AAMVA Mourns the Passing of Mike Calvin

Retired AAMVA staff member and friend, Mike Calvin, passed away from cancer on Saturday, November 9. Mike worked for AAMVA from 1987 until his retirement in 2015. Over a span of almost 30 years, he served AAMVA in multiple capacities, including as Director and Vice President of Driver Services, Senior Vice President of Program Services, Deputy Chief Executive Officer, and Vice President for Member and Program Services. He left AAMVA a legacy of strong driver safety programs and productive relationships with federal, jurisdictional, and non-governmental organization partners. The funeral will be held on Saturday Nov 16 at 11:00am at Potomac Presbyterian Church in Potomac, MD, and the Burial will be at Darnestown Presbyterian Cemetery. AAMVA will share additional arrangements when they are available. He is survived by a loving family, including his wife Pat, son Bob, and daughter-in-law Anna.

AAMVA Attends National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Fines and Fees Learning Consortium

On November 5, 2019, Brian Ursino, AAMVA’s Director of Law Enforcement, spoke at the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) Fines and Fees Learning Consortium in New Orleans, LA. He provided an overview of AAMVA’s Reducing Suspended Drivers and Alternative Reinstatement Best Practices. Pictured with Brian is NCSL Transportation Program Director, Douglas Shinkle.

NMVTIS State Program Subcommittee Meets in Miami

The NMVTIS State Program Subcommittee met in Miami, FL to continue the discussion of NMVTIS modernization, the Performance Management Concept (PMC), the upcoming NMVTIS State
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20-21 | 2019 November Executive Board and Test Maintenance Subcommittee Meetings
IDEC
Seattle, WA

JANUARY

8-9 | 2020 January Board of Directors Meeting
San Diego, CA

8-9 | 2020 January Industry Advisory Board Meeting
San Diego, CA

29-31 | 2020 January License Plate Standard Working Group Meeting
New Orleans, LA

SYSTEMS TRAINING

*Register for the following training sessions HERE.

NOVEMBER - CDLIS

19 | CDLIS Rules for Driver Withdrawals (intermediate)

20 | CD16 Report Out-of-State Withdrawal (intermediate)

21 | CD17 Negate Out-of-State Withdrawal (intermediate)

NOVEMBER - PDPS

13 | PDPS/Intro to NDR (basic)

14 | PDPS Inquiry Transactions (intermediate)

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OUR WEBINARS

NOVEMBER

14 | NMVTIS Suspense Resolution for Online States (Web Service Version) – Part 2

Program User Workshop, and an annual review of the NMVTIS brochures. The Subcommittee spent a lot of time working on four draft whitepapers to analyze different NMVTIS system considerations, and will continue to develop recommendations regarding NMVTIS issues. In addition, the Subcommittee considered different topics and gave input toward the generation of an agenda for the NMVTIS State Program User Workshop. The Subcommittee continues to strive to ensure NMVTIS is a robust tool to assist the jurisdictions in issuing titles with accurate title and brand information.

AAMVA Attends NAPHSIS Identity and Security Conference

NAPHSIS held their second national Identity and Security Conference in Washington, DC on November 4-5. The conference provided an opportunity for industry leaders and jurisdiction representatives to come together for mutual education, training, and policy. Participants from the vital records offices and their federal, corporate, and public health partners explored the intersection of identity, security, and vital records. Geoff Slagle, AAMVA’s Director of Identity Management; Paul Steier, AAMVA’s Law Enforcement Program Manager; and Chrissy Nizer, Administrator of the Maryland MVA and Secretary of AAMVA’s International Board of Directors, participated as speakers and panelists for a number of sessions spanning the two days. Ian Grossman, AAMVA’s VP Member Services & Public Affairs; Philip Quinlan, AAMVA’s VP Business Solutions; and Mindy Stephens, AAMVA’s Manager of Identity Management, alongside a handful of jurisdictional members, also attended the conference.

AAMVA Meets with FLHSMV’s Information Systems Administration Division

Members of AAMVA’s NMVTIS Business Solutions team and IT team members met with FLHSMV’s Information Systems Administration Division in Tallahassee, Florida last week to discuss Florida’s NMVTIS operations and plans for system modernization.

License Plate Standard Working Group Requesting Input

AAMVA has established a new License Plate Standards Working Group to review the AAMVA License Plate Standard published in 2016. This Working Group will update the content to reflect the current best practice methods that should be considered by motor vehicle agencies and their vendors in the design and manufacture of license plates. The Working Group will expand the scope of the current Standard to include digital/electronic license plates; temporary (paper) license plates; and a specialty/vanity plate approval processes. To help the working group begin their efforts, a survey was developed that will only be shared with jurisdictional members. Please respond to this survey. If you have any questions, please contact Cathie Curtis, AAMVA’s Director of Vehicle Programs, at ccurtis@aamva.org. Thank you for your assistance.
NMVTIS Law Enforcement Subcommittee Seeking Technical Advisor

AAMVA is seeking a technical advisor for the NMVTIS Law Enforcement Subcommittee. The technical advisor shares resources and knowledge related to industry’s use of NMVTIS and provides input into methods law enforcement can utilize to partner with industry to reduce vehicle theft and vehicle related crimes. The technical advisor will have experience working with the NMVTIS program and have an understanding of NMVTIS workflow. Associate members will be given preference in the selection process. Incomplete applications will not be considered for appointment. If you are interested in serving on this Subcommittee, please complete the application and return it to committees@aamva.org no later than November 22, 2019. If you would like additional information, please contact Paul Steier, Manager, Law Enforcement Programs.

Driver Standing Committee Seeks PACE Representative

AAMVA is looking for a jurisdiction member with Public Affairs and Consumer Education (PACE) experience to serve on the Driver Standing Committee. Serving on a committee is an ideal way to influence policy, develop best practices and network with your peers. If you would like to be considered for this position, please complete the Committee Member Application Form. If you have questions, please contact Dianne Graham at committees@aamva.org or 703.522.4200.

Now Accepting Nominations for 2019 IDEC Examiner of the Year Award

AAMVA is now accepting nominations for the 2019 IDEC Examiner of the Year Award. Each year, the International Driver Examiner Certification (IDEC) Board and AAMVA recognize outstanding examiners through the IDEC Examiner of the Year award. Each active IDEC member jurisdiction nominates one examiner for outstanding performance as a driver’s license examiner. Examiners are selected for their excellence in adhering to the principles and recommended practices of driver examining (the Examiner’s Code of Ethics) and for their high level of conduct in their profession. Examiners must be active participating members of the IDEC program.

Each of the jurisdictional nominees will have their name, photograph and nomination letter posted to the AAMVA Web site and they will also receive a certificate of recognition. Of the individual jurisdiction submissions, one nominee is chosen as the Outstanding Examiner of the Year which will be presented at the AAMVA Annual International Conference, August 25-27, 2020 in Austin, TX.

To submit your entry, go to the AAMVA Awards Program webpage and click on Submit Entry in the top right. If you have any questions or issues about your entry, contact awards@aamva.org.

This Week’s Webinars

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

Thursday, November 14, 2019, 1:00 - 2:00 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 central site, it is possible for a transaction to break down before it completes. Further activity against this title record is greatly restricted until the problem is resolved. This webinar provides instruction as to how to identify and resume suspended transactions. The intended audience for this webinar are NMVTIS Help Desk Personnel, Business Process Analyst and IT System Integrators.

*Note: This webinar is for AAMVA jurisdiction members only.*
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**AAMVA RFQ FY20-21062:**
Consulting Support for Mobile DL Final
November 22, 2019

**AAMVA RFP FY20-17376:**
Investment Management Services
November 26, 2019, 5pm ET

**OUR SURVEYS**

Please respond to these surveys from Kentucky, Florida, Ontario, Connecticut, South Carolina, Idaho, Michigan, Ohio, and AAMVA.

**Vehicle Title & Registration - VIN Validation** (Ends 12/02/2019)

**DL Wait Times** (Ends 11/22/2019)

**Heavy-Duty/Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspections** (Ends 11/29/2019)

**License Types, Endorsements and Restrictions** (Ends 11/18/2019)

**Vehicle License Plate Production** (Ends 11/29/2019)

**Online Services Development and Accessibility** (Ends 11/20/2019)

**Knowledge Tests Administration and Fees** (Ends 11/22/2019)

**Vehicle Inspections and the use of OEM parts** (Ends 11/25/2019)

**Specialty License Plate Approval** (Ends 11/13/2019)

**License Plate Standard Working Group Survey** (Ends 12/02/2019)

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.

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**GA Department of Driver Services (DDS) Reminds Veterans & Active Military of Special Services (Georgia)**

Department of Driver Services (DDS) reminds Georgia veterans and active military personnel of special licensing and testing services dedicated to them year-round. "Please review the special military and veteran’s licensing options available, because it is our way of saying thank you,” said DDS Commissioner Spencer R. Moore. “I am especially proud of the veterans that are part of the DDS Team and continue to serve in many roles throughout the state.” Read more here.

**PEI Ready for Ride-Sharing (Prince Edward Island)**

After review, government has determined that no changes to legislation are required to allow ride-sharing operations in Prince Edward Island...Government will offer a new type of driver’s licence for ride-share drivers. The restricted Class 4 taxicab or ride-share driver’s licence will require drivers to meet basic medical requirements and the province will review their driving abstract before they can offer ride-sharing services. Taxi drivers will also be eligible to apply for this driver’s licence, eliminating the current requirement for taking a special road test for larger passenger vehicles. Read more at princeedwardisland.ca.

**State’s REAL ID System Meets Federal Requirement (South Dakota)**

Governor Kristi Noem has announced that South Dakota is now more than 99 percent compliant in its efforts to meet the federal government’s enforcement deadline of the Real ID license regulations next year...While many states are working to reach the federal compliance deadline of Oct. 1, 2020, South Dakota began issuing Real ID compliant licenses and identification cards on Dec. 31, 2009. As of mid-October 2019, the state had issued more than 676,000 Real ID compliant driver licenses and more than 62,000 Real ID compliant identification cards. Read more here.

**Department of Safety and Homeland Security to Implement Driver Services Enhancements (Tennessee)**

The Department of Safety and Homeland Security will implement the following enhancements in the highest volume centers in an effort to better serve the citizens of Tennessee: Hire additional Driver License Examiners, Road Skill Testers and Greeters, whose primary objective is to vet each person that comes to the center ensuring they have the required documentation for their transaction and direct them to proper workstation to begin the process. Pursue cutting-edge technology that will expedite services at the Centers and allow citizens to conduct their business outside a Driver Services Center. Dispatch the Department’s two mobile trucks in remote and high volume areas. The mobile trucks are full service and capable of issuing REAL IDs. Continue the expansion of County Clerk partnerships across the state to issue REAL IDs. Read more at tn.gov.

**FMCSA Seeks Renewal for Driver Medication Form**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has issued a voluntary information collection request (ICR) which may be utilized by certified Medical Examiners (ME) responsible for issuing Medical Examiners Certificates (MEC) to commercial motor vehicle drivers. Certified MEs who choose to use this IC do so in an effort to communicate with treating healthcare professionals, who are responsible for prescribing certain medications, so that the certified MEs fully understand the reasons the medications have been prescribed. The information obtained by this IC assists the certified MEs in determining if drivers are physically qualified and if there are medical conditions or being treated with certain...
prescribed medications that would adversely affect the drivers’ ability to safely operate CMVs. Through this ICR FMCSA would renew the ICR titled, “391.41 CMV Driver Medication Form.” Comments to the docket are due by December 6, 2019. Read more at govinfo.gov.

**FMCSA Issues Proposed Rule on Driver-Vehicle Inspection Reports**

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) has issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) regarding “Passenger Carrier No-Defect Driver Vehicle Inspection Reports.” Through this action, FMCSA proposes to rescind the requirement that drivers of passenger-carrying commercial motor vehicles (CMVs) operating in interstate commerce submit, and motor carriers retain, driver-vehicle inspection reports (DVIRs) when the driver has neither found nor been made aware of any vehicle defects or deficiencies (no-defect DVIRs). This proposed rule would remove an information collection burden without adversely impacting safety. Comments on the NPRM are due by January 13th, 2020. AAMVA members submitting comments are encouraged to copy governmentaffairs@aamva.org so that the association may reflect those comments in their own. Read more at govinfo.gov.

**NTSB Says Changes to Roadway Design, Collision Avoidance Systems, More Helmet Use Needed to Address Increase in Bicyclist Fatalities**

Actions from federal and state agencies and bicyclists themselves are needed to lower the number of crashes between motor vehicles and bicycles said the National Transportation Safety Board during a public meeting Tuesday. In the NTSB’s first examination of bicyclist safety on U.S. roadways since its last report on this topic in 1972, the agency said critical changes were needed to address the recent rise in fatal bicycle crashes involving motor vehicles, even as overall traffic deaths fell in 2018. Investigators found that improving roadway design, enhancing the conspicuity of bicyclists through both visibility and technology, and increasing helmet use held the most promise for reducing the number of fatal and serious crashes. Read more at ntsb.gov.

**PARTNER NEWS**

**US Travel to Press: Include REAL ID Deadline in Thanksgiving Travel Coverage**

The U.S. Travel Association is making a direct appeal to the American news media: please mention the October 1, 2020 deadline for REAL ID enforcement in this year’s round of Thanksgiving travel stories. By next Thanksgiving, the mandate to possess a REAL ID-compliant identity document for air travel will be in full effect—and about 57% of Americans are completely unaware of that deadline, according to data released by U.S. Travel in September. U.S. Travel research further found that about 99 million Americans were likely without any form of REAL ID—a compliant driver’s license, a passport, or a military ID—at the time of the survey. Anyone who shows up at the airport next October 1 without the correct ID risks being turned away from getting on a plane. Read more at ustravel.org.