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**May 12th, 2011 is 17th Annual Bike to Work Day;
Fairfield Resident Named Solano Bike Commuter of the Year**

- May 12th marks the San Francisco Bay Area's **17th Annual Bike to Work Day** when nearly 150,000 commuters are expected to pedal to work or school as part of the National Bike Month. With global warming, rising obesity rates and the daily stress of sitting in bumper-to-bumper traffic, more Bay Area residents are turning to bicycling for their daily commutes. "Bike to Work Day is the best day to try bicycle commuting for the first time!" says Solano Napa Commuter Information (SNCI) program manager, Judy Leaks.
- Each year, one person is chosen from each of the nine Bay Area counties to receive a Metropolitan Transportation Commission award in recognition of their exemplary commitment to commuting by bicycle as the Bike Commuter of the Year. **Jamie Simmons of Fairfield** has been selected as **Solano County's 2011 Bike Commuter of the Year**. Jamie, a Quality Assurance Analyst at Anheuser-Busch, made a commitment to use biking as an alternative and sustainable method of transportation. Jamie's logged over 6,000 miles resulting in a reduction of ¼ Ton of CO2 Emissions since 2007.
- The **Team Bike Challenge** encourages existing bicycle commuters to recruit their colleagues, friends and neighbors to ride their bicycles to work, school and other destinations during the month of May. Starting May 1st, participants will track their trips made by bicycle and compete against other teams to earn the most commute points and win great prizes! Go to the Team Bike Challenge page, under the Bike to Work selection on www.commuterinfo.net, to sign up.
- Solano Bike to Work Day 2011 is presented by 511.org and Kaiser Permanente, with promotions organized by SNCI, a program of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA) and the Bay Area Bicycle Coalition with funds from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Bay Area Air Quality Management District, and corporate sponsors. In-kind support is provided by local bike coalitions, companies, businesses, and local volunteers. For more information on **Bike to Work Day activities**, visit www.commuterinfo.net or call 800-535-6883.
- Fifteen **Energizer Stations** providing snacks, encouragement and a free reusable tote bag to bicyclists can be found at the following Solano locations on the morning of May 12th:

City	Location	Time
Benicia	Military and First - City Park	6:30 - 8:00am
Benicia	Benicia Bridge Bike path (Park Rd)	6:30 - 8:00am
Dixon	Fisk's Cyclery, 539 N Adams St	8:00am - 6:00pm
Fairfield	County Building, 675 Texas St	7:00 - 9:00am
Fairfield	Fairfield Linear Park Trail, off Pennsylvania near NorthBay Medical Ctr	7:00 - 9:00am
Fairfield	Ray's Cycle, 1121 Texas St	9:30am - 6:00pm
Fairfield	Solano Community College	8:00 - 10:00am
Fairfield	Armijo High School	
Rio Vista	Town Hall, One Main St	7:00 - 9:00am
Suisun City	Amtrak Station, Main & Lotz Sts	6:00 - 8:30am
Travis AFB	Family Support Center, 351 Travis Bl, TAFB	7:00 - 9:00am
Vacaville	VacaValley Pkwy & New Horizons Wy	7:00 --8:30am
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Vacaville	Ray's Cycle, 400 Main Street	9:30am - 6:00pm
Vacaville	Vacaville Transit Center, Allison & Ulatis	7:00 - 8:30am
Vallejo	Vallejo Ferry Terminal	6:00 - 9:00am

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