

SHIFTING GEARS

Greetings GGG,

How about those gas/diesel prices folks? If I was still working for Snap On Tools as a Tech Rep driving my equipment truck this boy would not be happy as my monthly fuel expense would likely be over \$1000 with diesel prices currently hovering around \$9 gallon. Am sure many of you are feeling the pain?

In last month's President's Message, I outlined what IMHO GGG needs from a leadership standpoint to move forward. There were some positive responses with Rick Mestrich and Dave Svoboda returning to our club assuming the position of co event-coordinators focusing on car shows. They will be busy as there will be a second Danville show next year in addition to everything else. Welcome back guys and thanks for taking this on will share the details with our membership at a future date as we are currently discussing the specifics. Dave Svoboda also offered to take on the VP position also some interest in VP from Al Schendan. Mike Greaney has offered to help with the website. All good we are inching forward let's keep the momentum going. With new help on board, I am good continuing as President and Treasurer for now however I would like to step down during 2027 so if anyone is interested in either of my positions, please reach out to me. I would consider the Treasurer's position the most urgent to fill.

Title of this month's Presidents message is **Shifting Gears**. I chose that title as it is time to make some changes in how we are doing things going forward. **In place of our weekday meetings for October and November let's have a meeting during our Dec 5th Christmas Event** as we will have many more members in attendance giving everyone there the opportunity to have a say in what we will be doing next year and beyond. Doing this will set us up nicely for our 2027 Kickoff meeting. Current thinking for 2027 is we return to some Zoom meetings and have our 2027 Kick-Off meeting on a Saturday at Al Schendan's in San Leandro. Goal here is to get a greater number of members attending meetings so hopefully these adjustments will help. We can also discuss additional Saturday meetings if we have leadership in place to facilitate them as I will not always have weekend availability. In addition, it would be a positive to form a team of members to recruit new members at car shows, if that is of interest to you, please reach out to me. The importance of adding new members is a key component to our success going forward, am confident you agree? Your input is crucial to the future of our club my door is always open to chat.

Our next in-person meeting will be during our Christmas Party on Saturday Dec 5th at JP's in Castro Valley from 11 till 2. Menu from last year was well received so no changes and included roast chicken, spaghetti with meat sauce, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, a shareable appetizer on the table and two drinks tbd. Cash bar available. JP's held their banquet pricing so member co-pay will remain the same as last year at \$25 per member up to 2 people per membership resulting in a 50/50 split with the club. 3 people or more is \$50 per person which is the full per person cost. Your co-pay check made out to Golden Gate Goats is your RSVP for the event please send to GGG Treasurer 435 West 25th Avenue San Mateo, Ca. 94403. Will share more Christmas party details in next month's newsletter until then;

See ya in the fast lane,

Prez John