

Celebrate With Us as AAMVA Turns 80 – AAMVA's The Week In Review For February 19, 2013



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On September 29, 1933, at the Hotel Belmont in Chicago, Illinois, Colonel E. Austin Baughman called to order the first American Conference of Motor Vehicle Administrators. At 2:30 that afternoon, the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators Constitution was presented. The first item listed as the purpose of the association was to "Promote reasonable and uniform laws and regulations governing registration, certificate of ownership, drivers' licenses, equipment and operation and taxation of motor vehicles." 80 years later, AAMVA still remains true to its roots - 2013 will see a year-long celebration of a major milestone for the association.

In 80 years, both AAMVA as an organization, and the industry and profession that the association serves have seen dramatic change and evolution. Many great people along the way have provided thankless leadership and guidance. Throughout the year, AAMVA plans to recognize these facts and more. Visitors to AAMVA's Web site may have already noticed the background image of a banquet from an AAMVA conference in 1951. AAMVA will also be using the 80th Anniversary badge in various communications in celebration of this historical event. AAMVA's web site will feature several anniversary-related items at <http://www.aamva.org/aamva-80th-anniversary/>. AAMVA invites you to check the site regularly for your AAMVA history "fix" throughout the year. If you will be attending any of AAMVA's annual conferences, be sure to stop by the AAMVA booth and check out some of the relics the association has collected throughout the years. We welcome comments, stories, and historical facts from the motor vehicle administrator community. Send relevant information to Communications@aamva.org.

Region II and IV Conference Websites Now Available

Looking for information about our Region II and Region IV Annual Conferences coming up this summer? Websites for both regional conferences have been created to answer all your questions. Keep an eye out for our Region I Conference page coming soon!

- Region IV: <http://www.aamva.org/2013-Region-IV-Landing/>
- Region II: <http://www.aamva.org/2013-Region-II-Conference-Home-Page/>

2013 Workshop & Law Institute Session Spotlight: Impact of Legal Marijuana

Register for [AAMVA's 2013 Workshop & Law Institute](#). This exciting 2-day meeting features numerous educational and networking opportunities. Learn what AAMVA is all about and how it can help you in your job. Meet with industry representatives who have services and products that solve your issues. Attend one of four Town Halls to find out the latest in the motor vehicle, law enforcement, and legal industry. [Register Here!](#)

Here's a look at one of the sessions we have in store for you in Atlanta!

Legal Marijuana and Its Impact

Courtney Popp, Traffic Safety Resource Prosecutor for the Washington State Patrol will be in attendance at the Workshop opening session to discuss the hot topic issue of legal marijuana and its impact on highway safety. To see a sneak preview check out the video below. Then join the Law Enforcement Town Hall for a more in-depth discussion of the impact of this new legal trend. Take a look at this sneak peak video on the session:



AAMVA **webinar** **SERIES**

Register Now for Older Drivers Webinar

Sign up today to participate in our upcoming webinar, Screening Tool for Detecting Cognitive Impairment for Older Drivers in a DMV and Doctor's Office Setting, **tomorrow, Wednesday, February 20, 2013, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST)**, featuring speaker Dr. Bonnie Dobbs, Director of the Medically At-Risk Driver Centre, University of Alberta, and hosted by AAMVA's Tom Manuel. Drivers with a cognitive impairment, due to illnesses such as Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia, represent a large and important segment of the medically impaired driving population. Unfortunately, drivers with cognitive impairment also present special challenges in terms of identification and assessment of fitness to drive. This webinar will discuss a new scientifically-based tool to assist in the identification of cognitively impaired drivers whose driving skills may have declined to an unsafe level. [Register here.](#)

[And don't forget you can access our past webinars in the Webinar Archives on AAMVA's website.](#)

Apply Now for the 2013 PACE Awards

AAMVA's PACE Awards Program recognizes public relations, public affairs and consumer education excellence among the motor vehicle, law enforcement and traffic safety agencies across North America. They recognize creativity, cost effectiveness and the ability to reach consumers with a well crafted, measured and executed message. [Take a look at the full list of categories and complete the 2013 PACE Awards Application form, available here.](#) To apply, complete the first page of the document, the questionnaire on the second page, and include any supporting documentation or materials. Please limit your entries to no more than six submissions to allow us to properly evaluate all the entries we receive. Entries must be submitted (postmarked) by March 25, 2013. For more information, contact Claire O'Brien at cobrien@aamva.org. And take a look at some of last year's winners at <http://www.aamva.org/PACE-Award-Winners/>

CDLIS Timeliness, Data Quality, and Capabilities Reports for Jurisdictions

At the direction and support of FMCSA, AAMVA produces monthly reports on the CDLIS Timeliness, Data Quality, and Capabilities of all jurisdictions. The reports for January are now ready for your review.

If your State would like to receive these reports, please send a request to helpdesk@aamva.org.

Employment Opportunity

AAMVA is seeking a Lead Business Analyst to support our Technology Division. The IT Division is responsible for the development and operations of information systems for the state and federal agencies doing business related to, or using information from the administration of motor vehicles and driver's licenses. The Lead Business Analyst will function as a subject matter expert for AAMVA's systems and solutions. This role is responsible for business and technical analysis; documentation of standards, processes and requirements; building business process models; and writing system specifications. Additionally the role provides on-going support to system users as needed. The Lead Business Analyst will collaborate with other members of the project teams to complete project tasks. The Lead Business Analyst will also mentor other analysts and developers on business requirements for AAMVA systems. For full information, see the job posting [here](#).



Three Wheel Vehicle Working Group Meets

The Three Wheel Vehicle Working Group met in Tampa, Florida, last week to consider best practices for regulating different types of three wheel vehicles. They considered different vehicle characteristics such as wheel configurations, steering and braking mechanisms, and body styles and discussed the impact these characteristics have on operating the vehicle. Watch for a report from this group in late summer 2013 that will provide recommendations to jurisdictions for best practices in regulating these vehicles.

Test Maintenance Subcommittee Looking for Members

The Test Maintenance Subcommittee (TMS) is a permanent AAMVA Subcommittee which is directly responsible for developing, maintaining and distributing new and revised model driver's license testing systems (CDL, noncommercial and motorcycle) to the AAMVA Member Jurisdictions. AAMVA is seeking one jurisdictional representative from Region I and one from Region III. Subcommittee applicants must be well versed in all aspects of commercial and noncommercial knowledge skills/driver's test administration; and shall have as part of their job responsibilities, driver licensing test development or administration activities. TMS will meet face to face at least twice a year, as well as via conference call or webinar as the work load requires. Applicants are required to attend and actively participate in all Subcommittee meetings, assist in all Subcommittee activities; and be the liaison between the AAMVA jurisdictions in your Region and the Subcommittee on licensing issues. The selected applicant must be able to serve a four (4) year term. Interested applicants must complete the

[Test Maintenance Subcommittee Member Application Form](#) and return it via email to Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org no later than **February 28, 2013**.

National Freight Advisory Committee Seeks Members

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood announced the establishment of a National Freight Advisory Committee on Thursday, February 14, 2013, and is currently soliciting nominations for membership. Detailed instructions on the NFAC and how to submit nominations are available [here](#) and a sample nomination template is available here: http://www.freight.dot.gov/freight_nfac.cfm. Nominations must be received on or before midnight E.D.T. on March 21, 2013. All nomination materials should be emailed to freight@dot.gov, faxed to (202) 366-0263, or mailed to:

Shira Bergstein
U.S. Department of Transportation
Office of the Secretary Office of Policy
Room W84-317
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC, 20590.

Please contact Shira Bergstein at (202) 366-1999 or email freight@dot.gov with questions.

FHWA Webinar on Registration Data Collection

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) collects state motor vehicle registration data using a form (Form FHWA-561) that requires states to fill out over 200 data items. The FHWA would like to reduce the number of items on the form to decrease the burden on states, while still maintaining data reliability. To make these proposed changes, feedback on the form's questions is critical. The quality of the registration data is important to the AAMVA community as we use the FHWA data as part of calculating member dues rates and NMVTIS fees for U.S. jurisdictions. The FHWA is scheduled to have four repeated webinars to present the preliminary proposal, obtain feedback, and discuss potential issues. We strongly recommend that members attend the webinars to engage in the process of ensuring the most accurate data possible.

All four webinars will collect feedback and information from participants and in addition, the fourth and final webinar will also summarize findings from the previous three webinars. The webinars are as follows:

Webinar 1	2/13/2013	11 am to 12 pm EST
Webinar 2	2/19/2013	4 pm to 5 pm EST
Webinar 3	2/26/2013	11 am to 12 pm EST
Webinar 4	3/5/2013	3:30 pm to 4:30 pm EST

All webinars at: <https://connectdot.connectsolutions.com/a55098539/fhwatalkingtraffic/>

Phone: 1- 877-848-7030 Passcode: 6217068

For more information see the complete announcement [here](#).

2013 National Roadway Safety Awards Call for Nominations

The National Roadway Safety Awards is a biennial competition sponsored by the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Roadway Safety Foundation (RSF) to recognize roadway safety achievements that move the United States towards zero deaths and serious injuries on the Nation's roadways. Deadline for nominations is March 31, 2013. For full information, visit <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/roadwaysafetyawards/>.

U.S. Department of Transportation Announces Immediate Action to Target Higher Risk Passenger Carriers

U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood and Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) Administrator Anne Ferro announced a targeted safety crackdown using specially trained investigator teams that will focus on high-risk motorcoach companies. FMCSA inspectors and auditors will undergo specialized training aimed at investigating key areas of operations at motorcoach companies deemed to be high risk carriers. These operations are unique to the motorcoach industry, such as operating schedules, equipment storage, and driver qualifications (including evaluating the impact of part-time drivers who may work for more than one bus operator), among other safety concerns. The first wave of a national safety sweep will be carried out over the next two months by FMCSA safety personnel who will coordinate with state law enforcement partners on targeted bus company and vehicle inspections.

As part of FMCSA's work to make safety data available to the traveling public, it announced that the SaferBus mobile app will be available for the first time on Google Play. FMCSA released the SaferBus App last year for iPhone and iPad users to provide a quick, easy and free way to view a bus company's safety record. (<http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/saferbus/saferbus.aspx>)

Travelers planning a bus trip are also encouraged to think safety first before buying a ticket or chartering a bus by using FMCSA's multilingual passenger carrier safety checklist. <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/pcs/Index.aspx>.

FMCSA urges consumers and whistleblowers to report any unsafe bus company, vehicle or driver to the agency through a toll free hotline 1-888-DOT-SAFT (1-888-368-7238) or FMCSA's consumer complaint Web site: <http://nccdb.fmcsa.dot.gov/HomePage.asp>.

Women In Law Enforcement Conference

Register now for "Breaking the Glass Ceiling - Women in Law Enforcement," a Conference hosted by Tennessee Highway Patrol. The registration form is available [here](#), and for more information check the www.tn.gov/safety website.

North Dakota Wins National Award for Organ Donation

The state of North Dakota has received a national honor for achievements in increasing the number of registered organ, eye and tissue donors who save and heal lives. North Dakota is one of twelve states to receive a silver medal from Donate Life America earlier this month. The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) has a strong tradition of supporting the right of the state's citizens to make a decision about donation. NDDOT partners with LifeSource, the non-profit organization dedicated to saving lives through organ and tissue donation in the state, to provide education at all driver licensing offices. Seventy percent of North Dakotans have made the generous decision to save and heal lives by registering as organ, eye and tissue donors, compared with 43% nationally. Citizens in the state can register as a donor on their driver's license or state ID card, or online at www.DonateLifeND.org.

New Program for Parents and Guardians of Teen Drivers Distributed to Driving Schools Throughout Maine

Maine Secretary of State Mathew Dunlap, joined by members of the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation, the president of the Safe Road Alliance, and other officials, announced the availability of a new program to help parents and their teen drivers. The Parent's Supervised Driving Program is designed to optimize the 35-hours of supervised driving teens are required to complete under parental supervision prior to receiving their license. The program is divided into skill sets, such as parking, backing up, city and highway driving, and asks parents and teens

to initial each lesson as the material is covered and the lesson is completed. Within the program, a log is provided to record the required driving hours, the skills covered and the time and weather conditions. The program also offers parents guidance on how to approach each lesson as well as how to continue education once the 35-hours are completed.

More information on the program and downloads of a PDF or e-reader file can be found at:

www.theparentssuperviseddrivingprogram.com

Information on teen driving can be found at: <http://www.maine.gov/sos/bmv/licenses/teedriver.html>