# THE GOAT CONNECTION

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings GGG,

Thanks to everyone in attendance at our 2024 Tilden Park Picnic for making it another fantastic event. Special thanks to Dave Svoboda for displaying our GGG club banner and to Barb Davis for taking photos; do

check out the online photo album, link was provided by Jim Lent via e mail earlier this week. The event featured great food, great people and an amazing collection of club cars. A special thanks also to Diane Bissig. Joanie Butler and Marsha Mekisich for putting the leftovers into to go containers making for about 15 raffle prizes and to Marsha Mekisich for baking cookies. Apparently, they were a crowd favorite as they were all gone! The weather was agreeable too, all in all a perfect day. This year's winner of our extremely popular 50/50 raffle was Lori Sandri, our first ever female winner who pocketed a cool \$150. Lori now joins the podium with former winners John Phillips in 2023, Adam Beckett in 2022, Dave Svoboda in 2019 and 2021, John Whitmore in 2018 and

and Anthony Bilecci in 2017. Thanks to everyone for supporting our club raffle! You may notice 2020 is not listed? Covid cancelled us that year. Wonder who will win in 2025?

New for this year thanks to a suggestion by Rick Mestrich and Dave Svoboda club attendees voted for our first annual People's Choice GGG GTO of the Year Award winner. See the write up for how voting works in this newsletter. Our first winner was Mike Rahmgren's 1967 GTO. Congrats Mike! Everyone enjoyed participating and since this is a one-year award every year will have a different winner. Perhaps next year will be your year to win? Fun times!

This year Golden Gate Goats celebrates our 28th year meaning GGG 30 is only two short years away coming up in 2026. Let's start to give some thought to that milestone and how we can make it special. I frequently think about the future of our hobby and club. My magic 8 ball has no answers for the long term but feels an extremely strong vibe for the next several years. Do check out our event calendar to see what is happening in our little corner of the world. September 15th is the date for the Danville Car Show that this year will include a special 60th Anniversary of the GTO theme. See information in this newsletter.

We are currently on summer vacation, our next inperson meeting will be on Wednesday September 18th at our new meeting location JP's in Castro Valley. The agenda for that meeting will be in our next newsletter.

See ya in the fast lane.

**Prez John** 

# 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.

E-MAIL: jimlent@comcast.net

#### **CAR OF THE MONTH ARTICLES**

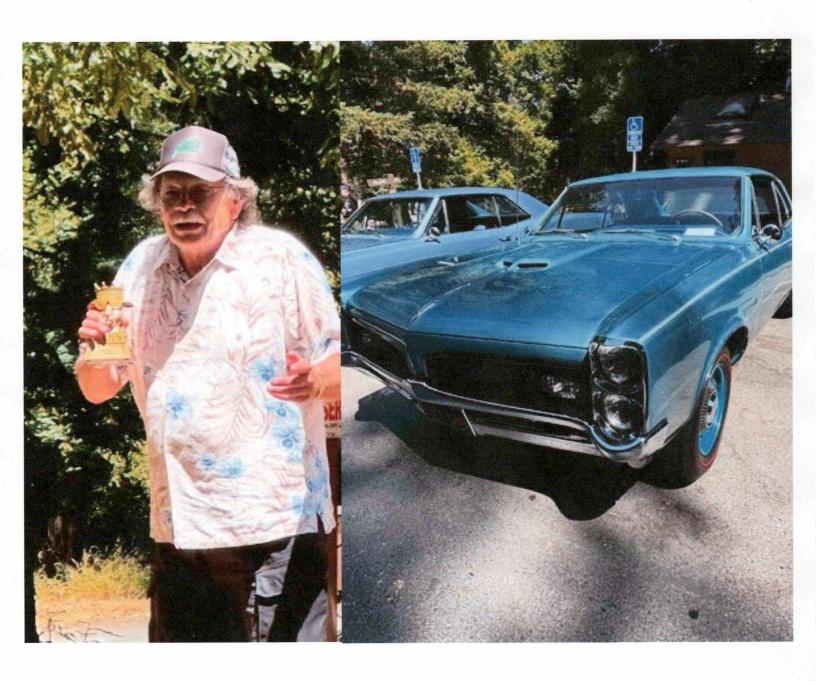
Would you like to see your car, and its story, published in this newsletter. Take this opportunity now to memorialize your ride!
Tell us about your ride: how you got it, what you have done to it, where you like to drive it, etc. Make your car the star.

You can email your story and pictures to Jim Lent at; jimlent@comcast.net or send them by snail mail to:
Jim Lent
118 Iris Court
Hercules, CA 94547



## MIKE RAHMGREN wins GTO of the year award!

Mike has painstakingly restored his 1967 GTO that was originally purchased by his parents in 1967 and reacquired years later by Mike.



Club members Dave Svoboda and Rich Mestrich have created this perpetual trophy to be awarded at each year club picnic.

#### **RULES**

One vote per picnic attendee

You CAN NOT vote for your own GTO

The trophy is only a one year award and the same trophy is passed on to the new winner for the next year

The winner of the trophy can not win two years in a row but is eligible the year after

The winner of the trophy must bring the award to the next years picnic and present it to the new GTO of the year winner

If the current winner can't make it to the next year's picnic it is his or her responsibility to see that the trophy gets to the picnic in time for next years voting

Only the GTO's attending the annual picnic are eligible for the trophy The winner of the trophy can not win two years in a row but is eligible the year after

Thank you fellow Goaters,

**Dave and Rick** 

# **DANVILLE CAR SHOW**

THIS SHOW PROVIDES AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY
FOR GTO OWNERS TO CELEBRATE THEIR CARS.
DO NOT REPLY TO THIS MESSAGE BUT CONTACT DAVE
AT THE EMAIL ADDRESS AT END OF MESSAGE!

To ALL GOAT (GTO's) owners.

Danville HOT SUMMER SUNDAY CAR SHOW SEPTEMBER 15, 2024.

The producers of the Danville Car Show have invited the Golden Gate Goats and all owners of GTO's to participate in the 60th anniversary of the GTO. They would like to get as many cars as possible to attend, this would include our club members and non members with GTO's

Each attendee must pre register on line individually for \$40.00 at **dhsscs.com**The day of the show registration is \$45.00 **CASH ONLY.** but I will need to know if your attending
The show hours are from 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.

Staging starts at 8:00 am at San Ramon Valley High School

To commemorate the anniversary there will be a 1964 Pontiac GTO on the Car Show T-Shirt

I will need a head count knowing how many will be attending so they will have ample parking spaces for us. We need to caravan in at the same time to insure we are all parked together.

There will be more information coming as I get it so please read your emails.

Please contact me if you will be attending so I can turn in a head count by September 1, 2024

Dave Svoboda

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# Golden Gate Goats 2024 Event Schedule



3/15	FRIDAY NIGHT GET TOGETHERS START AT DOMINOOS SUN VALEEY MALL
3/11	Monday 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at Doug's Place – Castro Valley-
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4/24	Sunday Benicia Car Show hosted by Stuart Cole
4/29	MORAGA CAR SHOW (Possibly 8/17 Or 18 or 9/8)
5/21	Tuesday, 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at JPs Restaurant – Castro Valley (New Location)
JUNE	No Meeting – Summer break
6/8	Saturday Elks Walnut Creek Show
6/23	SUNDAY PINOLE CAR SHOW
7/20	Saturday Tilden Park Picnic catered by Back Forty BBQ
8/??	Alameda / Elks Classic Car Show
9/18	Wednesday 11:30 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at JPs Restaurant – Castro Valley
9/28	Saturday NorCal Run thru the Canyon-
10/2	2 Tuesday 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at JPs Restaurant – Castro Valley
11/1	3 Wednesday 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at JPs Restaurant – Castro Valley

12/1 HOLIDAY PARTY - JPs Restaurant - Castro Valley

#### 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

#### FOR SALE

Leaving the hobby
455 crankshafts
Misc engine parts-oil pans, windage trays,4 bolt caps (3.25),valley pans, valve covers, connecting rods, flywheels, balances, pulleys, oil filter mounts,
INOS super power shot kit, new with 3 sets of under carb plates, Holly, QJet and Tri-Power.Holly street dominator, misc jet manifold, carburetors- Qjets, AFB, Hollys, 1000 CFM thermoquad,
70s cylinder heads including 1972 455HO bare,
MT 325/50R 15 ET street tires mounted on 15 x 10 ET slotted mags
671 supercharger core, Misc headers
Too much to list all.
Call for more details and negotiate prices.
Contact club member Larry Weiss
510 566-7506
call, leave a message or text

1960-65 Pontiac Tri-power center carburetors. I can offer units that are cleaned and previously rebuilt but require some work before put into service to fresh rebuilds ready to run. Prices range from \$ 300.00 to \$ 700.00 depending on the condition. Contact club member Al Schendan <a href="mailto:schendan@gmail.com">schendan@gmail.com</a>

NOS 1965 PONTIAC GTO Passengers Side Grill Insert. Slight Shelf Wear, no original Box. Never installed. \$600.00. You'll likely look long and hard to find another one. Don't wait for your Insurance Company to try to find one of these. I have one in Heated Storage protected by Sig & Sauer. Call Ken Davis. 408-209-2553. kendavisl 4@sbcglobal.net



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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

GOLDEN GATE GOATS EVENT PICTURES CAN BE VIEWED AT:

HTTP://imageevent.com/jimlent

# VENDOR DISCOUNT PROGRAM PLEASE SUPPORT THESE VENDORS WITH YOUR BUSINESS





Bether's Goat Farm - 10% discount - ask for Ed (408) 295-7611

Performance Years - offers discounts to club members on orders up to \$500 of 3% w/charge card or 5% prepay. Orders over \$500 8% with charge card or 10% prepay. 215-712-7400

Paddock West - offers club members a 10% discount on their orders. Identify yourselves with the code "GGG1" to get the discount. 800 854-8532 or (909) 798-4166.

World Multher - 10% Discount - 966 E. El Camino Real, Sunnyvale - 408-738-2318 Contact Maynard Rougier or Patrick Karl

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### **GOLDEN GATE GOATS FACEBOOK PAGE**

Join our club Facebook page!

- Open discussions with members
- Share links with GGG web site
- Buy/Sell your auto parts

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!

#### 2024 Poker Run - Sunday, Sept 15, 2024

**PRIZES** 

**FOOD** 

RAFFLE







## Come and join us for a day of cruising on our 28th Annual Run Thru the Canyon! (In memory of our friend & RTTC Founder – Chuck Bonasera)

Each year our Nor-Cal ChevelleCaminos Car Club has a premiere event that welcomes all makes of classic & exotic car enthusiasts to attend. This year, we'll begin at Redwood Canyon Golf Course in Castro Valley, with our final stop at the Club at Castlewood, where they have reserved seating for 125 people for our BBQ buffet lunch. Not only will there be fun raffle prizes, the person with the best poker hand wins a \$100 cash prize! The map of our route with directions and addresses for all stops will be provided in your welcome packet at registration on the morning of Sunday, September 15th.

(This year's Poker Run will be limited to 110 attendees. Get your registration in early to confirm your spot).

#### Our 1st stop is located at 17007 Redwood Rd, Castro Valley.

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







7:30AM check-in and "late/same day" registrations. 8:30AM "Poker Run" starts
(Registrations must be received no later than Sept 7th)

Email Address:			( <u>required</u> )	o commin your entry)	
Name:		Car Make:			
Street Address:	City:		State:	ZIP:	
Car Model & Year:		Phone: (			
Cost: \$45 per adult, \$15 per child	(12 & under) (\$50)	adult from Sept	8–15th)		
Number of people in your party:	Car Club:		Total Enclosed:		
In consideration of acceptance as partici, I/we hereby release the Nor-Cal Chevelli from any and all known and unknown da suffered by participating in this event or a	eCaminos Car Club, its m mages, injuries, losses, ju	nembers, officers ar	nd anyone con	nected with this event, of and	
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