#### THE GOAT CONNECTION

VOL.26-7 Newsletter of the GOLDEN GATE GOATS JULY 2020 GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



**24th Anniversary 1996 - 2020** 

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Summer GGG,

Hope all our Dad's enjoyed a pleasant Father's Day.....

East Bay Regional Parks just notified Jim Lent that our Tilden Park reservation has been cancelled due to ongoing COVID-19 restrictions thus officially canceling our event.

Let's plan on returning in 2021 to celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

For July let's have a meeting via Zoom on Thursday the 2<sup>nd</sup> 7 PM start time giving us an opportunity to say hello and get caught up on what is going on in our lives. Look for details in this newsletter. As far as doing any event planning for the remainder of the pandemic all we can do is go month by month and see what options may present themselves to us.

Hope you can join us for our July meeting, take care and looking forward to seeing everyone in the fast lane date TBD......

## GOLDEN GATE GOATS EVENT PICTURES

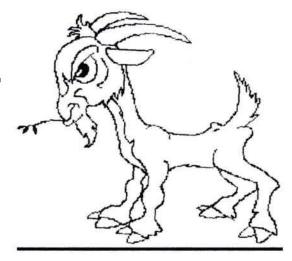
We have a picture hosting site that has lots of event pictures. These can be downloaded to your own computer or you can order pictures directly from the site. Pictures can be viewed at:http://imageevent.com/jimlent

# GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB SITE AVAILABLE AT:

www.gggoats.com

#### **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





#### **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.

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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 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

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#### Golden Gate Goats 2019 Event Schedule



THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at the Englander			
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Sunday Benicia Car Show hosted by Stuart Cole CANCELLED			
5/7 THURSDAY 7:00 PM Zoom meeting (new meeting format)			
5/9 Moraga Car Show CANCELLED			
June – Summer break – no meeting			
6/28 PINOLE CAR SHOW RETURNS CANCELLED			
July 2 - THURSDAY 7:00 PM Zoom meeting			
7/18 Saturday Tilden Park Picnic catered by Back Forty BBQ CANCELLED			
8/?? Hot August Niles Car Show (Fremont) details pending			
9/3 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at ???r			
9/27 SAUNDAY NORCAL CHEVELLES POKER RUN NEW DATE			
10/1 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at ???			
10/10 Saturday Alameda Car Show hosted by Phil Sandri DETAILS PENDING			
11/5 THURSDAY 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at ???r			

12/5 Saturday Holiday Party at Back Forty BBQ 11:00 – 3:00

#### 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, 118lris Ct., Hercules CA 94547 (

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

#### WANTED:

Endura bumper for a 1970 GTO.

Contact John Arvizu at: <u>HOTSS@YAHOO.COM</u>

#### FOR SALE:

Emergency Break Cable Front Stainless Steel for GTO 64-72

\$45.00 New still in package

##Console Lamp Lens lights up rear seat fits GTO 64-67

\$12.00 New still in package

#Glove Box Console Light GTO 61-88 \$15.00 New still in package

#Console Lid Spring Center for Console glove box 64-67

\$25.00 New still in package

#Lock set w/keys for center console glove box

\$18.00 New still in package

#Lamp Housing for for light in rear of center console for GTO 64-67 \$68.00 New still in package

#Bracket spare tire hold down GTO 64-70 \$5.00 New still in package

#Console Base Plastic for GTO 64-67 for automatic transmissions

\$250.00 New still in box

#Rally II wheel 15"x7" New (one only) \$150.00

#Rally II wheels 15"x7" used good condition with Pontiac Rally II center caps

set of 4 \$75.00 each

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- Buy/Sell your auto parts

Join the blog by clicking on this link:

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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!



# Greater San Francisco Bay Area Pontiac GTO Club

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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!

#### **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

#### 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

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A Bonneville Safari station wagon is in the foreground, with a Bonneville Vista four-door hardtop directly to the right. Under the PONTIAC 1960 sign, is a side view of the Bonneville X-400 show car, with doors opened to show off the custom interior. A cutaway Vista four-door hardtop is in the far background. On the far left, partially blocked by a draped pillar, is a Bonneville convertible with the 8-Lug aluminum wheels.

an interior accented with peacock feathers.

OK, so Pontiac wasn't in a particularly masculine mood at the time.

#### FEBRUARY 8-16, 1964

A focus on performance was apparent in the '64 display—led by the GTO. Though GTOs were being sold (in healthy numbers) in late 1963, a specially trimmed LeMans Flamme convertible show car brought home the message: Pontiac was hot! It featured a bright-red finish and a spe-

cial interior with anodized-aluminum insets.

Pontiac Motor Division General Manager Pete Estes was at the press preview to personally carry the message of the GTO and the rest of the lineup, which featured revised Pontiac and Grand Prix offerings.

#### FEBRUARY 20-28, 1965

The entire Pontiac line was chosen *Motor Trend*'s "Car of the Year" for 1965, and rapidly increasing sales were vividly impressed upon

visitors to the Pontiac display at the '65 show. All-new Pontiac and Grand Prix styling and increased emphasis on the GTO gave the division plenty to show off.

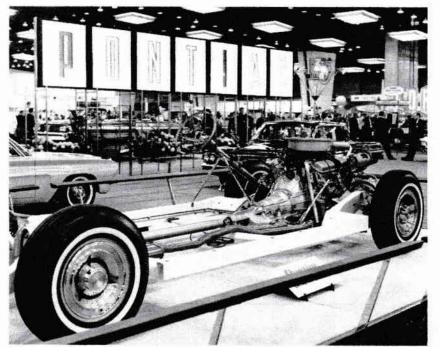
On a pedestal (in more ways than one) was the GTO Tiger show car. Again, the basic stock convertible was enhanced with real tiger skin, and even a tail in the interior to tie into the GTO Tiger advertising theme. Special paint, carpeting, and a fiberglass boot rounded out the upgrades.

Two Pontiac models were highlighted during the Motorevue for 1961, staged in the Aire Crown Theater in the newly constructed McCormick Place. The exposition hall was located alongside Lake Michigan, and the Aire Crown was in the southern portion of the building, across the hall from the auto show proper. In this scene, a Bonneville convertible is being acknowledged by ballerinas, . . .





... while the new Tempest four-door sedan receives a rousing reception from a group of cheerleaders.



In the middle of the '62 Pontiac exhibit sat a chassis display, complete with the full V-8 powertrain for the fullsize models. A front section of the Tempest pokes out from the left side, while a Bonneville four-door hardtop is partially hidden behind the engine.

#### FEBRUARY 19-27, 1966

A Chicago Tribune ad for the '66 show read, "See the Pontiac and Tempest Tigers at the 58th Annual Chicago Auto Show, then drive your favorite in tiger country at your Pontiac dealers." Revised LeMans styling and slightly changed Pontiac and Grand Prix models were featured that year.

Holding down show-car duties was the Grande Corniche, a two-door hardtop with a Landau roof. For reasons unknown, featured on a two-door was a black leather chauffeur's compartment (complete with said chauffeur), special paint, trim, and wheels.

With the spectre of federal safety regulations hanging over the industry, Pontiac General Manager John Z. DeLorean noted at a

▼ High ceilings and wide aisles made McCormick Place a vast improvement over the old auto-show venues. The main focus of this shot is the one-of-a-kind Monte Carlo show car in the foreground. Based on the two-door Tempest, the Monte Carlo sported a shorter wheelbase, a cut-down windshield, a two-place cockpit, and a supercharged fourcylinder powerplant.



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Several '63 Bonneville models fill the scene, including the modified production convertible on the raised platform, titled "Maharani." The Maharani body was painted in a pearlescent turquoise color, and the custom interior was done in multihued leather, accented with peacock feathers. Adding a finishing touch are 8-Lug aluminum wheels. Note the wheel covers with simulated knock-off spinners on the Bonneville convertible in the foreground.



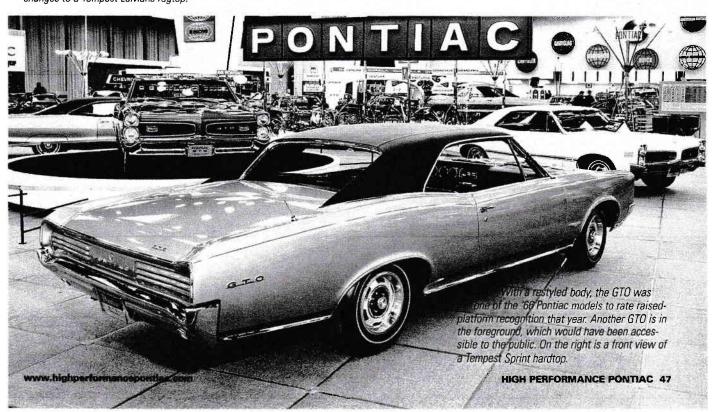
We're not sure if the lovely female model sitting in the custom '63 Pontiac convertible, or the Tempest Fleur de Lis show car itself received most of the audience attention in Chicago that year. Pontiac created the Fleur de Lis by performing modest exterior and interior changes to a Tempest LeMans ragtop.



In 1964, a LeMans convertible show car, Flamme, was highlighted on the raised, finned platform in the Pontiac exhibit. The custom interior, wire wheels, and thin-line tires complemented the Firecracker Red exterior paint.



In the center of the '65 exhibit, sitting on the raised platform, is a custom GTO Tiger show car. It featured a Tiger-theme interior of real animal skin with tiger stripes on the seats, doors, and seatbelts, as well as furry carpeting underfoot. Production models are positioned around it.



press conference: "By necessity, our cars must be—and are—made as safe as possible with existing knowledge and practical limitations." His words would only be the start of a change in priorities for automakers.

Also, unknown at the time, this would be the sixth and final Chicago Auto Show at the original McCormick place.

#### FEBRUARY 25-MARCH 5, 1967

A devastating fire destroyed McCormick Place just four weeks before the '67 Chicago Auto Show. Luckily, the International Amphitheatre, where the show was held from 1936 through 1960, was intact, and scheduling could be arranged.

For Pontiac and a few of its competitors, 1967 was the model year to answer the popular Ford Mustang. Pontiac's answer was the Chevrolet Camaro—based Firebird, which was just introduced. It made its auto show debut at Chicago and featured hardtop and convertible models in five series.

The Firebird name recalled the series of General Motors gas-turbine—powered dream cars that were shown at the GM Motoramas of the '50s. "We want it to be known as the Pontiac of the personalized sports-car field," John Z. DeLorean noted at the introduction press conference. "It will more than match the competition. Certainly the Firebird has Pontiac personality and will command much attention." That it did.

Restyled fullsize Pontiacs also were there for the spectators, as was the one-year Grand Prix convertible. A highlight was the GTO Surfrider convertible show car, special interior and all.

#### FEBRUARY 24-MARCH 3, 1968

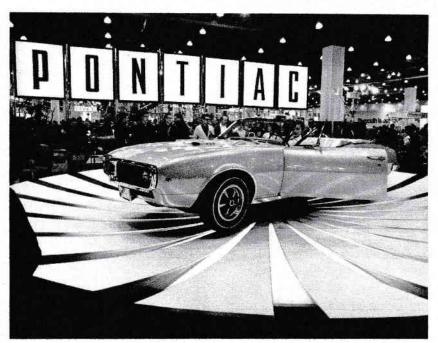
All new intermediates in general, and the GTO in particular, took center stage at the '68 Chicago Show. A notable feature was the energy-absorbing Endura front bumper. Newspaper preview ads read, "See the disappearing wind-shield wipers, see the disappearing headlights, see the disappearing bumper." "Functionally superior to any bumper now in use," is what DeLorean said about the Endura's front fixture.

Federal safety and emission standards were in effect, and the doomsday warnings of the domestic manufacturers a few years earlier were absent from the presentations, as the attractive offerings from Pontiac and its competitors made the '68 model year an interesting one. Even safety equipment was on the new-features list to point out to the public.

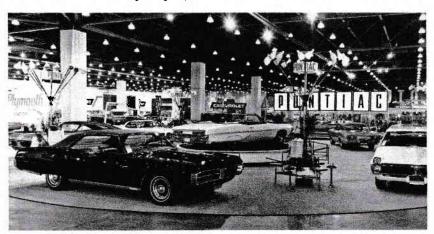
Mildly revised, the Grand Prix was now back to a two-door hardtop model. The rest of the fullsize Pontiac line and the Firebird also had detail changes for 1968.

The show would remain at the International Amphitheatre for two more years.

Our next installment will continue with the '69 Chicago Auto Show.



Revolving on a sunburst platform is the '67 Pontiac Firebird Skydiver, the highlight of the Chicago Auto Show display that year. It wowed showgoers with its pearlescent Tangerine paint, parachute fabric interior, and orange shaq carpet.



Two Grand Prix models dominate this scene inside the '67 Pontiac exhibit. Held once again in the International Amphitheatre due to a fire that destroyed McCormick Place four weeks before the auto show, Pontiac had a center location. On the raised platform is a ¾ rear view of the GP convertible, the only year for that model. This example is the St. Moritz-show car; it had a custom interior made of Swiss sweater fabric.



On stage during the Chicago Auto Show "Motorevue of 1968" is the GTO hardtop, encircled by miniskirt-wearing entertainers who danced around the vehicle as musicians played and an announcer described the many virtues of the Pontiac musclecar.

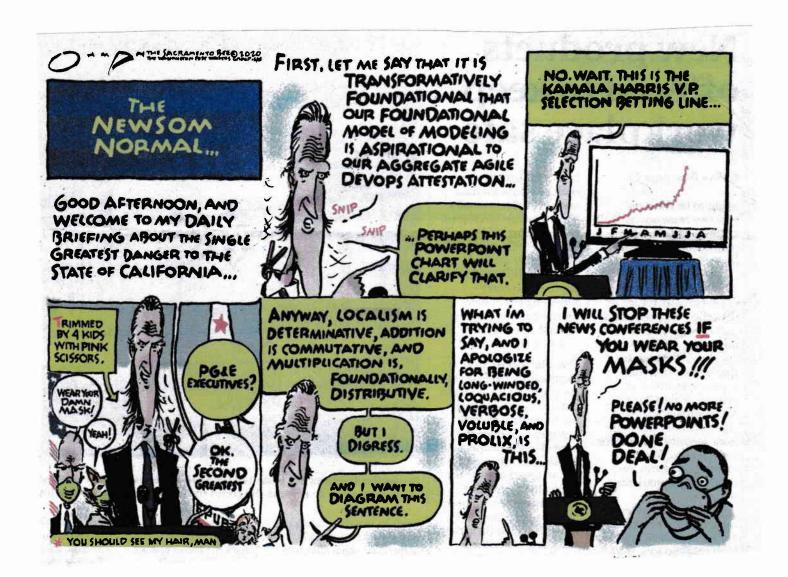
#### 1965 Pontiac GTO



While you can argue other cars used the formula before it, the Pontiac GTO lit the fuse on the first muscle car era in 1964. That year, Pontiac engineers led by John Z. Delorean put the brand's big 389-cubic-inch V-8 from its full-size Bonneville in its intermediate-size coupe, added adornment, stole a name from Ferrari and invented the genre. And a year later, those guys really put it all together, adding stacked headlamps and a hood scoop. It was nicknamed The Great One and could be optioned with triple carburetors, a four-speed manual transmission, and a limited-slip differential. When sales exploded, the horsepower wars were on, and every other manufacturer launched its own version as quickly as possible, creating an era of automotive cool never to be seen again.

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#### 2020 Poker Run - Sunday, September 27, 2020

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Come and join us for a day of cruising on our 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Run Thru the Canyon!
(In memory of our Friend & RTTC Founder – Chuck Bonasera)

Each year our Chevelle-Caminos car club has a premiere event that welcomes all makes of classic car enthusiasts to attend. This year our day will begin in Fremont. After cruising through Niles Canyon to Pleasanton, KarPark, Specialty Car Sales and Rubino Winery, our final stop will be Callippe Golf Course in Pleasanton, where they have reserved a spacious banquet hall with seating for 90+ people for our wonderful buffet lunch. Not only will there be fun raffle prizes, the person with the best final poker hand wins a **\$100 cash prize!** The map of our route with addresses for all stops will be provided in your goodie bag at Registration the morning of Sunday, September 27th.

#### Our 1st Stop will be at 43821 Pacific Commons Blvd., Fremont.

Please note our address at the bottom of this flyer for returning your registration.







8:00AM check-in and "late/same day" registrations. 9:00AM "Run" start (Registrations must be received no later than September, 19th)

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Car Model & Year:	**	Phone: (	
Cost: \$30 per adult, \$12 per chi	ild (12 & under) <u>(\$40</u>	per adult after	September 19th and day of cruise)
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