AAMVA’s Annual International Conference Wraps Up in Williamsburg

AAMVA’s 2016 Annual International Conference wrapped up on Thursday, August 18th, in Williamsburg, Virginia. Whether you attended the conference in person, or followed the event on @AAMVAConnection's Twitter feed, there are likely some things you'd like to see again or perhaps you'd like to share with colleagues. Visit the Downloads Center where you'll find many of the presentations from the conference are available for download. Please take a moment to fill out this brief survey about the AIC. Let us know how you feel so we can continue to improve our conferences. Take the survey. You will need an AAMVA login and password (the same one you used to register for AIC). Forgot password? In the meantime, join us in setting your sights for San Francisco, California, host city for next year's annual international conference. We hope to see you there!

Idaho to Join State-to-State Verification Service

Idaho will begin using the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) on Monday, August 22nd. Tasks related to on-boarding Idaho will be conducted during the weekend of August 20th. During this process (Saturday evening to Monday morning), there may be periods during which the CDLIS/S2S Central Site is in inquiry-only mode or is unavailable (over and above the regularly scheduled maintenance window of 2AM to 5AM on Sunday, August 21st). Following Idaho, several states will be joining the S2S program throughout 2016. Please visit www.aamva.org/State-to-State/ for a full timeline and more information. This month also marks the first anniversary of Wisconsin's participation in S2S. Wisconsin was the first jurisdiction to implement S2S, and offers some insights after a full year of participation.

After Lawsuit, New Jersey Allows Driver to Get “8THEIST” License Plate

Drivers in New Jersey will be able to request vanity license plates that reference their belief in atheism after the state’s Motor Vehicle Commission settled a lawsuit this month filed by a woman whose request for a license plate that said “8THEIST” was rejected almost three years ago. Read the full story at NYTimes.com.

Bill Could Add Tens of Thousands of Organ Donors in New York State
New York state has the lowest amount of registered organ donors across the country. But a new bill could change that, and add tens of thousands of donors to the list. Read the full story at WIVB.com.

New York Stiffens Intoxicated Boating Penalties
Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Tuesday signed into law a bill that requires courts to consider prior intoxicated and impaired driving convictions when sentencing someone for intoxicated or impaired boating. Read the full story at PoughkeepsieJournal.com.

New Legislation Could Mandate Speed Cameras, Fines in Roadway Work Zones (Pennsylvania)
Drivers speeding through work zones on the Pennsylvania Turnpike and other roads endanger the lives of construction workers, and legislation currently in the state Senate aims to punish drivers who don’t obey the law. Read the full story at TimesOnLine.com.

New Mississippi Driver's License
As part of the most aggressive overhaul of the Mississippi’s driver's license system in its history, the Department of Public Safety has unveiled the state's new driver’s license. The new licenses are now being issued to motorists who renew or order a duplicate license via the Internet or by using recently revamped kiosks around the state. Read the DPS news release.

DMV Charging Fee on Late Registrations (North Carolina)
North Carolina motorists who fail to renew their vehicle registration and pay their property taxes by the due date will now pay a fee for being late. Read the full story at DailyAdvance.com.

West Virginia to Offer DMV Kiosks in Malls, Grocery Stores
West Virginia will begin offering kiosks in malls, grocery stores and elsewhere as a new option for people to renew car registrations without going to the local DMV. Read the full story at Herald-Dispatch.com.

Human Trafficking a Concern in Ohio and Beyond
Human trafficking doesn’t just happen in the far reaches of the world, as it’s just as extensive within the United States and Ohio. Then mix in internet ads that are thinly coded to resemble adult services make human trafficking rampant and unruly online, and difficult to fight. But federal lawmakers and state officials are doing what they can to counter the nefarious trade. Read the full story at DaytonDailyNews.com.

Wisconsin DMV Reaching Out To Confirm Process for Obtaining Voter ID
DMV is reaching out to the public to confirm the process for obtaining an identification card for voting purposes. If you will be at least 18 years old by the next election, if you are a U.S. citizen, and you are eligible to vote in Wisconsin, you may apply for a free ID card for voting purposes. Read the DOT press release.
**Commercial Driver License Suspension Notices** (Ends 08/23/2016) Responses received from AZ, CA, CT, DC, FL, ID, IL, KS, MN, NE, NH, NY, RI, TX, VA, VT, WA, WV.

**Purge Certificates** (Ends 08/29/2016) Responses received from FL, IL, KS, NY.

**Titling/Registering Park Model Manufactured Homes** (Ends 08/29/2016) Responses received from IA, IL, KY, OK, RI, UT, VA, VT, WY.

California Drunk Driving Fatalities on Rise After Decline
After reaching an all-time low in 2011 – with 774 fatalities involving individuals with a blood alcohol level of 0.08 or greater – the State of California has experienced a steady increase of drunk driving-related deaths with as many as 882 last year, representing 28.7 percent of all total traffic deaths. Read the full story at PRNewswire.com.

Saskatchewan Rolling Out Facial Recognition Software on Driver's Licence and ID Photos
Starting next Wednesday, the government will start using facial recognition software when issuing driver's licences and photo identification cards. Residents who get a new driver's licence or identification cards won’t notice anything different, but the technology will be incorporated into the photo. Read the full story at Regina.CTVNew.ca.

Uber's First Self-Driving Fleet Arrives in Pittsburgh This Month
The autonomous cars, launching this summer, are custom Volvo XC90s, supervised by humans in the driver's seat. Read the full article on Bloomberg.com.

Audi Debuts Industry-First Traffic Light Countdown
Audi is introducing an industry-first system that tells drivers how long it will take for a traffic light to change from red to green. The system wirelessly links vehicles to traffic-management computers in certain U.S. cities. Audi is finalizing contracts and says it will announce the cities soon. Read the full story at SacBee.com.

10 States With the Harshest DUI Penalties: Are Laws Having the Desired Effect?
It goes without saying that drunk driving is a very, very bad thing. Though the number of traffic fatalities involving alcohol has fallen over the years, so has the total number of auto-related deaths. As a result, alcohol continues to play a role in 30 to 40 percent of U.S. traffic fatalities. Read the full story at TheCarConnection.com.

How States Use Facial Recognition to Sniff Out Driver's License Fraud
By the time the law caught up with him, Ronald Carnes had been on the run for 40 years. He’d been moving from state to state after escaping from a North Carolina prison in 1973, finally landing in Waterloo, Iowa, under a pair of assumed names. Read the full story at TheVerge.com.

Ford Promises Fleets of Driverless Cars Within Five Years
In the race to develop driverless cars, several automakers and technology companies are already testing vehicles that pilot themselves on public roads. And others have outlined plans to expand their development fleets over the next few years. Read the full story at NYTimes.com.

New Rules Require Heavy-Duty Trucks to Reduce Emissions by 25% Over the Next Decade
The Obama administration on Tuesday issued aggressive new emissions standards for heavy-duty trucks. The rules are expected to achieve better fuel efficiency and a
bigger cut in pollution than the version that was first proposed last year. Read the full story at NYTimes.com.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**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.).

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!***

**IIHS @IIHS_autosafety | View the Tweet**
Follow that car: Uber’s self-drivers are another Pittsburgh first http://www.post-gazette.com/opinion/editorials/2016/08/19/Follow-that-car-Uber-s-self-drivers-are-another-Pittsburgh-first/stories/201608190126 … via @PittsburghPG

**NTSI @NTSI_NEWS | View the Tweet**
NTSI’s SNAP (Safe New Attitude Program) gives younger drivers the tools to make safe choices behind the wheel.

**Erin Holmes @Holmes_EA | View the Tweet**
Here at #AICVA discussing impaired driving legislative trends and solutions w/ @AAMVAConnection members!

**Kevin Eldridge @Ltceld | View the Tweet**
Congrats to @MajorPackard winning @AAMVAConnection Public Affairs & Consumer Ed award for #CSPFightFata1s @CSP_News

**Vicky Grotton @PenobscoatTOY14 | View the Tweet**
Great speaker at @AAMVAConnection! Teachers & parents

**FMCSA @FMCSA | View the Tweet**
View roadside inspections from the perspective of a #commercialvehicle safety enforcement officer https://youtu.be/KXkaFGd6XjM via @wastatepatrol

**Colonel THP @THP_Colonel | View the Tweet**
Here I am with Debra Coffey, LTC John Albertson, Kendall Poole & Maj Tony Barham as we attend the AAMVA Conf in VA.

SADD Nation @SADDnation | View the Tweet

Make rest a priority. #ArriveAlive #SADDnation http://ht.ly/TD8Q303fkBc

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Honk if you’re an 8THEIST: how forbidden vanity plates vary by State

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