NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group Meets in Santa Fe

The NMVTIS Business Rules Working Group (NMVTIS BRWG) met in Santa Fe, New Mexico on April 16th and 17th. The working group met to continue to discuss the NMVTIS modernization plan, the development of the Performance Management Concept (PMC) pilot, and the Salvage and Junk Vehicle Best Practice.

Overall, the working group had a very productive two days and made great strides on each topic on the agenda. Sam Amaya, Director of Vehicle Systems for AAMVA, joined the working group to gather additional details for the business requirements for NMVTIS modernization, and the working group deliberated many questions and the benefits gained from improving the system. The working group further discussed the methodology and timing to roll out the PMC pilot. Additionally, they took feedback from the board and dialogue held at the AAMVA Workshop and Law Institute on the Salvage and Junk Vehicle Best Practice into consideration in order to position the document to be reviewed and approved by the board, then published. A date has not yet been determined for the next face-to-face meeting but the group intends to come together for two meetings in fiscal year 2019.

AAMVA Attends New York Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Symposium

The New York Motor Vehicle Theft and Insurance Fraud Prevention Symposium was held on April 16th and 17th in Saratoga Springs, NY. This is an annual symposium focused on providing education and resources to enhance investigative efforts in combatting vehicle fraud and theft. On Tuesday April 16th, Owen McShane, Director of Investigations for the New York Department of Motor Vehicles, and Paul Steier, AAMVA Law Enforcement Program Manager, provided a presentation on the use of NMVTIS and the Law Enforcement Access Tool (LEAT). This presentation highlighted the value of NMVTIS LEAT when conducting vehicle crime investigations and provided information on program access.
The National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) Vehicle Finance Fraud Conference was held in Orlando, FL on April 17th and 18th. The conference covered topics related to the detection and investigation of vehicle finance fraud. Vehicle finance and insurance fraud investigators, as well as law enforcement investigators, were in attendance. NMVTIS Law Enforcement Working Group members Chris McDonold, Director, Maryland Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, and Les Cravens, Director of Law Enforcement, Auto Data Direct, provided presentations during the conference. Paul Steier, AAMVA Law Enforcement Program Manager, also provided a presentation on NMVTIS and use of the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Access Tool. Also pictured is Rusty Russell, NICB Director of Vehicle Operations.

### AAMVA Visits North Carolina Highway Patrol and DMV in Raleigh

Patrice Aasmo, AAMVA Director of Member Support, Regions 1 & 2, and Brian Ursino, AAMVA Director of Law Enforcement, visited with North Carolina Highway Patrol (NCHP) Colonel Glenn McNeil and members of his staff on April 16, 2019, at NCHP headquarters in Raleigh, NC. The meeting served to strengthen an already strong AAMVA/NCHP relationship. On April 17, 2019, Patrice and Brian spent the day visiting with Commissioner Torre Jessup and the NC DMV management team in their Raleigh headquarters, where the NC team learned more about their association, as well as AAMVA resources and benefits. They also shared the projects they are working on, including current and upcoming projects and opportunities.

### This Week's Webinars

**NMVTIS State Web Interface (SWI) -- Instant Title Verification Using the VIN Search Feature**

*April 23, 2019, 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.

**Note:** This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction and federal members only.

**NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (Web Service Version) -- Part 2**

*April 24, 2019, 2:00 - 3:00 pm (ET)*

NMVTIS has two third party transactions that involve updates between the central site and multiple states. Because the transactions involve multiple states and the...
Road Testing (Ends 05/13/2019)
Responses received from AK, AR, CA, CT, DE, FL, IA, IL, LA, MD, ME, MN, MS, MT, NE, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SD, TN, TX, VA.

Transaction/Technology Fees
(Ends 05/07/2019) Responses received from AB, DE, FL, HI, IL, MB, MD, ME, MS, NH, OH, PA, RI, SC, TN, TX, UT, WI.

### JURISDICTION NEWS

**Washington State Patrol (WSP) Chief John Batiste Celebrates 40th Anniversary**

Washington State Patrol (WSP) Chief John Batiste, an AAMVA Board member, recently celebrated his 40-year anniversary with the WSP. Here he is pictured with Washington Governor, and presidential candidate, Jay Inslee.

**DMV Takes Next Step to Allow Light-Duty Autonomous Delivery Vehicles (California)**

The California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) released proposed regulations...that establish a path for companies to test or deploy light-duty autonomous motor trucks (delivery vehicles) on the state’s public roads. The release of these regulations marks the start of a 45-day public comment period, which ends May 27, 2019. [Read more here](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=16868795).

**Disabled Parking Placard Enforcement Catches 131 Abusers in March (California)**

Investigators with the California Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) caught 131 people misusing disabled person parking placards during 19 enforcement operations in March. Offenders had their placard confiscated and face fines that range from $250 to $1,000. Since July 1, 2018, DMV investigators have verified 14,958 disabled person parking placards and found 1,379 being misused. The DMV holds as many as 24 enforcement operations each month throughout the state targeted at curbing disabled person parking placard abuse. [Read more here](https://www.magnetmail.net/design/preview.cfm?message_id=16868795).

**Maryland Sees 8.5 Percent Decrease in Roadway Fatalities in 2018**

Last year 511 people lost their lives in vehicle crashes across Maryland, according
Kofax Total Agility (Ends 05/03/2019) Responses received from DE, FL, IL, ME, MS, MT, NH, NM, OH, SC, SD, TN, VA, WI.

Print on Demand Temporary Tags or Plates (Ends 04/30/2019) Responses received from AB, AL, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, ID, IN, KY, LA, ME, MT, NE, NH, NY, OR, RI, SK, UT, VT, WV, WY.

Rebuilt Vehicles (Ends 04/29/2019) Responses received from AL, AR, CA, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, KY, LA, MN, MS, MT, NE, NH, NY, OR, TX, UT, VT, WV, WY.

Titling Vehicles with No Previous Title (Ends 05/20/2019) Response received from FL.

Imported Vehicles Working Group Survey (Ends 05/15/2019) Response received from KY.

Business transformation & technology modernization (Ends 05/20/2019)

You can view all open surveys and responses to all surveys by visiting the survey tool. Please contact Janice Dluzynski if you have any questions about using the survey tool.

To data released...at the annual Maryland Highway Safety Summit. Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Deputy Secretary Jim Ports, MDOT Motor Vehicle Administrator Chrissy Nizer and Maryland Transportation Authority Police Chief Col. Jerry Jones gathered with law enforcement officials, safety advocates and transportation agencies to unveil the 2018 statistics. Read more here.

NYS DMV Reports Record Number of Online Transactions by Customers (New York)
The New York State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) announced...that the agency set a new record for the number of online transactions in 2018, with 7.6 million consumers choosing to handle their business through the DMV's website. DMV has seen tremendous growth in online transactions. In 2015, DMV processed 6 million transactions online. Read more here.

March Traffic Spotlight Results Show Huge Numbers of Speeding, Seatbelt Offences (Saskatchewan)‘March madness’ is a term generally associated with college basketball, but it might be a more apt description of the huge number of speeding and seatbelt tickets reported by Saskatchewan law enforcement last month. The March Traffic Safety Spotlight was on distracted driving, but when the results came back, the most distracting thing about them were the 8,734 speeding/aggressive driving offences and the 657 offences for seatbelt or child seat violations. The speeding and seatbelt numbers are the highest we’ve seen in those categories since Traffic Safety Spotlights started in 2014. Read more here.

New Report Shows Efficacy of Automatic Voter Registration Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos Celebrates AVR’s Success in Vermont
A newly released report by The Brennan Center for Justice at the New York University School of Law has found that automatic voter registration (AVR) has markedly increased the number of voters being registered, ranging in increases from 9 to 94 percent, in several states across the country that have implemented it...Vermont was the 4th state to pass AVR, and the 2nd state to implement it. Secretary of State Jim Condos launched AVR in January of 2017, in partnership with the Vermont Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). An average of 427 voters registered or updated their registration status each week in 2017. Compared to the modeled average of 266 voters each week, this represents a 60.2 percent increase due to AVR. Read more here.

FEDERAL NEWS

DHS Issues ICR on Real ID and Compliance Determination Process
The United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has issued an information collection activity request with respect to Real ID and the compliance determination process. Per the information collection request, "States seeking DHS’s full compliance determination must certify that they are meeting certain standards in the issuance of driver’s licenses and identification cards and submit security plans covering physical security of document production and storage facilities as well as security of personally identifiable information. 6 CFR 37.55(a). States also must conduct background checks and training for employees involved in the document production and issuance processes and retain and store applicant photographs and other source documents. 6 CFR 37.31 and 37.45. States must recertify compliance with Real ID every three years on a rolling basis as determined by the Secretary of Homeland Security. 6 CFR 37.55.” This ICR request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) identifies the collections required by DHS to make compliance certifications in the areas identified above.
This includes the actual certification of the state that it is in compliance, a description of the State’s exceptions process to accept alternate documents to establish identity and lawful status and waiver process used when conducting background checks for individuals involved in the document production process, the state’s security plan, and the state certification checklist. This ICR also cites the ability for DHS to conduct interviews of employees and contractors involved in the document issuance, verification, and production processes as well as DHS’s ability to inspect sites associated with the enrollment of applicants and the production, manufacture, personalization, and issuance of driver’s licenses or identification cards. This application provides DHS with the approval authority to continue with the determination process and collect all information for the certification package. As with most ICRs, comments may be generally evaluated, but are often restricted to the efficacy of the proposal, the accuracy of the estimate of burden, and whether the ICR is necessary for the performance of the agency. The ICR lists the estimated burden per respondent at 750 hours with the number of respondents listed as 18. Comments are due June 17, 2019. If your agency submits comments, please consider copying governmentaffairs@aamva.org so that AAMVA may reflect those comments as well. Read more here.

**FMCSA Grants Exemption for Alternate Agricultural Commodity Transport**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has granted a limited 5-year exemption to the Agricultural and Food Transporters Conference (AFTC) of American Trucking Associations (ATA) to allow certain alternate methods for the securement of agricultural commodities transported in wood and plastic boxes and bins, and large fiberglass tubs, as well as hay, straw, and cotton bales that are grouped together into large singular units. The FMCSA conclusion that this achieves an equitable level of safety is based on the results of a comprehensive test program conducted by FMCSA in collaboration with the California Highway Patrol (CHP), the California Department of Food and Agriculture and the California Trucking Association. Read more here.

**FMCSA Grants SmartDrive Windshield Mounted Camera Exemption**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has granted SmartDrive System, Inc.’s application for a limited 5-year exemption from federal regulations to allow an Advanced Driver Assistance System (ADAS) camera to be mounted lower in the windshield than is currently permitted. FMCSA has determined that the placement of the SmartDrive ADAS camera lower in the windshield area would not have an adverse impact on safety, and that adherence to the terms and conditions of the exemption would likely achieve a level of safety equivalent to or greater than the level of safety provided by the regulation. The exemption request addresses 49 CFR 393.60(e)(1) regarding prohibition on obstructions to the driver’s field of view. SmartDrive describes the system as an ADAS component integral to their next-generation comprehensive vehicle safety system that contributes to capabilities including forward collision warnings, short following distance warnings, lane detection and departure warnings, and active monitoring with real-time driver feedback. Read more here.

**FY 2019 National Infrastructure Investments Grant Application Now Open**

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) announced the opening of the FY 2019 National Infrastructure Investments grant program application. The FY 2019 Appropriations Act appropriated $900 million for National Infrastructure Investments, previously known as TIGER grants, and now renamed BUILD Transportation grants. As with previous rounds of TIGER, funds for the FY 2019 BUILD Transportation program are to be awarded on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant local or regional impact. Application packages can be submitted through the Grants.gov portal. The deadline for applications is
GAO Conducts Study of Underride Crashes and Underride Technologies

The United States Government Accountability Office (GAO) has released a report entitled "Truck Underride Guards: Improved Data Collection, Inspections and Research Needed." The report examines the data DOT reports on underride crashes and the development and use of underride guard technologies in the U.S. GAO analyzed DOT's underride crash data for 2008 through 2017, reviewed NHTSA's proposed regulations and research on new guard technologies and interviewed various stakeholders on reported underride crash fatalities and other factors. As a result of the report, GAO has recommended that the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) take steps to provide a standardized definition of underride crashes and data fields, share information with police departments on identifying underride crashes, establish annual inspection requirements for rear guards, and conduct additional research on side underride guards. DOT has concurred with GAO's recommendations. Read more here.

Ohio DPS Petitions FMCSA on CDL Skills Test Requirements for Veterans

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has published an application from the Ohio Department of Public Safety (DPS) for a limited exemption from commercial driver's license (CDL) regulations. The Ohio DPS requests an exemption to modify the mandatory skills test requirements for qualified veterans who served in the military. The Ohio DPS states that its goal is to promote the opportunities for experienced commercial motor vehicle (CMV) operators who have served in the military by reducing the regulatory burden for obtaining a CDL. FMCSA requests public comment on the Ohio DPS's application for exemption. In addition, because the issue concerning the Ohio DPS request could be applicable in each of the States, FMCSA requests public comment on whether the exemption should cover all State driver licensing agencies (SDLAs), if granted. Comments on this request are due on or before May 20, 2019. AAMVA members submitting comments are encouraged to copy governmentaffairs@aamva.org so that AAMVA may reflect those comments in their own. Read more here.

PARTNER NEWS

Bernie Moreno Launches CHAMPtitle in Bid to Disrupt Auto Titling

Auto dealer-turned-tech entrepreneur Bernie Moreno and business partner Shane Bigelow announced Friday morning that the technology undergirding their new digital auto titling company, CHAMPtitle, is 'good to go.' Under the umbrella of Ownum, a tech incubator-slash-laboratory conceived by Moreno and Bigelow to 'unlock business growth and make government more efficient,' CHAMPtitle will be sold to U.S. states (and potentially foreign governments) in the hopes of radically streamlining the car titling process. Moreno testified from personal experience that the current paper-based system can be cumbersome and risky for consumers, dealers, manufacturers, and insurance companies. Moreno called car titling an 'elegant and simple' application of blockchain technology, one that was 'completely and utterly different' from the world of cryptocurrencies and token sales...Bigelow outlined the technology in broad strokes and said that unlike 'electronic' titling, which merely puts paper records on a computer screen, a fully digital system (built on private blockchains) means that car titles, and relevant information about a vehicle and its ownership history, would be instantly available on mobile devices. Read more here.
April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month (NSC)
Every day, at least nine Americans die and 100 are injured in distracted driving crashes. Cell phones, dashboard touchscreens, voice commands and other in-vehicle technologies pose a threat to our safety. The consequences of those distractions are not worth the convenience they offer. Ignore the distractions and #justdrive to keep us all safer on the roads. Distracted Driving Awareness Month in April is a united effort to recognize the dangers of and eliminate preventable deaths from distracted driving. Join us to help save lives. Read more here.

Underutilized Strategies in Traffic Safety: Results of a Nationally Representative Survey (NORC/NSC)
About a third of the US traffic crash fatalities are due to speeding, another third are due to alcohol-impaired driving, while almost half of the drivers and passengers in cars who were killed were not wearing their seat belt. Safety improvements in vehicles including air bags and electronic stability control have contributed to a reduction in traffic fatalities over the past few years (NHTSA, October 2018). However, numerous other strategies that are proven effective in reducing crash fatalities have been underutilized...If implemented widely in every state, these strategies could reduce traffic fatalities by at least 50%. Read more here.