Prior to the AIC, the AAMVA Board of Directors held their August meeting in San Francisco last week. Among the Board's actions, they approved the 2018 fiscal year budget, which reflects AAMVA's ongoing commitment to provide its members with the highest level of customer service and member solutions. The Board also received end of the year updates from the Standing Committees. Video highlights of the reports can be viewed online for the Driver, Law Enforcement, and Vehicle Committees. In addition, key government and association partners joined the Board for discussions of shared priorities and initiatives.

### Millions and Millions Served – From Home (New Jersey)

The success of the Christie Administration's Skip the Trip program continues as the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) hit a milestone – 2 million driver’s license renewals completed by mail, contributing to less congestion in traditionally high-volume agencies statewide. Read the press release.

### New Car Seat Law Goes in Effect in Pennsylvania, Karl Heideck Explains

Drivers in Pennsylvania have a few new driving laws, and these concern car seats. Last week, drivers were required to place all children under the age of two in a car seat that faces backwards. Between the ages of two and eight years old, children must ride in a booster seat until they weigh 80 pounds or reach the height of 4’9” tall. Any motorist who does not follow these guidelines risks a fine of up to $75. Read the article at gazetteday.com.

### New ‘Ignition Interlock’ Law For First Time DUI Offenders Goes Into Effect (Pennsylvania)

Starting Friday, first time DUI offenders in Pennsylvania can have an ignition locking system installed on their vehicle. The new ignition lock law targets drivers with a blood alcohol level of point one or higher. Read the article at wnep.com.
PennDOT Predicts Up To $30 Million In Start-up Costs For Federally Approved IDs (Pennsylvania)
Pennsylvania expects to spend between $24 million and $30 million in start-up expenses to comply with federal requirements to make state-issued identification cards more secure, less than a third of what PennDot said it would cost five years ago, state transportation officials told legislators on Friday. Read the article at philly.com.

U.S.: PennDOT Official Took Bribes, Issued Licenses To Undocumented And Untested Philly Drivers (Pennsylvania)
A former PennDOT employee is accused of taking cash bribes in a 28-page federal indictment unsealed Wednesday. Read the article in phillyvoice.com.

REGION II NEWS

Alabama Commissioner Orders Temporary Suspension of IRP and IFTA Requirements
Alabama Department of Revenue Commissioner, Vernon Barnett, has ordered the temporary suspension of the requirements associated with the International Registration Plan (IRP) and International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA) for any motor vehicle engaged in interstate disaster relief efforts in Texas, or traveling through Alabama as part of the disaster relief. Read the Order for complete details.

Obtaining 'Real IDs' In Arkansas Proves Complex; For New Licenses, Devil’s In Details
To fly on an airliner or enter a federal building three years from now, U.S. residents will have two options: gather their birth certificates, Social Security cards and proof of residence to show at the door or get a Real ID. Real IDs in the Natural State are referred to as Arkansas Voluntary Enhanced Security Driver's Licenses, and they will remain voluntary for the foreseeable future. Read the article at arkansasonline.com.

Becoming REAL ID Ready Now More Convenient for South Carolinians
Thanks to a technology upgrade, South Carolina drivers can now purchase a driver's license in a more efficient manner. The South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles (SCDMV) announced a more convenient way for South Carolina residents to confirm if the documents needed to order and buy a REAL ID driver’s license online in the future are on file with the agency. Read the article at wrdw.com.

Suspended Mail Service Means Vehicle Registrations Could Be Delayed (Texas)
The Brazos County Tax Office is reminding local residents that registration renewals that were recently mailed to the tax office may be delayed because of Harvey's effect on the U.S. Postal Service. Read the article at theeagle.com.

Free Replacement ID Cards, Driver Licenses For Harvey Victims (Texas)
The Texas Department of Public Safety will replace ID cards and driver licenses for anyone in areas affected by Harvey and its aftermath. The changes implemented Tuesday affect only those residents in the 50 counties that are part of the governor’s disaster declaration. Read the article at kxan.com.

Failure To Pay Child Support Leads To Over 14K Vehicle Registration Denials (Texas)
The Texas Office of the Attorney General says since last September they have denied motor vehicle registration for more than 14,500 non-custodial parents. The denials are part of a statute which allows the Texas Department of Motor Vehicles to deny registration to individuals who have gone at least six months without making a child support payment. Read the article at kxan.com.

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GOP Illinois Governor Signs Major Voting Reform Into Law

Illinois Gov. Bruce Rauner (R) signed a law Monday authorizing different state agencies to automatically register voters when they interact with them, marking a huge victory for voting advocates after Rauner vetoed similar legislation a year ago. Illinois is the 10th state to adopt automatic voter registration, a process by which people are automatically registered to vote or have their information updated on the rolls when they interact with the state’s motor vehicle agency or some other state agencies. Read the article at huffingtonpost.com.

You Can’t Get A Driver’s License In ‘The Twilight Zone’ (Illinois)

Donna Bramblett can’t renew her driver’s license because the government says she lives in no man’s land. Outdoors types, she and her husband recently decided to live full time in a trailer at a campsite. But because of a confounding mix of state and federal laws and regulations, she can’t claim their campsite as her permanent address. And without an official residence — a post office box won’t do — she can’t get a new driver’s license. Read the article at pjstar.com.

Iowa Researchers Aim To Make Roads Safer With New Technology

Inside a giant pod that looks something like a UFO, University of Iowa researchers spend their days testing new vehicle and road safety technologies that they believe will lead to better traffic flow and fewer crashes in the coming years. The pod is a driving simulator, and it is large enough to fit the various vehicles the university uses for testing. Read the article at qctimes.com.

Headaches Persist Weeks After Rollout Of New Minnesota License Plate, Vehicle Tab System

Call the Brown County license center in New Ulm and — after many rings — you’ll reach an apologetic, harried-sounding voice message asking if you’d mind waiting a bit longer to renew your vehicle tabs or make other changes to your registration or license plates. Read the article at startribune.com.

Missouri Needs Real ID Extension For Air Travel In 2018

Though state leaders began working toward compliance with the federal Real ID Act on Monday, Missouri residents still may not be able to board a plane with their standard issue driver’s license in 2018. Read the article at columbianmissourian.com.

New Arizona Motor Vehicle Division Offices Are Totally Digital

The Arizona Department of Transportation, Motor Vehicle Division is celebrating the opening of a couple of new offices, but there won’t be a ribbon cutting at the door, as these new locations are totally digital. Read the article at tucsonnewsnow.com.

California Considers Extending Provisional Driver’s License Program For Those Under 21 Years Old

California lawmakers are debating expanded safety requirements for young drivers. The state’s provisional driver’s license program now applies to people under 18. The proposal would extend it to new drivers under 21. Read the article at capradio.org.

California High Court Will Decide License-Plate Data Access

The California Supreme Court is expected to issue a ruling Thursday on whether the public has a right to information collected by automated license plate readers.
— devices used by law enforcement that have raised privacy concerns. Read the article at sacbee.com.

Exclusive: Traffic Fatalities Linked To Marijuana Are Up Sharply In Colorado. Is Legalization To Blame?
The number of drivers involved in fatal crashes in Colorado who tested positive for marijuana has risen sharply each year since 2013, more than doubling in that time, federal and state data show. Read the article at denverpost.com.

OTHER NEWS

Beware Of Vehicles Damaged By Hurricane Harvey On Used Car Market
Flood-damaged vehicles from Houston and other flooded Gulf Coast areas will eventually make their way into the nation's used car market and be offered for sale as perfectly good vehicles, according to the folks who track the auto industry. Read the article at jsonline.com.

House To Vote On Self-Driving Car Legislation Next Week
The U.S. House of Representatives will vote Wednesday on a sweeping proposal to speed the deployment of self-driving cars without human controls and bar states from blocking autonomous vehicles, congressional aides said. Read the article at reuters.com.

Canada Introduces Gender-Neutral 'X' Option On Passports
Canadians are able to identify as gender neutral on their passports from Thursday under changes that have been enthusiastically welcomed by rights campaigners. Canada becomes the first country in the Americas to allow its citizens to use an “X” category, joining those in Australia, Denmark, Germany, Malta, New Zealand and Pakistan. India, Ireland and Nepal are among the countries that provide various third-options. Read the article at theguardian.com.

How A Dangerous Takata Air Bag Made Its Way Into A Used Car
A dangerous Takata air bag should have been recalled before going from a wrecked car to a salvage yard, eventually ending up in a 2002 Honda Accord and nearly killing a Las Vegas woman, a lawsuit alleges. Read the article at mcall.com.

Automated Safety Equipment Preventing Car Crashes, Studies Say
Safety systems to prevent cars from drifting into another lane or that warn drivers of vehicles in their blind spots are beginning to live up to their potential to reduce crashes significantly, according to two studies released Wednesday. Read the article at readingeagle.com.

New Report Detailing Bicyclist Fatalities Prompts 30 Life-Saving Action Steps for States
New research shows that bicyclist deaths rose 12.2% to 818 in 2015, the largest percentage increase of all roadway user groups that year (the latest year in which data is available). But unlike decades ago, when children and teens represented the bulk of bicyclist fatalities, today the average age of those killed is 45, and most are male (85%). Read the press release for more.

Driverless Cars of the Future Confront Rules Written for Drivers
When the U.S. government finally got around to regulating auto safety in 1967, it insisted that every car have seatbelts and that the steering column be engineered to absorb impact so it wouldn’t spear the driver. Read the article at bloomberg.com.

Are You Ready For A Digital Driver's License?
Eighty percent of Americans are interested in a drivers license app for
smartphones, according to survey results released Tuesday. The recent survey data was collected by MorphoTrust, the current manufacturer of physical driver’s licenses for most states and leading developer of the new digital technology. Read the article at statescoop.com.

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@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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