

THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings GGG,

Sadly Jim Wangers passed away on April 29th at the age of 96. Many of us had the opportunity to meet Jim over the years as he shared great stories of the times when the GTO was at the top of the automotive world. I first met him in 1998 at a GTOAA Regional held in Long Beach hosted by the Southern California Gathering of the Goats. Always great visiting with Jim. The automotive press will soon be writing many articles about Jim's life, I imagine GTOAA will have a special addition of The Legend in addition to many others. A true icon right up there with Carroll Shelby

and Zora Duntov in my book. Think it is a good time to reread Glory Days. RIP Mr. Wangers, you will be greatly missed.

During last month's Zoom meeting and in last month's newsletter we discussed dining options for our Xmas event. Will give you the Joe Friday just the facts version here. Back 40's option was priced at about \$80 each with a minimum of 30 people. We had about 20 interested in going while other members decided to pass, while others suggested we look for another location offering better value. Joanie Butler to the rescue! She is also a member of Nor-Cal Chevelles who have their Xmas event at Giorgio's in Milpitas. After hearing Joanie's review we decided to give Giorgio's a look's see, Jim Sloane offered to do that. Jim went there and liked what he saw, it works for Nor-Cal and drum roll please.....cost for lunch about \$30 each plus beverage of your choice meeting room included. An obvious no brainer we booked Giorgio's for Saturday December 2nd 11:30 to 3:30. Lots of details to come from event chair Jim Sloane as the date gets closer. You can check them out at www.giorgiositalianfood.com No need to RSVP just yet as we have plenty of time to work on the details now that the date and location are booked. This will be the

first time in a long time we will have a South Bay event, thanks in advance for your support to those of you that will have a bit of a drive to get there.

Keep the Tilden RSVP's coming, we are currently at 26. We may use Back 40. Dave Svoboda is looking into an alternate option, still barbecue onsite offering basically the same menu at reduced cost. As soon as Dave provides us with the details we will decide on a vendor. Mark your calendars as event is A GO with a low or potentially no co-pay to be determined.

Let's shift gears and talk a little bit about our developing Tech Talk series. We are thinking of having members and invited guests deliver 15 to 30 minute presentations at both our Zoom and in person meetings.

We would like to know your interest;

- 1) In presentations in general
- 2) In topics you would like to participate in

We already had a presentation on aftermarket fuel injection that was very well received. Topics are endless and potentially include insurance, market conditions, fuel requirements, overdrive transmissions, best cooling systems, etc. Please tell us what you would like to do to make our club more informative on GTO topics. For now send your replies to me at MITYGTO@aol.com As the program gains traction would like to have someone volunteer to be our Tech Talk Coordinator. Soooooo if that rings your chime let me know please.

Next in person meeting Thursday May 18th at Back 40 starting at 11:30. Let's plan on recapping our recent shows and continuing discussion on the topics presented here. As previously mentioned still is search of a more central meeting location preferably with a meeting room so keep your eye's open.

Till then see ya in the fast lane;

Prez John

GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB SITE

AVAILABLE AT:

www.gggoats.com

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

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.

E-MAIL: jimlent@comcast.net

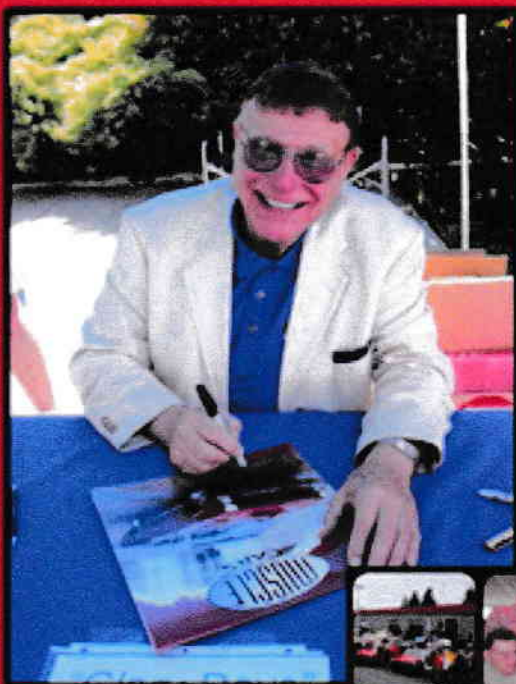
CAR OF THE MONTH ARTICLES

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:

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

1926-2023



Jim Wangers

"Godfather of the GTO"

Memories



Golden Gate Goats



From Dave Anderson

It is with great sadness that I report, that at nearly 97 years of age, Jim Wangers has crossed the finish line! Jim passed away in his sleep on Thursday morning. Jim Wangers was an automotive marketing genius. I know that those he touched, we Pontiyakers, have a great love for Jim and his love of Pontiac. Jim loved to share stories and was made happy in knowing that those stories furthered one's knowledge and love of their car.

Excerpted from a Gordon Wangers' (Jim's nephew) communiqué – “Back in the 60s, Jim became the right hand man to the infamous John DeLorean and had run all the musclecar marketing at Pontiac – being responsible for everything from the legendary “GTO vs. GTO” Car and Driver Magazine cover story; the Monkeemobile; the GTO Thom McAn Shoe; and even the lyrics to top 10 national hit song “GTO” by Ronnie and the Daytonas – a band Jim put together when Paul Revere and the Raiders and The Beach Boys both wanted too much money to record it. Also on his resume are being awarded the coveted “Wally,” the NHRA Lifetime Achievement Award; and winning the 1960 and '63 NHRA Nationals, driving Pontiac Catalinas. I should add, despite being decidedly not athletic, he was the fastest man I ever saw with a 4-speed...back in the day, his arm and the Hurst floor shifter was simply a blur.”

I was so blessed with Jim's friendship and to use his line, “to have been at the right place at the right time” to participate in all things Pontiac with him; restoring Pontiac Enthusiast Magazine, resurrecting the GeeTO Tiger Program and driving the GeeTO Tiger at Pontiac events all around the country—and even traveling the world with him.

The planning for a celebration of life is already underway. The family is hopeful of having the memorial (to include a Pontiac Car Show) at the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles sometime in late May or early June. An announcement of the exact date and time will be made sometime soon.

Jim's nephew, Gordon Wangers thanks you all for the interest, support, calls and visits to Jim over the years and especially in recent months.

Please keep the Wangers family in your prayers.

Cards and notes can be sent to:

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Jim Wangers c/o

Gordon Wangers

20 Via Mantova #403

Henderson, NV 89011

JIM WANGERS MEMORIES



Just like our Prez I first met Jim at the GTOAA Regional show in Long Beach in 1998. We were at the Queen Mary and had some local friends visit us on Friday night. As they were leaving I accompanied them to the parking lot. There I saw a lone individual looking at the GTOs in the parking lot. I introduced myself and we had a long conversation out GTOs and other cars. Jim mentioned he had a 1996 Impala SS and I commented that I too had one too. When I mentioned the GGate Goats he said how he enjoyed reading our newsletter.

He mentioned that he would be willing to come to visit us and this led to many visits over the years for car shows, presentations, wine cruises and general BS sessions.

Always willing to spend time talking with everyone.

He was a gracious and friendly man.

He will be greatly missed.

Jim Lent



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, 118 Iris Ct., Hercules CA 94547 (

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

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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

CONTACT CLUB MEMBER DAVE SVODBA @ dave22349@gmail.com

1960-65 Pontiac Tri-power center carburetors. I can offer units that are cleaned and previously rebuilt but require some work before put into service to fresh rebuilds ready to run. Prices range from \$ 200.00 to \$ 400.00 depending on the condition.

Contact club member **Al Schendan** schendan@gmail.com

1968 Pontiac GTO Parts for Sale. New & used

1. 68 GTO Rebuilt Cylinder Heads, # 16. Fit 389 / 400 eng. 350 HP \$ 750.00
 2. Set of four 1968 7 x 14 Rally II wheels w/caps \$ 350.00
 3. Pair 68 Vent Windows (fit all 68 GM "A" body cars) w/new rubber \$ 375.00
 4. New in box Hedman Ceramic Coated Headers (fit 68 /72) (389-400) \$ 450.00
 5. Disc brake Electric vacuum Pump (Summit brand) like new. \$ 150.00
 6. Power Force Harmonic Damper new. (389 / 400) # 6200206 \$ 150.00
 7. Power Auto Products, Harmonic Balancer new. (389-400) \$ 100.00
 8. 15" GTO Three Spoke Black steering wheel w/Grant kit \$ 50.00
 9. 68 / 72 GTO used Kick panels w/speakers (Black) \$ 100.00
 10. 18" Flex Fan (new in box) \$ 45.00
 11. Set of 4 Haulmaster MFG. vehicle dollies (1500 lbs rating) \$ 40.00
 12. Reconditioned by local shop. 68 GTO Radiator (AC car) \$ 275.00
 13. 2008 / 13 GMC / Chevy PU, 4x4. Delco ABS brake modulator (new in box)
Cost new \$ 453.00 Sell \$ 325.00
 14. Chevy, LUK 11" clutch & pressure plate (new in box) 350/327 \$ 100.00
 15. 2008 / 13 GMC / Chevy PU center console (black) \$ 350.00
 16. NASCAR Special Edition one Xfinity race Jeff Gordon "PEPSI" jacket
Gordon Evernham race team Size large like new condition \$ 125.00
- Contact club member **John Fischer** @johnsgoat@att.net

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 2023 Event Schedule



3/18 FRIDAY NIGHT GET TOGETHERS START AT DOMINOOS SUN VALEEEY MALL

3/23 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING AT BACK FORTY PLEASANT HILL

4/19 ZOOM MEETING 7:00 PM

4/23 Sunday Benicia Car Show hosted by Stuart Cole

4/29 MORAGA CAR SHOW (corrected date)

5/18 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at Back Forty, Pleasant Hill

JUNE

6/20 ZOOM MEETING 7:00 PM

6/23 PINOLE CAR SHOW (

7/29 Saturday Tilden Park Picnic catered by Back Forty BBQ

8/21 MONDAY ZOOM MEETING 7:00 PM

9/16 Saturday NorCal Run thru the Canyon

9/21 TUESDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at Back Forty-

10/18 WEDNESDAY ZOOM MEETING 7:00 PM

11/16 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at BACK FORTY

12/2 HOLIDAY PARTY - TBD

Pinole Classic Car Show

Sunday, June 25, 2023

7:00AM to 3:00PM

Fernandez Park

Historic Old Town Pinole

Pancake Breakfast

Pinole Senior Center

7:00AM to 9:45AM

Pre-registration is required and will be limited to the first 325 Classic American (pre 1981) and Classic Foreign (pre 1990) car registrants.

Providing space is available.

All late entries will be admitted after 9:00AM and will be located on the baseball field.

If you need to leave before 3:00PM, must park on the baseball field.

No loud music or noise of any kind.

No alcohol consumption.

No entries after 10:00AM.

Sponsors: Antlers Tavern

Visit our website:

PinoleClassicCarShow.com



Pre-registration is \$30 (\$35 day of event) Please make checks payable to:

Kopp Productions, 2320 Doidge Ave. Pinole, CA 94564

For more information call Bob (510) 772-0016 or email: KoppProductions@comcast.net

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Vehicle info: Year: _____ **Make:** _____ **Model:** _____

Club Affiliation: _____

T-Shirts: Mens (\$25): Small() Medium() Large() XL() (\$30)2XL() (\$30)3XL() (\$30)4XL()

Womens (\$25): Small() Medium() Large() XL() (\$30)2XL()

Registration (\$30 per car) Sub-total: _____

T-Shirts Sub-total: _____

GRAND TOTAL: _____

In consideration of the acceptance of the participants to Pinole's Annual Classic Car Show Event by execution of the entry form, I/WE herby release the City of Pinole, Kopp Productions, Z Rentals LP, their members, officers and anyone else connected with this event from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, liabilities, losses, judgments, and/or claims arising from any causes whatsoever that may be caused by the participation in this event. I/WE will not accept responsibility for Bank Fees or returned check fees.



MORAGA CAR SHOW PICS 4/29/2023





**Martinez Youth Football & Cheer
MIDNIGHTERS**



2023 First Annual Car Show

Car Show Pre-registration Form

May 21, 2023

Alhambra High School | 150 E St. Martinez, CA 94553

\$25 Pre-registration Fee

All Proceeds Benefit Martinez Youth Football & Cheer

Pre-registration Ends Friday, May 12, 2023

Checks or Money Orders Made out to

Martinez Youth Football

Mail to: 615 Masonic St. Martinez, CA 94553

Spectators are Free

Same-Day Registration \$30

Registration: 8 AM - 10 PM

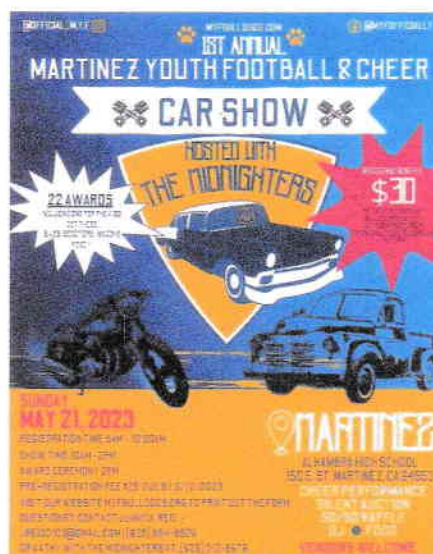
Show Hours 10 AM - 2 PM

Awards Ceremony 2 PM

Vendors Welcome

Vendor Fee \$30 + 15% (minimum) of proceeds donated to Martinez Youth Football & Cheer. Form on website. Questions? Contact Juanita Reid (925)864-6609.

Open to all Years, Makes, and Model Cars; Trucks, Motorcycles, and Bikes. Kids - Bikes, Wagons, and Scooters welcomed and encouraged



No Alcoholic Beverages or Glass Containers

For more information, visit our website at mybulldogs.org or contact Juanita Reid (925) 864-6609 (text ok) or Kathy (925) 313-8979. Vendors contact Juanita Reid for more information.

Rain or Shine - No Refunds

Name: _____ Car Make: _____ Year: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

In consideration of the acceptance of participants to Martinez Youth Football & Cheer (MYF) and MIDNIGHTERS Car Show event by execution of this entry form. I/We hereby release MYF, MIDNIGHTERS, Martinez School District (and Alhambra High School), and their members, officers, and anyone else 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 be suffered by anyone participating in this event. I/We accept responsibility for Bank fees on returned checks.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Call Judy Godar (925) 937-8995 or WCElksCarShow2023@gmail.com for more info
Walnut Creek Elks Lodge #1811 ★ 1475 Creekside Dr, Walnut Creek CA 94596 ★ (925) 935-1811



Walnut Creek Elks Lodge #1811
CLASSIC CAR SHOW
Saturday June 10th 2023 10AM - 3PM

REGISTRATION:

Pre-register no later than **June 3rd 2023**. All registered participants will receive a guaranteed spot, one (1) free lunch, one (1) Car Show souvenir and will be entered for a chance to win an award. **SPACE IS LIMITED!** If you want to park next to someone or with a group please make a note on this form or email us so we can assign your spaces together.

Name / Group Name: _____

Phone: (____) _____ - _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

1st Car Year, Make, Model: _____

2nd Car Year, Make, Model: _____

3rd Car Year, Make, Model: _____

_____ cars x \$40.00 per car = \$ _____

Payment can be made online at bpoe1811.square.site and the registration form can be emailed to WCElksCarShow2023@gmail.com or you can mail or drop off form with check to: Walnut Creek Elks #1811, 1475 Creekside Dr, Walnut Creek CA 94596.



Office hours are Mon/Wed/Fri 10am-2pm. Office phone is 925-935-1811

I hereby understand that I am fully responsible for my vehicle(s) and content and agree to hold harmless and release the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge #1811, its officers, volunteers, and sponsors of any liability for damage, injury or loss of property during the event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

For more info or sponsorship details contact WCElksCarShow2023@gmail.com or 925-937-8995

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Alhambra Ave & E Street, Martinez



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Registration

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FEATURED CARS

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(Any treasured vehicles are welcome!)

SEPT. 9

10 am - 2 pm

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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:

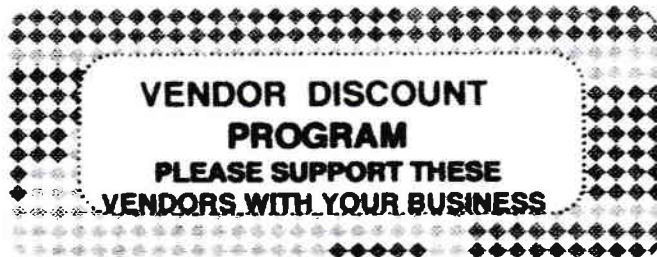
February, March, April, May

July, October, November

Check the newsletter or website for updated dates, times & locations

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

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