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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Howdy GGG,

Hope everyone is enjoying our below normal temps so far this summer. Beginning with the next paragraph for your reading enjoyment is Rich Colombatto's Tilden Picnic recap. Rich captured the "vibe" of the event perfectly. We remain on summer break from meetings for August. Will return to normal programming next month. See ya in the fast lane, Prez John.

Rich Colombatto here, reporting on the 29th annual GGG picnic at Tilden Park. Typical Berkeley hills foggy weather greeted us revelers but could not dampen the comradery and enthusiasm surrounding this truly historic event. Sunshine broke through in the afternoon in time to accommodate the great BBQ, raffle, the 50/50 and – drumroll – Car of the Year Award.

My estimation is that the event was a rousing success and not just because my 66 convertible – considered the best year by certain aficionados - was voted Car of the Year. But the award was

quite a surprise and an honor. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all those who voted for my ride and assure you the checks are in the mail.

It was bittersweet for Mike Rahmgren to surrender that magnificent GOAT trophy. However, as a consolation, I am creating and awarding the BEST MILEAGE award to Mike, whose GTO made it home on the back of an AAA flatbed. In addition to receiving the coveted GOAT trophy, Rich Mestrich presented me with a serious piece of hardware; a 6-inch gold GOAT medallion on a chain that I will be rocking at all club events and car shows for the next 12 months.

The caterer lined up by Rick and Dave, Ken Shelby BBQ, was off the charts. They brought in

a big propane smoker and cooked up juicy chicken, tender brisket and falling off the bone ribs. Sides included baked beans, spud salad and slaw. Marsha's home-made cookies rounded out the feast. I do not know what all the "all you can eat" debate was about leading up to this event, but there was more than enough to feed everyone with leftovers for the raffle.

Master of ceremonies Pres John ran the show with his usual savoir-faire. However, the proceedings suggested that larger sized tickets with bold type might facilitate the process. Joanie won the 50/50; but doesn't she drive a Chevy?

We missed those who could not attend, welcomed returning & new members, and look forward to an epic BIG 30 next year.

Respectfully submitted.

Rich Columbato



You are invited to visit an online album named "Tilden 2025"
From: Jim Lent <jimlent@comcast.net>

To view, simply click on this link to go to the album:
<http://imageevent.com/jimlent/tilden2025>

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

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

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

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

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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

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

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)

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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!
