

Regional News

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Tidbits

- Roni White, Operations Director of the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles is joining the ranks of leisure at the end of the month. She has been with the state for 35 years. I'd say she deserves to retire! Roni, we've enjoyed knowing you and wish you the best of good health and happiness on the auspicious occasion of your retirement!
- Congrats to a couple of our colleagues in Nevada. Terri Carter has been appointed the new Administrator of the DMV's MS&P Division. Mark Froese has been appointed the new Administrator of the MVIT division. We wish both Terri and Mark the best of luck in their new gigs. Go get 'em!
- It is with sadness that we report the deaths of two members. Cindy Johnson, CDL Coordinator from Tennessee, passed away this past weekend after a brief illness. Cindy was active in the AAMVA community and we were sad to hear of her passing at the young age of 49. Virginia Lockman, formerly of the Minnesota Driver and Vehicle Services division passed away last week after a long battle with cancer. Virginia was active in the AAMVA community for many years and served as a member of the Financial Responsibility Committee. Our condolences go to the friends and family of Cindy and Virginia.

Region I News

Teen Guilty in Texting-While-Driving Crash (Massachusetts)

A Massachusetts teenager was sentenced Wednesday to spend a year in jail for a fatal traffic accident that happened while he was texting. Aaron Deveau was sentenced to 2.5 years behind bars with a year to serve and the remainder suspended for the February 2011 crash that took the life of Donald Bowley Jr., 55, and seriously injured Bowley's girlfriend. Prosecutors say the then-17-year-old high school student sent 193 text messages the day of the crash, including some just a minute or so before impact and dozens more after it. A jury convicted Deveau of motor vehicle homicide and negligent operation while texting. He was among the first people convicted under a law that took effect in September 2010 that created the criminal charge of texting while driving negligently and causing injury. Now 18, Deveau, who had faced a maximum of four years behind bars, also was ordered to perform 40 hours of community service and surrender his driver's license for 15 years. [Read the full story in the Atlanta Journal Constitution.](#)

New Jersey Senate Panel Gives Ok to Boosting Fines for Texting While Driving

Drivers who send text messages from behind the wheel face doubled fines and losing their licenses – because lawmakers say they aren't taking the state's far-reaching ban seriously. Lawmakers responsible for the 2009 ban on texting while driving now are pushing harder to increase first-timers' penalties from \$100 to \$200, and allow repeat offenders to lose their license for 30 days. The change would double all fines for talking or texting while behind the wheel, meaning \$200 for first offenders, \$400 for second offenses, and \$600 plus points the third time. The bill also allows a judge to suspend a driver's license for 90 days after three or more texting violations. Gaining the power to suspend repeat offenders' licenses puts New Jersey again ahead of the pack of other states, after being one of the first to ban texting along with talking on a phone while driving. [Read the full story at NorthJersey.com.](#)

New Jersey, Other States Turn Focus to Pets in Fight Against Distracted Driving

First, it was pedestrians distracted by their cell phones and other gadgets. Now, New Jersey is taking a hard look at drivers who travel with their pets unrestrained. Under a new law, police and officers with the state's Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals could fine a driver \$250 – \$1,000 for giving a four-legged family member free rein of the car while it's moving. Some in the Garden State scoffed at the news, but New Jersey is not the only state to consider or take up legislation to curb what transportation experts consider another contributor to distracted driving. **Arizona, Connecticut** and **Maine** residents can be penalized under distracted-driving laws if they're driving with a pet in their lap. In Hawaii, drivers are not allowed to drive with pets in their laps; **Rhode Island** and **Oregon** are considering doing the same. According to a 2011 pet passenger safety survey by AAA and Kurgo pet products, 65% of dog owners admitted to engaging in at least one potentially distracting activity while driving with their dog. [Read the full story at ABC News.](#)

DMV Worker Accused of Making Bogus Vehicle Titles; Two Others Charged (New York)

Investigators said a clerk at the DMV branch in Wilton allegedly used her position to create bogus vehicle titles so that several others could sell or register cars they didn't own. State police arrested Joelle Russo-Gavin, 32, on the felony charges with tampering with public records and offering a false instrument for filing. She was employed as a part-time clerk at the office and assisted two men in separately obtaining fictitious duplicate vehicle titles so the vehicles could be registered or sold. Also charged was Randall E. Ramsey, 47, who was arrested on one felony count of offering a false instrument for filing. Police said he falsified paperwork in order to sell a vehicle. Investigators also cited Erik A. Pagan, 38, who is charged with felony counts of offering a false instrument for filing, second-degree forgery and fourth-degree grand larceny. He allegedly falsified paperwork in order to take ownership of a vehicle and then sell it. The charges against Pagan and Ramsey involve separate vehicles. Russo-Gavin was fired from her job in Saratoga County following her arrest. [Read the full story in the Daily Gazette.](#)

Three Strikes Bill Would Terminate Licenses of Serial Dangerous Drivers (New York)

A bi-partisan group of state legislators is pushing to terminate - permanently - the licenses of New York motorists who habitually break the law. Charlotte's Law would apply the "three strikes" principle to traffic code violations. In January 2010, Schenectady pedestrian Charlotte Gallo was fatally struck by a driver who had 23 prior citations for traffic offenses and had been involved in 10 crashes. His penalty for killing Gallo: a \$100 fine for failure to yield and a one-year license revocation. Charlotte's Law would permanently take away the licenses of those convicted of any of these offenses three or more times in 25 years: DUI or DWI; a violation of VTL 1146, which includes the state's vulnerable user laws; or vehicular manslaughter. Under the proposed legislation, a person caught behind the wheel after a permanent license revocation, regardless of the reason behind the traffic stop, would be subject to a felony charge and a jail sentence of up to four years. A separate bill would revoke a driver's license and vehicle registration for 10 years following a third drunk driving conviction. [Read the full story at Streets Blog.](#)

Controversial Ontario Auto Insurance Bill Defeated In Legislature

Bill 45, the Insurance Amendment Act (Risk Classification Systems for Automobile Insurance), 2012 received its second reading in Ontario's legislature on Thursday and was defeated. Fifty-two MPPs voted against the bill that sought to amend the Insurance Act to ban the use of territory as a rating factor in auto insurance.

One legislator argued that using geographic location as a factor in determining auto insurance premiums was unfair, especially in parts of the Greater Toronto Area. Another said that drivers in parts of Ontario, especially in northern and rural, could see auto insurance premiums jump as much as 40% if the Bill passed.

Last month, the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC) urged Northern Ontario MPPs to vote against the Bill, calling it "patently unfair." [Read the full story in ILSTV.com.](#)

Two Pennsylvania State Police Troopers Receive Highest Award

Two Pennsylvania State Police troopers, who risked their lives in separate incidents, were honored this week with the State Police Medal of Honor, the department's highest award. Sgt. Adam R. Kosheba and Cpl. Brad J. Eisenhower received medals during an awards ceremony at the State Police Academy. "Both of these troopers showed unparalleled bravery and commitment," State Police Commissioner Frank Noonan said in presenting the awards. "Their performance was in the best traditions of the Pennsylvania State Police." Kosheba received the honor for his actions during a shootout with a man who killed Berks County Sheriff's Deputy Kyle Pagerly. Eisenhower received the award for helping a young mother and her two children who were stranded on the roof of their home by rising floodwaters. State Police have presented 58 Medals of Honor since the award was created in 1970. [Read the full story at WHPTV.](#)

Region II News

Autism License Plates Need 1,000 Statewide Commitments to be Produced *(Alabama)*

The Autism Society of Alabama needs at least 1,000 people across the state to sign up for a special license plate by November to be able to print the tags that promote awareness of the disorder typically discovered in childhood. The special tags cost \$50, with \$41.50 going to the society to fund outreach programs and other services. The cost is tax-deductible and motorists can commit at any time, regardless of renewal month. When 1,000 commitments have been completed, the state will begin producing the tags. [Read the full story at AL.com.](#)

Texting Rises as Crash Issue *(Mississippi)*

Texting while driving is becoming more of an issue in Mississippi courtrooms, with a Marshall County judge being asked to make public a video allegedly showing a driver texting as his vehicle collided with another. And in Massachusetts, the state's first texting-while-driving case is unfolding this week, with jurors deciding whether an 18-year-old was not just speeding but texting when he struck a car, killing its driver and severely injuring a passenger. The list of 38 states banning texting while driving doesn't include Mississippi, with Alabama being the latest to take up a ban. Only drivers with a learner's permit or behind the wheel of a school bus in Mississippi are barred from texting while driving, thanks to a scaled-back law passed in 2010. The state Department of Public Safety has taken no stance on a proposed ban or its enforcement. The Patrol's emphasis, he said, is on education. [Read the full story in the Clarion Ledger.](#)

DMV Receives Report of Fraudulent Document *(South Carolina)*

The DMV has announced a report of a fraudulent document being placed on vehicles parked in spaces designated for persons with disabilities. The document misrepresents the department and indicates the vehicle was parked illegally. "The bottom line is that this document is not from DMV," said Executive Director Kevin Shwedo. "We don't have a Handicapped Inspection Division and we do not have the authority to issue citations. The person distributing this document is committing fraud—plain and simple." The document specifies four parking offenses that may result in fines or penalties. The DMV reminds the public that only law enforcement has the authority to write a citation. Customers who receive one of these documents should contact DMV.

MADD Fears Loss of Specialty Tag *(Tennessee)*

Mothers Against Drunk Drivers of Tennessee needs about 70 of its specialty license plates to be purchased by June 30 or the plate will be retired. If that happens, the group says, it will lose a vital funding source for the organization. The MADD TN plate has provided more than \$15,000 annually to the nonprofit that works to protect families from drunken driving and underage drinking. At least 500 of the specialty plates must be in circulation for the state to continue offering it. The plate went into production in 1997. There are about 2.5 million specialty

plates, which include personalized plates. There about 4.2 million standard plates in the state. The cost of a specialty plate designated for a charitable purpose is \$35 with up to \$30.75 going to the organization, Trout said. MADD receives \$30.75 per plate. An organization's specialty plate is withdrawn from circulation when it doesn't meet its minimum for two consecutive years. Minimums are either 1,000 or 500 plates in circulation depending on the type of organization, Trout said. People can purchase MADD TN plate through their county clerk regardless of their renewal date. [Read the full story in The Tennessean.](#)

State Considers 85 Mph Speed Limit on Toll Road (Texas)

Transportation officials in Texas are testing a new 41-mile segment of highway to see whether it would be safe to post the state's first 85 mph speed limit, setting it on a path to have the highest posted speed limit in the U.S. The DOT is considering the move on a portion of state Highway 130 that would run north-south between Austin and Seguin, a town just east of San Antonio. The agency is looking at the toll road's topography, checking what speed most drivers are traveling on existing parts of the highway and ensuring the access points and cross-sections would still be safe with an 85 mph speed limit. In 2011, the Texas Legislature upped the maximum speed limit from 80 mph to 85 mph, but only for future highways. The idea behind increasing the speed limit is to relieve congestion on state roads. [Read the full story in Seattle PI.](#)

Region III News

Bumps in the Road for Kansas DMV Overhaul

Despite more than a year of careful planning and a coordinated communications effort, a major technology modernization project for the Kansas DMV led to significant service impacts for residents conducting business with the DMV. The Department of Revenue issued a statement last month, apologizing for any inconvenience that stemmed from a "prolonged slow down." Many residents waited in line for hours, as employees struggled to provide service on a brand new system not yet operating at full speed. County DMV offices were closed the first week of May to allow time to convert 6.8 million existing Kansas vehicle records to the new system. Officials encouraged residents to renew their vehicle tags online or through regular mail whenever possible, although some online capabilities were unavailable at certain points during the transition. Grace periods were allowed in limited circumstances to account for people unable to get license plates or renew tags on time as a result of service delays. While characterizing the service interruptions during the transition period as routine for a change of this magnitude, the state is keeping its options open going forward. The new system, which went live in May, processed more than 238,000 transactions last month, and administrators report that most of the state's 105 counties have cleared up processing delays resulting from the conversion. Like many large government agencies, Kansas was using several legacy systems that had grown difficult to upgrade over time and were difficult to support. Separate mainframe systems for vehicle inventory, vehicle information processing, and drivers' licenses dated back to as early as 1987. Paper-intensive processes and redundant databases on disparate systems no longer made sense. In 2008, two statutes were passed by Kansas lawmakers that authorized a \$4 vehicle registration fee to cover the costs of the \$40 million overhaul. The first phase of the modernization project updated vehicle title and registration processes for Kansans. The second phase will offer similar updates to the driver's license system. The timeline for phase two is yet to be determined. [Read the full story in Government Technology.](#)

Northland Teen Pleads Guilty in Texting-While-Driving Fatality (Missouri)

A 16-year-old Northland girl accused of texting while driving and causing a fatal traffic crash pleaded guilty this week and must serve 48 hours of "shock time" in jail. Rachel N. Gannon pleaded guilty to second-degree involuntary manslaughter, third-degree assault and violating the 2009 Missouri law that prohibits motorists 21 or

younger from text-messaging. The Platte County Circuit Court judge suspended imposing Gannon's prison sentence and placed her on five years probation. Gannon will have to serve 72 days of house arrest and perform 300 hours of community service. If Gannon finds a job over the summer, her work hours would count toward the community service. She was ordered to pay a \$200 fine for violating the state law for text-messaging while driving. [Read the full story in the Kansas City Star.](#)

Ohio Becomes 39th State to Ban Texting and Driving

It's official: texting while driving is illegal in Ohio. Gov. John Kasich on Friday signed legislation that will now prohibit all Ohio motorists from writing, reading or sending texts while driving. The new law also outlaws any driver under the age of 18 from using a hand-held electronic device while behind the wheel, such as an iPod, iPad, laptop, or computer tablet. Exemptions are made for emergencies and when a car is parked and removed from the flow of traffic. According to the ban (House Bill 99), no person shall "drive a vehicle while writing, sending, or reading a text-based communication on a handheld electronic wireless communications device." The purpose of this law is "to establish the violation as a secondary traffic offense; to prohibit a person who is less than 18 years of age from using, in any manner, an electronic wireless communications device while driving; and to require driver education courses to include instruction in the dangers of texting while driving." The new texting and driving law will take effect in 90 days. But for the first six months after the bill is enforced, drivers will be issued warnings instead of tickets. Adults cited for texting while driving face a fine of up to \$150. Minors found texting and driving or using a hand-held electronic device while behind the wheel will be charged with a primary offense, which includes a \$150 fine and 60-day license suspension for a first infraction. A \$300 fine and one-year license suspension is punishment for repeat violations. [Read the full story in Ford-Life.](#)

Region IV News

British Columbia Nixes Registration, Licensing, Insurance Requirements of Certain Vehicles

Effective June 7, industrial utility vehicles, miniature motor vehicles and golf course-owned beverage carts operating in British Columbia are no longer required to be registered, licensed and insured by ICBC, under amendments to the Motor Vehicle Act and its regulations. The new changes to the Motor Vehicle Act: exempt industrial utility vehicles (IUVs) used and operated in certain circumstances (incidental use of highway only) from having to be registered, licensed and insured by ICBC; clarify restrictions and conditions of operation, which will ensure that "exempted" vehicles operating on a highway continue to do so in a safe manner; prescribe "beverage carts" for golf courses and "miniature motor vehicles" used only in parades and exempt them from requirements to be registered, licensed and insured with ICBC; add a requirement for exempted vehicles to have private third-party liability insurance; add conditions of use and safety requirements for "mobile equipment". The circumstances that apply to IUV's (which include utility vehicles, industrial vehicles and the trailers towed by these vehicles) include: crossing a highway that intersects a worksite; operating on the untraveled portion of a highway; travelling on a highway next to a worksite for loading and unloading the IUV; operating at a worksite that is cordoned off; performing work in a parking lot or driveway by or on behalf of the property owner or operator; operation of a utility vehicle along a highway with traffic continues to require registration, licensing and ICBC insurance. All exempted industrial utility vehicles, miniature vehicles and beverage carts are still required to have third-party liability insurance. [Read the full story at ILSTV.com.](#)

DMV Launches Retooled Young Driver Webpage (California)

A new website designed to show young drivers and their parents motoring tips, suggestions, and resources has been launched by the DMV. The new site, called [Let's Get it Started](#) has been developed specifically with young drivers in mind. The webpage explains how to apply for a driver license, the cost, and specific instructions for

young drivers. Teens can find out how to make an appointment, find a field office and calculate fees to register their vehicle. And, parents can learn about their roles and responsibilities including useful information to help young drivers stay safe on the road. In addition to driving safety, DMV also provides helpful tips and resources on low cost insurance, how to save gas, preparing for college and getting a job. [Read the DMV press release.](#)

California DMV Makes Change to New License Plates; Change Meant to Help Ease Lines at Offices

In the last year, the state has changed its simple white background of license plates by adding the DMV's website address at the bottom. They want to remind customers that there is a DMV website where they can renew their registration, renew their driver's license, change their address. The DMV said adding the web address is aimed at helping cut lines at its offices. However, some drivers say they haven't noticed the change at all. The DMV said visits to its website are up -- 11 million last year -- though it's not clear if it is because of the new plates. Some drivers say California's plates suffer from being too plain, especially when compared to other states. Many license plates, like Florida's with an orange and Colorado's with snow-covered mountains, use art to portray a theme. In the last 20 years, California plates have changed color and font. At one point, the state license plate even had a sun and a slogan. The DMV says there is no extra cost involved in making the new license plates. [Read the full story at 10 News.](#)

Idaho Reduces Motorcycle Deaths By 48 Percent

Idaho is one of the top five states that reduced motorcyclist deaths in 2011 with a 48% reduction rate, according to a study conducted by the Governors Highway Safety Association (GHSA). In contrast, the report reveals that, nationwide, no progress was made in reducing motorcyclist deaths in 2011. While Idaho dropped from 28 motorcycle deaths in 2010 to 17 in 2011, the number of deaths nationwide is expected to remain at about 4,500 for both years, based on the report's preliminary data. A 12-month count of motorcycle fatalities in Idaho for the last two years shows a 39% reduction. So far in 2012, there have been four fatal crashes in Idaho. The GHSA report shows that, when comparing data from the first nine months of 2010 to the same period in 2011, only 23 states saw a decrease in motorcycle fatalities, Idaho ranking number 4 among those states that saw fatalities drop. A total of 26 states, plus the District of Columbia, experienced an increase in fatalities. A 12 month count of motorcycle fatalities in Idaho for the last two years shows a 39% reduction. So far in 2012, there have been four fatal crashes in Idaho. Data from Idaho's 2009-10 fatal crashes revealed some surprising facts: 42% of motorcycle fatalities involved the rider running off the road in a corner; 69% of the fatalities were individuals over 40 years old; 16% were under 30; 75% were cruisers on touring bikes; 14% were sport bikes; 29% of the fatalities showed alcohol/drug involvement by riders; 18% of the fatalities resulted from a car violating a rider's right-of-way. In addition, a study of all 7,738 motorcycle crashes in Idaho from 1996 to 2010 indicated that STAR training is associated with a 79% reduced crash risk. There was also an 89% reduction in the risk of a fatal crash. [Read the full story in the Emmet Messenger.](#)

Lawmakers Consider Alternative Road Tax for Miles Traveled (Washington)

Lawmakers are considering a new tax for drivers based on how many miles you drive. State officials are kicking off a study to determine whether this tax could work in Washington. Experts are tossing around the idea of a "vehicle miles traveled" system, which will help offset a drop in revenue from the gas tax. A 2007 study found Washington could lose up to 3.8 billion in expected highway funding, mostly due to higher fuel-economy vehicles. As of right now, Washington leaders are in the beginning stage of studying the mileage tax system. The study could take a year before any sort of pilot program is kicked off in Washington. [Read the full story at KREM.com](#)

Other News of Interest

NMVTIS Outage Planned

NMVTIS central site and NMVTIS sub-applications (State Web Inquiry and State Batch Inquiry) will be unavailable to all jurisdictions starting on Friday, June 29th at 8pm EDT until Monday July 2nd at 2am EDT. During this period, the pseudo batch transactions and the batch files from jurisdictions will not be processed. They will be scheduled for processing after the system is made available to the states on Monday 7/2. The reason for the extended outage is to ensure a smooth rollout of California AB 1215. For those unfamiliar with AB 1215, starting on July 1, 2012, California used car and truck dealers are required to query NMVTIS before selling any used vehicle. If the NMVTIS report shows a previous salvage or other state title brand or reported event, such as Insurance Total Loss, then this information must be disclosed to consumers in advance of a sale. A very high volume of traffic to NMVTIS is anticipated during this period as used car and truck dealerships query NMVTIS for all vehicles on their lots in order to comply with this California law. The AAMVA team remains dedicated to providing quality services that meet the critical business needs of our customers, including providing advance notice of all planned outages. Should additional questions exist, please contact Tom Kubala, AAMVA's Director of Operations at 703-908-8269, or email tkubala@aamva.org.

This 'Electric' Gets 118 Mpg

At 118 miles per gallon, the Honda Fit electric vehicle is the most fuel-efficient in the U.S.. But getting that mileage isn't cheap — and it isn't always good for the environment. Honda announced the eye-popping figure Wednesday, making the small, four-door hatchback more efficient than electric rivals like the Ford Focus, Nissan Leaf and Mitsubishi i-MiEV. It goes on the market this summer in Oregon and California. The electric Fit has an estimated price tag nearly twice as high as the gasoline-powered version. It would take 11 years before a driver makes up the difference and begins saving on fuel. With gas prices falling, the high sticker price for electric vehicles is becoming more of a barrier for American buyers, even though the vehicles are far more efficient than their gas-powered counterparts. That's hurting sales of electrics. Through May, carmakers sold just over 10,000 electric vehicles, less than 0.2% of U.S. car and truck sales. That's because the numbers don't add up for the average consumer. The electric Fit needs 28.6 kilowatt hours of electricity to go 100 miles. At the national average price of 11.6 cents per kilowatt hour, that costs \$3.30. A gas-powered automatic-transmission Fit, which gets 31 miles per gallon, needs to burn 3.2 gallons to travel 100 miles. At the national average price of \$3.57 per gallon of gasoline, that's \$11.52. People drive an average of almost 13,500 miles a year, so a typical driver would spend \$445 on electricity for an electric Fit over a year, and \$1,552 on gasoline for a regular Fit. Honda has valued the price of an electric Fit at \$29,125 after a \$7,500 federal tax credit. That's \$12,210 more than the gas-powered Fit — a savings of \$1,107 per year to make up the difference between the electric and the gas-powered version. At first, Honda will only be leasing Fit EVs in Oregon and California, for \$389 per month. The subcompact seats up to five people and can be recharged in three hours with a 240-volt charging station. A fully charged Fit EV can go 82 miles, meaning a daily commute could cost nothing for gasoline. [Read the full story in the Times Union.](#)

Motorcycle Deaths Rise as States Repeal Helmet Laws

As highway deaths overall have fallen with improved safety in cars, motorcyclists have seen just the opposite: a higher death rate. Motorcyclist fatalities have more than doubled since mid 1990s to about 4,550 last year. And a lengthy report by FairWarning.org, an independent non-profit public-interest investigative news website, says the rising death toll comes as biker groups have urged Washington to repeal states' helmet laws. Now the groups are going a step further, advocating for a rule that would prevent NHTSA from providing any more grants to states to conduct highway stops of motorcyclists to check for safety violations such as wearing helmets that don't meet federal standards. Also, FairWarning.org says the groups, backed by major motorcycle manufacturers, are seeking

to preserve what essentially is a gag rule that since 1998 has prevented NHTSA from advocating safety measures at the state and local levels, including promoting life-saving helmet laws; and trying to derail a measure lawmakers envisioned to reinstate financial penalties for states lacking helmet laws. By doing so, the groups can help keep pressure on state legislatures to repeal helmet laws, which save lives but impede on what bikers' consider to be their wind-in-the-hair freedom. Says FairWarning.org: "With Michigan's repeal in April of its nearly 50-year-old helmet requirement, only 19 states have helmet laws covering all riders, according to the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. In the late 1970s, by contrast, 47 states had such requirements." NHTSA estimates that helmets saved 1,483 lives in 2009, and that another 732 deaths could have been avoided if all riders had worn them, the site says. [Read the full story in USA Today.](#)

Did you know . . .

- *The first non-alcoholic beer came from ancient Egypt. A priestess would create a strong ale, then heat it over a fire. The alcohol would burn off, and rise to make the goddess (Hathor) very drunk. The remaining beer, now non-alcoholic, was sold to the public.*
- *For the past two years, China drinks more beer than any other country (350 million hectoliters). China is the fastest growing beer market in the world. The U.S. ranks number two by amount, but ranks 11 per capita.*
- *The first beer cans were produced in 1935. Drinkers were no longer going to taverns, and breweries needed to get beer into the homes. The smaller packages made it much easier to get beer home. 1939 ushered in a new era of beer on the go (and formaldehyde in beer).*
- *The oldest active brewery is the D.G. Yuengling & Son brewery in Pottsville, Pennsylvania. The Yuengling brewery was founded in 1829.*