IDEC Executive Board Seeks Volunteers

The IDEC Executive Board is seeking two jurisdiction members to serve on the IDEC Executive Board - one from Region I and one from Region II. The IDEC Board is made up of one representative from each of the four AAMVA regions. The members of the Board bring global views and innovative ideas to the examiner training arena, provide outreach to the AAMVA jurisdictions to gain input on jurisdictional driver examiner training programs and provide accreditation of those driver examiner training programs. If you are interested in serving on the IDEC Executive Board, please fill out the IDEC Board Application form and send it back to: committees@aamva.org.

AAMVA Bids Adieu to Shiela Prior

AAMVA bids a fond farewell to Sheila Prior, Director of Member Support for Regions III and IV, as she heads into retirement. The AAMVA Community wishes her all the best on a well-deserved retirement – hear what her friends and colleagues had to say in this Farewell Video.

Knittle Welcomed as AAMVA’s New Director for Member Support for Regions III and IV

AAMVA welcomes Julie Knittle to the association as the new Director of Member Support for Regions III and IV. Julie has been a fixture in the AAMVA community for many years and most recently served as the Assistant Director of the Programs and Services Division for the Washington Department of Licensing. She brings to AAMVA more than 14 years of service to WA DOL and 27 years in state government. Members who normally contacted Sheila for assistance should now turn to Julie for their AAMVA needs. Julie's contact information at AAMVA is: jknittle@aamva.org, (571) 405-1016.

A Driver’s License In D.C. Will Soon Come With A Perk: Automatic Voter Registration

Every District resident over the age of 18 who gets a driver’s license would become automatically registered to vote under a spending plan the D.C. Council is expected to give final approval to later this month. Read the article in washingtonpost.com.
RMV Adds New Bicycle Safety Advice to Driver’s Manual (Massachusetts)
MassDOT has announced that the Registry of Motor Vehicles (RMV) added several new key guidelines to the Massachusetts Driver’s Manual (Driver’s Manual) this year as part of an ongoing effort to promote road safety by educating bicyclists and motorists to be aware of their actions as they travel. MassDOT has produced a video educating drivers how to exit a vehicle to prevent “doorin” cyclists. Read the press release.

Audi To Be First Carmaker To Test Self-Driving Cars In New York
Audi will be the first auto maker to test self-driving cars on New York roadways, Gov. Cuomo announced Wednesday. Read the article in nydailynews.com.

New York DMV Warns Of Email Phishing Scam That Threatens License Revocation
The New York Department of Motor Vehicles is warning consumers about a new email phishing scam. Scammers have been sending out email notices stating that the recipients must pay a ticket within 48 hours or their licenses will be revoked. Read the article in syracuse.com.

Governor Cuomo Announces Fake ID and Underage Drinking Sweeps at Summer Concerts Across New York
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that DMV investigators and State Police, in cooperation with local law enforcement, have launched a 2017 summer concert crack down. Read the press release.

Right On Real ID: Pa. Finds Good Middle Ground On ID Mandate
Gov. Tom Wolf signed a law Friday intended to bring Pennsylvania into compliance with Real ID, a federal mandate for standardizing the minimum security features on driver’s licenses and making sure people can’t hold licenses from various states simultaneously. Read the article on post-gazette.com.

Georgia Dealer and Title Clerk Sentenced in Odometer Fraud Scheme
Two Georgia residents were sentenced in Atlanta, Georgia today for their roles in a conspiracy to alter odometers of used motor vehicles, the Justice Department announced. Read the press release.

Motorcycle Skills Tests and Motorcycle Licenses No Longer Required for Operation of Three-wheel Auto-cycles in Georgia
Based on a recent law change, beginning July 1, 2017, drivers in Georgia operating three-wheel auto-cycles (three-wheel motor vehicles controlled by a steering wheel) will no longer be required to possess a motorcycle license or motorcycle learner’s permit. In addition, Georgia residents who wish to legally operate an auto-cycle in Georgia will no longer be required to take the DDS motorcycle knowledge test or motorcycle skills test. Read the press release.

State Lawmakers Passed Bill On Future Of Self-Driving Cars In Tennessee
Get ready for self-driving cars on Tennessee roads. That was the idea behind a comprehensive bill passed this session by state lawmakers. State lawmakers spent a
lot of time this past session, literally looking down the road as to when self-driving cars might be seen on TN streets and highways. Read the article in localmemphis.com.

**TxDMV Launches New Self-Service Hub for Motor Vehicle and Salvage Dealer Licensing**

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) now offers a new system to streamline services for licensed motor vehicle and salvage dealers, and their customers. Read the press release.

**Five Key Legislative Measures Initiated by Secretary White Sent to Governor (Illinois)**

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White applauded the General Assembly for passing five important bills initiated by his office. “As Secretary of State, I continue to look for ways to further improve customer service, upgrade road safety and expand the organ/tissue donor registry,” said White. “I applaud and thank the General Assembly for passing these five key measures which will do just that. I urge the governor to sign each of these bills into law.” View the press release.

**Driverless Car Bill Stalls in Springfield (Illinois)**

Self-driving cars have stalled in Illinois after lawmakers did not take action on a bill that would have legalized autonomous vehicles. Read the article in nbcchicago.com.

**Secretary of State Improving Technology For Customers (Michigan)**

As more and more customers take advantage of alternative ways to do business with the Secretary of State such as online services at ExpressSOS.com, the department is moving forward with several technology-driven improvements to provide faster and more convenient service. Read the press release.

**Arizona Man Wears Colander In Driver's License Photo In Name Of Religious Freedom**

After years of trying and getting turned away, a Chandler man has finally received his official Arizona driver's license bearing a photo of him wearing a spaghetti strainer on his head. Read the article in azcentral.com.

**Uber's Self-Driving Truck Unit Is Being Investigated By The California DMV For Its Road Tests**

Uber’s laundry list of problems aren’t just confined to the ride-hailing start-up’s operations—its driverless truck unit, formerly known as Otto, is now set to be investigated by the California Department of Motor Vehicles. It's trying to determine, as Forbes reports, if Uber violated state regulations by understating the capabilities of its trucks to drive themselves. Read the article on jalopnik.com.

**California Senate Advances Bill to Make Pot Use In Cars An Infraction**

Just months after state voters legalized the recreational use of marijuana, the state Senate on Tuesday voted to prohibit its use in automobiles because of concerns over drugged driving. Read the article in latimes.com.

**Pro-Choice License Plates On California's Horizon**

Twenty-eight states currently offer “Choose Life” license plates, but California may be
REGISTER ONLINE!

Open RFPs

Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles RFI # 730-12173-17: Queue and Lobby Management System (Proposals due June 6, 2017)

AAMVA RFP 16-062: Audio Visual Contractor (Proposals due June 9, 2017)

Nebraska RFP# 5557Z1: Modernization of the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles, Title, and Registration (VTR) System (Proposals due June 16, 2017)

Indiana BMV: Knowledge Examination Applications (Proposals due June 28, 2017)

Post your open RFPs/RFIs on AAMVA’s Web site at www.aamva.org/open-rfps/.

Open RFP’s will be included in AAMVA’s Regional News and The Week In Review newsletters to provide maximum exposure for jurisdictional procurements.

Regional News - June 2, 2017

Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles RFI # 730-12173-17: Queue and Lobby Management System (Proposals due June 6, 2017)

AAMVA RFP 16-062: Audio Visual Contractor (Proposals due June 9, 2017)

Nebraska RFP# 5557Z1: Modernization of the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles, Title, and Registration (VTR) System (Proposals due June 16, 2017)

Indiana BMV: Knowledge Examination Applications (Proposals due June 28, 2017)

Post your open RFPs/RFIs on AAMVA’s Web site at www.aamva.org/open-rfps/.

Open RFP’s will be included in AAMVA’s Regional News and The Week In Review newsletters to provide maximum exposure for jurisdictional procurements.

REGISTER ONLINE!

California Lawmakers OK Bill To Add New Gender Option On IDs
California senators have passed a bill to add a third gender option on state IDs for people who do not identify as either male or female. Read the article on apnews.com.

California Lawmakers Approve Measure Barring Courts From Suspending Driver's Licenses Because Of Unpaid Fines
California lawmakers have approved a measure barring courts from suspending driver's licenses because of unpaid traffic fines. The state Senate voted 29-5 Wednesday to send SB185 to the Assembly. Read the article on usnews.com.

It’s Official: Colorado Passes First Law To Regulate Driverless Vehicles
If you’re thinking about developing an autonomous vehicle in Colorado, go ahead. It’s now legal, as long as you obey all of the existing rules of the road, according to legislation that Gov. John Hickenlooper signed into law Thursday. Read the article in denverpost.com.

Governor Otter Announces Idaho State Police Change of Command
Governor C.L. “Butch” Otter announced today that Colonel Ralph Powell is retiring effective July 2 after 34 years with the Idaho State Police. He will be succeeded as ISP director by Lieutenant Colonel Kedrick “Ked” Wills, who will be promoted to colonel in his new role. Read the press release.

Montanans Can Choose A License That Complies With Real ID Under New Law
Gov. Steve Bullock has signed a bill giving Montanans the option to purchase a state driver's license or identification card that can be used to board flights and access federal facilities. Read the article in mtstandard.com.

Stop the Presses: Atlantic Provinces To Change License Printing and Issuance Procedures (Canada)
P.E.I. and the other Atlantic provinces are changing the way they issue driver's licenses to upgrade security and increase uniformity. Read the article on cbc.ca.

Two Self-Driving Latecomers Team Up To Take On Tesla and Google
Longtime auto parts supplier Continental AG is teaming up with Chinese search giant Baidu to develop autonomous driving technology, the companies said in an announcement Wednesday. Read the article in bizjournals.com.

How Seniors Are Driving Safer, Driving Longer
Americans love to drive. More than 75 percent of adults carry a driver’s license, including 40 million who are 65 and older. Read the article in consumerreports.org.

Four States Getting Grants to Combat Drowsy Driving
The states of Iowa, Maryland, Nevada, and Tennessee will each receive $15,000 in grant funding from the Governors Highway Safety Association and The National Road Safety Foundation to launch campaigns this year to help prevent drowsy driving, the first state in the country offering solely pro-choice plates. Read the article in capitolweekly.net.
two organizations announced. [Read the article on ohsonline.com.]

**Regulating Driverless Cars**
Autonomous vehicles—or “AVs” to use the industry term—offer the potential to revolutionize the way we travel. But policies at the state level could either facilitate growth or bog down the progress of self-driving cars in a regulatory quagmire. [Read the article in callawyer.com.]

**Accidents Involving Autonomous Cars, Who is Liable?**
With automated cars comes hopes of safer driving, more efficient commuting, increased productivity, reduced human errors, and fewer accidents. However, as self-driving cars becomes a reality, car accidents may lead to legal controversy over who is responsible for the accident; the manufacturer or the owner? [Read the article in natlawreview.com.]

**JetBlue and Delta Begin Testing Biometrics To Identify Passengers**
One day in the near future, your face or your fingers will be all the identification you need to board a plane. The airline industry has begun testing the idea of using biometrics — facial recognition, retinal scans and fingerprints — to identify fliers as a way to boost security and make life easier for travelers. [Read the article in latimes.com.]

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**On Twitter**
@AAMVACOnNECTION has been watching the twitter feed and decided to highlight some of the tweets. 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.).

Stay on top of the chatter in the MVA and LE community. You may be surprised at what you’re missing! [Follow @AAMVACOnNECTION.]

[Check out recent @AAMVACOnnection Twitter action.]

***Thank you for the @AAMVACOnnection mentions!***

NCSL @NCSLorg | [View the Tweet]

Zero Fatalities @ZeroFatalities | View the Tweet

This weekend remember to drive safe, be aware and always buckle up. #100DeadliestDays

AAA @AAAnews | View the Tweet
Teens (16-17) are 3x as likely as adults to be in a deadly crash! Talk to your teens about safe driving! #100DeadliestDays #TeenDriving

Oregon State Police @ORStatePolice | View the Tweet

Important message about sharing the road with #motorcycles http://bit.ly/2qJ57ql #Motorcyclesafety

John W. Hickenlooper @GovofCO | View the Tweet
Beautiful CO day to sign SB213- a great starting point for autonomous vehicle regulation! #billsigningtour #2017COlaw