

# THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy Holidays GGG,

First off, I would like to thank Jim Lent for reminding me a Prez Msg was needed for our December 2023 newsletter, apparently last year I forgot to write one. I didn't recall that, but Jim certainly did as did Marsha who got a kick out of Jim's suggestion. Thanks Jim.

Thank you for another great Xmas Holiday Party this year at our new venue, Giorgio's in Milpitas. 29 people were in attendance, and all went reasonably well. Thanks to Joanie Butler for suggesting the location, to Jim Sloane for coordinating the event and to Barb Davis for taking excellent photographs once again. Jim Lent sent out the link a few days ago via e mail blast so if you haven't seen Barb's photos take a moment to check them out. As usual there was a plethora of interesting white elephant gifts for our members to choose from (breaking news, this year there really was a white elephant!) ... I suspect a few of them may make a return visit in 2024. As in years past many times gifts are stolen immediately and sometimes after some time has passed giving folks time to strategize. Always fun to see everyone's reaction when they open their package while sitting in the Chair of Fame. When the item is interesting, we hear oohs and ahhs and when the item is not so interesting, we hear sighs and/or comments like are you kidding.... some hold the item up announcing to the group to please take me! Can't wait to see what shows up next year... thanks to everyone for being so creative year after year. Marsha and I were chatting and thought perhaps next year we

should allow two gift steals instead of one, please let me know what you think of that idea. Giorgio's overall did a good job, leaning towards returning in 2024, we have ample time to discuss that.

Thanks to those of you that have paid your 2024 dues, will be depositing all your checks shortly. Those of you that haven't paid yet, please follow the instructions in this month's newsletter. Thanks in advance for taking care of paying your dues promptly.

Our LIVE Kick-Off meeting for 2024, our 28<sup>th</sup> year (please give yourself a round of applause) will be on Wednesday February 21<sup>st</sup> at Doug's in San Leandro with an 11am start time. They are doing a good job, would like to keep meetings there **unless** we outgrow their space or something snafu's. Zoom wasn't working out so meetings will all be live, either stand alone or with an event. Third Wednesday's in February, March, April, May, September and October. July at Tilden, December at our Xmas event. Off months include January, June, August and November. This is basically returning to our "historical" meeting scheduling.

Would like to start working on our event calendar for next year at February's meeting so please put on your thinking caps perhaps for an event that can be held rain or shine early in the year? We might be able to join NorCal Chevelles for one of their early 2024 events once their schedule is announced. Another possibility is a get-together at the Pacific Pinball Museum in Alameda. A couple members have shared ideas with me for events mid-year. Our Tilden Park Picnic will be on Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>, next year. Things GGG are looking promising going into 2024 and I am starting to see GGG 30 out of the corner of my eye in 2026.

That's it for now.

Marsha and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year....

Till we meet again, 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>

## **GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB SITE**

**AVAILABLE AT:**

**[www.gggoats.com](http://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](mailto:jimlent@comcast.net) to join or to update your email address



## **CHANGES, MISSPELLINGS, ETC.**

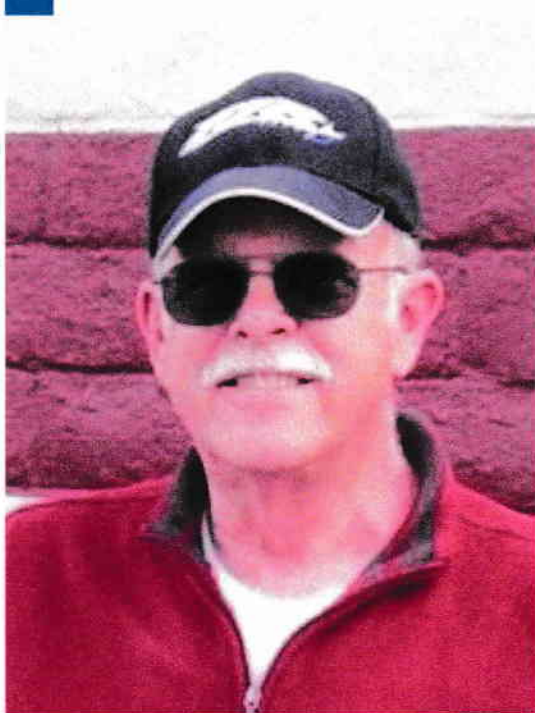
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**Please contact Jim Lent with any name, address, phone number or vehicle corrections or changes. (510) 799-6096.**

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# John Douglas Whitmore

1943 - 2023



## **John Douglas Whitmore Obituary**

Obituary published on Legacy.com by Beddingfield Funeral Service - San Jose from Nov. 2 to Nov. 3, 2023.

John Whitmore, age 80, died peacefully on October 27, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents,

James and Edith Whitmore; his brother, Donald Whitmore; and was the last of this Whitmore family.

John received his A.A. from Yuba College, Marysville, CA in 1964 and B.A. from San Jose State University in 1966. He was a retired Media Equipment Tech from SJSU IRC. He was an avid touring motorcyclist and Pontiac aficionado. He enjoyed collecting Zenith radios, recording equipment, old clocks, jukeboxes, player pianos and vinyl record albums. John was a lifetime member of Death Valley Natural History Association, member of NORCAL Theater Organ Society, Golden Gate GTO's, California Sightseers Motorcycle Club and was a follower of San Francisco 49ers and SJSU Spartan football.

John will be interred next to his parents and brother at East Lawn Memorial Park in Sacramento.

# **2024 Club Dues Call**

**2024 Dues - Payable now!**

**The dues amount for 2024 is \$40.00**

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Holly street dominator, misc jet manifold,

carburetors- Qjets, AFB, Hollys, 1000 CFM thermoquad,

70s cylinder heads including 1972 455HO bare,

MT 325/50R 15 ET street tires mounted on 15 x 10 ET slotted mags

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Contact club member **Larry Weiss**

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Contact club member **Al Schendan** [schendan@gmail.com](mailto:schendan@gmail.com)

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**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

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

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#Lamp Housing for for light in rear of center console for GTO 64-67 \$68.00 New still in package

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#Rally II wheel 15"x7" **New** (one only) \$150.00

#Rally II wheels 15"x7" used good condition with Pontiac Rally II center caps  
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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!**

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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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