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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Howdy Folks,
What follows is my Prez Msg to you from just 5 years ago, May 2020. Thought would share as a lot of this seems all but forgotten however the pandemic was a life altering Black Swan event for all of us if there ever was one changing the world in ways that have yet to discovered IMHO.

Back to Fun In 21,

Is the title of this month's message a question, a premonition, an educated guess, a silly rhyme or something else? Who knows for sure.....

As we enter our second full month of shelter in place it appears that gatherings of any size and personal contact of any kind outside your family unit are not going to be allowed to happen anytime soon. While it seems some loosening of restrictions is soon to come, gatherings won't be among them for the time being. Seems to me science via developing a vaccine at scale is about the only thing that may come to our rescue, let's hope a vaccine is developed in record time. I don't consider hope a strategy, but it appears to be our best shot. Let us all cross our fingers that lady luck shines on all of us and a vaccine appears quickly. Without adequate testing all of the cases by county counts are really understated meaning nobody really knows what percentage of any area have been infected. Hopefully (there is that hope word again) the second wave that we are told is virtually a given won't overwhelm our hospital system. It is tough to make decisions on how to safely move forward with opening everything back up with incomplete information. Taking current conditions into consideration let's control what we can and schedule a meeting on Thursday May 7th at 7pm via Zoom. Jim Lent will send each of you an invite via e mail. This will give us an opportunity to touch base and keep in touch. An evening meeting will give more members an opportunity to join in. Hope you can join us, for this round let's just chat a bit about

what everyone has been doing. If this goes well, we can certainly discuss meeting monthly via Zoom until other options are available to us. Best we can do right now. This too shall pass. We are living in unprecedented times, certainly the world we live in and how we live our everyday lives, especially in the near to medium term will look very different from established norms. As we emerge from this pandemic each of us will have stories and experiences to tell, some enlightening and some sad. Looking forward to seeing ya in the fast lane; just don't know when!

Hang in there while practicing social distancing. Fast forward to now and on to a much better topic, Tilden 2025 on Saturday July 19th. See the flyer in this newsletter for full details. Hope you can join in our 29th anniversary celebration. A few changes from previous years. Co-pay reduced by 50% to \$10 per person for parties of two. 2+ attending remain at \$20 per person. Co-pay instructions explained on event flyer. Members requested that gifts for the raffle be expanded to include items in addition to being automotive focused so let's give that a try this year and include wine, gift cards and whatever else tickles your fancy. The BIG NEWS though is our new food vendor Ken. Dave Svoboda and Rich Mestrich suggested back in 2023 there were cost saving advantages in using someone other than Back 40 for our buffet lunch. We agreed and the search began. Back 40 had become prohibitively expensive (new owner during the pandemic who significantly raised pricing) so two years later we will implement their idea. BBQ guru Ken comes highly recommended providing the same menu at lower cost so we anticipate a win-win experience. Co-pays can be sent now, THANK YOU! Let's shoot for big attendance figures again this year.

May meeting is coming up soon on Tuesday May 13th at JP's start time 11:30. Let's discuss how Benicia went, our plans for Tilden, upcoming shows and any other club business you would like to bring up. Please note this is our last meeting until September.

Till the 13th, see ya in the fast lane;

Prez John

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

You are invited to visit an online album named "2024 GGGoats Christmas Party"

To view, simply click on this link to go to the album:

<http://imageevent.com/jimlent/2024gggoatschristmasparty>

GOLDEN GATE GOATS WEB SITE

AVAILABLE AT:

www.gggoats.com Email



**JPs Restaurant
3600 Castro Valley Blvd.
Castro Valley, CA 94546
MARCH 11TH MEETING**

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



Golden Gate Goats 2025 Event Schedule



3/14 FRIDAY NIGHT GET TOGETHERS START AT DOMINOOS SUN VALEEEY MALL

3/11 Tuesday 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at JPs – Castro Valley-

4/8 Tuesday 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at JPs – Castro Valley-

4/27 Sunday Benicia Car Show hosted by Stuart Cole

?? MORAGA CAR SHOW (Unknown if there will be 2025 show))

5/13 Tuesday 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at JPs – Castro Valley-

5/31 Elks Club Car Show - Walnut Creek

JUNE No Meetings – Summer break

6/8 Saturday Elks Walnut Creek Show

6/22 SUNDAY PINOLE CAR SHOW

7/19 Saturday Tilden Park Picnic catered by Back Forty BBQ

8/?? Alameda / Elks Classic Car Show

9/6 Roaring Camp Car Show

9/9 Tuesday 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at JPs – Castro Valley-

9/ ?? Saturday NorCal Run thru the Canyon-

10/14 Tuesday 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at JPs – Castro Valley-

11/3 Tuesday 11:30 LUNCH MEETING at JPs – Castro Valley-

12/6 HOLIDAY PARTY –



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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!

**GOLDEN GATE GOATS EVENT PICTURES
CAN BE VIEWED AT:**

[HTTP://imageevent.com/jimlent](http://imageevent.com/jimlent)

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, 118Iris 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 schendan@gmail.com

N O S 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. kendavis14@sbcglobal.net

**Proforged 116-10012 Steering Rebuild Kit, 66-67 Tempest/
64-67 GTO 75.00**

Contact Club member Carmel Difede @ 88dinanbmw@gmail.com

WALNUT CREEK Elks Spring Car Show MAY 31 Saturday 2025 & CRUISE

Sponsorships Available!



**Car Show
Registration**

Register Today!

- **\$50 Registration Fee** when you register by 5/23
- Includes BBQ lunch, choice of beverage & 2025 Car Show Gift.

Space Is Limited!

- **Register Your Group.** If you want to park next to someone or with a group please register early and make a note on this form or email us so we can assign spaces together.
- Registration Fees after May 23 will be \$60 if any spaces remain available.

Name / Group Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Car 1 Year, Make & Model: _____

Car 2 Year, Make & Model: _____

Car 3 Year, Make & Model: _____

Total Number of Cars: _____ x \$50 Per Car = \$ _____

I hereby understand that I am fully responsible for my vehicle(s) and content and agree to hold harmless and release the Walnut Creek Elks Lodge #1811, its officers, volunteers, and sponsors of any liability for damage, injury or loss of property during the event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Register Online:  **[Elks1811.com/Events](https://elks1811.com/Events)**

- Payment can be made online at elks1811.com/events and email your completed registration form to: WalnutCreekElksCarshow@gmail.com
- Or Mail/Drop off this form and your payment or donation to the Elks Lodge:
1475 Creekside Dr. Walnut Creek, CA 94596 / Attn: Car Show
- Make checks payable to; **Walnut Creek Elks Lodge #1811**
Office Hours: Mon, Wed & Friday 10am - 2pm. Office Phone: (925) 935-1811



elks1811.com/events

For More Info: **Art Laforteza** | WalnutCreekElksCarshow@gmail.com | (925) 953-3260

Pinole Classic Car Show

Sunday, June 22, 2025

7:00AM to 3:00PM

Fernandez Park

Historic Old Town Pinole

Pancake Breakfast

Pinole Senior Center

7:00AM to 9:45AM

Breakfast: \$12 Pay at the door

Pre-registration is required and has priority over late entries. The show will be limited to the first 325 Classic American (pre 1981) car registrants, providing space is available.

All late entries will be admitted after 9:00AM and will be located on the baseball field.

If you need to leave before 3:00PM, must park on the baseball field.

No loud music or noise of any kind.

No alcohol consumption.

No entries after 10:00AM.

Sponsor: West Coast Drilling

Visit our website:

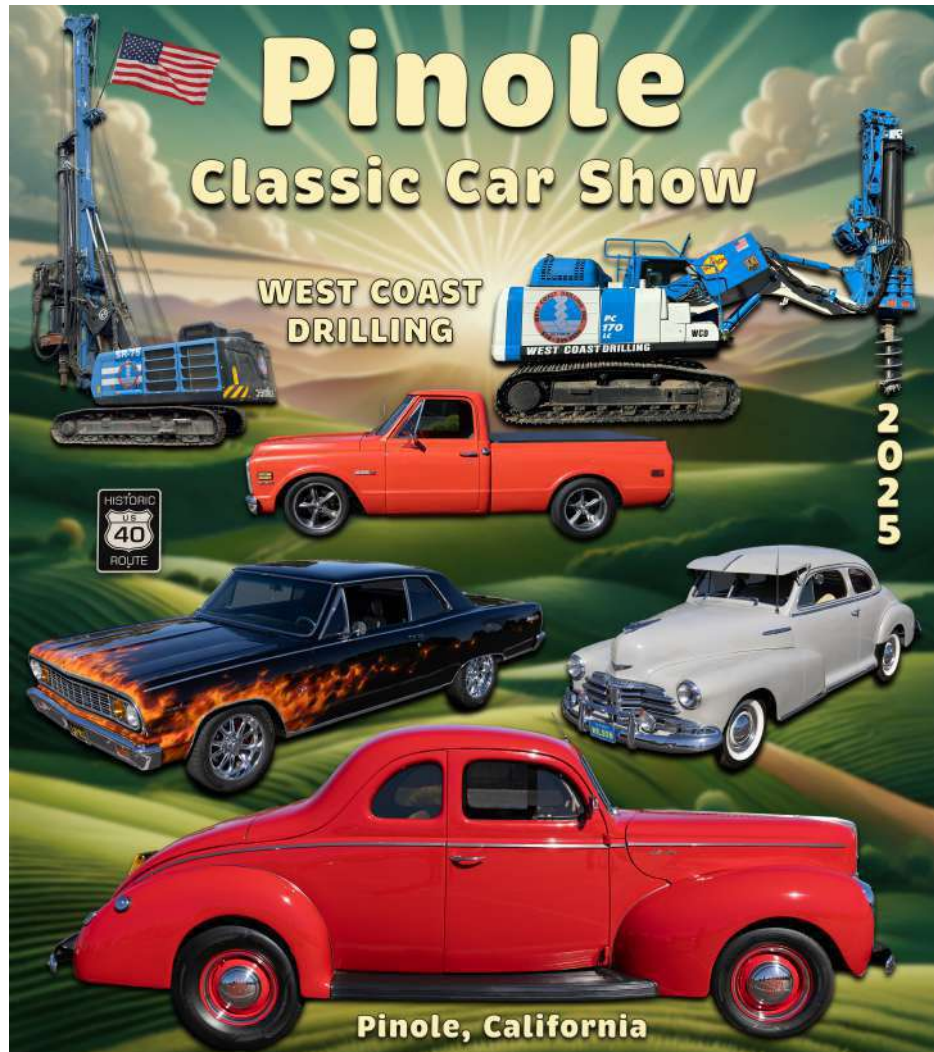
PinoleClassicCarShow.com

Pre-registration is \$30 per car (\$35 day of event) T-shirt orders must be received by 6/9/2025

Please make checks payable to:

Kopp Productions, 2320 Doidge Ave. Pinole, CA 94564

For more information call Bob (510) 772-0016 or email: KoppProductions@comcast.net



Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Vehicle info: Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

T-Shirts:

Mens (\$25): Small() Medium() Large() XL() (\$30) 2XL() (\$30) 3XL() (\$30) 4XL()

Womens (\$25): Small() Medium() Large() XL() (\$30) 2XL() T-Shirts Sub-total: _____

Registration (One Space Only \$30 per car) Sub-total: _____ GRAND TOTAL: _____

In consideration of the acceptance of the participants to Pinole's Annual Classic Car Show Event by execution of the entry form, I/WE herby release the City of Pinole, Kopp Productions, Z Rentals LP, their members, officers and anyone else connected with this event from any and all known and unknown damages, injuries, liabilities, losses, judgments, and/or claims arising from any causes whatsoever that may be caused by the participation in this event. I/WE will not accept responsibility for Bank Fees or returned check fees.

GOLDEN GATE GOATS 29th Anniversary Club Picnic

Saturday, July 19th, 2025

Island Picnic Area
Tilden Park, Berkeley
10:00 a.m. until???



Join us to celebrate our 29th YEAR!

Location: Tilden Park in Berkeley, Island Picnic Area (Next to the Brazil Room)

Date: Saturday, July 19th, 2025

Start Time: 10:00 a.m.

The Meal: **ALL YOU CAN EAT?** Vendor Ken promises plenty for all. Any leftovers will be raffled

GGG will contribute to the cost of our buffet lunch PLUS **\$10 member co-pay per person required***

- Barbecued chicken, pork ribs and slow smoked beef brisket
- Ranch rolls, bbq beans, potato salad and cole slaw.
- Homemade cookies courtesy of Marsha Mekisich
- Plates, utensils/napkins, condiments and table clothes

Members, please bring:

- Your favorite beverage (see below)
- Raffle item(s) Theme based suggested 1964 to 1974 cars/music/movies/wine/gift cards or?

Please note:

- **Co-pay checks are due by Sunday July 13th (see instructions below)**
- Beer and wine are permitted in the picnic area; hard liquor is not allowed.

Directions: From Highway 24, take the Fish Ranch Road exit (immediately east of the Caldecott Tunnel). Take Fish Ranch Road to Grizzly Peak Road. Turn right on Grizzly Peak Road. Turn right on South Park Drive, then left on Wildcat Canyon Road. The Island Picnic Area is on the right side of Wildcat Canyon Road, just past the Brazil Room.

Parking:

- Goat parking for about 25 cars immediately in front of the picnic area
- Overflow parking and space for daily drivers directly behind the picnic area

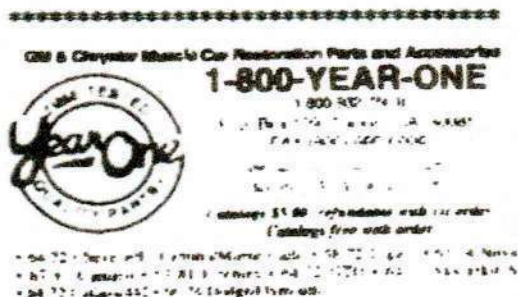
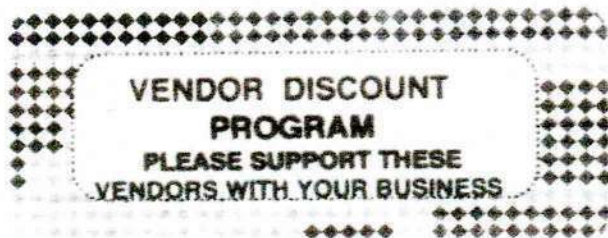
Things to Do at Tilden:

- The Little Train (scaled-down steam train) offers rides along the scenic ridge.
- 18-hole public golf course with driving range, pro shop, and coffee shop.
- Regional Parks Botanic Garden - the most complete collection of California native plants, including rare and endangered species - offers tours and lectures.
- Lake Anza offers swimming in season, with a sandy beach, bathhouse and food stand. Fishing is permitted all year.
- Tilden's merry-go-round – an antique carousel with hand-carved animals and a calliope.
- Children's pony rides, in season.

Check out their website for up-to-date information about availability of these and other attractions:

<http://www.ebparks.org/parks/tilden>

Co-pays by Sunday July 13th to John Mekisich
\$10 co-pay per person parties of 2 *then \$20 each additional person
Checks made out to Golden Gate Goats
Mailed to 435 West 25th Ave San Mateo, Ca. 94403



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

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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!
