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New Blog on CCMTA Annual Meeting
"I just returned from this year’s CCMTA Annual Meeting, a very successful event in a unique part of Canada, and I wanted to share some of the experience with you. Located in the southeast corner of Baffin Island and about 140 miles long by 12 to 25 miles wide, Iqaluit was known as Frobisher Bay until 1987. (English navigator Sir Martin Frobisher was the first European to visit during his search for the Northwest Passage in 1576). It was spring in Iqaluit, but the weather (particularly for this soft Virginian) was a reminder of the arctic climate and the conference theme - Northern Reality Meets Modern Transportation (La Réalité Nordique à la Rencontre du Transport Moderne)."

Head over to AAMVA's Blog to read the rest of this brand new post from AAMVA President & CEO, Neil Schuster, about his time at CCMTA’s Annual Meeting.

Register Now for CSTIMS Webinar
Registration is open for the upcoming webinar, CSTIMS (Commercial Skills Test Information Management System), scheduled for this Wednesday, May 15, 2013, 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST), hosted by Prarisa Gropper, Lead Business Analyst, AAMVA. This webinar is for jurisdiction and federal government members only. Register here.
National Youth Traffic Safety Month Kicks Off
To kick off Global Youth Traffic Safety Month (GYTSM), young people from across the country rallied in the Nation’s Capital with National Organizations for Youth Safety® (NOYS), federal government leaders, global partners including the Nelson Mandela family, and corporate representatives to address road and traffic safety issues to help put an end to motor vehicle crashes - the leading cause of death for teens and to celebrate the efforts of leaders working with teens to address this national crisis. GYTSM brings attention to the issue of teen safe driving as we face the high-risk summer driving months. According to data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), Memorial Day is the start of the deadliest time of year on the roads for teens. For more information, visit http://www.noys.org/

Register Now for AAMVA’s Regional Conferences
Registration is now open for all three Regional Conferences:
AAMVA Staff Participate in Conference on Ignition Interlock Programs
The Association of Ignition Interlock Program Administrators (AIIPA) held its first annual conference in Oklahoma City, OK, May 6-8, 2013. AAMVA was well represented with Kevin Lewis, Tom Manual, Philip Quinlan and Brian Ursino all in attendance. The conference theme was "Ignition Interlocks: Enhancing Programs and Improving Safety." AAMVA staff attendance at this conference provided many key insights into opportunities for AAMVA to contribute to developing ignition interlock best practices and the potential for an ignition interlock national data management system. Head over to AAMVA's Blog to find out more.

NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group Meets
Last week, the NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group met in Denver, CO to continue to discuss, develop and formalize NMVTIS related best practices for title and registration program managers. The best practices will help managers make decisions when developing their policies and procedures for transactions that involve duplicate titles, VIN corrections, brand reporting, and the use of vehicle make codes, as well as a number of other concerns that have been identified by the NMVTIS community. Once the best practices are drafted, they will go through a vetting process and are expected to be published near the end of the year. The group is also undertaking a project that will include a review of brands and will look for opportunities to improve stakeholder’s understanding, use and reporting of the brands. Additionally, the working group is participating in the development of a process to reduce duplicate VINs and synchronize title and brand data in NMVTIS.
Model Specifications for Breath Alcohol Ignition Interlock Devices (BAIIDs)
On May 8, 2013, NHTSA published revised Model Specifications for BAIIDs in the Federal Register (78 Fed. Reg. 26849). This notice revises the 1992 Model Specifications—guidelines for the performance and uniform testing of BAIIDs. The revisions are based, in large part, on input from interested parties received during an open comment period. NHTSA plans to conduct an assessment to determine whether establishing and maintaining a Conforming Products List (CPL) is feasible; therefore, NHTSA will delay rendering a decision about the feasibility and timing of a CPL until more information is available. The revisions in this notice will take effect one year from the date of its publication in the Federal Register.

FMCSA Proposes Rule on Medical Examiner's Certification Integration
FMCSA proposes to require certified medical examiners (MEs) performing physical examinations on drivers of commercial motor vehicles (CMV) to use a newly developed Medical Examination Report (MER) Form, MCSA-5875, in place of the current MER Form and to use Form MCSA-5876 for the medical examiner's certificate (MEC). In addition, MEs would be required to report results of all completed commercial drivers' physical examinations (including the results of examinations where the driver was found not to be qualified) to FMCSA by close of business on the day of the examination. This would include all CMV drivers who are required to be medically certified to operate in interstate commerce, not only those who hold or apply for commercial learner's permits (CLP) or commercial driver's licenses (CDL). For full information, visit the federal register.

Public Input Session on the Size of Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study
The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) invites you to participate in the upcoming Public Input Session for the Comprehensive Truck Size and Weight Limits Study (CTSW). The Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act Section 32801 requires the DOT Secretary to complete a "Comprehensive Truck Size & Weight Limits Study." The Study will be conducted as an objective, data driven initiative using the most current, best-suited analytical methods, tools, and models. The first Public Outreach Session will provide stakeholders an opportunity to share feedback on the approach and methods DOT intends to use to complete the Study. The DOT will also solicit comments on "alternative truck configurations" to be evaluated in the Study. The meeting, which is free and open to the public, will be held as an in-person workshop. Webinar access is available for those unable to attend in person. Three additional Public Outreach Sessions will be held over the next year and a half.

Meeting Details
May 29, 2013
12:30 to 4:30 PM (EST)
U.S. Department of Transportation Headquarters
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590
To register for the webinar, visit here
To register for the webinar, CTSWStudy@dot.gov

In advance of the Public Input Session, a worksheet on the alternative truck configurations will be shared with registered participants prior to the session and will be available at the Web site provided below. We invite you to share this announcement with other groups and individuals you feel would be interested in participating.
**FMCSA Proposed Rule: Gross Combination Weight Rating; Definition**
The FMCSA proposes to revise the definition of "gross combination weight rating" (or GCWR) to clarify that a GCWR is the greater of: the GCWR specified by the manufacturer of the power unit, if displayed on the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) certification label required by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), or the sum of the gross vehicle weight ratings (GVWRs) or gross vehicle weights (GVWs) of the power unit and towed unit(s), or any combination thereof, that produces the highest value. DATES: You may submit comments by July 8, 2013. For more information, visit the [Federal Register](http://www.federalregister.gov).

**Study: Texting While Driving Now Leading Cause of Death for Teen Drivers**
Texting while driving has become a greater hazard than drinking and driving among teenagers who openly acknowledge sending and reading text messages while behind the wheel of a moving vehicle. The number of teens who are dying or being injured as a result of texting while driving has skyrocketed as mobile device technology has advanced. Researchers at Cohen Children's Medical Center in New Hyde Park estimate more than 3,000 annual teen deaths nationwide from texting and 300,000 injuries. For more information, visit: [http://www.newsday.com/news/nation/study-texting-while-driving-now-leading-cause-of-death-for-teen-drivers-1.5226036](http://www.newsday.com/news/nation/study-texting-while-driving-now-leading-cause-of-death-for-teen-drivers-1.5226036)

**ONDCP Releases 2013 National Drug Control Strategy**
The Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP) has released its 2013 National Drug Control Strategy. The Strategy outlines the ways in which the Obama Administration plans to reach two specific goals by 2015: (1) curtail the use of illicit drug consumption in America and (2) improve the public health and public safety of the American people by reducing the consequences of drug abuse. The Strategy addresses five components to reaching those goals: strengthening efforts to prevent drug use in our communities; seeking early intervention opportunities in health care; integrating treatment for substance use disorders into health care and expand support for recovery; breaking the cycle of drug use, crime, delinquency, and incarceration; disrupting domestic drug trafficking and production; strengthening international partnerships; and improving information systems for analysis, assessment, and local management. To view the full document, [click here](http://www.whitehouse.gov).