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**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO THE
GOLDEN GATE GOAT FAMILY**

**HOPE SANTA IS GOOD TO YOU
AND YOUR GTO THIS YEAR!**

THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



NO CLUB MEETING THIS JANUARY

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Howdy Folks,

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I apologize that this President's Message and newsletter is somewhat tardy in getting to you. Jim Lent sent me a short e mail on 12/17 asking if I realized no newsletter had gone out this month with question marks in the subject line. Nope, not at all, writing this month's Presidents Message just absolutely slipped my mind. Now that is having a Senior Moment! Busy time of the year no question,

this year more so than usual. My PC died an untimely death and I had to for the most part replace everything, transfer files, etc. As some of you may know, everything for those of us using Windows is now Windows 8. Short of the long, the screens and functionality are WAY different than any of the previous versions of Windows. Before I knew where to click to save, print, scan, download, etc. That changed immediately. I don't mind learning new things, in fact I enjoy it. The computer is used about 50% for work and for awhile everything just took so much longer. It is frustrating to scan a document and not know how to quickly save it.

GGG's December 1st Christmas party was very well attended and everybody had a really good time. Thanks to all of you that attended this year. Our traditional gift exchange as usual produced some big laughs, many of you no doubt have already had a chance to view the online photo album. Toys for Tots donations were generous again this year giving Ken and Barb lots of gifts to deliver to their local firehouse. Barb's latest slideshow presentation titled "The Early Years" was enjoyed by everyone. Talk about a blast from the past, some of the photos went all the way back to day one. To everyone's amazement none of us have aged at all. To quote Jeannie Lent, " We Still Got It! "

Please remember that we are NOT having a January meeting as our new first Thursday of the month meeting day falls just after the New Year's Holiday. We will resume our normal meeting schedule at The Englander in San Leandro with our February meeting on Thursday February 7th followed by March 7th, April 4th, May 2nd and June 6th. The focal point of our

February 7th meeting will be planning our Wangers 2013 event. Some of us are looking at possible locations but please keep the suggestions coming as outlined in last month's newsletter. The event date of Saturday May 18th is rapidly approaching! The sooner we have a location in place the sooner we can start promoting this very exciting event. If you have an idea, please call or e mail me to discuss versus waiting until the February meeting as we will have a lot more time to consider it.

GGG's newly elected VP, Dave Hartz had some club logo hats made that will be for sale at future meetings and events for \$18. The GGG logo is silk screened like our T's. the hats were very well received as half of the order of 20 sold at the Christmas party. Way to go Dave! I will bring them along with the few unsold T shirts we have to our February meeting. Barb Davis once again has ordered some GGG Calendars which will also be at the February meeting for purchase. Cost to be determined. I will be contacting those of you that ordered shirts and have not yet picked them up to make arrangements for doing so after the New Year.

At this point in time there are no plans to continue hosting the Al Harris Memorial Day Car Show at the Palo Alto Veterans Hospital. This is definitely a worthwhile cause, if anyone is interested in taking over the reins being the event coordinator and continuing to carry on this tradition please contact me. Be advised the date CAN be changed.

Marsha and I would like to wish all of our members and their families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Until we meet again on February 7th, see ya in the fast lane!

Prez John

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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.

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CAR OF THE MONTH ARTICLES

Would you like to see your car, and its story, published in this newsletter. Take this opportunity now to memorialise 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
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Best wishes to All Golden Gate Goaters from Jim & Jeannie Lent. Hope your holiday season is filled with good times. Here is a story of how Santa delivers the goods. Enjoy,

A Goat's Tale For Christmas
by Tom Szymczyk, Delaware Valley Old Goat Club

 Twas the night before Christmas, 1964
 When an elf came knocking on Santa Claus' door.
 "Mr. Claus, there's a problem," was what the elf said,
 "The reindeer are sick, so they can't pull your sled!"

 "They all caught the flu. They're hacking and wheezing.
 They have stuffy heads, and they're coughing and sneezing."
 "Give 'em Ny Quil," said Santa, "is what you should do."
 " But it won't be invented 'til 1982."

 "The reindeer can rest," Santa said to the elf
 " This year I'll deliver the presents myself.
 I've got a new beast that can pull the big sleigh,
 A beast I've been saving for just such a day."

 They went around back, to Santa's garage
 And walked past a shiny, red super stock Dodge.
 "This one," said Santa, "belongs to Aunt Gina.
 She's a little old lady from East Pasadena."

 "The Dodge here is quick.
 My Corvette can run.
 But we need more than speed to get the job done.
 Delivering presents, we race through the skies.
 These cars are both fast, but I need one that flies!"

 So Santa walked down to the end of the row
 And unlocked the door of a new GTO
 He hooked up the sleigh and said,
 " This one is mine.
 Three deuces, a four speed, and a 389."

 He then cranked it over.
 It rumbled real loud.
 He idled outside, then spoke to the crowd,
 " Without any reindeer,
 I'll still make my run.
 Just me and this Goat, we're gonna have fun."

 He revved it right up and then dropped the clutch.
 He wheelied through first, the guy was too much!
 By second he's airborne, and pulling some G's.
 He power shifts third while clearing the trees.

 He circled the Pole and then headed south,
 A twinkle in his eye, and a smile on his mouth.
 And we heard him exclaim at a hundred miles per hour,
 " When all else fails, you should always Tri Power!!!!"

Happy Holidays.

Jim Wangers Visits the Golden Gate Goats Saturday, May 18, 2013

Jim has agreed to join us on this weekend to continue our journey of learning about Pontiac and the GTO.

What a fitting time as the 50th anniversary of the GTO is upon us in 2013. "What" you say, "Wouldn't that be in 2014." Well, just think back to the old days when the fall preview of the new cars signaled the time to head to the showrooms.

This is the first time in several visits that Jim will present us with a presentation about Pontiac and the GTO. Please set this date as a must attend to learn about your GTO.

Below is an excerpt from Jim's book "GLORY DAYS - When horsepower and passion ruled Detroit."

Introduction

It's Friday night and the traffic on Woodward Avenue for the Dream Cruise is already wall-to-wall. The crowd on both sides of the street is ten deep. My friend Eric Schiffer is driving my 1969 GTO Judge. The Michigan license plates read "Wangers." As we slowly creep along Woodward at 14 mile, a teenage kid runs up to the Judge and pleads, "Do you guys know Jim Wangers?" Before I can answer, he asks again, "Did he really invent Woodward Avenue?"

WOODWARD AVENUE RUNS arrow-straight for 20 miles, connecting Detroit to the city of Pontiac. Along Woodward are suburban communities like Royal Oak, Ferndale and Birmingham. In the sixties, Woodward was the scene of the most incredible street action you could imagine. From 10 Mile Road in Royal Oak to Square Lake Road (about ten miles to the north) at the fringe of Pontiac, kids would bring their cars out to cruise. Every night Woodward would vibrate with excitement as cars cruised four abreast down Woodward's wide expanse.

I was there both as a spectator and a participant. Every morning I left my home in Royal Oak and drove north on Woodward to my office at MacManus John & Adams, Pontiac's ad agency. My office overlooked Woodward. When I drove home at night, chances were I'd get into at least one stoplight challenge. I knew Woodward, I knew the kids, and what it meant for them to win. I guess I was the biggest kid of all.

Over three decades ago, local communities and the police struggled to keep the racing under control. Eventually, Woodward was abandoned by the cruisers because of local pressure. Cruising on the wide boulevard became extinct.

Ironically, the same communities that worked so hard to end the cruising on Woodward in the sixties have banded together now in the nineties to enshrine the Golden Era. The event, known as the Woodward Dream Cruise, is a tribute to the days of musclecars and street performance. I am honored to be invited back regularly.

Over one million people and at least 30,000 cars, trucks and rods participate in these modern day Dream Cruise activities, making it the largest one-day automotive event in the world. Of course, the traffic is so jammed that it's impossible to average more than 10 miles per hour, but who cares? All of the American car makers are here with huge displays. Up and down the Avenue, there are car shows, parties, and dances.

On a typical Cruise weekend, I'll have the pleasure to meet and talk with many people who remember those wonderful days. I am often reminded just how much I had shaped their experiences and their enjoyment. I was fortunate enough to have been a part of John DeLorean's talented team at Pontiac, and was able to transmit to DeLorean the pulse of what was happening on the "avenue." DeLorean listened, and the result was a long line of Pontiac performance legends like the GTO, the Grand Prix, and the Trans Am.

I was passionate about my job, and that passion came easy.

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Introduction

My Judge is parked on a Birmingham Street amidst a lineup of other musclecars. Through the crowd, a guy spots the "Wangers" license plates and walks up. "Is that Jim Wangers' car?" he asks. "Do you guys know him? I bet it's got a Ram Air V in there. When Wangers came out on Woodward, he was ready. I used to race him and his Royal Bobcats. No matter what you had, he had better!"

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WANTED:

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2012 - Club Meetings

**Club meetings are scheduled for the
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and December.
Check newsletter or website
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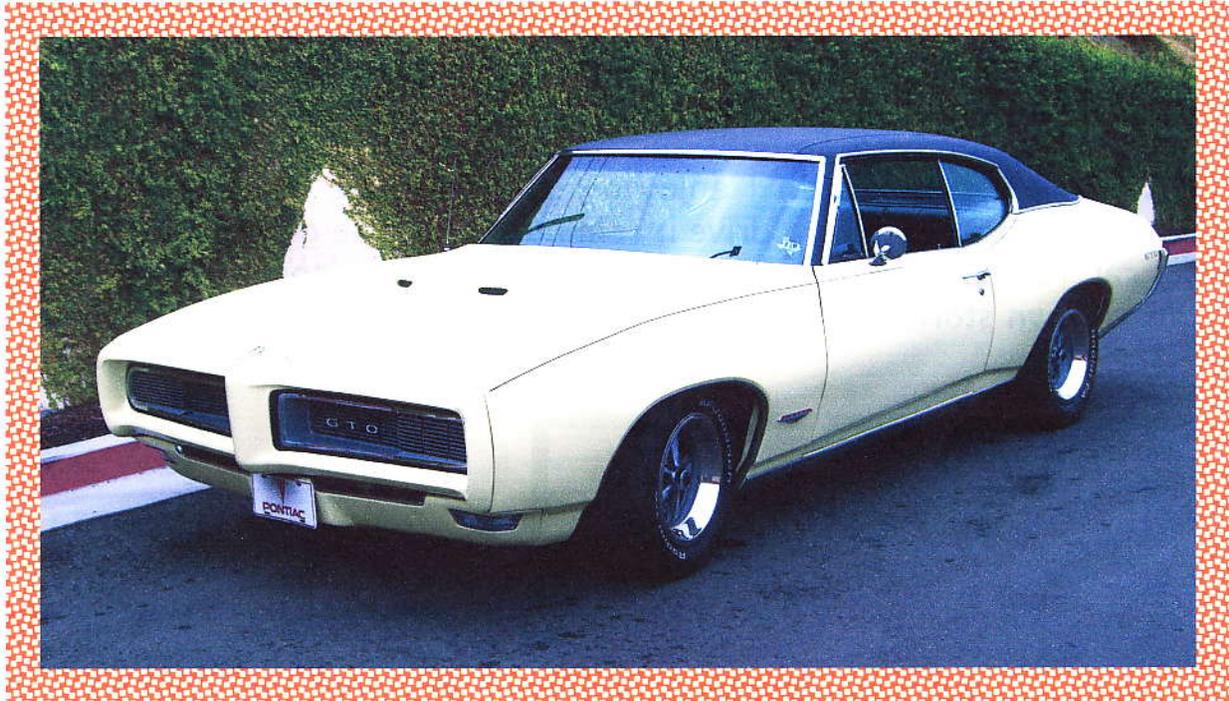
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GOLDEN GATE GOATS CAR OF THE MONTH



RON CALDITO'S 1968 GTO

I just wanted to start out by saying I'm so glad to have run into the club three years ago at May Madness in San Rafael. You guys treated me like I was already a member of the club even before joining. Thanks for making my first time experience a good one. Well on to my story of how I fell in love with GTOs. It started out in 1985 with my best friend William. We used to cruise on El Camino Blvd., by Hillsdale shopping center in San Mateo, in his red 1968 GTO convertible. (Back when high school kids could afford American muscle and everyone was there to just show off their cars.) I of course fell in love with his car. Our other friends had Chevelles, Camaros, Novas and Mustangs (which we never paid any attention to). But in my eyes I always liked the GTO the best! We were like brothers because we liked similiar things and we were the only child in our families which made us even closer friends. I won't forget the time he let me borrow the GTO for a date. What a buddy! I knew he was worried because I was younger than him but he never showed it. Then came that faithful day when William had to sell his car. He was asking a hefty price of \$4500.00. I know what your thinking. It must have been a piece of junk. Believe it or not all it needed was a new

paint job. It already had a new top and interior. Plus he had spare parts that he hadn't put in the car yet such as power windows, seats, antenna and tilt steering wheel. I immediately asked my Father if we could buy the car. He replied, "No! You need something reliable for college." Well I was disappointed. But that didn't last long because I did end up with a new 1987 Buick Regal Grand National. (I do tease my Father once in a while about how much that car would be worth today.) In 2002 I had finally saved up enough money to start looking seriously for a 1968 GTO. In 2004 my search ended in Sacramento at a small car dealership. At first I wasn't too excited about the color and that it wasn't a convertible. Yet there was something about the car that caught my eye. An added surprise was that it is a numbers matching car with the protecto plate and some of the original paper work. When I saw that I immediately wrote a check. My first stop after buying the car was to visit my best friend (till this day) William. I must have filled up the gas tank twice that day but it was worth it. We drove to all the old stomping grounds and talked about our high school days. (Yes, I let him drive most of the time.) I enjoy my GTO because it's sort of like a time machine. Everytime I go out for a drive it reminds me of the good times that I had in my buddies' car. I hope to share new memories with my son and hopefully he'll get to tell some of his own stories someday.

