AAMVA’s Annual International Conference Wraps Up in Williamsburg

AAMVA’s 2016 Annual International Conference wrapped up on Thursday, August 18th, in Williamsburg, Virginia. Attendees had a great three days of informative sessions and fun networking opportunities. AAMVA members elected their 2016-2017 Board of Directors, including new Chair of the Board Jean Shiomoto (CA) along with new members Sarah Garcia (MT), Christine Nizer (MD), and Major Fred Williams (KY).

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:

- Watch our Wrap Up Video to get a snapshot of our time in Williamsburg.
- 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?
- 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! Take a look at what you can expect in this video!

AAMVA Board of Directors Meet

Prior to the AIC, the AAMVA Board of Directors held their August meeting in Williamsburg last week. Among the Board’s actions, they approved 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. Additional actions included approving both a new Standing Committee Manual that outlines how AAMVA committees and working groups operate and 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.
**AUGUST**

24 | Hidden Epidemics: What The Data Tells Us About Our Safety  
2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

30 | NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – How to Correct Title and Brand Data on the Central Site  
2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)

**SYSTEMS TRAINING**

AUGUST

23 | CD01 Search Inquiry (basic)
24 | SPEXS Web UI and Reports (intermediate).
25 | SPEXS State Procedures Manual (intermediate)
25 | CD05 AKA Data Inquiry (basic)
30 | CD07 Add New Driver (intermediate)
31 | CD09 Change Data (intermediate)

**OPEN RFPS**

Check out AAMVA’s Open RFPs here for potential opportunities.

**OUR SURVEYS**

Please respond to these surveys from Montana, New Hampshire, Ontario, Pennsylvania, California, and South Carolina.

**Drug & Alcohol Testing for Law Enforcement Officer** (Ends 09/09/2016) Responses received from IL, NC, WA.

**Placement of Inspection Stickers on Vehicles** (Ends 08/31/2016) Responses received from DC, IL, MD, NJ, NY, UT, WA.

**eLearning and Driver Training/Education** (Ends 08/30/2016) Responses received from AK, DC, DE, FL, IL, LA, MD, MN, ND, NH, NY, SC, TX, VT, WA.

**Adoption of HAZMAT Exemption in FAST ACT** (Ends 08/25/2016) Responses received from CT, IL, IN, MB, MI, ME, MN, MS, ND, NE, NH, NM, NT, OH, VA, VT, WA.

**Combination DUI/DWI/OWI Legislation** (Ends 08/29/2016) Responses received from AB, AZ, CA, IL, IN, MI, MN, MO, MT, NC, NE, NY, PA, RI, SC, TX, VA.

**Drug Impaired Driving & Monitoring Technology** (Ends 09/09/2016) Responses received from AK, DC, IA, ME, MN, MS, NH, NT, NY, RI, UT, VT, WA.

**Purge Certificates** (Ends 08/29/2016) Responses received from AR, CA, FL, IA, IL, IN, KS, MD, ME, MN, ND, NE, NH, NY, OH, TN, VT, WA, WI.

If you need a Web password or have any questions about using the survey tool, please contact Helpdesk@aamva.org.

**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. You can watch the video here!

**Idaho Becomes the 7th State to Use State-to-State Verification Service**

AAMVA congratulates Idaho on successfully implementing the State-to-State Verification Service (S2S) during the weekend of August 20, 2016 and becoming the 7th participant using the new service. Idaho will now be able to use SPEXS to perform its CDLIS and S2S functions. Idaho can now track pointer information related to its Base Driver Licenses, Permit for Base Driver Licenses, and Identification Cards. This supports, among other goals, limiting any person to only one driver’s license. All migration activities have been completed as per schedule.

**This Week’s Webinars**

**Hidden Epidemics: What The Data Tells Us About Our Safety**  
Wednesday, August 24 2016, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)  
The number of Americans dying from preventable injuries has reached an all-time high, according to analysis from the National Safety Council. Preventable injuries, commonly known as ‘accidents,’ claimed 136,053 lives in 2014 – a 57 percent increase since 1992, when deaths from preventable injuries were the lowest they had been in 68 years. Preventable injuries are now the fourth leading cause of death in the United States behind heart disease, cancer and chronic respiratory disease.

**Uber Set to Offer Driverless Rides in Pittsburgh**

Uber is expected to begin offering rides in self-driving Volvo XC90 SUVs in the Pittsburgh area within a few weeks. In addition, it announced Thursday that it has acquired a company that is testing similar technology for tractor-trailers to use on...
send an e-mail to webportalsupport@aamva.org or call Janice Dluzyński at 703-908-5842. All online surveys can be found on the AAMVA Web site here.

highways. Uber’s rollout of self-driving vehicles comes as a PennDOT Autonomous Vehicle Task Force still is developing recommendations for laws to cover the testing and operation of self-driving vehicles. Roger Cohen and Kurt Myers, co-chairs of the committee, said Thursday that Uber has been an active participant in the task force and they have no concerns about the company moving forward with self-driving vehicles ahead of the recommendations. Read more in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

FMCSA Announces Pilot Program to Allow 18-21 Year Old Drivers to Operate CMVs
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), as required by section 5404 of the Fixing America’s Surface Transportation (FAST) Act, is proposing a pilot program to allow a limited number of individuals between the ages of 18 and 21 to operate commercial motor vehicles in interstate commerce if they have received specified heavy-vehicle driver training while in military service and are sponsored by a participating motor carrier. During the 3-year pilot program, the safety records of these younger drivers would be compared to the records of a control group of comparable size, comprised of drivers who are 21 years of age or older and who have comparable training and experience in driving vehicles requiring a commercial driver’s license. The comparison of the two groups’ performance would help to determine whether age is a critical safety factor. FMCSA is also proposing criteria for a working group to consult with the Agency in conducting, monitoring, and evaluating the pilot program. Further, the Agency outlines procedural steps and a data collection plan and requests comments on these elements. Comments must be received before September 21, 2016.

EPA and DOT Finalize New Medium- And Heavy-Duty Vehicle and Engine Emission and Efficiency Standards
The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), on behalf of the Department of Transportation (DOT), finalized rules for a comprehensive Phase 2 Heavy-Duty (HD) National Program that will reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions and fuel consumption from new on-road medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and engines. Manufacturers of affected models and engines will have to cut carbon emissions by up to 25 percent in their products and increase their fuel efficiency under the EPA’s new standards for 2018 models and beyond. NHTSA’s fuel consumption standards and EPA’s carbon dioxide (CO2) emission standards are tailored to each of four regulatory categories of heavy-duty vehicles: combination tractors; trailers used in combination with those tractors; heavy-duty pickup trucks and vans; and vocational vehicles. The rule also includes separate standards for the engines that power combination tractors and vocational vehicles. A first set of standards was completed in 2011 for 2014-2018 models.

DEA Denies Petition to Initiate Proceedings to Reschedule
The U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has denied a petition to initiate rulemaking proceedings to reschedule marijuana. The DEA cites that marijuana continues to meet the criteria for schedule I control under the Controlled Substance Act for the following reasons: marijuana has a high potential for abuse; marijuana has no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States; marijuana lacks accepted safety for use under medical supervision. The denial further cites that “Congress established only one schedule, schedule 1, for drugs of abuse with ‘no currently accepted medical use in treatment in the United States’ and ‘lack of accepted safety for use under medical supervision.”

North Carolina Asks Supreme Court For Emergency Reinstatement Of Voter ID Law
North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory filed an emergency request with the Supreme Court to reinstate parts of the state’s voter identification law the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals struck down three weeks ago. The federal panel reasoned the law had been enacted with racially discriminatory intent. The state is asking for
a stay on three provisions concerning voter identification, early voting and pre-registration for 16 year olds. The request was directed to Chief Justice John Roberts because he has jurisdiction over the Fourth Circuit Court.

**NHTSA Fact Sheet – Lives and Costs Saved by Motorcycle Helmets**

The U.S. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has released a fact sheet that estimates the number lives saved by motorcycle helmets and the number of lives would have been saved if all motorcyclists had worn helmets. [Read more here.]

**PARTNER NEWS**

**2016 GHSA Annual Meeting - Crossroads: The Intersection of Technology and Driver Behavior**

The Governors Highway Safety Association will hold its 2016 Annual Meeting next week in Seattle, Washington, August 27 - 31. **Crossroads: The Intersection of Technology and Driver Behavior** is the theme for the 2016 GHSA Annual Meeting. General Sessions will address how technological innovations can impact the way we drive now and in the future. AAMVA President and CEO, Anne Ferro, will be speaking in a General Session on August 30, *The Road to Autonomous Vehicles - Implications for Driver Behavior*. Darrin Grondel, GHSA Secretary, Director of the Washington Traffic Safety Commission, and Chair of AAMVA’s Law Enforcement Committee, will also be speaking at the Welcome Luncheon on August 29. AAMVA will be exhibiting at the conference as well. [Learn more here.]

**TIRF New Report: Driver Knowledge of Vehicle Safety Features in Canada**

A new Road Safety Monitor (RSM) public opinion poll on driver knowledge of vehicle safety features is now available from the Traffic Injury Research Foundation (TIRF). This continuing series of reports expands data to track annual trends in driver awareness, attitudes, and behaviours about vehicle safety technologies that are currently available and rapidly emerging as standard features on new vehicles. This report, funded by the Toyota Canada Foundation, Beer Canada, and State Farm, reveals that driver knowledge about vehicle safety features, which are precursors to increasingly automated vehicles, remains low and is a source of concern. [Download a copy of Road Safety Monitor 2014: Knowledge of Vehicle Safety Features in Canada.]