

## New Year's Day *Anti-Football Drive* Credited with Moving Many Games to January 2

Twenty years ago, January 1st was the exclusive domain of football games on TV. Then came the *Anti-Football Drive*---older cars driven by even older drivers determined to prove that there was more to life than stale beer, stale chips and the Parsely Bowl on a 12-inch black and white TV set.

On January 1st, 2011, some 98 (possibly 99) cars at least 25 years of age will be displayed on or about 777 Bridgeway, while drivers meet at Poggio Restaurant in Sausalito for 8 AM coffee, biscotti and snide remarks about football. To commemorate the event, the *Anti-Football Drive* participants will don "1/1/11" sweat shirts, then depart at 9 AM for Petaluma--the long, slow, scenic way.

"We'll head north--the opposite direction from the Rose Bowl, the Gator Bowl and the Fiesta Bowl--to Highway 1," says organizer Martin Swig. "The *Drive* will cross Mt. Tamalpais, head toward Bolinas and Olema, amble through Hicks Valley, and 66.9 miles later, we'll arrive at the Petaluma Creamery for espresso and a much-anticipated plant tour."

The *AntiFootball Drive* will depart Petaluma via D Street, Nicasio Valley Road, Lucas Valley Road, and 101 to Poggio Restaurant for lunch.

Is it true that the *Anti-Football Drive* forced many professional and college games to

move from January 1st to January 2? "I think the evidence is clear," says Swig. "When we began New Year's Day was synonymous with football played by obscure colleges some place east of Oakland. Today--especially in Marin-- the sound of cheering football fans has been supplanted by the roar of unmuffled exhausts, mis-firing engines and the intoxicating rhythm of out-of-round tires."

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