

Then and now: From ski hill to paved road



What is now a road was once an actual ski run.
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Carved uphill from historic Bijou Park on Highway 50 in the early 1950s was a man-made ski run. It had rope tows to pull people to the top.



Today Ski Run Boulevard is the main route to Heavenly Mountain Resort. Photo/Bill Kingman

Over the years, more and more of uphill Ski Run gradually was paved.

Approaching the top of the pavement on the right, a Mexican restaurant named The Guitar opened for business in 1961. That building now is a private residence. In the 1970s, Caltrans intended to build a highway from Meyers to Stateline and purchased properties to cross Ski Run Boulevard about where Regina Road is today.

Ski Run Boulevard provided access when Heavenly Valley opened in 1955.

– Bill Kingman