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# Drive

MARCH - APRIL 2008



## Alternate route to Baguio

### The faster way

Summer is approaching and what better way to beat the summer heat than to drive to the country's cool capital – Baguio City.

Four years ago, AAP rally navigator Jun Espino surveyed the Concepcion-Binalonan route to Baguio that goes around the traffic clogged parts of Tarlac and Pangasinan. The alternate route passes through the towns of Concepcion, La Paz, Guimba, Cuyapo, Rosales, Asingan, and Binalonan.



Along with AAP's Mark Desales, Espino resurveyed the route recently and came up with updates on the directions and landmarks along the way.

According to Espino, travel time is shorter because you bypass the heavy traffic at Luisita, Carmen, and Urdaneta. The travel time from Concepcion to Binalonan is two and a half hours on the average.

The resurveyed route is 21km longer. It is shorter by 3km from the route published in the March 2004 issue of Drive because a couple of turns were omitted.

### Caution!

Before driving on, make sure to fill up your car and yourself because there are hardly any fastfood facilities and the gas stations are few and far between. Toilets are not so clean.

Palay, green and red labuyo, and chili peppers cover stretches of the narrow roads, drying under the sun. The usual vehicles you would encounter on this route are tricycles and kuligligs, a hand-driven tractor-trailer.

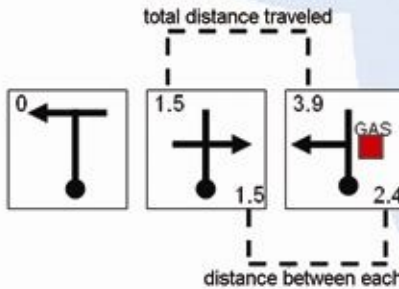
You may have noticed that there are road signs for the alternate route in the Directories Philippines Corporation's (DPC) Yellow Pages. The directions given in the DPC road signs are the same as AAP's resurveyed route up to the town of Pura. From that point on, the DPC route and AAP's split up. (See tulip diagram 57.7 northbound.)

This route is recommended for daytime travel only. At night, highwaymen may be lurking in the dark expanses of the thinly populated areas. You cannot expect help in emergencies at night along this route.

### Navigating with tulip diagrams

Tulip diagrams are used to represent the twists and turns that you have to make in traversing this alternate route to Baguio. Routing shall be easier since the direction to take, the distance between each turn, pictures, and remarks about the route are provided.

Tulip diagrams are pictorial representations of a route. The dot at the bottom of each diagram shows your vehicle's location and the arrow indicates the direction to be taken. For easier navigation, use your car's odometer to keep track of the mileage and see if it fits with the distance in the diagram.



For example, these diagrams depict the following route:

- From the starting point, turn left at the T-junction.
- After 1.5km, turn right at the crossroad.
- After 2.4km farther, take the road on the left, opposite a gas station.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

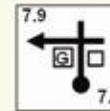
The 77th Annual General Membership Meeting will be held on April 24, 2008 at the Century Park Hotel in Manila.

Registration starts at 5pm.

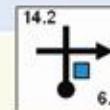
### Northbound: going to Baguio



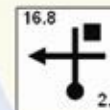
From NLEX, turn left to Magalang.



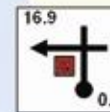
After 7.9km, turn left at the crossroads. You will see the "To Baguio – to Magalang" road sign and then the DFFS gas station on your left.



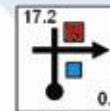
After 6.3km, turn right at the crossroads to Concepcion. You will see the "Alternate route to Baguio" road sign.



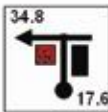
After 2.6km, turn left when you reach another crossroads. You will see the Water Works building.



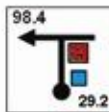
After 0.1km, turn left at the crossroads. You will see a Petron gas station.



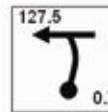
After 0.3km, turn right at the crossroads. You will see the "Alternate route to Baguio" sign and a Caltex gas station.



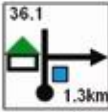
After 17.6km, turn **left**. You will see a Total gas station across a market.



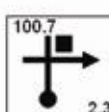
You will pass the "Rosales - Umingan - San Jose" road sign. After 29.2km, turn **left** when you reach a Shell gas station.



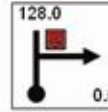
After 0.7km, turn **left**.



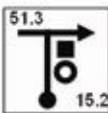
After passing the "To Baguio - to Victoria" road sign, turn **right**, opposite a chapel with a green roof.



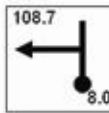
After 2.3km, turn **right** at the crossroads. You will see the Carmak shop.



After 0.5km, turn **right**. You will see a Petron gas station.



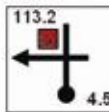
After 15.2km, turn **right** at the T-junction. You will pass a water tower, then the Victoria Town Hall.



After 8.0km, turn **left**. You will see the "Magilas Trail" road sign.

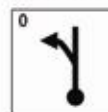


Drive on and enter the main highway to Baguio.

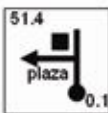


As you drive on, you will see the "Tayug" road sign. Drive farther until you reach the crossroads, turn **left** before the Ace Petroleum gas station.

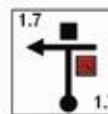
**Southbound: going back to Manila**



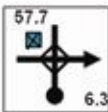
After the Luzon Bible College in Binalonan, turn **left** away from the main highway.



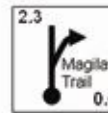
After 0.1km, take the road on the **left**. You will see a plaza and the Towncall Bank.



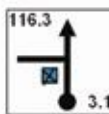
After 1.7km, turn **left**. You will see a Petron gas station and the Binalonan Public Library.



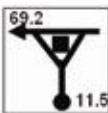
After 6.3km, you will reach a crossroads at the town of Pura. You will see the "Alternate route to Baguio" road sign. **DO NOT** follow this road sign because it will lead you to Paniqui. Turn **right** instead towards Guimba.



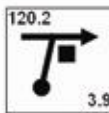
After 0.6km, bear right. Follow the "Magilas Trail" road signs.



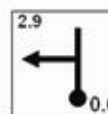
After 3.1km, you will see the "to Asingan - to Binalonan" road sign. **DO NOT** follow the sign. Drive **straight** and cross the long bridge to Asingan.



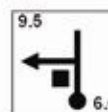
After 11.5km, turn **left** when you see a green stone marker with Cuyapo sign.



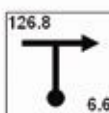
After 3.9km, turn **right** at the T-junction where you will see the V.C. Bautista Construction Supply.



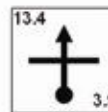
After 0.6km, turn **left**. You will see the "Alternate route to Manila" road sign.



Drive on for another 6.6km. Turn **left** when you see the V.C. Bautista Construction Supply.



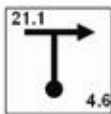
After 6.6km, turn **right** at another T-junction.



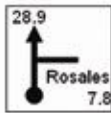
After 3.9km, you will pass a crossroads. Just **drive straight** and cross the long bridge.



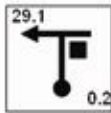
After 3.1km, bear right.



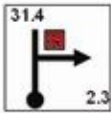
After 4.6km, turn **right**.



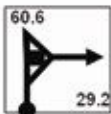
After 7.8km, **drive straight on**. **DO NOT** follow the road signs.



After 0.2km, turn **left** when you see Carmak.



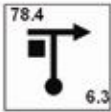
After 2.3km, when you see a Shell gas station, turn **right**.



Drive on for another 29.2km. Turn **right** when you see the green stone marker.



After 11.5km, turn **left** at the crossroads.



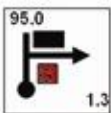
After 6.3km, turn **right** at the T-junction. You will see the Towncall Bank.



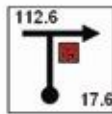
After 0.1km, turn **left**. You will see the Victoria Town Hall followed by a water tower.



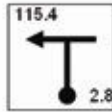
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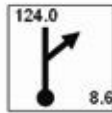
After 1.3km, turn **right** at the Total gas station.



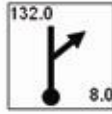
After 17.6km, turn **right** at the Caltex gas station.



After 2.8km, turn **left** at Magalang Concepcion road.







Bear **right** to NLEx.



Enter NLEx.

#### LEGEND:

-  - road sign
-  - gas station
-  - road sign that should not be followed
-  - other landmarks as indicated in the text (banks, town halls, shops, etc.)

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## 13th Annual Motor Sports Awards



The country's leading race car drivers were honored during the Automobile Association Philippines' 13th Annual Motor Sports Awards at the Valle Verde Country Club, Pasig City last February 22. Above are the driver of the year awardees with (rightmost) AAP director and motor sports committee head Mandy Eduque. The awardees were (from right, after director Eduque) Ulysses Maningding for slalom, Carlos Anton for hill climb, Jody Coseteng (represented by his wife Evelyn) for circuit, Stefano Marcelo for karting, Noel Bartolome for 4x4, and Jonathan Tiu (not in the picture) for drag racing. Group 3 class champion award of the Philippine Touring Car Championship was presented to (leftmost) Alvin Santos.

The class champion awardees for National Karting with AAP directors (leftmost) Mandy Eduque and (rightmost) David Arcenas. The awards were given to (from left, after director Eduque) Vrei-Ar Suba for Cadet 60, Joseph Orduña for Mini Rok, Julian Reyes for KT Jr., and Fernando Villalon for KT Sr.



The top racers from the Asian Karting Open Championship also received awards from the AAP. They were (from left) Christian Gaddi for Cadet 60, Vencer Jon Suba for Rok Jr., Michael Casimiro for Rok Sr., Javier Benitez for Formula 125 Jr., and Stefano Marcelo for Formula 125 Sr.



**Petteri Makitalo (left), CEO of Veridium Energy Ventures, Inc., the exclusive Philippine distributor of Agip lubricants, and AAP president Gus Lagman shook hands after signing the AAP-Agip Lube Program contract recently. The AAP-Agip program will provide Agip customers and AAP members with the following benefits:**

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Discount to Immediate Family Members	20%	20%	No
Voting Rights	Yes	No	No

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