

# THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Greetings Everyone,  
Happy 4th of July do have a safe and sane one!  
Got Picnic? Got BBQ?  
GGG certainly does, coming up quickly on  
Saturday July 19th when we will be celebrating  
our 29th Anniversary at our annual Tilden Park  
event. Typically, our largest display of GTO's each  
year lets keep that tradition going. Complete  
information in the last newsletter as well as in this  
one. RSVP and Co-pay are required, thanks to all

of you that already have. Sign-ups are a little slow  
this year as the event is only three weeks away,  
we have 21 attending with plenty of room for  
more. We have prepaid BBQ for 40 and halved  
the co-pay from last year. Please flood my  
mailbox with your RSVP's asap. Time ticking,  
ticking away less than 3 weeks to go! Always a  
special day so please attend if you can. For raffle  
prizes to bring please check out the event flyer as  
we have added added items per member's  
request. Raffle is a 50/50 so a lucky member or  
guest will go home with a fist full of cash. In  
addition, leftovers from our BBQ lunch will be  
boxed up and added to our raffle so it is possible  
for someone to go home with \$\$\$ AND dinner.  
We may have an impromptu meeting as well.  
Please see Dave Svoboda's MUST-READ article  
in this newsletter outlining the GGG Car Show  
Contact List he is putting together. Dave needs  
your help at your earliest convenience. If you  
want to be notified of the upcoming shows GGG  
will be attending as a club this list is something  
you want to be a part of. Join me in thanking  
Dave for his efforts.....  
Think I'll leave it there for now.  
See ya at the picnic or as always, in the fast lane!  
**Prez John**

**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

**You are invited to visit an online album named "2024 GGGoats Christmas Party"**

To view, simply click on this link to go to the album:

<http://imageevent.com/jimlent/2024gggoatschristmasparty>

**GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB SITE**

**AVAILABLE AT:**

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



**JPs Restaurant  
3600 Castro Valley Blvd.  
Castro Valley, CA 94546  
MARCH 11TH MEETING**

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:jimlent@comcast.net) or send them by snail mail to:**

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



# GOLDEN GATE GOATS 29th Anniversary Club Picnic

Saturday, July 19th, 2025

Island Picnic Area  
Tilden Park, Berkeley  
10:00 a.m. until???



*Join us to celebrate our 29th YEAR!*

Location: Tilden Park in Berkeley, Island Picnic Area (Next to the Brazil Room)

Date: Saturday, July 19th, 2025

Start Time: 10:00 a.m.

The Meal: **ALL YOU CAN EAT?** Vendor Ken promises plenty for all. Any leftovers will be raffled

GGG will contribute to the cost of our buffet lunch PLUS **\$10 member co-pay per person required\***

- Barbecued chicken, pork ribs and slow smoked beef brisket
- Ranch rolls, bbq beans, potato salad and cole slaw.
- Homemade cookies courtesy of Marsha Mekisich
- Plates, utensils/napkins, condiments and table clothes

Members, please bring:

- Your favorite beverage (see below)
- Raffle item(s) Theme based suggested 1964 to 1974 cars/music/movies/wine/gift cards or?

Please note:

- **Co-pay checks are due by Sunday July 13<sup>th</sup> (see instructions below)**
- Beer and wine are permitted in the picnic area; hard liquor is not allowed.

Directions: From Highway 24, take the Fish Ranch Road exit (immediately east of the Caldecott Tunnel). Take Fish Ranch Road to Grizzly Peak Road. Turn right on Grizzly Peak Road. Turn right on South Park Drive, then left on Wildcat Canyon Road. The Island Picnic Area is on the right side of Wildcat Canyon Road, just past the Brazil Room.

Parking:

- Goat parking for about 25 cars immediately in front of the picnic area
- Overflow parking and space for daily drivers directly behind the picnic area

Things to Do at Tilden:

- The Little Train (scaled-down steam train) offers rides along the scenic ridge.
- 18-hole public golf course with driving range, pro shop, and coffee shop.
- Regional Parks Botanic Garden - the most complete collection of California native plants, including rare and endangered species - offers tours and lectures.
- Lake Anza offers swimming in season, with a sandy beach, bathhouse and food stand. Fishing is permitted all year.
- Tilden's merry-go-round – an antique carousel with hand-carved animals and a calliope.
- Children's pony rides, in season.

Check out their website for up-to-date information about availability of these and other attractions:

<http://www.ebparks.org/parks/tilden>

**Co-pays by Sunday July 13th to John Mekisich**  
**\$10 co-pay per person parties of 2 \*then \$20 each additional person**  
**Checks made out to Golden Gate Goats**  
**Mailed to 435 West 25<sup>th</sup> Ave San Mateo, Ca. 94403**

## DANVILLE CAR SHOW

Hi everyone,

I have been working with the organizers of the Danville Car Show that will be held on September 7th.

The organizers were very excited to hear that we wanted to attend again this year as a club. If we do it, he would like to set up a Goat Corral at the corner of Hartz Ave. and Mt. Diablo Rd. This location will be right in the middle of town on the main drag; our exposure could not be any better.

We are needing as many members as possible to attend this show but it's going to take some effort from all members. Last year we had 17 cars show up for the show and took three awards. This year I would like to show them how we stand together as a large GTO club and win more awards.

My goal is to have as many cars as possible in the range of 25 to 30 cars show up out of our 59 active members.

It's not going to be easy to organize this show so, I'm going to need your help, and I'll need it as soon as you can get it to me. I need to start communicating information to you right away.

Please forward your contact information (e mail & best phone#) which will allow me to to communicate with you about this show and other events that may be happening in the future. They will only be used for club events.

ALL of us must be registered prior to the show because we will be entering the show from Mt. Diablo Rd. a different entry from anyone one else. There will be no one there to register you.

We will be exiting the same way which will be a fast track to the freeway.

They already have over 250 cars registered and maybe cutting registration off soon.

What I'm going to need from everyone:

1. Your commitment that you will be attending the Danville Show.  
very important because I need to give them a car count for parking.
2. Your contact information so I can add you to our GGG Car Show Contact List

I would like to make this one of Golden Gate Goats biggest events of the year.

Thank you.

Dave Svoboda

(925) 788-0919

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## Golden Gate Goats 2025 Event Schedule



3/14 FRIDAY NIGHT GET TOGETHERS START AT DOMINOOS SUN VALEEEY MALL

3/11 Tuesday 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at JPs – Castro Valley-

4/8 Tuesday 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at JPs – Castro Valley-

4/27 Sunday Benicia Car Show hosted by Stuart Cole

?? MORAGA CAR SHOW (Unknown if there will be 2025 show))

5/13 Tuesday 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at JPs – Castro Valley-

5/31 Elks Club Car Show - Walnut Creek

**JUNE** No Meetings – Summer break

6/8 Saturday Elks Walnut Creek Show

6/22 SUNDAY PINOLE CAR SHOW

7/19 Saturday Tilden Park Picnic catered by Back Forty BBQ

8/?? Alameda / Elks Classic Car Show

9/6 Roaring Camp Car Show

9/9 Tuesday 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at JPs – Castro Valley-

9/ ?? Saturday NorCal Run thru the Canyon-

10/14 Tuesday 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at JPs – Castro Valley-

11/3 Tuesday 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at JPs – Castro Valley-

**12/6 HOLIDAY PARTY –**

## YOUR AD COULD BE HERE!

PERSONAL ADS FOR ALL GOLDEN GATE MEMBERS ARE FREE .

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

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

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

## WANTED

## FOR SALE

Leaving the hobby

455 crankshafts

Misc engine parts-oil pans, windage trays,4 bolt caps (3.25),valley pans, valve covers, connecting rods, flywheels, balances, pulleys, oil filter mounts,

INOS super power shot kit, new with 3 sets of under carb plates, Holly, QJet and Tri-Power.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

671 supercharger core, Misc headers

Too much to list all.

Call for more details and negotiate prices.

Contact club member **Larry Weiss**

510 566-7506

call, leave a message or text

**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 \$ 300.00 to \$ 700.00 depending on the condition. Contact club member Al Schendan [schendan@gmail.com](mailto:schendan@gmail.com)

**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



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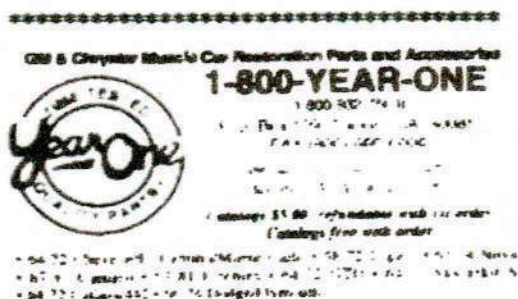
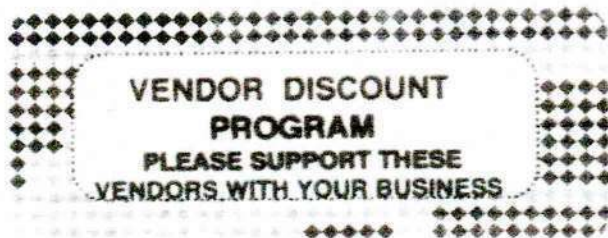
## **CLUB LOGO ITEMS**

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!

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

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



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

**Performance Years** - offers discounts to club members on orders up to \$500 of 3% w/charge card or 5% prepay. Orders over \$500 8% with charge card or 10% prepay. 215-712-7400

**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

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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.

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

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



## **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!**

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