

Leave your car behind with these bike month events

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STOCKTON — The Amgen Tour of California cycling race will pass through Stockton next week, one of the highlights of National Bike Month, which is marked each May.

The San Joaquin Bike Coalition and the Dibs program, which seeks to reduce road congestion and improve air quality, are organizing a series of events to encourage community members to bike, walk, and leave the car at home whenever possible.

Here are some highlights:

- **Wednesday:** It's Bike to Work Day in Stockton. Stop by San Joaquin Street and Weber Avenue from 7-9 a.m. for free refreshments and free items from local vendors. Secure bicycle parking will be available all day at Channel Brewing Company, which will host a Bike From Work happy hour from 4-6 p.m.

If you would like to bicycle to work with a group led by volunteers and bike patrol officers from the Stockton Police Department, you have two options Wednesday. One group will meet at 6:30 a.m. at David's Pizza at Hammer Lane and Alexandria Place, departing at 6:45 a.m. At the same time, a second group will gather at and depart from Garlic Brothers Restaurant at 6629 Embarcadero Drive. All who bike or walk to work at least once in May are eligible to win a bicycle, gift cards and other prizes from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District. To register, visit DibsMyWay.com.

- **Thursday:** The Amgen Tour of California will leave from Stockton Arena at 11:20 a.m.

- **May 24:** Lodi Bike to Work Day will be held from 6:30-8:30 a.m. at School Grounds Coffee & Gelato Bar, 115 S. School St. The event is open to all members of the community. Free bike safety checks, bike commute information, snacks, coffee and handouts will be available. For more information, contact Julia Tyack, Lodi's transportation planner, at (209) 333-6706.

- **May 29:** A Full Moon Ride is scheduled, leaving Janet Leigh Plaza in downtown Stockton at 6 p.m.