

# April 25, 2014 - Regional News

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## AAMVA News

### Upcoming AAMVA Events

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- Region IV Conference (June 2-5) <http://www.aamva.org/2014-Region-IV-Landing-Page/>
- Region II Conference (June 22-26) <http://www.aamva.org/2014-Region-II-Landing-Page/>
- Region I Conference (July 27-30) <http://www.aamva.org/2014-Region-I-Landing-Page/>

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- CDL Workshop Follow Up - State Success Stories

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## Region I

### D.C. Switching to REAL ID, All District Driver's Licenses to be Replaced

If you live in Washington, D.C., you're going to have visit the DMV. Starting May 1, the District will begin issuing REAL ID licenses that conform to federal regulation established by Congress in 2005 with the REAL ID act, a measure recommended by the 9/11 commission to make using fraudulent state IDs more difficult. Read the full story at UPI.com.

[http://www.upi.com/Top\\_News/US/2014/04/21/DC-switching-to-REAL-ID-all-District-drivers-licenses-to-be-replaced/7181398117592/#ixzz2zd9y77Kb](http://www.upi.com/Top_News/US/2014/04/21/DC-switching-to-REAL-ID-all-District-drivers-licenses-to-be-replaced/7181398117592/#ixzz2zd9y77Kb)

### You Can Keep Your D.C. Driver's License Until it Expires

A clarification from the D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles means that a trip to one of their locations may not be in your near future. While the DMV will still begin on May 1 to issue the REAL ID — a new federal credential requirement that puts a star on a license and will eventually be required to board planes and enter federal buildings — people with a D.C. license can keep theirs until it expires.

Councilmember David Grosso's office has some good info on the confusion. Read the full story at DCIST.com. [http://dcist.com/2014/04/dc\\_dmv\\_will\\_no\\_longer\\_require\\_every.php](http://dcist.com/2014/04/dc_dmv_will_no_longer_require_every.php)

### **Maryland MVA Turns to Website to Shorten Lines**

Long lines, tickets, numbers being called, and lots of waiting are just some of the things associated with a trip to the MVA. But now, Maryland's Motor Vehicle Administration is adding more features to their website to cut down on all that waiting. Drivers under the age of 40 will now be required to renew their licenses online, by mail, or by using a special kiosk in an MVA office, instead of talking with an employee. Drivers older than 40 can do the same process to save time, but must have a regular eye exam and their doctor will forward the results to the MVA. Read the full story at WBOC.com

<http://www.w boc.com/story/25314225/maryland-mva-turns-to-website-to-shorten-lines>

### **Maryland MVA Upgrades Mobile Practice Driving Test Apps**

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) has released an upgrade to the highly popular Maryland Practice Driving Test mobile app that includes a Spanish-language version of the test for both the iOS and Android platforms. Read the full story at HeraldOnline.com.

<http://www.heraldonline.com/2014/04/21/5885442/maryland-mva-upgrades-mobile-practice.html?sp=/100/773/385/>

### **Atheist Sues Over New Jersey License Plate Refusal**

Shannon Morgan identifies as an atheist and wants the world, or at least the car behind her, to know it. But the state of New Jersey says no. Morgan, of Leesburg, is suing the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission for rejecting her request for a vanity license plate reading "8THEIST," according to a formal complaint filed Thursday with the district court. Read the full story at TWSP.com.

<http://www.wtsp.com/story/news/weird/2014/04/21/atheist-sues-over-new-jersey-license-plate-refusal/7954287/>

### **Toll Violators in New York State Could Face Vehicle Registration Suspension**

Motorists who repeatedly speed through New York state toll booths without paying would see their vehicle registrations suspended under legislation being considered by state lawmakers. Under current law, toll evaders are contacted by a collection agency and can only face the loss of their registration if they commit multiple violations within the same locality. Scofflaws run up more than \$30 million in unpaid tolls and fines each year. Read the full story at TroyRecord.com.

<http://www.troyrecord.com/government-and-politics/20140418/toll-violators-in-new-york-state-could-face-vehicle-registration-suspension>

## **Region II**

### **Driver Services Commissioner Joins NHTSA to Prevent Motorcycle Crashes (Georgia)**

Commissioner Rob Mikell, Department of Driver Services (DDS), reminds motorists and motorcyclists alike during Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month this May to “share the road” in order to help prevent motorcycle crashes, deaths and injuries on Georgia’s roads. Read the press release for more information.

<http://www.dds.ga.gov/news/newsdetail.aspx?id=342>

### **Bryant Signs Ignition Interlock Bill (Mississippi)**

Gov. Phil Bryant signed a law today requiring ignition interlocks to be used on the vehicles of convicted drunk drivers. Mothers Against Drunk Driving say the ignition interlocks will be required for all convicted drunk drivers with a blood alcohol concentration of .08 or greater who seek to drive during license suspension. Read the full story at WTVA.com.

<http://www.wtva.com/news/national/story/Bryant-signs-ignition-interlock-bill/8ov0ZvzBqkakCrLb4dRa0Q.csp>

### **Legislation Protects Rescuers of Unattended Kids in Cars (Tennessee)**

Tennesseans who break into vehicles to rescue endangered children — as when temperatures rise — will be protected from paying for damage costs. State senators and representatives unanimously passed legislation to protect good Samaritans who pull kids from cars, as long as the vehicles are locked, there’s no other way to rescue the child and harm is imminent. Read the full story in The Tennessean.

<http://www.tennessean.com/story/news/politics/2014/04/16/tn-law-protects-rescuers-unattended-kids-cars/7792685/>

## **Region III**

### **More Illinois Motorists Going Green with Online Vehicle Renewals**

Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White is reporting that more motorists are going green by conducting their vehicle renewals online this Earth Day, resulting in the conservation of paper and tax dollars. Read the SOS press release.

<http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/news/2014/april/140418d1.pdf>

### **Michigan to Designate Veterans on Driver's License**

Michigan will let its 680,000 military veterans get a special designation on their driver's licenses starting May 1. The new license will have the word "Veteran" in bold red on the front of the card. It's available to all honorably discharged veterans. Read the full story at ABC12.com.

<http://www.abc12.com/story/25316386/michigan-to-designate-veterans-on-drivers-license>

### **House Approves Missouri Motorcycle Legislation**

The Missouri House has approved legislation lifting the state's motorcycle helmet mandate for riders 21 and older. State law currently requires anyone riding a motorcycle to wear a helmet. Lawmakers for years have debated proposals that would make helmets optional. Read the full story at Fox2Now.

<http://fox2now.com/2014/04/25/house-approves-missouri-motorcycle-legislation/>

### **State Puts Ban on Texting while Driving (South Dakota)**

Late last month, South Dakota became the 43rd state in the nation to legally ban texting while driving. The measure, HB1177, was passed by the state legislature and signed by Governor Dennis Daugaard on March 28. Read the full story in the AASHTO Journal.

<http://www.aashtojournal.org/Pages/041814SDtextban.aspx>

### **Governor Signs Bill Modernizing Regulations for Ag Vehicles (Wisconsin)**

A measure signed into law yesterday by Governor Scott Walker increases weight limits for agricultural vehicles traveling on public roadways, modernizes the definition of so-called "Implements of Husbandry" (IoH), and creates a new class of vehicles – agricultural commercial motor vehicles (Ag CMV). Senate Bill 509 (Act 377) represents months of comprehensive analysis by an IoH Study Group that included public meetings and input from farmers, law enforcement, ag equipment manufacturers, local officials and others. Read the DOT press release.

[www.dot.wisconsin.gov/news](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/news)

## **Region IV**

### **Colorado Division of Motor Vehicle Implements Print on Demand License Plates**

Print on Demand eliminates the need for customers to visit the motor vehicle office multiple times, for certain types of license plates. It also provides Colorado Counties with an efficient and effective way to manage low issuance license plate inventory, while making plates readily available to the customer. Read the full story at ThePowersJournal.com.

<http://thepowersjournal.com/2014/04/23/colorado-division-of-motor-vehicle-implements-print-on-demand-license-plates/>

### **Sovereign Immunity Protects ISP from License-Plate Profiling Lawsuit (Idaho)**

The Idaho State Police can't be sued for detaining and fruitlessly searching a motorist with Colorado plates for marijuana in a case of alleged "license-plate profiling," the state of Idaho argues, because it's protected by the state's sovereign immunity. Read the full story at Spokesman.com.

<http://www.spokesman.com/stories/2014/apr/24/idaho-sovereign-immunity-protects-isp-license-plate/>

### **Mandatory Ignition Interlocks Coming (Saskatchewan)**

At least one year of mandatory ignition interlock for all impaired drivers in Saskatchewan will prevent many from having jobs, a Saskatoon lawyer says. Read the full story at [TheStarPhoenix.com](http://www.thestarphoenix.com).

<http://www.thestarphoenix.com/news/Mandatory+ignition+interlocks+coming/9774410/story.html>

## Other News

### Chatty passengers, not texting, cause distracted driving: study

It is not texting and driving but loud conversations and horseplay between passengers that are more likely to result in a dangerous incident when teens are behind the wheel, according to a new study. Read the full story at [DeccanChronicle.com](http://www.deccanchronicle.com).

<http://www.deccanchronicle.com/140421/lifestyle-offbeat/article/chatty-passengers-not-texting-cause-distracted-driving-study>

## Did You Know

### SOME DOS AND DON'TS FOR THE SWAP MEET NEWBIE

This week I had the opportunity to attend a Swap Meet and Car Show in Carlisle, Pennsylvania. Being the first time I have ever attended one of these things, and I found it to be interesting, albeit a little overwhelming. So, in anticipation of the next Swap Meet, I decided to brush up on some Swap Meet dos and don'ts. Here is a little of what I came up with:

- 1- **Make sure you're wearing comfortable walking shoes.** I was told to be prepared to do a lot of walking. Thankfully, I wore appropriate shoes and was thus able to stroll through the endless isles new and used (and very used), auto parts and accessories, antiques and a plethora of other knick-knacks that may or may not be associated with cars.
- 2- **Check the weather forecast for the venue location.** A good rule of thumb is to never assume what the weather will be like based on the season and wear layers (you can never go wrong with layers). The morning was breezy and cold. Throughout the day, the temps crept up ever so slowly and I was thankful for my many layers.
- 3- **Carry enough money to make your purchases.** Some of the larger events have ATM machines and some sellers do accept credit cards, but most don't, so come prepared. Be aware of exactly how much cash you have in your pockets to make for a more seamless bartering process. I would even go so far as to try to know the exact denominations so that you aren't advertising how much cash you've got on hand each time you pay for an. Negotiating to purchase something at a swap meet is as much an art as a science. Some vendors will have a price and not accept any negotiating, but most expect to do some haggling. Don't get too caught up in negotiating, as that could potentially cost you something you need. Know when to accept a deal for what it is, or when to walk away.
- 4- **Go there with a mission.** If at all possible, carry a comprehensive list of everything you're looking for. While I did not start with a list, once I discovered what types of items could be found

at the swap meet, I quickly thought up a short list of items that I knew my friend was in need of for his shop. It can be quite a rush when you start checking off that list and adding up the dollars saved.

- 5- **Be friendly and courteous.** One of the great things about Swap Meets is that you are typically there and sharing the experience with many other individuals who are just as passionate about classic cars and restoration as you are. Take the opportunity to expand your knowledge base, make new, potentially life-long friends and business associates.

This short list is just a drop in the bucket on dos and don'ts at a swap meet that can help at least a newbie maneuver through a swap meet. With so much more to learn about buying and selling at swap meets and flea markets, I anticipate a part two to this column sometime in the not so far away future.

In the meantime, here's a list of online resources you might want to take a look at:

- Swap Meet Dos and Don'ts  
<https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/Articles/2005/07/04/Swap-Meet-Dos-and-Donts>
- Getting a Fair Price for Classic Car Parts: Haggling Tips for Buyers and Sellers  
<http://www.pomonaswapmeet.com/blog/2013/04/26/getting-a-fair-price-for-classic-car-parts-haggling-tips-for-buyers-and-sellers/>
- Top 10 Tips on Making Money at an Auto Swap Meet  
[http://www.northwestclassicautomall.com/Top\\_10\\_Tips\\_on\\_Making\\_Money\\_at\\_an\\_Auto\\_Swap\\_Meet.html](http://www.northwestclassicautomall.com/Top_10_Tips_on_Making_Money_at_an_Auto_Swap_Meet.html)
- How to Host a Swap Meet  
<http://www.realsimple.com/holidays-entertaining/entertaining/everyday-celebrations/host-swap-party-00000000013711/>