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**May 10th, 2012 is 18th Annual Bike to Work Day;
Vacaville Resident Named Solano Bike Commuter of the Year**

May 10th marks the San Francisco Bay Area's **18th 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, increased gas prices, 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. **Tom Crowl of Vacaville** has been selected as **Solano County's 2012 Bike Commuter of the Year**. Tom, a Senior Automation Engineer at Genentech's Vacaville Operations is a long-time cyclist who believes that bicycling is a viable transportation alternative to driving. He consistently bikes to work, logging around 2500 miles per year and has biked 93,000 miles since 1987. It is estimated that he saved 3000 gallons of gasoline.

Starting May 1st, enthusiastic bicyclists began signing up for this year's "Team Bike Challenge." The **Team Bike Challenge** encourages bicycle commuters to recruit their colleagues, friends and neighbors to ride their bicycles to work, school and other destinations during the month of May. Participants will compete against other teams to earn the most commute points and win great prizes!

Sixteen (16) **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 10th:

City	Location	Time
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	8:00-10am
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	Velo Wrench, 1011 Mason St	9:30am - 6:00pm
Vacaville	Vacaville Transportation Center, Allison & Ulatis	7:00 - 8:30am
Vallejo	Vallejo Ferry Terminal	6:00 - 9:00am

Solano Bike to Work Day 2012 is presented by 511.org and Kaiser Permanente, with promotions organized by SNCI, a program of the Solano Transportation Authority (STA). Additional activities include the Team Bike Challenge and sixteen Energizer Stations that will be sponsored throughout Solano County. Bike to Work Day is funded by the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. For more information on **Bike to Work Day activities, such as the Team Bike Challenge and Energizer Stations, visit www.commuterinfo.net or call 800-535-6883.**

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