

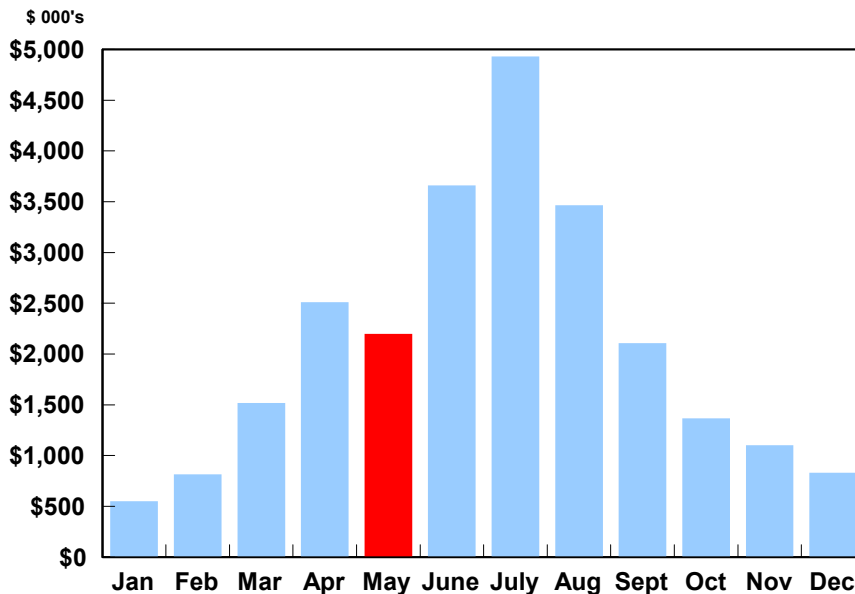
**Fact : May motorcycle rallies do not help our local tourism economy nearly as much as proponents claim.**

Pro-rally advocates point to the revenues the motorcycle rallies supposedly generate and claim public benefit due to the tourist taxes collected during those rallies. But is May really that good of a month for our local economy? The chart below shows monthly collections for accommodations taxes (2% state tax on all transient rentals) & admissions taxes (5% state tax on all golf, amusements, theaters and other entertainment venues). These are based upon local business tax returns submitted monthly to the S.C. Department of Revenue.

As you can see, May is not nearly as good for the beach in economic terms as some suggest. May is far below June, July and August; slightly below April; and barely more than September. If bikers are spending so much money in our community, where are they spending it? Obviously, not with taxpaying businesses.

Tax collections give us all the more reason to cease vending permits throughout the county. If the bikers want to contribute to our local economy, make them spend their money with taxpaying businesses.

### **Horry County 2007 Accommodations & Admissions Taxes**



Source: S.C. Dept. of Revenue