

# August 1, 2014 - Regional News

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## AAMVA News

### **AAMVA Systems Training for AAMVA Members**

AAMVA Systems Training aims to develop education, training and learning opportunities that meet the needs of AAMVA's membership in the use of all the systems and procedures to ensure commercial driver safety and compliance with Federal regulations. These web-delivered programs do not require travel and are learner-centered, interactive and guaranteed to produce results. All courses are free for AAMVA members. View the course catalogue and register or enroll in a session at <http://aamva.intevista.com>. If you experience trouble enrolling, or if you would like more information on any of the courses, please send an email to [trainer@aamva.org](mailto:trainer@aamva.org).

### **Webinar: AAMVA Standing Committees Update**

On August 6th at 2:00 (ET), Brian Ursino will be hosting a webinar to provide an overview of the current activities of AAMVA's three standing committees (Driver, Law Enforcement and Vehicle). Participants will have an opportunity to ask questions of AAMVA's subject matter experts and make suggestions on current and future priorities. Register for the AAMVA Standing Committee Update webinar at [www.aamva.org/Webinar-Series/](http://www.aamva.org/Webinar-Series/)

## Region I

### **PennDOT Pushing Website, Toll Free Access for Licensing Centers (Pennsylvania)**

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation licensing centers are no longer just a phone call away. In fact, it has been years since residents could last call their local PennDOT Driver License Center directly to ask public employees questions about driver's licenses renewals and photo ID replacements. Read the full story at [Bradfordera.com](http://www.bradfordera.com).

[http://www.bradfordera.com/news/article\\_ca7d063e-16cc-11e4-8cdf-001a4bcf887a.html](http://www.bradfordera.com/news/article_ca7d063e-16cc-11e4-8cdf-001a4bcf887a.html)

### **State Will Soon Issue License Plates Supporting Gettysburg Monuments (Pennsylvania)**

State Rep. Harry Readshaw announced the state will begin issuing a license plate in November that will support the Pennsylvania monuments at Gettysburg National Military Park. Read the full story at [SopghReporter.com](http://www.sopghreporter.com).

<http://www.sopghreporter.com/story/2014/07/29/news/state-will-soon-issue-license-plates-supporting-gettysburgh-monuments/14740.html>

## Region II

### **Kentucky Gets Driver's License Extension**

Kentuckians don't have to worry about their driver's licenses for another year. The U.S. Department of Homeland Security has granted Kentucky a one-year extension on meeting new security requirements for its driver's licenses. The extension expires Oct. 10, 2015, and is renewable. Read the full story at WPSLocal6.com

<http://www.wpslocal6.com/story/26170627/kentucky-gets-drivers-license-extension>

### **North Carolina Drivers will Have New Freedom of Choice in 'First' License Plates**

First in Flight, or First in Freedom? When car owners get new license plates for their cars, they'll have new freedom to choose how they boast about North Carolina. The new state budget rolled out in the General Assembly Wednesday night introduces the license plate option. Read the full story at NewsObserver.com.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/2014/07/31/4041286/nc-drivers-will-have-new-freedom.html?sp=/99/102/105/#storylink=cpy>

### **DPS Requiring 10 Fingerprints to Get a Driver's License (Texas)**

A new policy by the Department of Public Safety is getting some mixed reviews from the public. When it comes time to renew your driver's license, or get a new driver's license...you will now have to hand over 10 pieces of information. Read the full story at NewsChannel10.com.

<http://www.newschannel10.com/story/26145423/dps-requiring-10-fingerprints-to-get-a-drivers-license>

## Region III

### **Illinois Considers New License Requirements for Big Motorcycles**

After graduating from Illinois' motorcycle safety class, instructors say, some students rush out and buy a monster racing bike that can go 140 mph -- and they can't handle it. Read the full story at ARCarMax.com.

[www.arcamax.com/currentnews/newsheadlines/s-1552793#luG0ZwejAwPiSZqD.99](http://www.arcamax.com/currentnews/newsheadlines/s-1552793#luG0ZwejAwPiSZqD.99)

### **Some Scooters Now Require License In Indiana**

With more and more mo-peds hitting the streets, police are having a hard time enforcing new restrictions encompassed in the new scooter law. Mo-ped drivers can still cruise the streets and roads on their two-wheel machines, but the new state law, which went into effect July 1, puts more restrictions on their use. Read the full story at InsuranceNewsNet.com.

<http://insurancenewsnet.com/oarticle/2014/07/30/some-scooters-now-require-license-in-ind-a-537351.html#.U9jOuvldUeE>

### **DeWine Limits Facial-ID Program's Use (Ohio)**

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine continues to clamp down on the number of law-enforcement officials who can access his office's controversial facial-recognition technology. But critics, such as his election opponent and the American Civil Liberties Union of Ohio, continue to have concerns. Read the full story in the Columbus Dispatch.

<http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2014/08/01/facial-id-programs-use-limited.html>

### **Ohio Lawmaker Proposes LeBron License Plate**

An Ohio lawmaker wants to create a specialty license plate celebrating the homecoming of LeBron James. State Rep. Rep. Bill Patmon says he plans to introduce legislation within the next two weeks for the "LeBron James Witness 2.0" tag. Read the full story at ModBee.com.

<http://www.modbee.com/2014/08/01/3467045/ohio-lawmaker-proposes-lebron.html>

## **Region IV**

### **Mat-Su Considering Permanent Car Registration for Older Vehicles (Alaska)**

Folks in the Mat-Su Valley are thinking about giving their borough a new title - old car capital of Alaska. There are nearly 84,000 cars in the Valley built before 2006, according to DMV records. Read the full story at KTVA.com.

<http://www.ktva.com/mat-su-considering-permanent-car-registration-for-older-vehicles-924/>

### **Sensitive Documents, Personal Information Uncovered at Bay Area Salvage Yards (California)**

Auto salvage yards can be a great resource for the do-it-yourselfer in search of spare parts. 2 Investigates found the same yards can also be a gold mine for identity thieves. At three Pick n Pull locations in the Bay Area, KTVU found sensitive documents containing people's personal information inside vehicles, from bank account numbers to social security numbers. Read the full article onn KTUV.com.

<http://www.ktvu.com/news/news/local/2-investigates-sensitive-documents-personal-inform/ngp7J/>

### **Uncertain Future for Undocumented Immigrants Licenses; DMV and DHS Do Not Reach Agreement Document Layout (California)**

The talks between the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to resolve disputes about the design of driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants "are stuck". Read the full LAOpinion story at Translate.Google.com.

<http://translate.google.com/translate?js=n&prev=t&ie=UTF-8&tl=en&u=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.laopinion.com%2Ffuturo-incierto-para-las-licencias>

### **California Removes Lane Splitting Guidelines**

The California Highway Patrol has taken down safety guidelines for a sometimes criticized but legal driving maneuver in which motorcyclists pass stalled traffic by driving between lanes. Read the full story at SFGate.com.

<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/California-removes-lane-splitting-guidelines-5644395.php>

### **Colorado Overwhelmed by Immigrant License Requests**

Undocumented immigrants in Colorado may face waits of a year or more to obtain drivers licenses under a program starting tomorrow, as thousands seeking to apply overwhelm an online scheduling system and available staff. Read the full story at Bloomberg.com.

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2014-07-31/colorado-overwhelmed-by-immigrant-license-requests.html>

### **Medical Card Reporting by CDL Holders Gets Easier, Saves Time (Idaho)**

A new electronic reporting system will streamline state and federal reporting requirements for Idaho Commercial Driver's License (CDL) holders and medical providers certified by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). Read the ITD press release.

<http://apps.itd.idaho.gov/Apps/MediaManagerMVC/PressRelease.aspx/Preview/5144>

### **Nevada DMV Is Offering Special Plates For Autonomous Cars**

One of our readers was taking his daughter to the DMV for her driver's test (she passed!) when he noticed these personalized license plate options: ones for 'driverless' and 'requires a driver' autonomous cars. I think these are the first plates of their kind in the US. Read the full story at Jalopnik.com.

<http://jalopnik.com/nevada-dmv-is-offering-special-plates-for-autonomous-ca-1612790599>

## **Other News**

### **Motor Voter Problems Mean Delays at Polls**

When county clerks in New Mexico tried to figure out why voter registrations had slowed to a trickle this spring despite an upcoming primary, they made a surprising discovery: The culprit was a new online voter registration system at motor vehicle offices. Read the full story at USAToday.com.

<http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2014/07/29/motor-voter-states-dmv/12752595/>

## **Driverless Cars on British Roads in Six Months as Ministers Change Law to Allow Trials of Google-Style Vehicles**

Driverless cars will be on British roads in just six months time, Business Secretary Vince Cable has announced today. The Government will allow the first trials of computer-controlled cars to start in January, as part of a move to update the law to allow driverless cars on UK roads. Read the full story at [DailyMail.co.uk](http://www.dailymail.co.uk).

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-2710370/Driverless-cars-British-roads-year-ministers-change-law-allow-trials-Google-style-vehicles.html>

## **Hyundai Recalls 883,000 Sonata Sedans in U.S. for Transmission Issue**

South Korean automaker Hyundai Motor Co will recall about 883,000 Sonata mid-sized sedans in the United States and Puerto Rico because a potentially defective transmission-shift cable could increase the risk of a crash. Read the full story at [Reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com).

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2014/07/30/hyundai-recall-idUSL2N0Q50OP20140730>

## **ATRI Releases Study Evaluating the Impact of CMV Enforcement Disparities on Carrier Safety Performance**

The American Transportation Research Institute (ATRI), the trucking industry's not-for-profit research organization, today released its newest study, Evaluating the Impact of Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Disparities on Carrier Safety Performance. According to Steve Niswander, Vice President, Safety Policy & Regulatory Relations of Groendyke Transportation and ATRI Research Advisory Committee (RAC) Chairman, "This assessment was ranked as the number one research issue for the industry during our annual RAC meeting in 2013 and its impact on the industry should be significant." Read the press release for more information.

<http://atri-online.org/2014/07/31/atri-releases-study-evaluating-the-impact-of-cmv-enforcement-disparities-on-carrier-safety-performance/>

## **Harley Recalls Bikes for Ignition Switch Problem**

Ignition switch problems that have plagued General Motors and Chrysler have now turned up in the motorcycle business. Harley-Davidson is recalling more than 3,300 FXDL Dyna Low Rider bikes because engine vibration can turn the switches from "on" to "accessory." Read the full story at [FresnoBee.com](http://www.fresnobee.com).

<http://www.fresnobee.com/2014/08/01/4050259/harley-recalls-bikes-for-ignition.html>

## **2007 and 2009 Mitsubishi Outlander Recalled for Possible Transmission Fluid Leak**

Mitsubishi Motors North America is recalling five 2007 and 2009 Mitsubishi Outlander SUVs because during servicing, they were repaired with replacement transfer case assemblies whose oil seal may

come out of position, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Read the full story at Edmunds.com.

<http://www.edmunds.com/car-news/2007-and-2009-mitsubishi-outlander-recalled-for-possible-transmission-fluid-leak.html>

## Did You Know

### CAR RECALLS

It seems like every week we're hearing about a new vehicle recall notice going out. It can be kind of scary when you hear your vehicle is part of a major safety recall—I know, because I have received at least three such notices in my lifetime for various vehicles I have owned. I wanted to learn a little bit more about vehicle recalls and some of the history behind them. Here is a little bit of what I've learned about vehicle recalls.

- Auto companies average 200 safety related and compliance recalls EVERY YEAR.
- Since enacting The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act in 1966, there have been 390 MILLION vehicles recalled.
- Toyota's 2009 recall was the single largest recall in history.
- Over the last 15 years, Ford recalled 14.3 million cars due to faulty switches.
- In 1978 1.4 million Pintos (and its near-twin, the Mercury Bobcat) were recalled to have plastic shields installed to protect their gas tanks. In addition Ford has paid out millions in claims from Pinto fires.
- The 1976 Aspen and Volare were among the most recalled cars of all time. The two were recalled an incredible eight times by the end of 1977 by the NHTSA.
- After more than 60 cases of runaway vehicles were reported, 30 of which resulted in at least one death, Toyota went into crisis mode and issued two separate recalls in 2009 and 2010 to "reconfigure" the accelerator setup.
- Ford was forced to front the repair bill for more than 20 million vehicles after a safety defect in their transmission system caused more than 6,000 accidents, 1,700 injuries and 98 deaths. At the heart of the recall was a failed safety catch, which allowed Ford's automobiles to spontaneously slip from "Park" to "Reverse" without warning.

Learn more online:

- 390 Million Vehicles Recalled Since 1966...and other fun recall facts (autoblog.com)  
<http://www.autoblog.com/2010/04/22/390-million-vehicles-recalled-since-1966-and-other-fun-recall/>
- 5 Most Notorious Recalls of All Time (Popular Mechanics)  
<http://www.popularmechanics.com/cars/news/industry/4345725#slide-1>
- 5 of the Largest Car Recalls in History (Investopedia)  
<http://www.investopedia.com/slide-show/car-recalls/>

- Car Recalls: The 12 Biggest Auto Recalls & Car Manufacturing Disasters (Car Insurance Comparison)  
<http://www.carinsurancecomparison.com/car-recalls/>