AAMVA at Lifesavers Conference This Week
AAMVA is pleased to be an exhibitor at the Lifesavers Conference this week in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Lifesavers Conference brings together a unique combination of public health and safety professionals, researchers, advocates, practitioners and students committed to sharing best practices, research, and policy initiatives that are proven to work. For more information, visit http://lifesaversconference.org/

AAMVA Website for National Registry II
AAMVA has created a page for the Medical Examiner’s Certification Integration final rule (i.e., National Registry II) on the AAMVA website. The National Registry II page has three tabs which provide the following information:
- Overview – Overview of the National Registry II requirements and solution
- Documentation – Documentation available for National Registry II
- Participation – National Registry II State implementation status

FMCSA has approved the Mini Specification for the first National Registry II transaction ‘NR01 MEC Verification Inquiry’. This Mini Specification and notes regarding the usage of this document is now available under the ‘Documentation’ tab. AAMVA hosted webinars that provided a high level overview of the National Registry II solution, and a walk through of the NR01 Mini Spec in February 2017. The recording for these webinars and associated slides can be found in the AAMVA Webinar Archives. AAMVA will continue to release Mini Specifications for National Registry II and will inform you once they are available. The complete Master Specification will be published by February 2018. If you have any questions regarding the specification, please contact Helpdesk@aamva.org

Submissions Due Soon for Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety
The Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety is presented annually to an AAMVA member jurisdiction employee or other individual whose primary function is directly associated with highway and traffic safety efforts and who has had a distinguished career in this arena. The individual can be currently active or retired. One award is presented for achievement in highway safety in Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) and one for achievement in highway safety in Law Enforcement (LE). Visit the Safety Awards category of the AAMVA Awards Program for complete details about the Martha Irwin Award for Lifetime Achievement in Highway Safety. Award submissions and accompanying materials must be received by AAMVA by April 15, 2017. All submissions should be sent to awards@aamva.org. Download the 2017 Awards Submission
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APRIL

11-13 | 2017 April CDL Coordinators and IT Meeting
St. Louis, Missouri

19-20 | 2017 April Board Meeting
Arlington, Virginia

19 | 2017 April Industry Advisory Board Meeting
Arlington, Virginia

25-27 | 2017 NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group Meeting
Arlington, Virginia

26-27 | 2017 NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group Meeting
Arlington, Virginia

MAY

3-4 | 2017 May Joint mDL Working Group Meeting
Arlington, Virginia

7-12 | 2017 AAMVA Leadership Academy
Arlington, Virginia

15-19 | 2017 May CDL Train the Trainer Class
St. Petersburg, Florida

21-24 | 2017 Region IV Conference
Seattle, Washington

JUNE

19-22 | 2017 Region II Conference
Chattanooga, Tennessee

This Week's Webinars

NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) – Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature
Tuesday, March 28, 2017, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)
Before a jurisdiction issues a title or other ownership document or record, the SWI can provide information to help the jurisdiction determine whether the ownership documentation presented with the application are valid. The information supports jurisdictions’ titling processes for both new and used vehicles. The Anti-Car Theft Act requires each jurisdiction to perform an instant title verification check before issuing a title to an applicant claiming to have purchased the vehicle from an individual or entity in another jurisdiction. The SWI VIN search feature can be used to satisfy this legal requirement. In addition, the NMVTIS best practice is that jurisdictions perform an inquiry before issuing a title or other ownership document or record, whether or not the applicant claims to have purchased the vehicle in another jurisdiction.

How to Fill Out and Send the NMVTIS Change Request Data Form to AAMVA Help Desk
Wednesday, March 29, 2017, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)
This webinar will focus on how to accurately fill out and send the NMVTIS change request data form to AAMVA Help Desk. The webinar includes: When to use the change request data form, Instructions on how to fill out the change request data form, How to send the form to AAMVA Help Desk, How to send corrections to the form to AAMVA Help Desk when needed, and Understand how to request different types of changes to the NMVTIS data using change request data form.

Report Out of State Test Results (ROOSTR) Demonstration
Friday, March 30, 2017, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)
Report Out of State Test Results (ROOSTR) solution supports the Federal Regulation CFR §383.79(a) of reporting CDL Skills Test Results for out of state applicants. The purpose of this webinar is to demonstrate functionality of ROOSTR to jurisdiction members who are utilizing ROOSTR.

ICBC Enhances Online Driver Licensing and Claims Services for Customers
Checking wait times at driver licensing offices or the status of your ICBC claim can now be done online, thanks to new service enhancements available at icbc.com. Customers can now look at current wait times at 14 of ICBC’s highest-volume driver licensing offices to help them choose when and where to visit. ICBC has also improved its online claims services so that most customers will no longer have to call to find out some essential information about their claim, such as the rental vehicle coverage they’re entitled to or the amount of their deductible. A claims status check is available at icbc.com/claims. Read more here.

FHWA: Release of New Pilot Car Escort Vehicle Training Publications
The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) has released new Pilot Car Escort Vehicle training publications, including best practices guidelines, best practices for law enforcement, a study guide, training manual, and PowerPoint slides, all of which may be accessed at https://ops.fhwa.dot.gov/freight/sw/index.htm. The best practices guidelines document summarizes the material found in the 2016
Pilot/Escort Vehicle Operators (P/EVO's) Training Manual. The 2016 Pilot/Escort Vehicle Operators Training Manual is the result of extensive research, review, and analysis of existing pilot/escort vehicle operators training materials, laws and rules relevant to P/EVOs, incident reports, case studies, and other information focused on the movement of oversize loads. The Pilot/Escort Vehicle Operators Training Manual, its companion Pilot/Escort Vehicle Operators Study Guide, a P/EVO training presentation, and these Pilot/Escort Vehicle Operators Best Practices Guidelines are available to State agencies, training providers, and others involved in the training and certification of P/EVOs. Each of these documents can be used individually or in combination, and are available at no charge from FHWA's website. The format of these materials offers flexibility to meet the needs of the pilot/escort operators, from one- or two-car companies to more complex multi-state operations. If you have any comments or suggestions on these training materials or seek further assistance, please contact John Berg, john.berg@dot.gov or Crystal Jones, crystal.jones@dot.gov.

FHWA Extends Deadline for Motorcyclist Advisory Council Nominations
The Federal Highway Administration has announced that it is extending the deadline for nomination applications for its Motorcyclist Advisory Council (MAC) until April 15, 2017. The MAC will coordinate with and advise the FHWA Administrator on infrastructure issues of concern to motorcyclists, including: barrier design, road design, construction and maintenance practices and the architecture and implementation of intelligent transportation system technologies.

FMCSA Withdraws Safety Fitness Determination NPRM
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has withdrawn its January 21, 2016 notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) proposing a revised methodology for issuance of a safety fitness determinations for motor carriers. The new determination would have determined when a motor carrier is not fit to operate in interstate commerce. Under provisions of the FAST Act, FMCSA must receive the Correlation Study from the National Academies of Science and assess whether and, if so, what corrective actions are advisable, and complete additional analysis before determining whether further rulemaking action is necessary to revise the safety fitness determination process.

FMCSA Extends ICR on Accident Recordkeeping Requirements
FMCSA has announced that it is requesting approval to extend its information collection regarding "Accident Recordkeeping Requirements." The information collection request relates to FMCSA requirements that motor carriers maintain a record of accidents involving their commercial motor vehicles. Motor carriers are not required to report this data to FMCSA, but must produce it upon inquiry by authorized Federal, State or local officials.

FMCSA Invites Public Comment on CDL Skills Testing Delays Survey Information Collection
The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) invites public comment on its plan to request the Office of Management and Budget to review and approve an information collection (ICR) to collect data on the delays, by State, that applicants face when scheduling a CDL skills test. This ICR and subsequent data analysis is required by section 5506 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) which requires the FMCSA to produce a study on CDL skills test delays on an annual basis. The respondents for the annual survey will be State CDL Coordinators, and State CDL Coordinators and State CDL test location staff may submit an optional quarterly report of delay time at each test site. Comments are due by April 20, 2017.
FMCSA Further Delays ELDT Final Rule

In accordance with the Presidential “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review” the effective date of the final rule entitled “Minimum Training Requirements for Entry-Level Commercial Motor Vehicle Operators” is further delayed until May 22, 2017. The initial effective date was February 6, 2017. The “Regulatory Freeze” memorandum directed the heads of Executive Departments and Agencies to temporarily postpone for 60 days from the date of the memorandum the effective dates of certain regulations that had been published in the Federal Register but had not yet taken effect. The first delay pushed the effective date back until March 21, 2017. This represents the second extension of the effective date accompanying the entry-level driver training final rule.

FMCSA Announces Extension of ICR on Training Certification for Drivers of Longer Combination Vehicles

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces an extension of a currently-approved information collection request (ICR) titled, “Training Certification for Drivers of Longer Combination Vehicles (LCVs).” This ICR relates to FMCSA requirements for drivers to be certified to operate LCVs, and the requirements that motor carriers must satisfy before permitting their drivers to operate LCVs. Motor carriers, upon inquiry by authorized federal, state or local officials, must produce an LCV driver-training certificate for each of their LCV drivers. On October 14, 2016, FMCSA published a Federal Register notice announcing an increase in the Agency’s estimate of the total information collection burden of these driver training certifications and asked for public comment. Interested parties must submit comments before April 26, 2017.

GAO Issues Report and Recommendations on SAVE Program

The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) has issued a report entitled, “Immigration Status Verification for Benefits: Actions Needed to Improve Effectiveness and Oversight.” This report examines the extent to which USCIS has (1) determined the accuracy of SAVE information, (2) instituted safeguards to protect privacy and provide the ability to correct erroneous information, and (3) monitored user agency compliance with SAVE program policies. GAO has made nine recommendations as a result of the report, including that USCIS improve guidance and ensure training on verification requirements, develop and implement a more effective method for record correction; and develop a documented, risk-based strategy for monitoring compliance.

NHTSA Delays Effective Date of Minimum Sound Requirements for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles Rule

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) delays the effective date of the rule entitled “Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards; Minimum Sound Requirements for Hybrid and Electric Vehicles,” published in the Federal Register on December 14, 2016. The effective date of the final rule published (81 FR 90416), December 14, 2016, delayed on February 6, 2017 (82 FR 9368), is delayed further until May 22, 2017. This action is in accordance with the memorandum of January 20, 2017, from the Assistant to the President and Chief of Staff, entitled “Regulatory Freeze Pending Review.” The memorandum temporarily postpones the effective date of regulations that have been published in the Federal Register but have not taken effect to 60 days from the date of the memorandum for the purpose of reviewing questions of fact, law, and policy they raise.
The Northeast Autonomous Vehicle Summit will be held this week, March 30-31, in Mystic, CT. The summit is hosted by the UConn School of Engineering in partnership with the Connecticut Department of Transportation, NHTSA and FHWA. The two-day forum will bring together policy makers and DOTs from more than a dozen states to discuss the impact of AVs on policy, safety and technology. On the 30th, Dr. Jim Hedlund, author of GHSA's latest report on autonomous vehicles, will present the report's findings to attendees. For more information, visit http://ctsrc.uconn.edu/home/ne-autonomous-vehicle-summit/.