

THE GOAT CONNECTION

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings GGG,

As we slide into March 2021 the pandemic is about a year old. 500,000 plus people across the country have lost their lives to this deadly disease, pretty hard to grasp that number. Vaccine rollout with a few hiccups should/will/may have us at herd immunity perhaps June/July? Some semblance of normal will follow whatever that may be and how it will determine what all of us and GGG can do later this year yet to be determined. Let's get everyone's thoughts on this at our upcoming Zoom meeting on Thursday March 4th at

7 pm. Hitting the rewind button and going back to where we were at one year ago.....

April 2020 Presidents message follows.... Yellow highlight below a year later getting closer?

Of all the monthly messages have had the privilege of writing during my tenure as your President this was the most challenging one for me to write. The constant bombardment of both real and fake news on all platforms just keeps your head spinning. Pointing fingers, blame, he said she said really serves no purpose. The magnitude of this is truly shocking.

So here goes.....

WHAM, Covid-19 (what did you just call this?) is upon us and our lives change literally overnight or so it seemed. Despite an extremely delayed haphazard response at the federal level, our state and local leaders seem to be taking a very proactive approach playing catch-up and I applaud them for that. Shelter in place, most of us seem to be doing what is asked of us to help "flatten the curve" however there are always those too selfish to change their behavior. As a result the rest of us lose out on park access, etc. Hopefully their actions won't get anybody sick or worse. Looking forward one would conclude social

distancing requirements may continue in some form for months. Shelter in place through May (it was just extended through April as I was writing this) would not surprise me at all. Since many of us are in the high risk category can't imagine we will be rushing out into crowds singing Happy Days Are Here Again when this begins winding down. Very curious to see how the world and our lives will be changed permanently by this pandemic. An initial takeaway for me is just how interconnected and fragile our world has become with our hyper globalization culture.

Stay courageous everyone, be safe and continue to flatten the curve. All we can do is wait till the pandemic follows its course and ends while hoping that none of us, our families or friends is adversely affected by this. I don't consider hope a strategy but a force greater than us is driving the COVID-19 bus and for the most part we are just along for the ride. Control what we can and the rest is fate? Looking forward to the end of this pandemic and seeing it in our rearview mirror as we come out the other side at full throttle tires ablaze.....

Think I will re-read Glory Days now that I have some free time.

See ya back in the fast lane soon.

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>

GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB SITE

AVAILABLE AT:

www.gggoats.com

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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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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FROM THE EDITOR:

The last few weeks have left me with encouragement that 2021 will see us emerging from the COVID cloud of 2020.

The weather this last week has been sunny and clear. Jeannie and I made a short trip to Santa Cruz to celebrate our 53rd anniversary. Jeannie has received both COVID vaccine shots and I will receive my second shot this Thursday.

The quarantine restrictions are gradually being lifted. So returning to a more normal lifestyle seems ahead with some GTO activities also returning. Keep up your safeguards.

Hope to see you at our Thursday Zoom meeting.

Jim Lent

Concord Friday Night Car Gathering

Hello All.

It has been a very difficult this past year for the Cars events due to Covid-19. But I am hoping that this year will return to some kind of normalcy and we can return to having and attending Car Events and Outings.

We do plan to return to Domino's Pizza at the Sun Valley Mall and the first night will be this coming March 19th. Hopefully Covid status does improve and allow us to start up. We will start up with Covid Social Distancing rule in place. Masks and keeping some distance from each other will be asked of you and all others.

Stay Safe and Healthy
Brian Fong

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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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CAN BE VIEWED AT:**

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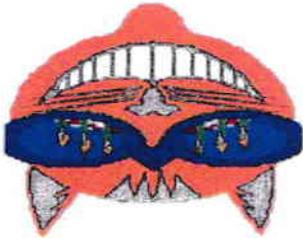
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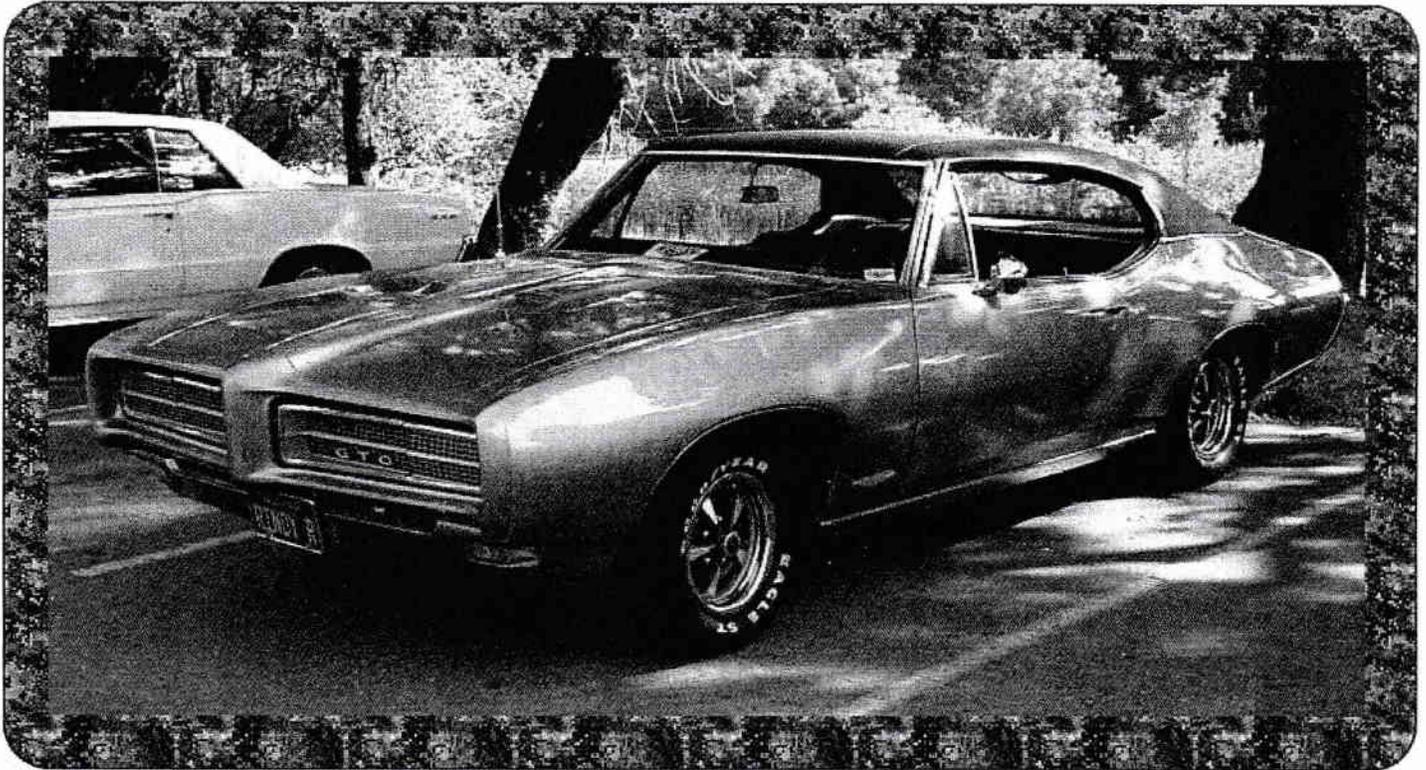


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RINDY ST. CLAIR'S 1968 GTO

Well...Let's see in 1974 my Uncle John decided he needed to sell his 1968 GTO because my Aunt Sue was pregnant with their 1st child and he did not feel that it was a suitable family car. (not a 4 door) I had my son in 1978 and it was the best family car, the car seat fit in the middle of the back perfectly. The minute I saw it I fell in love. The roar of the motor and the awesome power. I gave him \$1100.00 for the car. He was the original owner and I am the 2nd owner. I got it when it only had 67,000 miles on it. Boy Uncle John is sorry to this day. I feel bad when he looks at it. He has a very longing look and a gleam in his eye (probably remembering all the fun times he had in it). The car was in excellent condition. He used it to go back and forth to work in the city, (San Francisco) that is why he ordered it with the Hurst dual gate transmission. My Uncle John is an airplane mechanic for United. He changed the oil in it every 1500 miles. I continued to do the same. My GTO has outlasted 2 marriages and been very dear to me. I always held on to MY car. It has been very reliable. Oh there have been things that have gone wrong along the way one time I lost the timing chain and bent all but one push rod. Actually that has happened twice. Once while burning rubber I dropped the drive line! Boy was I lucky, it was the front one and I was going really fast! I still have the original motor in place and the #'s match. It was a daily driver up until 1991. I sold my house and gave "Betsy" a rebuild. She had 275,000 miles on her. The motor was polished and ported and bored. Had the transmission rebuilt at the same time. WOW...good as new again! She used to be maize (buttercup yellow). I got her repainted Mist Blue, an original Pontiac color. I think when I get it painted again I'll go back to the yellow. I have replaced the vinyl top, the headliner and carpeting. Arland just recently replaced the carburetor with a 750 Edelbrock. It sure does work good. Still need to replace the dashboard, interior seats (front & back) and also redo the dash instrument cluster. I have ordered the grill pieces for the front end currently I have 69's in their place. They should be here any day. I would also like to get a posi rear end.

I have been to several of the group events and I have enjoyed every single one of them. I really liked the cruise to the Pontiac Grill. it was such a beautiful day and a gorgeous drive. All I could see was a sea of Goats in front of and behind me. Filoli was a very nice tour. At one point in my life I wanted to be a horticulturist so I was quite intrigued. We also went on the cruise Dinah's Poolside brunch and cruise to Putnam Pontiac in Burlingame. Wayne & Jodi did an excellent job! Thanks! That 99 year old woman was quite a kick! We really enjoyed Behring Automobile Museum. Cherry's Jubilee was a lot of fun! A very well organized event. Thank You Jim & Jeannie! We have already made reservations for next year. The 17 mile drive was so inspiring. Cannery row just for the cherry cars! What FUN!! Oh and Burger by the Bay! Best hamburger in Monterey. Best of all, is all of the new friends who are Goat enthusiasts as well. We have a really great group of people! You can really appreciate the term Pontiac "We build excitement."



**RINDY
ST. CLAIR'S
1968 GTO**



**GOLDEN GATE GOATS
CAR OF THE MONTH**

**NOVEMBER
1999**

