

"Clean Air Vehicle" that runs on gas? I don't think so!



This is a "Clean Air Vehicle?" It runs on gas, it requires large amounts of asphalt for parking, and it encourages driving for errands. Maybe "cleaner" than some alternatives, but cannot compare to a bicycle. Your bike is a true "Clean Air Vehicle." Hybrid cars. Some people love to hate them, mostly for how they're driven (if only they'd get rid of that meter telling them how, if they roll through the stop signs and drive like Grandma they'll get 53 miles per gallon instead of 48). OK, so they have one thing in common with bikes, but getting stuck behind two of them today and having that orange sticker staring me in the face that says "Clean Air Vehicle" while they're burning gas running errands to the shopping center... I'm sorry but that's just too much.

A "Clean Air Vehicle" shouldn't burn gas! It probably shouldn't even run on electricity. The only true "Clean Air Vehicles" are those self-propelled. Your bicycle is a true "Clean Air Vehicle."

Besides the recreational/fitness aspects of cycling, you truly can use a bike to avoid driving. Today, I did a run to the bank before heading to the shop, and how much gas did I use? Exactly zero. How many square feet of asphalt were required for me to park my bike? Exactly zero. The air would be a whole lot cleaner if there were more bicycles used for shorter trips and fewer "Clean Air Vehicles." It's time for some truth in advertising. Or maybe a new advertising campaign for Chain Reaction!