

THE GOAT CONNECTION

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GTO CLUB OF THE GREATER SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA



25th Anniversary 1996 - 2021

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Howdy GGG,

Hope everyone had a nice Memorial Day weekend. For the month of June let's take a break from Zoom meetings and regroup next month after Newsom and the counties roll out their newly revised Covid health orders.

Thinking our first in person meeting in over a year after the 4th of July holiday should be a go so stay tuned for updated information.

Drum roll please and on to the

REALLY BIG news.

GGG's 25th Anniversary picnic will take place on Saturday July 31st at Tilden Park with a 10 am start time once again featuring a catered BBQ feast from Back 40. At this point in time thinking the club can cover the cost; will know for sure once the numbers are in. Thanks to Jim Lent for staying on top of East Bay Regional Parks reservation protocols, July reservations could be booked starting June 1st and that is exactly what Jim did. Holding off on putting together a flyer for now until we have updated health orders however you can RSVP NOW to me at mitygto@aol.com. Really excited, with Covid conditions continuing to improve we can all move forward towards some sense of normalcy in the near future. It will be such a relief when we can all see Covid in our rear view mirrors.

Will leave it here for now.

Happy Father's Day to all of our
Dad's.....;

See ya in the fast lane.

PREZ JOHN

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.

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MIXED UP YET, JUST GIVE US TIME. WE ARE
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**Please contact Jim Lent with any name,
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or changes. (510) 799-6096.**

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CAR OF THE MONTH ARTICLES

**Would you like to see your car, and its story,
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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
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2021 Poker Run - Sat, September 11, 2021

PRIZES

FOOD

MUSIC

RAFFLE



Come and join us for a day of cruising on our 25th 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 and Livermore, our final stop will be Callippe Golf Course in Pleasanton, where they have reserved a spacious banquet hall with seating for 100+ 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 Saturday, September 11th.

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 "Poker Run" start

(Registrations must be received no later than September, 4th)

----- Please write legibly and return this bottom portion with your payment -----

Email address: _____ **(required to confirm your entry)**

Name: _____

Car Make: _____

Car Model & Year: _____

Phone: (____) _____

Cost: \$30 per adult, \$12 per child (12 & under) (\$40 per adult after September 4th and day of cruise)

Number of people in your party: _____ Car Club: _____ Total Enclosed: _____

In consideration of acceptance as participants in the Nor-Cal ChevelleCaminos Run Thru the Canyon, by execution of this entry, I/we hereby release the Nor-Cal ChevelleCaminos 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: _____

Mail to: Nor-Cal ChevelleCaminos, P.O. Box 36046, San Jose, CA 95158 www.nor-calchevelles.com

For questions, call Randy Ochs (925-963-2999) or Mike Crusco (408-466-6235).

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#Rally II wheels 15"x7" used good condition with Pontiac Rally II center caps set of 4 \$75.00 each

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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!



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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!

2018 - 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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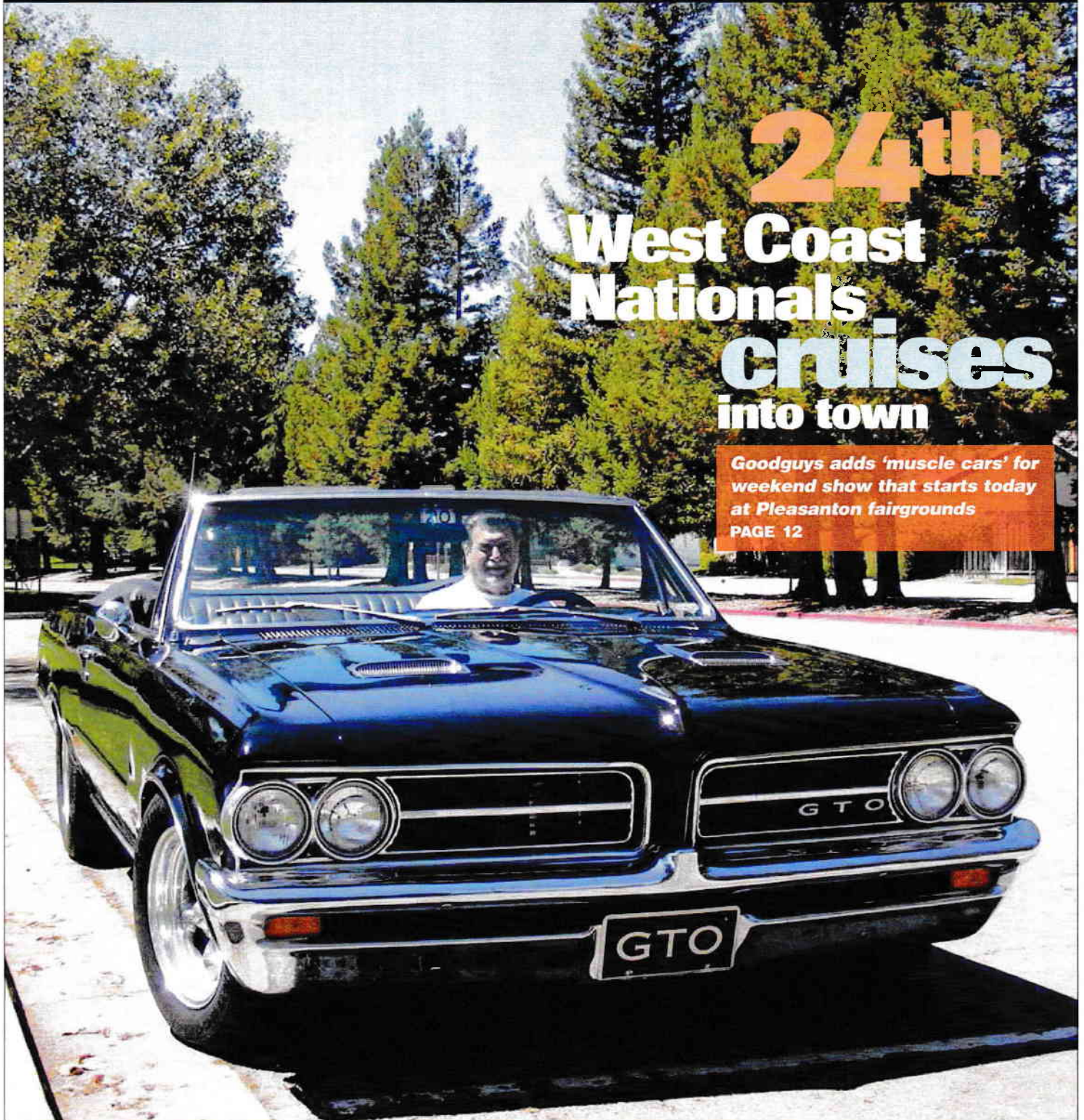
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BY GLENN WOHLTMANN

If the phrase "four-speed dual quad post-traction 409" means more to you than a line from a Beach Boys song, you might want to cruise over to the Alameda County Fairgrounds this weekend.

For the first time, classic American muscle cars from the '60s and early '70s, the ones that inspired a generation of songwriters from Jim and Dean to the Ramones are being welcomed to the Goodguys show in Pleasanton today through Sunday. Whether the perfect car time for you is "Mustang Sally," Ronny and the Daytonas' "GTO," or the Jonathan Edwards' classic "Roadrunner," you'll be in good company.

"Prior to this year the event was only open to 1957 and older vehicles but we wanted to swing open the gates to the muscle cars to welcome more people to this prestigious event," explained John Drummond, Goodguys spokesman. "Muscle cars also appeal to the younger generations so we'll see a lot more young guys showing cars and coming to see the muscle cars."

Pleasanton's muscle car contingent will be out in force, with at least six muscle car owners and their vehicles expected to enter the competition.

Among them is Don Micale, whose 1964 Pontiac GTO can be seen on Pleasanton streets with its top down from early spring to late fall. This is the third early model GTO Micale has owned. He bought his first off the showroom floor when he was just 17, earning the money by playing stand-up bass in a jazz combo in clubs he was too young to enter as a patron.

Micale recently sold his second, one he'd had for years, after acquiring his third. His current GTO, a black convertible, was owned by the grandmother of a friend, whose family bought it new in 1964.

For Micale, entering the show is about camaraderie, not winning.

"People come up and say, 'My dad had one,' or 'My friend had one,'" Micale said. "People appreciate it."

Like many Americans at the time, when gas was less than

50 cents a gallon, Micale said he never thought muscle cars — with their big block engines, carburetors, lots of horsepower and low gas mileage — would ever die out.

The muscle car owners interviewed from Pleasanton have a few things in common. For one, each wanted the same car they had as teens.

"I always loved the car in high school," explained Lou George, owner of a 1970 Mustang Boss 302. "I always loved it and wanted it back but, you grow up and have kids. It's always been important for me, personally, to have that car again."

Beyond that, each said they had understanding wives, although Ben Haddad, the owner of a 1967 Camaro SS, joked that his wife "hates that I have more time and money for this than for her."

Haddad has spent 12 years restoring his car to its original condition, although he upped the engine size to a 302, larger than this car originally had.

Every one also is willing to spend big bucks to have exactly the kind of car they want. Haddad, for example, has poured more than \$45,000 into his Camaro.



George, who has had his Boss 302 for nearly five years, has spent an estimated \$80,000 — and he's not done.

"I've spent the last four years bringing it back to factory condition," he said.

He wants a car that looks like it's still on the showroom floor, right down to the invoice on the window. To see an original car to original factory specs, it's pretty unusual.

"The car was restored by Scott at Car Concepts in Idaho by removing every nut and bolt and placing the shell on a miterette for body and paint," he said. "I've personally spent the last four years tracking down all of the factory



Ford original parts, and my goal is to return it to the original showroom condition by 2012."

Much of it involves networking, like finding the former Ford employee who saved documents when the factory she was working at closed. That was where George got the factory invoice — the sticker — that one day will go up on the window of his car.

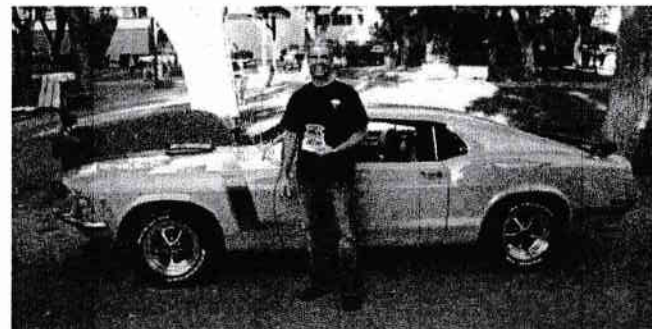
"Much of it is tracking down parts. People who have parts are not willing to let them go without a premium. People who know these cars and what goes into them realize they'll appreciate," he said.

George is happy that the Goodguys show here finally opened up to later model cars.

"These are my favorite shows of the year. This August show has always been one of the Goodguys' largest events," he said. "Unfortunately, I couldn't bring my car. It's always been a complaint of mine to the Goodguys: You need to open this up to 1972, 1973."

George said he wins an award of some kind about 80 percent of the time at shows.

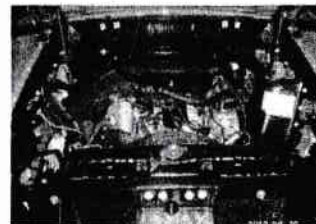
For Bob Hansen, the owner of a 1969 Chevrolet Camaro



Clockwise from bottom left: Bob Hansen's 1969 Camaro Z28 Rally Sport, complete with hideaway headlights; the classic American big block engine in Hansen's 1969 Camaro; Ben Haddad and his 1967 Camaro SS; Lou George and his 1970 Mustang Boss 302 holding a Goodguys award; a look under the hood of the Boss' power plant; a shot of the Boss' interior — note the stock Hurst shifter; Don Micale enjoying the sun in his 1964 GTO convertible.

Z28 Rally Sport, it's about more than owning the car he had in high school — it's a love story. He met his wife, Sherri, through his car.

"We both had Camaros. She had a '68 and I had a '69 when we met in Oregon," Hansen explained. "You get older and have kids and you always want your old car back."



He spotted one in the 1990s that took about 10 years to restore.

"My wife told me to go ahead and buy it. My goal was to bring it back to complete original," Hansen said, adding his car was modified to run as a street racer before and at that time "was made to get you in trouble."

Hansen did what's called a "frame on" restoration, having parts taken off one at a time.

"Inside, outside, every nut, bolt, clamp was original," he said. "The tires and the headers are the only things that are not factory correct."

There are a couple of things on Hansen's car that make it a rarity, including a dual carb cross ram (a carburetion system), and "Vigilite" Lamp Monitors, which are fiber-optic head, tail-lamp and directional signal monitors. He estimates his car to be worth about \$60,000.

Although Hansen isn't banking on taking home a prize for his Z28, he has nothing but praise for the Goodguys show.

Good guys, good gals to gather

Who: Goodguys Rod & Custom Association

What: 24th West Coast Nationals

When: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today-Saturday; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Sunday

Where: Alameda County Fairgrounds, Bernal and Valley avenues

Attractions: More than 3,500 Rods, Customs & Classics through 72; Swap Meet & Cars 4 Sale Corral; Goodguys Gallery; Hot Rod Seminars; Kid's Play Area

Special Awards: America's Most Beautiful Street Rod, Muscle Car of the Year, Truck of the Year Early, Goodguys Builders Choice Awards, Street Rodder Top 100 Event and PPG Dream Car



"The Goodguys is a great show to go to, and Pleasanton is a great place to live and work and have a hot rod," he said.

And, as Chevrolet pointed out in a billboard a few years ago: "They don't write songs about Volvos."

