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Annual International Conference Wrap Up Video and Presentations Now Available
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. Or, perhaps you were in attendance and you'd just like to relive the experience by watching the Wrap-Up Video. AAMVA is always trying to find ways to improve the event and we ask that you please take a moment to fill out this brief survey about the AIC. 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!

AAMVA Board of Directors Meet
The AAMVA Board of Directors held their August meeting last week in Williamsburg, prior to the Annual International Conference. The meeting's actions included approval of the 2017 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 endorsed a series of financial recommendations that will more closely align AAMVA expenses with how revenues are collected. This includes a significant Technology Fee reduction beginning in fiscal year 2017 and the credit of $2.1 Million to jurisdiction members, which will further reduce their 2018 and 2019 Technology Fees. A new Standing Committee Manual was approved, as was the 2016 edition of the AAMVA DL/ID Card Design Standard. Both of those documents will soon be available on the AAMVA website.

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.

2016 AAMVA Year in Review
AAMVA has created a Year In Review video, giving an overview of all that the association has accomplished in the past year. The video was shown at the Opening General Session and Annual Membership Meeting at the 2016 Annual International Conference and is available for viewing on AAMVA's Web site and on AAMVA's YouTube Channel.
MassDOT Moves Forward on All Electronic Tolling
The Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT) Board of Directors acted this week to move ahead with plans to completely demolish Interstate 90 toll plazas by the end of 2017 as a milestone in the state’s progress toward All Electronic Tolling (AET) along Interstate 90 (the Massachusetts Turnpike), the Tobin Bridge, and Boston tunnels. MassDOT announced that AET will “go live” on October 28. Read the article on www.massDOT.state.ma.us.

Massachusetts Sets First-of-Its-Kind Tax on Uber, Lyft
Massachusetts is the first state to tax ride sharing. The move, coming after Gov. Charlie Baker signed H.4570 into law this month, introduces a nationally unique package of regulations for Uber, Lyft and others in the growing industry. The state will take 20 cents per ride — which the companies can’t add onto customers’ rates — and redistribute it among local governments, the state’s transportation fund and the taxi industry. Read the full story at GovTech.com.

Chris Christie Ends Online Driver’s License Fees, Makes Other MVC Changes (New Jersey)
Gov. Chris Christie ended online driver’s license fees and took other steps aimed at reducing Motor Vehicle Commission wait times and costs on Wednesday. Read the full story at Patch.com.

Parents Behind on Child Support Won’t Be Able to Renew Car Registration (New Jersey)
If you’re behind six months on your child support payments, you will not be able to renew your vehicle registration starting September 1st. Read the full story at KRISTV.com.

Governor Cuomo Announces More Than 100 Arrests Since Major Enhancement to DMV’s Facial Recognition Technology (New York)
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that a major enhancement to the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles’ facial recognition program has led to more than 100 arrests and 900 open cases since it launched in January. Read the Governor’s press release.

Governor Cuomo Announces Coordinated Interagency Effort to Combat Underage Drinking on College Campuses Across New York
Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced a coordinated effort by several state agencies and institutions to prevent under age drinking on college campuses and in college towns as the fall semester begins across the Empire State. The New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services, the New York State Liquor Authority, the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, and the New York State Police are aligning resources to prevent under age drinking on campuses across New York. Read the Governor’s press release.

New York State DMV Announces Lean Initiative to Speed Up Title Process

The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) today announced a dramatic reduction in the time it takes to issue customers certificates of title documents, making it possible for New Yorkers to receive their titles faster than ever before. Read the full story at LongIsland.com.

**Patrol Responds to Court Decision (Kansas)**
In light of, and with respect to the 10th Circuit Court of Appeals recent decision on a case (14-3278) involving the Kansas Highway Patrol, the agency would like to clarify the work we do, and how traffic stops are conducted. Read the KHP press release.

**State Officials Unveil Oklahoma’s New License Plate**
State officials unveiled Oklahoma’s new license plate design Monday. At 1 p.m., Governor Mary Fallin held a press conference with other state leaders to reveal Oklahoma’s new license plate design. Read the full story at Ocolly.com.

**Mobile DMV Draws Rave Reviews (Virginia)**
From Franklin to Patrick County, Martinsville to Danville, they can be found all over Southside, depending on what day it is. The office location changes every day for Donna Owen, Ashley Hunt and Shirley Crouch. All three women are part of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles “DMV 2 Go” program. What’s the difference between a mobile DMV and the regular station? Not a lot, it turns out. Read the full story at MartinsvilleBulletin.com.

**State Eases Policy Over Changing Gender on Driver’s License (Michigan)**
The state of Michigan is easing a strict policy that made it very difficult for transgender residents to change gender identities on driver’s licenses. Read the full story at WDIO.com.

**Secretary of State Ruth Johnson Lauds Federal Court Ruling Dismissing Lawsuit (Michigan)**
Secretary of State Ruth Johnson issued the following statement regarding the U.S. District Court Eastern District ruling dismissing the Love v. Johnson case. The lawsuit addressed what documents the state can require for a customer to update their driver’s license or state ID information... Read the SOS press release.

**Would You Like Car Tabs with That? Drive-Through Helps Shorten DMV Lines (Minnesota)**
Jacob Leverenz’s order from the drive-through window came with an unexpected twist — a license plate. Leverenz drove from his parents' home in Eden Prairie to renew his tabs Monday at Carver County's service center in Chanhassen. Leverenz, 28, thought he would have to go inside the building and wait in line, but instead he simply pulled his gray minivan up to the center’s drive-through service window and within minutes had new tabs and a license plate. Read the full story at StarTribune.com.

**MVD Expands Online Appointments to Include Road Tests**
Arizona
Taking the road test for a driver license has long involved showing up at an Arizona Department of Transportation Motor Vehicle Division office early in hopes of getting a time slot to take the test that day. And often plenty of waiting. Read the DOT press release.

More Than 200 Duplicate License Plates Issued in Colorado
A day after Next exposed a problem in the Colorado DMV, the agency now says it accidentally issued 219 duplicate license plates due to an error in December. Read the full story at 9News.com.

New Mexico Military Bases to Stop Taking Some State IDs
Military bases in New Mexico will stop accepting some state's driver's licenses for base access next month as the federal REAL ID Act starts to be implemented. Read the full story at KOB.com.

Self-Driving Cars Reach A Fork in the Road, and Automakers Take Different Routes
Cars capable of driving themselves may be on the showroom floor sooner than you think, but whether they should come with all the current essentials — including a steering wheel and pedals on the floor — has the auto industry at a fork in the road. Read the full story at WashingtonPost.com.

Why Uber is Turning the Streets of a U.S. City into its Laboratory
Silicon Valley is the land of the beta test, the constant tweak, where companies habitually release products still in development to see how they work in the hands of consumers. Read the full story at WashingtonPost.com.

6 Scenarios Self-Driving Cars Still Can't Handle
When a Tesla Model S was involved in the first fatal crash while Autopilot was activated, Tesla wrote in a blog post that the Autopilot system did not notice "the white side of the tractor trailer against a brightly lit sky, so the brake was not applied." The fatal accident is still under investigation by government regulators, but that one sentence doesn't bode too well for Tesla. It shows that despite how far autonomous technology has come, there are still some situations that are better handled by human drivers. Read the full story at BusinessInsider.com.

National Highway Safety Leaders Meet in Seattle to Address Technology and Driver Behavior
The nation's chief highway safety leaders will hold their Annual Meeting August 27-31 in downtown Seattle to emphasize the importance of safe driving behavior in an era of rapid technological advancement and recent data projecting that overall traffic deaths were up nearly 8% in 2015, after years of decline. View the GHSA press release.

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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US wants to force lower speeds on truck and bus drivers

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Vote for your new Indiana license plate at http://myBMV.com! Voting ends Sept. 5

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Bright examples of #1930 large-size plates, showing the difference between un-restored & restored passenger styles.

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#DontbeTHATdriver who treats their car like the lawn at a music festival, ending with a crash instead of an encore.

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#thisisreallifeohio illustrates how fake IDs are being used for more than getting into bars #fakeidrealcrime

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CVE Week of August 14, 2016, Inspectors weighed a large crane for permit verification in Colchester