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## AAMVA News

### **Early Bird Registration for Annual International Conference Ends July 17th**

There's still time to take advantage of AAMVA's early bird registration rate for the 2014 Annual International Conference. Get registered today and take part in this year's exciting conference at the splendid Dover Downs Hotel & Casino in Dover, Delaware. Visit [www.aamva.org/2014-AIC-Landing-Page/](http://www.aamva.org/2014-AIC-Landing-Page/).

### **Register for Region I Conference**

Visit the upcoming events section of AAMVA's website to register for the 2014 Region I Conference from July 27-30 in Toronto, Ontario. Register today! <http://www.aamva.org/2014-Region-I-Landing-Page/>

### **Conference Downloads Available On AAMVA's Web Site**

The presentations from the Region II and the Region IV conferences are available on AAMVA's Website. Visit the AAMVA homepage or the "Presentations from Past Events" page of AAMVA's Web site to access the presentations. <http://www.aamva.org/Presentations-from-Past-Events/>

## Region I

### **Frank Sinatra's First Driver's License Goes Under the Hammer in Boston (Massachusetts)**

You now have the opportunity of owning Frank Sinatra's very first New Jersey driver's license, complete with a typo of his name. However, it does, correctly, mention that the holder has blue eyes. Yellowing, a little creased and text only, the license was issued in 1934 to one Francis Sintra [sic] who was living at 841 Garden St., Hoboken, New Jersey at the time. It tells us that he was 5 feet 8 inches tall. The driver's license includes Sinatra's signature, and we can see he was a mere 19 years old at the time. This was just one year before he got his first big break in the music industry, so a valuable signature indeed. Read the full story on Allvoices.com.

<http://www.allvoices.com/contributed-news/17361246-frank-sintras-first-drivers-license-goes-under-the-hammer-in-boston>

### **New Hampshire DMV Stops Issuing New Vanity Plates While it Crafts New Rules After Court Edict**

The New Hampshire Department of Motor Vehicles is not issuing new vanity license plates while it reviews the wording of proposed rules governing what those plates can say. The temporary ban comes in the wake of a Supreme Court ruling in May that the agency's refusal to issue a plate to a man who wanted to display "CopsLie" on his vehicle violated free speech rights. The court concluded the agency's rules on plate messages were too vague to enforce. Read the full story at TheRepublic.com.

<http://www.therepublic.com/view/story/6759e40b6dfc446b8e1b559c8c384755/NH--Vanity-Plate-Free-Speech>

### **Legislature Passes Bill to Create New License Plates for Pa. Veterans**

Legislation to create new specialty license plates for Pennsylvania veterans is awaiting the signature of Governor Tom Corbett. The state legislature on Monday gave final approval to Senate Bill 1187, which provides for a number of new license plates designed to honor military service. Read the full article on [www.abc7.com](http://www.abc7.com).

<http://www.abc27.com/story/25915226/legislature-passes-bill-to-create-new-license-plates-for-pa-veterans>

### **Handful of License Plate Fees Rising July 1 (Pennsylvania)**

More PennDOT fees are going up July 1 as part of the transportation funding bill, but the hikes won't affect as many people as the increases did in April. The one-time fee for vanity, or personalized, license plates will nearly quadruple, from \$20 to \$76, the steepest increase of any fee changing July 1. The cost hadn't changed since the 1960's. Replacement license plates will also cost more, along with the price for an inspection sticker. Read the full story at [WITF.org](http://WITF.org).

<http://www.witf.org/news/2014/07/handful-of-license-plate-fees-rising-july-1.php>

## **Region II**

### **John Richardson replaces Hugh McCall at Public Safety (Alabama)**

John Richardson, a former enforcement official with the Alabama Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, was named acting Director of Public Safety Tuesday, replacing Col. Hugh McCall, a longtime veteran of the department. A press release from Gov. Robert Bentley's office announcing Richardson's appointment did not discuss the status of McCall, a 34-year veteran of DPS who had served as director of the agency since 2011. Jennifer Ardis, a spokeswoman for Gov. Bentley, said in a follow-up interview that McCall retired on Monday. Read the full story at [MontgomeryAdviser.com](http://MontgomeryAdviser.com).

<http://www.montgomeryadvertiser.com/story/news/politics/southunionstreet/2014/07/01/john-richardson-replaces-hugh-mccall-at-public-safety/11897677/>

### **Texas Plans To Eliminate Poor-Selling Specialty Plates**

The Texas Department of Motor Vehicles plans to eliminate dozens of poor-selling specialty license plates, such as ones for Texas Motor Speedway and Dr Pepper. The department now requires that plates have at least 200 users and that at least that many orders are pending before it authorizes any new specialty plates. Read the full story at [KWTX.com](http://KWTX.com).

<http://www.kwtx.com/home/headlines/Texas-Plans-To-Eliminate-Poor-Selling-Specialty-Plates-266066911.html>

### **Nearly 65,000 Texas Vehicles Stolen in One Year (Texas)**

Almost half of the vehicles stolen in Texas each year are easy targets because the keys are left inside the vehicles. With auto crime spiking each year in July, the Auto Burglary and Theft Prevention Authority (ABTPA) today kicks off Watch Your Car Month to remind drivers to make smart choices that can prevent auto crime. Read the DMV press release.

[http://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/TXDMV/2014/07/01/file\\_attachments/303895/Watch%2BYour%2BCar%2BMonth%2BJuly%2B2014.pdf](http://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/TXDMV/2014/07/01/file_attachments/303895/Watch%2BYour%2BCar%2BMonth%2BJuly%2B2014.pdf)

### **Texas is Keeping Auto Inspections But Peeling Off the Stickers**

Texas drivers will enjoy a little better windshield view starting in March 2015 when safety inspections become tied to vehicle registration. Texas' inspection sticker - a front-glass fixture for more than half a century - will go away in the process. The inspection itself is still required. Vehicle owners will have to get one within 90 days before renewing their registration. They will have to provide proof the inspection was passed, just as they now provide proof of insurance. Read the full story at DallasNews.com.

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/state/headlines/20140629-texas-is-keeping-auto-inspections-but-peeling-off-the-stickers.ece>

### **Uber, Lyft Apply for Broker's Licenses in Virginia**

After receiving fines and cease-and-desist orders from the state earlier this year, self-described ridesharing companies Uber and Lyft are making attempts to follow Virginia law. Both Uber and Lyft have applied for passenger transportation broker's licenses and have also requested temporary operating authority, Department of Motor Vehicles spokeswoman Sunni Blevins Brown confirmed. Read the full story at DailyPress.com.

[http://articles.dailypress.com/2014-07-09/business/dp-tidewaterbiz-lyft-uber-20140709\\_1\\_uber-and-lyft-ridesharing-dmv](http://articles.dailypress.com/2014-07-09/business/dp-tidewaterbiz-lyft-uber-20140709_1_uber-and-lyft-ridesharing-dmv)

## **Region III**

### **New Law Makes it Harder for Teens to Obtain Driver's License (Illinois)**

A new law on the books Tuesday in Illinois will make it harder for young people to get a driver's license. Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White says a new law making driver's education mandatory for drivers age 18-20 will make Illinois roads safer. Before July 1, 2014, when teens turned 18 they could walk in to a driver's license facility and apply for and obtain a driver's license – with or without prior driver's education. In 2013, White's office says there were 37,543 driver's licenses to 18-to 20-year-olds. Among those, 18,532 did not take driver's education. Read the full story at KFVS12.com.

<http://www.kfvs12.com/story/25912993/new-law-makes-it-harder-for-teens-to-obtain-drivers-license>

### **Will Driverless Cars and Solar-Powered Roads Come to Indiana?**

Driverless vehicles. A second beltway that partially loops Indianapolis. “iWays” that recharge electric cars and melt snow and ice. Those are just a few of the billions of dollars in recommendations unloaded on Gov. Mike Pence Wednesday by a panel he appointed to prioritize the state’s transportation needs and suggest a roadmap for furthering Indiana’s reputation as a crossroads state. Read the full story at GovTech.com.

<http://www.govtech.com/transportation/Indianapolis-Transportation-Panel-Driveless-Cars-Solar-Powered-Roads.html>

### **DMV's Facial Recognition Software Catches Impersonator (Nebraska)**

Kevin Ballard got locked up on a felony charge Wednesday for getting a duplicate driver's license at the Department of Motor Vehicles last year. Trouble was, the Omaha man gave his brother's name to get it. A high-tech investigative tool helped police unravel the scheme. Read the full story at JournalStar.com.

[http://journalstar.com/news/local/911/dmv-s-facial-recognition-software-catches-impersonator/article\\_68b11773-4594-5c02-bcb6-8eb15d24db37.html](http://journalstar.com/news/local/911/dmv-s-facial-recognition-software-catches-impersonator/article_68b11773-4594-5c02-bcb6-8eb15d24db37.html)

### **Ohio Troopers Utilize New Technology To Keep Roads & Drivers Safe**

The state highway patrol is taking action more than ever to keep Ohio drivers safe. Troopers are responding to more and more incidents, and they're doing it in an ever-changing mobile office. The fleet started off in 1933 with mostly motorcycles and a few coaches. The 50s brought the highway patrol its first single red mounted light. And the first moving radar came into play in the early 70s. Read the full story at 10TV.com.

<http://www.10tv.com/content/stories/2014/07/01/crimetracker10-new-cruiser-technology.html>

### **Cryptic Vehicle Warranty Notices Confuse Consumers (Wisconsin)**

Cryptic mailings are going out to Wisconsin drivers. They look like formal alert notices from the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles or a dealership and say that the factory warranty on the recipient's vehicle is about to expire. Two types of letters are making the rounds, both with the same message. Both are addressed to the drivers personally with a vehicle code, the make and model of their car and a notice date. Read the full story at JSOnline.com.

<http://www.jsonline.com/watchdog/pi/cryptic-vehicle-warranty-notices-confuse-consumers-b99295944z1-265148631.html>

## **Region IV**

### **Albertans to Choose Province’s New Licence Plate**

Albertans are invited to participate in an online survey to choose which of three proposed designs will be featured on the new provincial licence plate. The survey, which is available at [alberta.ca](http://alberta.ca), will run from July 8 to August 19. The design that receives the most votes will be selected for the new plate. Read the Service Alberta press release.

<http://alberta.ca/release.cfm?xID=36787E0F82291-0EEB-A6A5-7949074C677F6810>

### **Appeals Court: Give Driver's Licenses to Deferred Action Recipients (Arizona)**

The 9th Circuit Court on Monday ordered that Arizona provide driver's licenses to recipients of deferred action from deportation — those commonly known as "Dreamers." Saying that the state's policy appears to be motivated by animosity to the young immigrants and is likely unconstitutional, the court ordered an injunction blocking Gov. Jan Brewer's 2012 executive order. Read the full story at [TucsonSentinel.com](http://TucsonSentinel.com).

[http://www.tucsonsentinel.com/local/report/070714\\_daca\\_licenses/appeals-court-give-drivers-licenses-deferred-action-recipients/](http://www.tucsonsentinel.com/local/report/070714_daca_licenses/appeals-court-give-drivers-licenses-deferred-action-recipients/)

### **Out-of-State License Plates: CHP Clamping Down on Drivers Who Avoid California Fees (California)**

The CHP is clamping down on out-of-state drivers with expired license plate tags, and it's showing up in the state's bank account. California's cheaters hotline on the Internet -- where one can anonymously report motorists they suspect are trying to avoid paying state registration fees or residents who register their vehicles at an out-of-state address -- brought in \$3.2 million the past two years. That's more than double the \$1.5 million for 2011 and 2010 and more than triple the \$900,000 recovered in the first two years of the program from 2004 to 2005. Read the full story at [MercuryNews.com](http://MercuryNews.com).

[http://www.mercurynews.com/california/ci\\_26102158/out-state-license-plates-chp-clamping-down-drivers](http://www.mercurynews.com/california/ci_26102158/out-state-license-plates-chp-clamping-down-drivers)

### **GR8 DB8 Over California's Specialty License Plates**

Snoopy has one. So do Yosemite National Park and firefighters. Lawmakers have approved a steady stream of specialty license plates over the years, even after a federal lawsuit two decades ago forced them to restrict who can apply and an audit last year questioned how the money generated was being used. Read the full story at [SFGate.com](http://SFGate.com).

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/GR8-DB8-over-California-s-specialty-license-plates-5611650.php>

### **Colorado's DMV Website Overwhelmed by Non-Citizen License Requests**

The website for Colorado's Division of Motor Vehicles 'Schedule an Appointment at a Driver's License Office' page averaged 70,000 hits per hour on Tuesday, including a high of 107,500 hits hourly, compared to its hourly average of 8,126 hits per hour, a spokeswoman told [FoxNews.com](http://FoxNews.com). (Colorado.gov) The website for Colorado's Division of Motor Vehicles was briefly shut down late

Wednesday, the same day non-citizens were allowed to begin making appointments to obtain driver's licenses. Read the full story at FoxNews.com.

<http://www.foxnews.com/us/2014/07/04/colorado-dmv-website-overwhelmed-by-non-citizen-license-requests/>

### **Idaho Driver's License Practice Test Mobile App Now Available**

Test your knowledge of Idaho's rules of the road with a free mobile app now available from the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD). The app is a practice test, which consists of 32 multiple-choice questions, and provides results as soon as the test is completed. Read the full story at ArgusObserver.com.

[http://www.argusobserver.com/independent/news/idaho-driver-s-license-practice-test-mobile-app-now-available/article\\_6c10d264-0205-11e4-aabd-0019bb2963f4.html](http://www.argusobserver.com/independent/news/idaho-driver-s-license-practice-test-mobile-app-now-available/article_6c10d264-0205-11e4-aabd-0019bb2963f4.html)

### **DMV Offers Nevada 150th License Plate Photo Contest**

The Nevada Department of Motor Vehicles is sponsoring a photography contest and the winner will receive a piece of Nevada history – the license plate that marks Nevada's 150th anniversary. Nevada was admitted to the Union on October 31, 1864. The one-of-a-kind Nevada Sesquicentennial license plate number "NV 0150" will be awarded to one lucky winner on Thursday, October 30th, the day before Nevada Day, 2014. To enter the contest, snap a photo of any Nevada license plate in a Nevada location and submit it to the DMV. The agency will feature weekly finalists on the DMV Facebook page and other social media outlets. Read the full story on KTVN Nevada.

<http://www.ktvn.com/story/25861232/dmv-offers-nevada-150th-license-plate-photo-contest>

### **Temporary IDs Offer Former Inmates A Shot at A Permanent Life Out of Prison (Utah)**

There was little fanfare in the small room where Utah State Prison inmates sat on plastic chairs Tuesday, filling out papers with borrowed blue pens. They checked off boxes, filled out their name and date of birth. They answered yes or no questions, confirmed they were U.S. citizens. It wasn't exciting. But, offenders and officials said, it's so important. Read the full story at SLTrib.com.

<http://www.sltrib.com/sltrib/news/58160705-78/prison-state-inmates-ids.html.csp>

## **Other News**

### **Parents Get Some Help In Teaching Their Teens To Drive**

Parents often take the lead in teaching their teenage children to drive, even though their own memories of starting out behind the wheel may be hazy at best. And since car crashes are the top cause of teen deaths in the United States, claiming more than 2,700 teen lives in 2010 and sending another 282,000 to the emergency room, it's a task that parents really need to get right. Read the full story at NPR.org.

<http://www.npr.org/blogs/health/2014/06/23/324862635/parents-get-some-help-in-teaching-their-teens-to-drive>

### **Alcohol Ignition Interlocks Are Effective While Installed; Less Is Known about How to Increase Installation Rates**

Research GAO reviewed consistently indicated that when installed ignition “interlocks” —devices that prevent drivers from starting their cars if they have been drinking alcohol—effectively reduce the rate of re-arrest for driving while intoxicated (DWI) when installed. But once the devices are removed, DWI re-arrest rates return to pre-interlock rates. (Most studies use DWI arrest as a proxy for alcohol-impaired driving.) Further, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) estimated that between 15 and 20 percent of offenders arrested for DWI actually install ignition interlocks. Learn more and see the study at GAO.gov.

<http://www.gao.gov/products/GAO-14-559>

### **Tollbooth Scofflaws Have Become Multimillion-Dollar Headaches**

Human toll collectors are becoming a vanishing breed as states and highway authorities increasingly move to all-electronic tolling, or AET. But the new technology comes with its own costs. Read the full story at RollCall.com.

<http://blogs.rollcall.com/the-container/tollbooth-scofflaws-have-become-multimillion-dollar-headaches/>

## **Did You Know**

### **2014 WORLD CUP FINAL IS SUNDAY**

The 2014 World Cup will come to an end on Sunday after Germany and Argentina duke it out on the field in Brazil. Will the prediction made by “Chicken” (the hamster) (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rTb9Qjgp2Q>) hold true as it did for the semi-finals? And what will the loyal World Cup audience do once the World Cup has finished? Will they follow suit of their beloved soccer players and begin to (over)act to everyday fouls? (Watch this funny video.)

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvsuYssoTw0>

If you’re heading out to watch the game with other soccer fans, here are some interesting facts that you can arm yourself with:

- The 2014 World Cup is the first ever to use goal-line technology. 14 cameras will be set up around the rim of each host stadium. 7 of these cameras will focus on 1 goal, where the other 7 will focus on the opposite goal. They are connected to a central mainframe computer which analyses each shot on goal. When the match ball crosses the goal line, the referee will feel a vibration and receive a visual sign stating: “Goal”. How does he feel the vibration and see “Goal”? Simple, by wearing a special watch connected to the mainframe computer.

- In order to ensure the safety of the many people who will visit Brazil and see the matches, Israeli drones will be utilized. These unmanned aircraft will monitor the crowds for defense and security purposes. So called PackBot 510 robots, which are used in the US military, will also be utilized to protect the citizens and tourists. They can be remotely operated and detect and examine suspicious objects or explore dangerous environments.
- Aside from the drones and US robots, facial recognition camera glasses, helicopters with night vision and thermal cameras, high tech-surveillance equipment and soldiers from the Brazilian Armed Forces are used to ensure security and protection in the host cities.
- The 2014 world champions will receive \$ 35 million prize money while the runner-up team gets \$ 25 million.
- If Germany wins on Sunday, they will become only the second team after Brazil (5 - 1958, 1962, 1970, 1994, 2002) and Italy (4 - 1934 as hosts, 1938, 1982, 2006) to have won four or more World Cup trophies

Find more 2014 World Cup facts online:

- 10 Facts about Argentina-Germany World Cup 2014 Final (News.OneIndia.In) <http://news.oneindia.in/sports/10-facts-about-argentina-germany-fifa-world-cup-2014-final-1480954.html>
- 2013 World Cup Facts (WorldCupBrazil.net) <http://www.worldcupbrazil.net/world-cup-2014/facts/>
- 100 World Cup 2014 Facts (Fifa.com) <http://www.fifa.com/worldcup/news/100-days-to-go/>
- 50 Things You Need to Know About the 2014 FIFA World Cup in Brazil (Bleacher Report) <http://bleacherreport.com/articles/1868621-50-things-you-need-to-know-about-the-2014-fifa-world-cup-in-brazil>