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14-15 | 2016 September NDR Working Group Meeting
New Orleans, LA
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14-15 | 2016 September Autonomous Vehicles Best Practices Working Group Meeting
Kansas City, MO
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21-22 | 2016 September System Modernization Working Group Meeting
Salt Lake City, UT
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AAMVA Presents at GHSA Annual Meeting
AAMVA President and CEO, Anne Ferro, spoke at the Governors Highway Safety Association’s Annual Meeting last week in Seattle, WA. Ferro presented in the General Session, The Road to Autonomous Vehicles - Implications for Driver Behavior. Ferro joined with Chris Mullen, Director of Technological Research at State Farm, to discuss autonomous vehicle technologies from the perspective of insurance and state driver licensing professionals, focusing on the evolving role of the driver. The session also featured Wayne Bahr, Global Director for Automotive Safety for Ford Motor Company, who spoke about auto manufacturers’ creation of and response to these increasingly popular technologies.

AAMVA at Florida Tax Collectors Annual Education Forum
AAMVA’s Director of Identity Management, Geoff Slagle, was invited to provide an overview of our community’s efforts around Mobile Driver Licenses (mDL) to the Florida Tax Collectors Annual Education Forum last week in Orlando. The goal of the Forum is education; that learning comes from connecting with partners and associates. This year’s forum offered leadership training, continuing education courses, and networking opportunities. The mDL session was part of a Division of Motorist Services track that also included sessions on fraud detection, emergency contact initiatives, and motorist modernization.

NMVTIS Annual Report and Financial Audit
The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) Final Rule requires AAMVA, as the system operator, to prepare an annual report and procure an independent financial audit. The online NMVTIS Annual Report 2015 is the seventh publication and was recently published by the U.S. Department of Justice. It covers October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2015 and details the performance of NMVTIS during the twelve month reporting period.

New Mexico Conducts Online Inquiries and Updates in NMVTIS
AAMVA is very pleased to announce that New Mexico moved from conducting standalone inquiries and batch updates to integrated online inquiries and updates in NMVTIS. Congratulations, New Mexico! For more information about NMVTIS federal compliance requirements, please contact Marney Michalowski, NMVTIS Program Manager.

DIVS Newsletters Available on AAMVA Website
AAMVA hosts all the monthly DIVS newsletters on the AAMVA website. The most recent issue has just been published and is available to download and view. Visit http://www.aamva.org/State-to-State-Documentation/ for more information.
The U.S. Supreme Court denied North Carolina's Voter ID Law Reinstatement Request

The U.S. Supreme Court denied North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory's emergency request to reinstate the state's voter identification law provisions struck down by a federal appeals court. The governor's request asked for a reinstatement.
of three provisions concerning voter identification, early voting and pre-registration for 16 year olds. The court was deadlocked 4-4 in its decision.

NHTSA Publishes NPRM Expanding Recall Notification Methodology for Manufacturers
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has published a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that would amend the means of recall notification from manufacturers to be in an electronic manner in addition to first class mail. This NPRM satisfies Section 24104 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act). Through this proposed rule, NHTSA also seeks to improve the efficacy of recalls by requiring manufacturers to send additional notifications of defects or noncompliance with applicable Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) if a second notification by the manufacturer does not result in an adequate number of motor vehicles or replacement equipment being returned for remedy. Comments on the NPRM must be received on or before October 31, 2016.

TSM.gov Has Been Redesigned
NHTSA’s Traffic Safety Marketing (TSM) has a new look and feel. Thanks to the feedback and comments received from TSM subscribers, partners, and highway safety advocates, TSM.gov was redesigned. Its more significant improvements include, but are not limited to:

- Upgraded search engine functionality;
- Increased material availability; and
- Web mobile friendliness.

Please take a minute or two to explore the new and improved TSM site and feel free to submit comments and feedback here.

GHSA National Highway Safety Awards Presented in Seattle
The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) presented its 2016 highway safety awards to two individuals who have made a strong impact on improving highway safety nationally and four programs focusing on the country’s foremost highway safety challenges at a luncheon as part of its 2016 Annual Meeting in Seattle. The Foundation for Advancing Alcohol Responsibility (Responsibility.org) sponsored the luncheon. GHSA presented its most prestigious honor, the James J. Howard Highway Safety Trailblazer Award, to David A. Sleet, Ph.D., Associate Director for Science with the National Center for Injury Prevention and Control at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Kathryn J.R. Swanson Public Service Award was presented to Betty Mercer, a former Governor’s Representative at the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning who now runs a consulting practice focusing on traffic safety policy, planning and leadership development. GHSA also presented four Peter K. O’Rourke Special Achievement Awards for outstanding highway safety accomplishments during the previous calendar year to the following programs:

- The Connecticut DOT and UConn Transportation Safety Research Center Crash Data Improvement
- The New York State Governor’s Traffic Safety Committee and ITSMR DRE Tablet Application
- The North Carolina Initiative to Reduce Underage Drinking
- Texas Municipal Traffic Safety Initiatives

More information on these awards can be found at http://ghsa.org/html/meetings/awards/2016/16index.html.

NICB News Release - Louisiana Update - Flooded Vehicles Could Flood Market
The August downpours that dumped more than 30 inches of rain in two days on parts of Louisiana have left as many as 100,000 cars and trucks damaged – and
that's only counting insured vehicles. The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB), says claims reporting and vehicle recovery efforts that were initially slowed by the large scale flooding are now in full swing and, according to the state's Division of Motor Vehicles, the numbers are much higher than originally expected. To view a video report from the scene, click here. Based on the extensive vehicle losses following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Louisiana enacted strong measures to help protect unsuspecting consumers from buying a flood-damaged vehicle. Once an insured vehicle has been determined by the insurer to have been flood damaged it is towed to one of the auction facilities and processed with a new title that indicates it has been water damaged. In Louisiana, during an emergency like the recent flooding, the severity of flood water damage may require a Certificate of Destruction. In that case, the vehicle has to be crushed, or sold to a company that will dismantle it for parts and destroy what remains. The vehicle identification number (VIN) is entered into the state's records, NICB's VINCheckSM, and the National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) so that the consumers can check a vehicle history before purchasing a used car or truck. Read more here.

National Competition Recognizes Five Southern States for Excellence in Transportation Infrastructure

The departments of transportation of five states – Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee – won awards in a national competition that recognizes excellence in transportation projects that improve travel safety, reduce roadway congestion and provide more travel options to consumers. The American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials presented the awards at the Southern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO) conference in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. Read more here.

TRB 2017 Annual Meeting Registration

Register now for the Transportation Research Board 96th Annual Meeting, January 8-12, 2017 in Washington, DC. Registration is required for all Annual Meeting attendees, including session speakers, poster presenters, and those who attend any workshop or visit the exhibits. Register online by November 30 to take advantage of lower fees and to obtain a hotel guest room. Registration is required to secure a guest room within the TRB Hotel Block. Read more here.

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