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May bike events dot San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced counties

May is Bike Month, and the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District is sponsoring a slate of events throughout San Joaquin, Stanislaus and Merced counties for every segment of the population.

Whether it's a Family Cycling Festival in Modesto ... a Ride with the Mayor in Merced ... or Bike to Work days in all three counties, there's a bike event for everyone!

During Bike Month, and year-round, the Air District encourages Valley residents to make one change for clean air. Leaving your car at home and getting on your bike is one easy change that's fun, too! Biking is just one way to live a Healthy Air Life and reduce the emissions that pollute the Valley's air.

The following events are scheduled for Bike Month. There's sure to be one that's a good fit for you!

In San Joaquin County:

- May 19 – Bike to Work Day in Tracy. 6:30 – 8:30 a.m., in the lobby of the Tracy Transit Station. Cyclists will receive prizes and can enter to win an electric lawn mower or a bike. Sponsored by the City of Tracy and Commute Connection
- May 20 – Bike to Work Day in Stockton. 6:30-8:30 a.m., DeCarli Plaza, Downtown Stockton. Enter to win an electric lawn mower, bike lock or \$250! Cyclists receive refreshments, prizes and T-shirts. Sponsored by the City of Stockton, Commute Connection, REI, Robby's Bikes, Safeway, M&W Dutch American Bakery and Downtown Stockton Starbucks. For more information, visit: <http://www.commuteconnection.com/bike.htm>.

In Stanislaus County:

- May 15 - Family Cycling Festival, Modesto. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., downtown near County Courthouse.

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- May 19 – Bike to Work Day, Modesto. 6:30-8:30 a.m., Tenth Street Plaza. Enter to win an electric lawn mower, bike lock or \$250! Cyclists received refreshments, prizes and T-shirts. Sponsored by City of Modesto; Modesto Police Dept.; Downtown Improvement District; American Medical Response; Amgen Modesto; Commute Connection; Stanislaus County; and Stanislaus County Bicycle Club. For more information on these events, visit www.modestogov.com/bikes

In Merced County:

- May 1 – All Merced Ride, meets at Kevin's Bikes at 8 a.m.
- May 15 – Ride with the Mayor. 9:30 a.m., Applegate Park
- May 21 – Bike to Work Day. Enter to win an electric lawn mower, bike lock or \$250! Energizer stations placed throughout the city. Cyclists receive prizes and T-shirts. Sponsored by Merced Bicycle Coalition and City of Merced. For more information, visit www.mercedbicyclecoalition.org.
- May 21 – Atwater Bike to Work Day. Enter to win an electric lawn mower, bike lock or \$250! Energizer stations placed throughout the city. Sponsored by Merced County Association of Governments and Atwater Community Advocates United; visit www.atwatercause.org.

For more information about the Valley Air District, call a regional office: in Fresno, 559-230-6000; in Bakersfield, 661-392-5500; and in Modesto, 209-557-6400.