

THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



21th Anniversary 1996 - 2017

**MAY CLUB MEETING
NOON MAY 5TH
AT THE ENGLANDER
SAN LEANDRO**

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Howdy Folks,

Weather for yesterday's Benicia Car Show should have been outstanding; hopefully a good time was had by all. Thanks to Stuart Cole for hosting again for us this year.

Was saddened to hear of David Culbertson's passing on August 27th. Wife Kim tells us that David was cleaning the GTO for the Benicia Car Show when his heart gave out. She got him to the hospital but they could not save him. Our condolences go out to Kim and their family.

2017 appears to be rolling right along as I write this on May 1st. Meetings continue this Thursday May 4th with a NOONER at The Englander. 11:30 meet-greet-eat will start the meeting promptly at 12 noon. Hope you can join us; perhaps we can come up with some ideas for potential events this summer?

Saturday May 13th we return to the Moraga Car Show. June is a no meeting month with a baseball date on Sunday June 11th then Run through the Canyon hosted by NorCal Chevelles on Saturday June 17th. Several fun things to do on tap for us the next couple of months.

Peeking into July, mark your calendars for our Saturday July 15th Tilden Park Picnic & Meeting with lunch provided by Back Forty. Details coming soon.....

Do enjoy our early summer weather; see ya in the fast lane!

Prez John

note we did not have any meeting date changes. Since traffic for our Friday test meeting worked well, these Thursday dates should work even better. This alone will have members in addition to me doing their happy dance..... Wait, doesn't the big meeting room have a stage? LOL.....

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

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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
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 or to update your email address.

**GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB
SITE AVAILABLE AT:**

www.gggoats.com

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>



David Culbertson Memorial

The memorial for David is scheduled for:

Friday, May 5th at 11:00 AM

Chapel of the Roses

1940 Peralta Blvd.

Fremont, CA 94536

Celebration of Life Party

following at:

California Billiard Club

40510 Albrae St.

Fremont, CA 94538

Kim has indicated that Dave wanted a party with lots of classic cars.

Golden Gate Goats coming events

May 13, Saturday. Moraga Car Show

June 11, Sunday. Giants vs. the Twins

June 17, Saturday. Run thru the Canyon Hosted by the NorCal Chevelles

July 15, Saturday. GGGoats Club picnic & meeting

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Contact club member Bob Newcomer at: rnewebay@gmail.com or 925-360-9329

Moraga Car Show - May 13th, 2017

For those of you who will be attending the Moraga Car Show, we will meet at Whole Foods in Lafayette at 9:00, leaving at 9:15.

Directions: From westbound Hwy 24, take the Moraga/Central Lafayette exit. Make a right at the stop light, another right at the next stop light (go under the freeway), make the next right into the Whole Foods parking lot.

From Oakland: Take exit 12 for Oak Hill Rd toward Central Lafayette Turn left onto Oak Hill Rd. Turn right onto Deer Hill Rd Turn right onto First St. Turn right into parking lot.

We will caravan up Moraga Road To the Rheem Valley Center where there is Starbuck's, Nations (where many of us will have breakfast after registration), and many more stores and fast food restaurants.

Please let me know if you are planning to attend.
<jimlent@comcast.net_and my phone number (510) 697-6645
Thanks, Jim Lent

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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!

2017 - Club Meetings

Club Meetings are scheduled for the following months:
February, March, April, May
July, October, November
Check the newsletter or website for updated dates, times & locations

**GOLDEN GATE GOATS EVENT PICTURES
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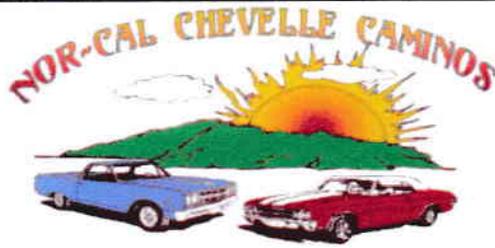




Golden Gate Goats 2017 Event Schedule



- 2/2 Thursday Club Meeting at The Englander
- 3/3 FRIDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander
- 4/15 **Club Meeting Cancelled**
- 4/30 Sunday Benicia Car Show hosted by Stuart Cole
- 5/4 Thursday Club Meeting at The Englander
- 5/6 Saturday - Pontiacs of Central CA Car Show - Clovis (info only – not a club event)
- 5/13 Moraga Car Show
- June – Summer break – no meeting
- 6/11 Giants versus the Twins, Sunday afternoon
- 6/17 Run Through the Canyon hosted by NorCal Chevelles
- 7/15 Saturday Tilden Park Picnic catered by Back Forty BBQ **with club meeting**
- August & September – Summer Break – no meeting
- 9/24 Sunday Altamont Cruisers Show
- 10/5 Thursday Club Meeting at The Englander
- 10/? Saturday Alameda Car Show hosted by Phil Sandri
- 10/21 Saturday - Fall Wine Cruise hosted by Judy & Leroy Anderson
- 11/2 Thursday Club Meeting at The Englander
- 12/2 Saturday Holiday Party at Back Forty BBQ



Nor-Cal Chevelle Caminos
P.O. Box 36046, San Jose, CA 95158
<http://nor-cal.chevelles.net>

Nor-Cal Chevelle Caminos 2017 Run Thru the Canyon
Saturday, June 17, 2017

9:00 a.m. check-in and "late" registrations - 10:30 a.m. "Run" start
(Registrations must be received no later than June 10th)

Each year our Chevelle-Camino car club has a premiere event that welcomes all makes (GM, Ford, etc.) of classic cars enthusiasts to attend. We invite you to join us for a day of relaxation, cruising and our annual scenic Poker Run. More details about the Poker Run route and delicious picnic afterwards will be posted on our Club website and mailed out to early registrations. Participants will enjoy several raffle prizes, and the person who ends up with the best poker hand wins a big cash prize. So come join us and be a part of our annual get together! Bring the whole family! You'll enjoy a great day with our classics, share a few stories along the way, kick a few tires and brag about our cars. Be sure to check out our Run Thru the Canyon section in the Events portion of our website, and please note our address at the top of this flyer for returning your registration.

For questions, call Randy Ochs (925-963-2999) or Mike Crusco (650-238-7035).

Come cruise with us!

-----Please return bottom portion with your payment-----

Email address: _____ **(to be used to confirm your entry)**

Name: _____ **Car Make** _____

Address: _____ **Car Model & Year** _____

City: _____ **Zip:** _____ **Phone:** (____) _____

Cost: \$25 per adult, \$10 per child (12 & under) (\$35 per adult after June 10th and day of cruise).

Number of people in your party: _____

In consideration of acceptance as participants in the Nor-Cal ChevelleCamino Run Thru the Canyon, by execution of this entry, I/we hereby release the Nor-Cal ChevelleCamino car club, its members, officers and anyone connected with this event, of and from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, losses, judgments and/or claims from any causes whatsoever that may be suffered by participating in this event or any spectators.

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____ **License Plate Number:** _____



DECEMBER
1998



**GOLDEN GATE GOATS
CAR OF THE MONTH**



**TODAY, ADAM
PERALTA'S
1966 GTO
RESTORATION
NEARS
COMPLETION**

**GTO VIEW FROM
THE PAST -
PICTURE FROM
1966**



**A TIGER'S TALE
(THE FIRST 32 YEARS
- 1966 TO 1998)
BY ADAM PERALTA**

I'll bet many of you in the club can remember the first time you laid your eyes on a mean old goat. I'm sure you remember how your jaw hurt as it hit the floor. The split grilles, the lines, the attitude. This car had it all and a lot more, no matter what the model year! But how many of you can say that there was one sitting in your driveway the day you came home from the hospital after your birth? I can! Growing up I really didn't think too highly of this car. I also didn't understand why anyone would want a car to be so loud! At first, I thought it was just another old car, until it became mine to drive. It is kind of funny, I don't ever remember my parents driving it fast. I started to do a little reading about the GTO. Every time I came across the letters GTO, I came across the term "Muscle Car." I had originally thought of Mustangs and Camaros as muscle cars. I was surprised to discover that they were only pony cars that sometimes had big engines on rare occasion. The car I had was the original Muscle Car!

My father is still the original owner of my 1966 GTO. *Dad bought it, but I got it!* My earliest memories include everything from church, to baseball practice, to blasting a Barry White 8-track through the dealership installed reverb speakers. I also remember how my brother, sister and I could never eat or drink in the car. We also had to sit correctly. Never understood this as a kid, but I do now. Everything wrong with the original interior was due to sun damage. This goat has been a daily driver since the day it was purchased in 1966. My dad drove it every day until my parents bought a new Cadillac in 1985. In 1986 my brother brother got his license. He drove it to school and

work until his 2nd year at the University of California - Santa Cruz when he joined the Marine Corp. At that time I was fifteen and learning how to drive. I would drive to school and my mother would drive it home, then pick me up after school and I would drive it home. A lot of my friends at school were glad that I was driving, as my mother was a little more daring in the school parking lot than I was. I got my license when I turned sixteen and have been driving it ever since.

This goat has been through a lot in the past 32 years. I has been in two major accidents. The car's first accident came in 1972 in downtown San Jose. This was exactly 25 years prior the Los Gatos parade that the Golden Gate Goats participated in last December. What a coincidence, my dad gets hit and 25 years later I nearly fried the engine! The second accident occurred on New Year's Eve 1995 at 11 PM, two blocks from my house. Don't worry, I hadn't had a chance to drink that night. I guess you could say that I started the New year with a bang. The day I brought the GTO home smashed I received two offers to purchase the car. But I have heard too many stories that start with "I used to have....." Well, I'm keeping this GTO! Besides, I took this opportunity to paint the motor and engine bay. The frame had been bent in the accident. When everything was fixed and done, the frame was straighter than it had ever been. Even better than when it first rolled off the assembly line. I wasn't going to let some%*@'s negligence deprive my of my goat!

This goat has been through a lot drive train wise too. Both my father and brother went through two engines each. I myself am on my third. I can't explain why those other engines didn't last very long, including the one my uncle installed that only lasted a week. (I think the trick is to get an engine from the junkyard and not rebuild it.) This is the car's first 400, which still runs like a tiger after 5 years and 50,000 miles of pure abuse. It's virtually impossible to drive this car slow and almost seems like a sin to try. The only times I have problems are when I take it to a shop to have it worked on. You'd think you were giving the mechanic a break when you give them an old car to work on. But they can't even handle that! (I'm not naming names, but I can supply them if you want.) That is why I take the car in only when it is absolutely necessary.

This mean old goat was built the 3rd week of January at the Pontiac Plant in Fremont, California. It was purchased at Larry Hopkins Pontiac in Sunnyvale, California with a mere 3 miles on the odometer and a promotional tiger tail which I still have. In 1966, it came with a 4-bbl, a 2-speed automatic transmission, 3:23 rear end and a set of redline tires with deluxe wheelcaps. I had thought about putting on either Cragar SS's or American Torque Thrust rims - something from the 60s. But when I saw a set of Rally Is for half price, I had to have them. I wouldn't mind getting a set of Hurst wheels someday though. When this engine went in the mechanic told us that the 2-speed was thrashed and need to be replaced. The mechanic also took it upon himself to put on a set of Hooker headers.

Over the years people would stop me and ask if I had 3 deuces and a 4-speed and a 389? I got tired of telling them no. so I put in the 3-2s and a 4-speed. Not that the 2-speed auto and 4-bbl were bad, (think I lost some torque though) but people seem to drool a tad more over the 3 Rochesters and a rod protruding through the floor that says "Hurst"! I have installed a '65 Tri-power, which I recently traded for a date correct setup. I got a Ram Air pan and a 69- 4-speed from Ed at the Goat Farm. He has been extremely helpful to me throughout my project. Al. at Tony's Mufflers in San Jose, also sold me a vacuum gage. Tony's, I might 'a d', also does top notch work. He put a pair of 2 chamber Flow masters on my goat. I have a 1966 XE engine sitting on a stand, waiting for the 400 to blow. The only thing that's not stock equipment is a Milodon Gear Drive. CD player with amp and MSD Ignition and distributor. The MSD box and CD player are hidden out of sight. The original AM pushbutton is in it's rightful place because I am going for a completely stock look. the goat is perfect as it is.

My restoration is nearing a close as I write this. The car has been painted the original Reef Turquoise. I must say it looks beautiful. I can actually see my reflection in the body. As for the interior, I purchased seat buns, carpet and a lot of aqua dye from Year One. The seats were very hard to put on, taking me two full weekends to complete. The carpet was easy, since I had done this before. The headliner has not gone in yet. If I finish that I won't know what to do with myself.

Now that the goat is done, I don't know how I let it go for so long. Before I didn't have to worry about the elements, other cars, or key scratches. Now I have to worry about all that and more, but it is well worth the trouble.

'98 DRIVER



'66 DRIVER



OUCH!!!



TAKES A LICKIN'



AND KEEPS ON TICKIN'

