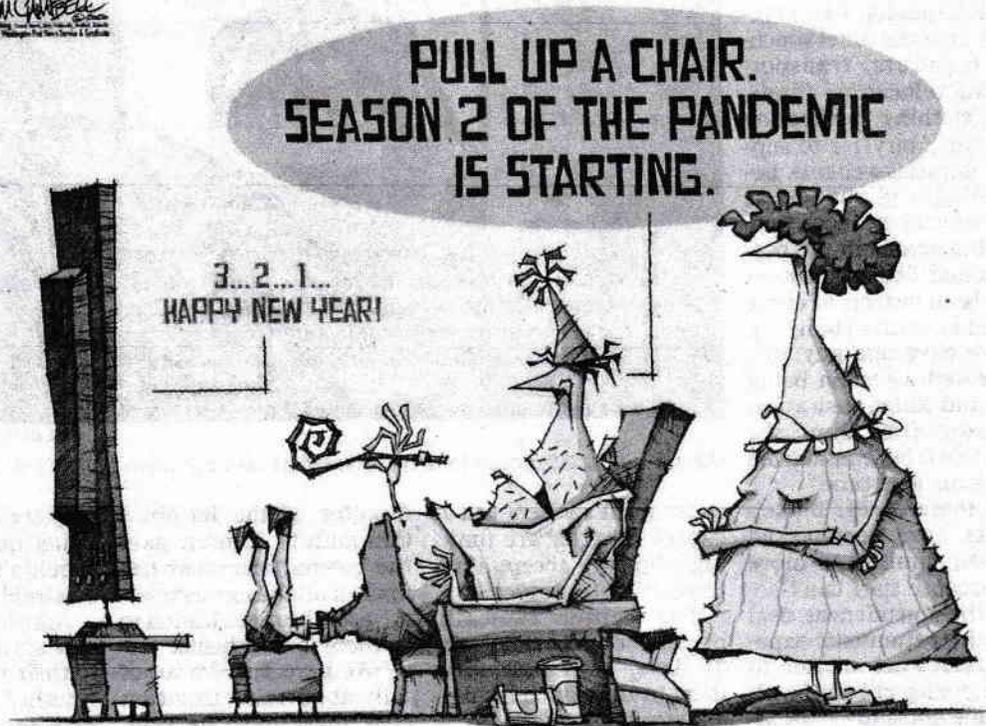
**The following members still owe their 2021 dues:**

**Jeff Allee  
Josiah Coy  
Mark Howard  
Tad Kuwano  
John Lewis  
Lolly Mayeda  
Charles E. Neefe  
Shawn Rowles  
Wayne & Cheryl Woods  
Keith Holowecky  
Jim & Monica Becker**

**Anthonyl Billeci  
Dale & Aneta Davis  
Harry Johnson  
Gabriel & Kristine Lanusse  
Brad & Francine Lopacinski  
Wayne & Brenda Mayeda  
David & Shawna Pillado  
Brian Smith  
Damian Schinella  
Wayne Barnes  
Mike Margozi**

**Cartoonist's view**

*Tim Campbell*  
Cartoonist  
Published by The Washington Post



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**HOPEFULLY 2021 WILL BRING BETTER TIMES FOR US!**

**BETTER HEALTH FOR ALL**

**VANQUISHING THE CORONA VIRUS**

**RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS**

**DRIVING TO GTO EVENTS**

**CELEBRATING GGGOATS 25th ANNIVERSARY**

# **YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!**

PERSONAL ADS FOR ALL

GOLDEN GATE MEMBERS ARE FREE .

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

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

510) 799-6096 or email - [iimlent@comcast.net](mailto:iimlent@comcast.net)

## **WANTED:**

Endura bumper for a 1970 GTO.

Contact John Arvizu at: [HOTSS@YAHOO.COM](mailto:HOTSS@YAHOO.COM)

## **FOR SALE:**

Emergency Break Cable Front Stainless Steel for GTO 64-72

\$45.00 New still in package

##Console Lamp Lens lights up rear seat fits GTO 64-67

\$12.00 New still in package

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

#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

\$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](mailto:kendavis14@sbcglobal.net)

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**Bethel's Goat Farm - 10% discount - ask for Ed ( 408 ) 295-7611**

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**Paddock West - offers club members a 10% discount on their orders. Identify yourselves with the code "GGG1" to get the discount. 800 854-8532 or (909) 798-4166.**

**World Muffler - 10% Discount - 966 E. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale - 408-738-2318 Contact Maynard Rougier or Patrick Karl**

**Victory Automotive Machine, 10 % Discount - 3500 Pearl Ave, Unit E. San Jose -Contact Vic Anderson 408-266-7570 victorymachine@netscape.com.**

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**Restoration:** from stock to all out custom show stopper.

**Brake service:** Rebuilds, Performance Upgrades, Disc conversions, etc.

**Sheetmetal Replacement:** Rust repair, body modifications, panel replacement, etc.

**Suspension:** Stock rebuilds, Spring replacement, front end rebuilds, Complete Chassis upgrades, etc.

**Electrical:** Custom harness fabrication, stock harness repair, electrical diagnosis, Fuel injection wiring, etc.

**Engine:** Rebuilds, tune ups, performance modifications, Drivability improvements, Fuel injection service

**What ever your automotive needs maybe we can handle it.**





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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](http://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

**GOLDEN GATE GOATS EVENT PICTURES  
CAN BE VIEWED AT:**

**[HTTP://imageevent.com/jimlent](http://imageevent.com/jimlent)**

# **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.

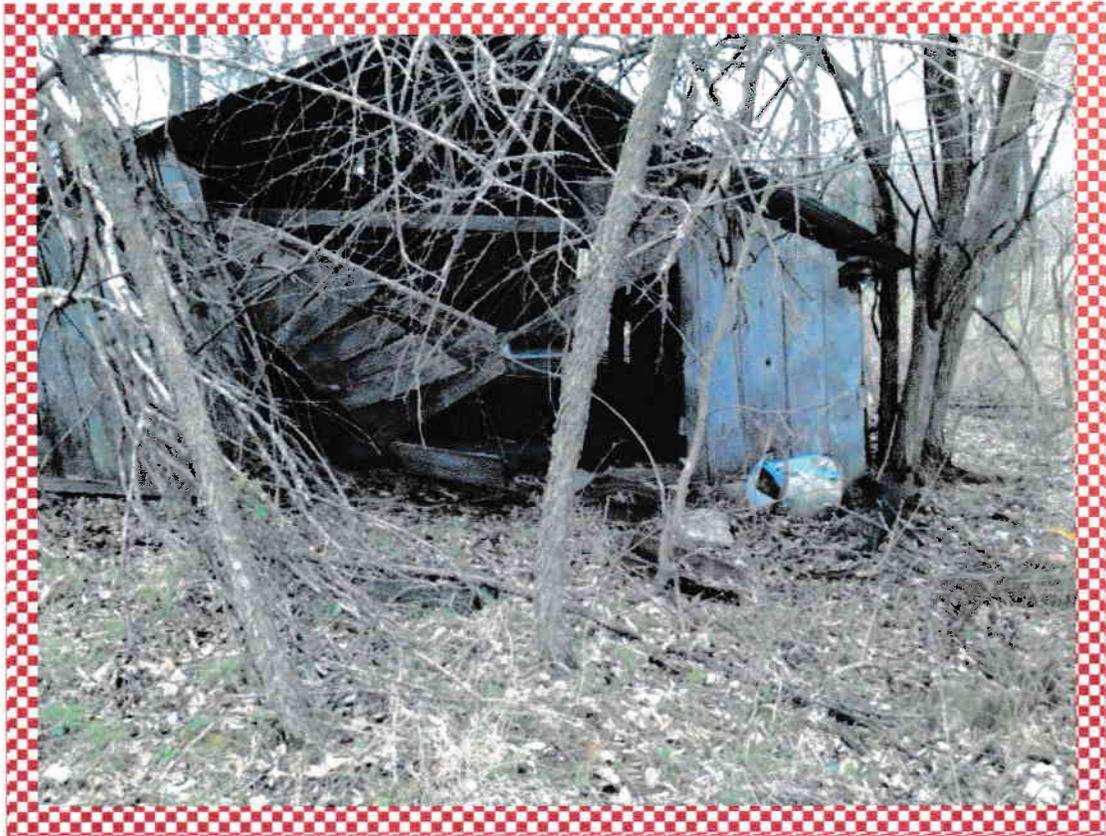
Start sharing your ideas, stories, parts and recommendations with the club!



**DECEMBER  
2013**



## **GOLDEN GATE GOATS CAR OF THE MONTH**



### **BARN FIND by Brian Smith**

Growing up it seemed my Dad and my Uncle always had some sort of project going on in our garage. My dad was a Pontiac guy and one of my earliest memories was of him and my uncle (who was a mechanic at the Olds dealership in Walnut Creek) swapping out the engine in our 69 Catalina. I can also remember them pulling the 390 out of my uncles 1970 Ford Short Bed PU and dropping in a 428.

When I was 11 the whole family packed up and moved back to Missouri back out to the small farming community they had moved from a decade before. My Uncle purchased a Skelly gas station right on the corner of the town square and my Dad bought the only auto parts store in town. I was 12 and had been reading Hot Rod magazine for a couple of years by then and having a Dad that owned an

auto parts store was like heaven on earth!

By the time I turned 16 I already had 2 vehicles under my belt. A 1967 Chevy PU with a 327 3 speed and a 1968 Mercury Cougar with a 302 4 speed. The local plumber had just built a new house for himself in town and was in the process of moving in and one day while I was driving into school there it was sitting out next to his new house, a Verdoro Green 1969 GTO! I immediately went straight to my Dad's store to find out what the story was and where did Ron get the car. Apparently Ron had purchased the car brand new in 1969 and had driven it for several years and then like many guys got married and settled down and the car had been parked behind his old place. After a little prodding Dad agreed to speak to Ron about selling me the car. A few days went by and finally I got an answer-yes he would sell me the car.....for \$500.....\$500! it might as well have been \$5000! I was 16 years old working part time at the local newspaper for \$2.25 an hour and my tab at the auto parts store was growing faster than my salary. I managed to scrape together \$200 went to the local bank and with my Dads signature borrowed \$300 more (I sold the Cougar and the PU and paid the loan back). I grabbed the cash and made a beeline for Ron's house. I was now the proud owner of a 1969 GTO 400, 4 speed!

I look back now and chuckle, what was my Dad thinking turning a 16 year boy loose with the keys to a car like that! I think that car cost him more money than he ever expected, I was going through clutches, transmissions and tires like there was no tomorrow. Of course I always promised to sweep floors and work at the store to pay for all the parts I had to replace and I did make an effort but I was breaking parts right and left. I was having the time of my life with the GTO and in the mean time I had acquired a 1969 Camaro and a 1972 Camaro. Long story short my dad came home one day and asked which of the 3 cars was actually running. I had just broke a motor mount and twisted the housing on the Muncie 4 speed in half on the Goat and I had the 327 for the 69 Camaro scattered out all over the garage floor so I admitted the 72 Camaro was the only one currently driving. Since I was leaving for the Service in a few weeks he wanted the Goat and the 69 Camaro sold and he would keep the 72 Camaro for me. Not really the way I wanted it to go but I had little choice. I sadly sold the Goat, it was gone but not forgotten.

About 7 years ago I had just finished building a 56 Chevy PU and was looking for another project so on a whim I sent a letter to Missouri DMV requesting information on the GTO. Normally they will not supply anyone with any information like that but by some fluke they sent me a photocopy of the last registration from 1985. I made a few phone calls and managed to locate the registered owner and he told me he had traded the Goat for a Firebird back in 1985 and the guy he traded it to lived in Quincy, Missouri. I still have friends back there and one of them owns a tow service and a wrecking yard and he knows where every car within 100 miles is at so I promptly called Don and he was very skeptical that that car was still around, he figured it probably got crushed based on the last known location of the car. Don had no luck and I was long overdue for a vacation so I headed back to visit family and planned a trip to Quincy. Quincy is a town of about 25 people so it didn't take long to look around and the GTO was no where to be found so I gave up. About eight months ago I thought what the heck I might give it one last shot so I called up the gentleman that I had talked to 7 years before and in the course of conversation he remembered the guys name that he traded it to and for some odd reason he remembered his graduation year. At least I had something now his name was Phillip and he graduated in 1982 but he did not know what school. Google is a wonderful tool! I looked at Google maps figured out the closest High School to Quincy and Googled the class of 1982.....bingo there was only one Phillip! With a few more strokes of the keyboard I found out he had a Facebook page so I sat down and pecked out an email explaining who I was and what I was looking for and asked if he was the Phillip that had the GTO. The next day my phone rang and it was Phillip and he still had the car! As it turns out he traded for the car because he wanted my car for parts to repair a 68 GTO convertible that he had wrecked. He used what parts he needed and put the car in a shed at his parent's house in Quincy (I probably drove right by that shed 7 years before). Phillip had moved up near St Louis and had not been home in years, his parents had passed and the house was

abandoned, he told me that if there was anything left of the car it was mine!

I jumped a plane back to Kansas City drove down to Quincy to see if the car was indeed still in the shed. I expected the worst and I was not surprised. The shed was just about rotted away but for the most part it had protected the car from the elements but not from the thieves. There was nothing left but a frame and shell. I left there not really sure what I wanted to do, it was bad. I slept on it that night and decided I would at least pull it out into the sunlight and see if it was salvageable. The next morning I borrowed a chain saw from my cousin and headed back to Quincy. I spent all day clearing brush away from the doors and clearing a road down to the car, in fact I had to use the chain saw to cut the doors off the shed just to get in. The more I looked the more I realized one more winter is about all the car had left. There were 2 trees that had fallen over onto the roof and the shed was barely standing up in fact the collar ties across the roof were 3 inches off the roof of the car, a strong wind would have blown the whole shed over. Before leaving for the airport I set it up with my friend to take his wrecker out there and retrieve the car.

The following Memorial Day weekend my brother-in-law and myself headed back to pick the Goat up. By the time we got there my friend had it at his tow yard so we swung in with the trailer picked it up and headed back to California.

I have spent the last 6 months combing through Craigslist and going to swap meets trying to find all the missing pieces. I managed to meet a gentleman in Sacramento who knew someone that had a complete front clip including doors, I picked up the inner fender from another guy in Napa, scored a 455 over in Alameda. It has been a treasure hunt but at this point I have everything I need to start assembly. Last weekend I trailered the Goat out to Brentwood to the body shop to get the rear quarters replaced and get the body and frame blasted.

It has been a long journey in fact it has been 33 years since I owned the car and it will end up costing me twice what it will ever be worth to complete the restoration but I have a great story and my High School car back!

Looking forward to taking the car on club events.



