

# Drivers say “Motoring Yes, Environment Yes, Football No!”

## 19th Annual Anti-Football tour departs Sausalito Jan. 1

Some fifty dedicated contrarions are set to reject conventions and living room couches, when they take to the back roads of Marin County on January 1st to drive scenic back roads instead of watching college football games on TV.

The 19th Annual Anti-Football Drive is expected to showcase a line-up of “interesting” (at least 25 years old ) cars and somewhat interesting drivers who wouldn’t know the Salad Bowl from a dish of fresh arugula.

“We have nothing against college football,” reveals organizer Martin Swig. “It’s simply a matter of priorities--and, of course, protecting the environment. It’s true our older cars spew a few hydrocarbons into the air but it’s nothing compared to the dangerous emissions exhaled by hundreds of thousands of cheering football fans and scores of players. We’re just doing what we can to save the planet.”

In clarifying his environmental message, Swig quoted Chris Goodall in his book, *How to Live a Low-Carbon Life*. “It makes more sense to drive than walk, if walking means you need to eat more to replace the energy lost.” If you walk 1.5 miles, Mr. Goodall calculates, and replace those calories by drinking about a cup of milk, the greenhouse emissions connected with that milk (like methane from the dairy farm and carbon dioxide from the delivery truck) are just about equal to the emissions from a typical car making the same trip. And he’s just figuring *walking*, not running back and forth on a football field!

“If I understand Mr. Goodall, our 125 mile drive--the equivalent of 1833 football fields (NCAA rules)-- in an old Alfa Romeo, for example, is actually helping *cool* the planet, “ said Swig modestly. “

Anti-Football participants will meet at Poggio restaurant at 777 Bridgeway in Sausalito at 8 AM for coffee and a rousing environmental pep talk by Swig. At approximately 9 AM the tour will depart to to “the north”, rambling through back roads before returning to Poggio for lunch at 12:30.

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