2018 Region 2 Conference Registration Open!
Register online for AAMVA's Region 2 Conference which is scheduled to take place June 18-21 in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The Region 2 Conference provides several networking opportunities as well as interactive learning opportunities. Jurisdiction attendees will learn about the successes and challenges of others, share ideas, build relationships, and discover the many products and services provided by our industry partners that can assist in your mission. Industry attendees will have the opportunity to meet with key players in the driver license, motor vehicle and law enforcement arenas. Visit the 2018 Region 2 Conference website for more information and to register.

District of Columbia Implements the IDEC Certified Commercial Examiner (CCE) Program
The AAMVA IDEC Board welcomes Washington, DC, to the IDEC Program. The AAMVA IDEC CCE program assists jurisdictions and commercial examiners by providing consistency in training that meets the training requirements required by FMCSA in 49 CFR s384.228. The program provides a standardized process for examiner training and increases jurisdictional operational efficiency through the use of better trained examiners. The IDEC training materials are updated annually by the AAMVA IDEC Board and Test Maintenance Subcommittee and provided free of charge to all AAMVA members. Jurisdictions interested in additional information on the program can contact Denise Hanchulak.

AAMVA Attends Internet Identity Workshop & ISO Meetings Focusing on Mobile Driver License
AAMVA's Geoff Slagle and Loffie Jordaan participated in an Internet Identity Workshop where they and other industry partners brought current mDL work in for discussion and critique by attendees. The work looks at the mDL online use-cases and seeks to leverage work that has been developed by the Open ID Foundation. The session was facilitated by Idemia's David Kelts and OeSD's Oliver Terbu with assistance from UL Transaction Security's Martijn Haring. AAMVA also participated in the most recent meeting of the task force leading the development of the mDL standards within the International Organization for Standardization. This work is the basis for the guidance being assembled by the AAMVA Joint mDL working group that is expected to be published later in 2018. Countries represented included: Austria, Finland, Germany, Greece, Japan, Netherlands, Portugal, and United States.

Maryland, Washington Join Other States in Automatic Voter Registration
Maryland on Thursday became the 11th state to adopt automatic voter registration, legalizing a system that adds residents to voter rolls when they interact with various
state offices. ... Ten other states and the District of Columbia automatically register qualified voters when they get an ID through their departments of motor vehicles. Read more at govtech.com.

**MVA Takes Another Step To Make It Easier for Customers (Maryland)**

As part of the Maryland Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Administration's (MDOT MVA) continued commitment to provide premier service to all Marylanders, the agency announced a new project called Customer Connect to modernize all information technology (IT) systems it uses to deliver services to customers. The Maryland Board of Public Works just approved the five-year project. Read more at eyeonannapolis.net.

**RMV Sets Aside Goal of Service In 30 Minutes As Real ID Snags Continue (Massachusetts)**

The Registry of Motor Vehicles has a longstanding goal of serving 80 percent of motorists in less than a half-hour. But with long lines at branch offices after the recent launch of a new driver's license system, RMV officials have lowered their sights, at least temporarily. Read more at bostonglobe.com.

**Pennsylvania DOT Has a Plan for Autonomous Vehicle Testing in Pennsylvania Until the Laws Change**

State leaders and autonomous vehicle experts are in town today and Tuesday for a two-day summit about the technology. It's the 2018 Pennsylvania Automated Vehicle Summit and comes three weeks after Uber paused its autonomous testing, including in Pittsburgh, following a fatal crash in Arizona. This is the second Pa. AV Summit, but the first in Pittsburgh. The inaugural summit was in State College, Pa. in September 2017. Read more at theincline.com.

**Pennsylvania Lawmakers Consider Fines, Points for Drivers Using Cellphones**

If House Bill 1684 is passed, drivers using a cellphone could face fines of $50 to $100. In 2016, 61 people were killed in traffic accidents related to distracted driving, according to PennDOT. Read more at buckscountycouriertimes.com.

**Distracted Driving Citations Grow Significantly Over 5 Years In Pennsylvania**

Distracted driving has become a more serious concern for Pennsylvania law enforcement over the past several years as the number of citations related to the problem continues to climb. Read more at berksmontnews.com.

**Pennsylvania DOT Chief Outlines Temporary Rules for Testing of Self-Driving Cars**

Pennsylvania will ask companies to immediately stop testing self-driving cars that share technology with Uber or other companies under federal investigation. PennDOT Secretary Leslie Richards said that and other guidelines outlined Monday are voluntary but the state expects companies to comply with them. Read the article at triblive.com.

**In Arkansas, Getting An Enhanced ID Driver’s License Requires Legwork; You’ll Need It By October 2020**

The federal government is requiring that, by Oct. 1, 2020, you must have a “Real ID” to enter any federal building or board a commercial airplane. ... If you can assemble the proper paperwork, and if you don't mind having to maybe drive as much as an hour to reach one of the only 25 Arkansas revenue offices that issues them, and if you don't mind standing for the requisite amount of time in line -- it's a piece of cake. It may not be quite that easy. Read more at nwaonline.com.

**DMV Accounts for Nearly All Cars Questioned In Seized Vehicle Audit (North Carolina)**

State investigators have located nearly all of the 234 vehicles unaccounted for last
year in a state audit that raised questions about whether contractors were keeping the cars for themselves. Even the three cars still unaccounted for Tuesday – a 1983 Chevrolet truck, a 1999 Ford Taurus and a 1998 Chevrolet Tahoe – can be explained, according to the contractors’ attorney. Read more at wral.com.

**Work Zone Fatalities On The Rise With Majority Being Motorists (Texas)**

In recognition of National Work Zone Awareness Week, April 9-13, the Texas Department of Transportation reminds drivers that every day requires caution when driving through work zones. In 2017, work zone fatalities in Texas increased 9 percent over the previous year, resulting in 199 deaths and 813 serious injuries. With 4 percent of those fatalities being road crew workers, the remaining 96 percent was comprised of motorists, pedestrians and bicyclists. Read the press release.

**Paper License Plates Get Security Redesign Amid Fraud Increase (Texas)**

Criminals looking to use fake paper license plates to skirt vehicle inspections or drive around off-the-radar now have one more obstacle in their way as the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles starts issuing a new design aimed at being more difficult to copy. Read more at kxan.com.

**Governor Northam Recognizes Finalists in DMV’s License Plate Contest (Virginia)**

Governor Ralph Northam, Secretary of Transportation Shannon Valentine, the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), and members of the General Assembly celebrated the eight finalists in DMV’s Take Action Against Distraction License Plate Design Contest on Thursday, April 12 at the Capitol in Richmond. Read the press release.

**Secretary White’s Legislation Combating Texting While Driving Passes House Committee (Illinois)**

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White commended the Illinois House Transportation: Vehicles & Safety Committee today for approving legislation initiated by his office to strengthen Illinois’ law on distracted driving. House Bill 4846 cracks down on texting while driving by classifying first-time offenses as moving violations. Read the press release.

**Documents Needed for Real ID License Renewal (Indiana)**

The driver’s license of the future calls for greater documentation of your past. ... While renewing your license used to be as easy as passing an eye exam, now, in the name of homeland security, you’ll need to produce several documents proving that you are who you say you are. Read more at wndu.com.

**New Kansas License Plates Will Look a Little Different**

A new method of receiving Kansas license plates is coming for newly registered vehicles, and they will have a new look, the state announced Friday. The license plate designs will remain the same but will be flat rather than embossed. They will also be delivered to the vehicle owner’s address. Read more at cjonline.com.

**Vehicle Owners' Info Easily Accessible to Others On New Kansas Site**

Kansans' personal vehicle registration information is easily accessible to others on a new state website, raising security concerns. The state uses the site — called iKan — to perform vehicle registration renewals and plans to expand it to include vital records and voter registration in the coming months. Read more at kansas.com.

**Manitoba Public Insurance to Provide Funding for Police to Take Aim At Distracted Drivers**

With an average of one in three road deaths in Manitoba and thousands of collisions attributed to distracted driving annually, Manitoba Public Insurance is once again funding a highly successful road safety initiative aimed at drivers who continue to illegally use hand-held electronic devices while driving. Read more at mysteinbach.ca.
Michigan’s AV, Smart City Proving Ground Opens for Business
The only engineering facility built expressly to test self-driving vehicles officially opened Wednesday at the historic 335-acre Willow Run site just west of Detroit. The American Center for Mobility will be home to automakers, suppliers and other groups developing technology for autonomous vehicles and smart infrastructure. Read more at govtech.com.

Michigan Immigrant Driver’s License Bill Changed After Complaints
After complaints raised by immigration advocacy groups, Michigan legislators have modified a pair of House bills on driver’s licenses and state IDs for immigrants. Read more at freep.com.

Bill Allowing Driverless Cars Advances (Nebraska)
Lawmakers gave first-round approval April 9 to a bill that would allow driverless cars to travel on the state’s roads. ... As amended, these provisions would authorize the operation of an autonomous vehicle on all state roads and highways, as long as the vehicle is capable of operating in compliance with traffic and motor vehicle safety laws. Read more at 1011now.com.

MVD Urges Arizonans to Consider Getting Voluntary Travel ID
Will your license fly? Starting in 2020, you might want to have another form of ID when you travel by air. The Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division has rolled out the state’s Voluntary Travel ID, a credential meeting federal REAL ID Act security requirements for access to airports, restricted federal buildings, military bases and more. Read more at azfamily.com.

British Columbia Takes New Approach to Testing Older Drivers, Some Ask If Ageism a Factor
In March, the B.C. government introduced its Enhanced Road Assessment program, which is the second stage of its fitness testing program for driver’s licences. It replaced the former DriveABLE program, which drew criticism from seniors for its reliance on computer tests and road tests in unfamiliar vehicles. Read more at theprovince.com.

New John Lennon ‘Imagine No Hunger’ License Plates Will Support California Food Banks
Yoko Ono Lennon, Southern California-based Beatles tribute band the Fab Four and the California Department of Motor Vehicles have joined forces to combat hunger in the state with the sale of specialty license plates featuring the iconic self-portrait image of the late John Lennon. Read more at ocregister.com.

Column: It’s Easy To Vote Illegally In Nevada
It’s easy to vote illegally in Nevada. All a non-citizen has to do is go the DMV and ask. The DMV uses the same form regardless of whether you’re getting a driver’s license, ID card or driver’s authorization card. The latter are for those, like illegal aliens, who can’t meet the proof of identity requirements for the other documents. At the bottom of that form is a voter registration application. Read more at reviewjournal.com.

Frustrations Over Getting a New ID Go Beyond Just Filling Out Paperwork (New Mexico)
Hundreds of New Mexican residents are discovering they face a mountain of paperwork when it comes to getting a Real ID. For others, it’s not just paperwork they need to bring in. Some have to actually change important personal documents, meaning they may have to legally change their names. Read the article at kob.com.
A Career Trucker Helps To Steer The Path For Self-Driving Trucks

When Jeff Runions started his trucking career nearly 40 years ago, he had high hopes for what the job might bring. ... In his latest job developing autonomous trucks, Runions, 58, has a front row seat to what many see as the future of the 700 billion dollar trucking industry. Read more at npr.org.

Study: Americans Are Texting More Behind the Wheel

Despite a harrowing surge in traffic fatalities, American drivers appear to be getting worse at avoiding Instagram, e-mail and other mobile-phone distractions while driving. More people are using their phones at the wheel, and for longer periods of time, according to a study published Tuesday. Read more at mercurynews.com.

Study Estimates There Are More Than 57M Vehicles On US Roads With Unfixed Recall

Carfax estimates in a recent report that there are more than 57 million recalled vehicles being actively used on roads in the United States. The company reports these findings each year, and says that California, Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania and New York are the states with the most open vehicle recalls. Read more at mlive.com.

On Twitter

@AAMVAConnection has been watching the twitter feed and decided to highlight some of the tweets here. Links are provided within most of the tweets, and we have also provided a link to each tweet as well. Note that you do not have to have an account or sign in to Twitter to view the message posts, images associated with the post, and the reach of the message (retweets, favorited, etc.).

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