



K1 Speed

# NEED FOR SPEED

ON THE MOVE IN THE TRI-VALLEY

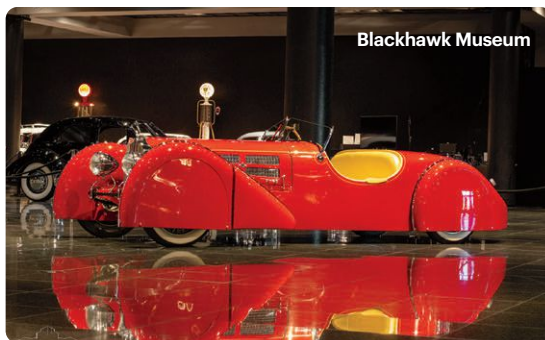
**W**hether your family includes young fans of *Blaze and the Monster Machines*, shifting-attention-span teens, or professionals on the go, you'll all enjoy this high-speed tour of the Tri-Valley. Rev up your engines with spicy chorizo omelets or chocolate-chip pancakes at **Elevation LVK**. The restaurant at the Livermore Municipal Airport (the location identifier of which is LVK) overlooks the runways and even boasts an outdoor bar fashioned from an airplane wing.

From there, catch a **Tri-Valley Quarter Midget Association** race, where kids ages 5 to 15 run tiny cars up to 45 miles per hour around an oval track—and their parents are the pit crews and scorekeepers. No event scheduled that day? Get behind the wheel yourself with go-karts at **Boomers** in Livermore or **K1 Speed** in Dublin.

Fuel up in Pleasanton with an American Wagyu beef burger and spicy Tater Todds at **SideTrack Bar and Grill**, located near a former Transcontinental Railroad site. Visit the drive-through **Meadowlark Dairy**



SideTrack Bar and Grill



Blackhawk Museum

for a soft-serve ice-cream cone or the Diablo, a mash-up of any soft serve and slushy flavor. Then head for nearby **Mission Hills Park**, where you'll want to pair up to race down the sleek, two-chute, 50-foot metal slide.

Next up: Gliding around a rink! But do you prefer smooth ice or coated concrete? **Dublin Iceland** hosts public ice-skating sessions (and mesmerizing Zamboni viewings) nearly every day. While you're there, inquire about its Broomball party rentals for a future visit. Recently resurrected in San Ramon, the **Golden Skate** employs a live DJ for its upbeat two-hour open roller-skating sessions, plus a choice between quad or in-line rentals.

If you have enough left in the tank for one more destination, cross the day's finish line at **Blackhawk Museum**. Its classic car collection includes unique and historically significant models you probably haven't seen, such as the candy-apple red 1931 Duesenberg Model J Convertible owned by chewing gum manufacturer and Major League Baseball executive Philip K. Wrigley.

—LEEANNE JONES

## 3 SPEEDY SPOTS IN THE TRI-VALLEY

### ► NILES CANYON RAILWAY |

Chug through the lush landscape between Sunol and Fremont on the Niles Canyon Railway. The moving museum uses historic rail equipment, from steam and diesel engines to a logging caboose, for its weekend-only excursions.

► **PLEASANTON BMX PARK** | The public pump track at Pleasanton BMX Park is geared toward beginners with a series of dirt mounds, berms, lips, jumps, and turns in two distinct areas. Note: Livermore is adding its own version near Sunken Gardens Skate Park later this year.

### ► IRON HORSE REGIONAL TRAIL |

Whether you like to walk, jog, skate, bike, or ride a horse, don't miss the Iron Horse Regional Trail. It runs 32 miles, following the Southern Pacific Railroad right-of-way established in 1891, but the most popular stretch parallels downtown Danville. It's perfectly tree-shaded in summer and offers easy access to restaurants and the weekend farmers market.



Niles Canyon Railway