2016 Region IV Conference Wraps Up

The 2016 Region IV Conference has come and gone, but it was a great couple of days of engaging sessions and networking. The Region IV Board, led by President Tom McClellan, joined AAMVA Chair of the Board Richard D. Holcomb and AAMVA President & CEO Anne Ferro in welcoming everyone to Portland, Oregon. Attendees also had plenty of opportunities to check in with our industry partners in the exhibit hall to get the latest information on products and solutions. Keep an eye on the AAMVA website - presentations from the 2016 Region IV Conference will be posted soon.

New Board Profile at Movemag.org

Visit Movemag.org to take a look at our latest Board Profile. Meet Lisa Kaspar, member of the AAMVA Board of Directors and Director of Vehicles at the Kansas Department of Revenue. Learn a little bit about what brought her to motor vehicle administration and the AAMVA Board, and what she enjoys doing in her free time. Visit Movemag.org for the full story.

Looking for Members to Lend Their Expertise!

AAMVA is seeking jurisdiction members to fill several positions on our three standing committees. Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices, and network with your peers. If you would like to serve on one of our committees, please complete the Committee Member Application Form. All applications must be received by June 1, 2016. Positions are typically two-year terms. Visit the Committees and Working Groups page for more information and to see the full listing of open positions. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Graham, director, Member & Conference Services, (703) 908-8267.

Iowa becomes the 5th State to use State-to-State Verification Service (S2S)

AAMVA congratulates Iowa on successfully implementing S2S during the weekend of May 21, 2016 and becoming the 5th participant using the new service.
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Tampa, FL
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JURISDICTION NEWS

Illinois Secretary of State Announces Security Upgrades to Driver’s License/ID Card and Changes to the Issuance Process
Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White announced that his office is upgrading security features to the Driver's License/ID card design and expanding the central issuance process for driver's licenses and ID cards to all applicants. With implementation of these changes, Illinois has moved closer to achieving full REAL ID compliance, which is a federal mandate of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). By the end of July, applicants visiting Driver Services facilities will no longer be issued a new permanent DL/ID card at the end of the application process. Instead, they will leave the facility with a temporary secure paper driver's license, which is valid for 45 days and will serve as their DL/ID for driving purposes and proof of identification. The temporary, secure paper driver's license or ID card will contain a photo and the basic information that appears on the permanent driver's license or ID card. In addition, the facility employee will return the old DL/ID card back to the applicant after punching a hole in it. Meanwhile, the applicant's information will be sent to a centralized, secure facility in Illinois. After fraud checks have been conducted to ensure the applicant's identity, a higher quality, more secure DL/ID will be printed and sent via U.S. mail within 15 business days to the applicant's address. Read more here.

NHTSA Extends Autonomous Vehicle Guidelines for Safe Deployment and Operation Comment Period
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) has extended the comment period for its proposed Guidelines for the Safe Deployment and Operation of Automated Vehicle Safety Technologies. The intent of NHTSA's operational guidance is to encourage innovative and safe deployment of automated vehicle technologies. The U.S. DOT has requested comments throughout their public hearings on a series of 15 topics related to its operational guidance, including: evaluation and testing scenarios, detection and communication of operational boundaries, environmental operation and sensing, driver transitioning to/from autonomous operating mode, autonomous vehicles for persons with disabilities, data, crash avoidance capabilities, electronics systems safety, non-passenger autonomous vehicles, aspects of technology not ready for guidelines, industry voluntary standards, communications with pedestrians, communications with central location in problem instances, AVs with open safety
NHTSA Publishes Interim Final Rule On Uniform Procedures Implementing State Highway Safety Grant Programs

The National Highway Traffic Safety Association (NHTSA) published an interim final rule in the Federal Register establishing revised uniform procedures implementing State highway safety grant programs, as a result of enactment of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act. It also reorganizes, streamlines and updates some grant requirements. This interim final rule was published to provide timely guidance to States about the application procedures for highway safety grants starting in year 2017. The agency will publish a notice responding to any comments received and, if appropriate, will amend provisions of the regulation. This interim final rule is effective on May 23, 2016. Comments concerning this interim final rule are due October 31, 2016.

FHWA Makes Technical Corrections To The Rules Governing The Enforcement of the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax

The Federal Highway Administration published a final rule in the Federal Register making a technical correction to the regulations that govern the enforcement of the Heavy Vehicle Use Tax found at 23 CFR part 669. The amendments make no substantive changes to FHWA regulations, policies, or procedures but correct the statute references to reflect current law. The current regulation references a section of the United States Code that was later amended by the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21).

GHSA: New Data: Motorcyclist Deaths Surge 10% in 2015

Preliminary data provided by state highway safety offices indicates that more than 5,000 people were killed on motorcycles 2015. This represents an estimated 10 percent increase compared with 2014 -- more than 450 additional deaths. This grim news, presented in the Governors Highway Safety Association’s (GHSA) annual forecast of motorcyclist fatalities, comes as warm weather prompts thousands of bikers to hit the road either for the first time, or after taking their motorcycles out of storage following winter. Motorcyclist Traffic Fatalities by State: 2015 Preliminary Data is GHSA’s sixth annual motorcyclist fatality Spotlight report. The series provides an early look at current data, trends, and developing issues. GHSA projects the final motorcyclist fatality total for 2015 will be 5,010 -- only the third year in U.S. history and the first time since 2008 in which the fatality number topped 5,000. Read more here.

Webcast on Regional Interstate Violation Enforcement Reciprocity

You are invited to attend a free webcast on the topic: Regional Interstate Violation Enforcement Reciprocity (RIVER)

Wednesday, June 1, 2016
2:00 PM – 3:00 PM EST
Learn about key elements such as:

- Current Interstate cooperation
- Description of current efforts in the New England and Mid-Atlantic States
- Key Factors in the endeavor
- Legislative challenges

Register today: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6684130571510982147

*Opening Statements: Delaware Secretary of Transportation and I-95 Corridor Coalition Chair Jennifer Cohan

*Presenter: Jim Crawford, AECOM

*Closing Remarks: Buddy Croft, Executive Director, Rhode Island Turnpike & Bridge Authority, IBTTA President

Additional documents available on the ATI website: http://www.tollinterop.org/violation-enforcement/

A collaborative effort between AAMVA, ATI, E-ZPass Group, I-95 Corridor Coalition, IBTTA, and their members.

Eno Center for Transportation and AASHTO Panel Discussion

AAMVA attended the Eno Center for Transportation and AASHTO joint panel discussion on “CHEAPER, SAFER, FASTER: How Disruptive Technologies Are Changing How We Build And Operate Transportation Infrastructure” on May 16, 2016 on Capitol Hill to kick off “Infrastructure Week.” The panel discussed technology trends and the intersection with transportation infrastructure. Chairman Sam Graves of the Subcommittee on Highways and Transit of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee stopped by to make remarks and answer questions.

Connected & Automated Vehicles (CAV): What States Need to Know

The I-95 Corridor Coalition is sponsoring a conference on June 21-22, 2016 in Linthicum, MD that will highlight how connected and automated vehicles will affect our transportation system; provide lessons learned from around the country; describe current efforts underway within select Coalition states; and share insights from State DOT executives, NHTSA, the insurance industry and auto manufacturers. Read more here.

AAA: Cannabis Use Among Drivers Suspected of Driving Under the Influence or Involved in Collisions: Analysis of Washington State Patrol Data

The AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety has released a report that examines drivers involved in collisions and those arrested for suspected driving under the influence who were also investigated for having cannabis in their blood. Read more here.
Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) 5th Edition Update

The Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) are pleased to announce the launch of the latest Model Minimum Uniform Crash Criteria (MMUCC) update. Feedback from a broad spectrum of MMUCC users was analyzed by the federal safety agencies to develop a suite of proposed changes that would improve the quality and utility of crash data by addressing emerging safety issues, technological changes in the vehicle fleet, and how states collect, manage and analyze their crash data. Highway safety professionals are encouraged to provide input on these proposed changes via an online forum developed by GHSA and NHTSA. (Please note that you will need to create an account to access the online forum.) This is a collaborative process between NHTSA, GHSA and critical stakeholders, so all comments are considered. Before you begin the online forum, we strongly suggest that you carefully review the instructions on the first page of the tool (shown after you register). As you fill out the questions in the tool, you will be able to save your progress and return to complete the survey at a later time. Completion of the forum questions should take about an hour. The deadline for responses is 5:00 p.m. ET on June 20, 2016. The proposed changes are available here. Visit ghsa.org for more information.