

# 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**

Howdy Folks,

Well here we are heading into February of the New Year. Covid restrictions transition as we are released from the Stay At Home order and overnight curfew and placed back into the most restrictive purple tier region wide. The optimist in me sees at least a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel signaling we are gaining the upper hand on controlling the

pandemic. As that light gets bigger and brighter we can begin to plan future events..... for now we remain in a holding pattern. That happening is most certainly a moving target as uncertainty over so many things still exists. About the only thing I have confidence in is that we are closer to the end of the pandemic than the beginning. Small comfort but a comfort none the less.

Thanks to all of you that have paid your dues for 2021, we are at about a 82% renewal rate. With our current expenses still low we will have additional funds to spend on future events.

Looking forward to better days let's come up with a restaurant meeting location or two for when in person meetings can resume. Let's make this a topic of conversation for our upcoming Zoom meeting this coming Thursday February 4<sup>th</sup> at 7PM. Open forum for remainder of meeting, will be fun seeing

everyone and getting caught up. Hope to see you there.

Till then, 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, MISPELLINGS, 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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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

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\$12.00 New still in package

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

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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**

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# **GOLDEN GATE GOATS FACEBOOK PAGE**

Join our club Facebook page!

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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!

ARTICLE FROM HEMMINGS MOTOR NEWS

# Once ignored by die-cast makers, the Pontiac GTO has enjoyed a renaissance of sorts in 1:64 scale

By Jeff Koch on Sep 23rd, 2020 at 8:15 am



Photos by the author

**Make:** [Pontiac](#)

**Model:** [GTO](#)

Half a century removed from the fray, 1970 is seen as the year that the gloves were off: All of GM's A-bodies finally had 454/455-cubic-inch power available, Mopar's Hemi and 440 were a formidable one-two punch, and Ford's 429-powered intermediates surprised anyone who dismissed Blue Ovals as slugs. Model year 1970 was also the last gasp of performance. Compression ratios started dropping, power ratings were converted from gross to net, and soon the land would be awash in landau roofs, opera lights, crushed velour interiors and dollar-a-gallon gas. Pontiac's facelifted 1970 GTO was a strong performer in those dying days, and remained the marque's ultimate expression of high performance. Yet die-cast and toy companies that produced 3-inch, 1:64-scale toy cars largely ignored it in its day.



With one exception. The first 1:64-ish scale 1970 GTOs, and the only one to be released in the early '70s, came from an unlikely source: SIKU, a German brand. They had been making 3-inch cars of plastic since the mid-1950s, switching over to die-cast around 1962. And there had been other American cars in their lineup before: a '57 Mercury Commuter in the plastic line, and a couple of Cadillac limousines, a Pontiac ragtop, a Buick Wildcat and a couple of others in the '60s. Their GTO, labeled a "Judge" on the chassis, but lacking any of the decor to back it up, is frankly a bit of a mess—the rear overhang is about a scale foot too long, and the trunk wing is roof-high, like a Superbird. The twin yellow stripes are fragile waterslide decals. But it has its charms, too, like a die-cast metal body and chassis, jeweled headlights, opening doors, and a real heft to the casting. The wing is a bit fragile and can go missing on used examples. SIKUs have always been a tad on the large side, generally scaling in at around 1:55 scale—close enough that we'll gather it with the rest. SIKU never did a wide array of color variants; while this one is candy red, we've also seen them in silver.



The next '70 GTO, chronologically, would be from Matchbox. You'd think that a '70 GTO would be an odd choice for this traditionally British company, but by the time this casting arrived in late 2005/early 2006, Matchbox had left Lesney, and was owned by Universal Toys for a decade before American toy concern Tyco purchased it. Now an American company, and following the success of a revived Johnny Lightning, the GTO was part of a wave of classic American cars ('50s Ford pickup and '69 Camaro among them) to help usher collectors into stores. The original issue was orange (of course), with a twisted six-spoke "Superfast" wheel. The casting looks a little plump to the modern eye, and it definitely rides too high (a result of engineering for those kid-friendly oversized wheels) but in the mid-1990s, a clean '70 GTO was manna from heaven. This Palisade Green example, with Judge stripes, appeared at the turn of the century in My Classic Car with Dennis Gage blister packaging, and appeared again not long ago in retro-style Superfast packaging with Superfast-style wheels.



And then... another decade-plus-long wait for new castings. Then we get lots, all at once: Hot Wheels was first, with its GTO convertible in 2008, and early issues included the wheel-opening eyebrow decor and a trunk wing. Proportions were on the money, and you could see both a correct dash shape and a floor shifter in the molded-plastic interior. Shortly thereafter, Greenlight launched both a coupe and convertible version of a 1970 (and 1971 GTO coupe and convertible for that matter, thanks to its changeable-

core tooling), with opening hoods, all-die-cast construction, correct Pontiac Rally wheels, and more. At around the same time, Hot Wheels launched a coupe version of the '70 GTO, in full Judge regalia (and in Orbit Orange, of course, though it's been re-released in multiple colors and liveries since).

So, a weak start but a strong finish, with plenty of examples easily available today. Why so few examples of the '70? Hard to say. It's true that there are many more examples of the '69 GTO extant; perhaps die-cast companies, investing their tooling dollars for one or the other, liked the cache of a '60s car better. Maybe they see (or saw) anything '70s as a niche rather than mainstream. Who can say? But with so few '70 GTOs extant in 1:64 scale, it makes finding them and collecting them far less challenging.

