



CONTEMPORARY HISTORICAL VEHICLE ASSOCIATION, Inc.

## **OLD CARS AND NEW LAWS**

### **PLUS WHAATSUUP HERE AND THERE**

**Hundreds of vehicles were damaged in the flood in Texas and most will be sold as salvage. You can expect that scammers will purchase these vehicles, and send them to another state to be reconditioned. They may be registered in more than one state and eventually receive a clear title instead of a salvage title.**

**SHOWING LOTS OF CLASS!!! One of the flooded cities in Texas told residents that they could park their vehicles in the city parking garage and avoid flood waters. When they arrived, many residents found that several auto dealers had moved their vehicles to the parking garage and there was hardly any spaces left for local residents.**

**According to a survey by Enterprise, 34% of Americans say they drive to an average of 3 or 4 places per day.**

**The U.S. House voted on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> to speed the introduction of self-driving cars by giving the Feds. authority to exempt automakers from safety standards not applicable to the technology, and permit deployment of up to 100,000 of the vehicles over the next several years.**

**When cars don't meet minimum standards for fuel economy, the manufacture pays fines to the Feds, sometimes millions of dollars per year. California and 4 other states have sued the Feds over their decision to postpone indefinitely a decision by former President Obama to dramatically increase penalties for violating federal fuel standards. In March the CA Air Resources Board decided to stick with the Obama era rules. Auto makers are worried about the possibility of having to build cars to two standards, one for California and one for the other states.**

**In the second week of September, China signaled plans to even ban gasoline engines, but no date was announced.**

**Not all of the following state bills are laws at this time. They have recently been introduced and are currently under consideration by the respective legislatures.**

## **ARIZONA**

**Officials are considering rules to limit the number of cars on Flagstaff's roads during the winter when people from Phoenix and beyond flock to the city to play in the snow.**

**Officials say a new thermal camera to detect wrong-way drivers on Phoenix area freeways are being tested. The device has already alerted authorities to two instances of people driving the wrong way, neither involving crashes.**

**It's listed as one of the most dangerous railroad crossings in the U.S., so a new traffic signal is being added to a BNSF crossing in Phoenix**

## **CALIFORNIA**

**In mid-September, a judge issued a tentative ruling ordering the Attorney General to not mislead voters and to prepare a "true and impartial" title and summary for the Repeal of the Gas Tax ballot initiative. The judge stated that the problem with the Attorney General's title and summary is that an ordinary, reasonable elector, who is otherwise unfamiliar with the initiative, would not be able to discern what the initiative would do. If the repeal passes, it would also take away lawmaker's ability to pass further increases without a statewide vote.**

**After several weeks of work, CALTRANS reports that they had successfully spanned the 300-foot Pleiffer Canyon in Big Sur. A new bridge is expected to open in September, but all of Hwy 101 will not be open until spring of 2018.**

**Richardson Grove is the most prominent stand of the world's tallest trees that travelers encounter driving north from San Francisco. The highway narrows from four lanes to two as it enters the iconic world of redwoods. Now CALTRANS wants to speed up traffic through the grove. Construction would allow large trucks with sleepers, now prohibited, to drive through the grove without the fear of side-swiping each other. The project would widen the highway and elongating the curves through the 1.1 length of the grove. CALTRANS has attempted to widen the road several times in the past, but has been stopped by court actions.**

**The state Supreme Court has ruled that it would violate people's privacy to publicly release raw data collected by automated license readers that police use to determine whether vehicles are related to a crime, but there may be other ways to make the information anonymous that would require it to be disclosed. The Supreme Court ordered lower courts to consider methods to deliver the data anonymous and determine whether any of those efforts would require its release. The ruling came after a lawsuit by the ACLU seeking a week's worth of license plate data-millions of records- from the Los Angles Sheriff's Dept and the Los Angles Police dept.**

**There is a proposal to review and rewrite the laws concerning driving while using drugs and roadside testing.**

**The California legislature has scrapped a \$3 billion spending bill aimed at boosting tax subsidizes for electric vehicles.**

## **COLORADO**

**The number of drivers involved in fatal Colorado crashes who tested positive for marijuana this year, has more than doubled since 2013.**

## **D.C. WASHINGTON**

**A new website ([www.66expresslanes.org](http://www.66expresslanes.org)) offers Metro D. C. commuters, who use I66 inside the Capital Beltway information about pending toll lanes. That stretch has been off-limits to sole drivers since it opened.**

## **DELWARE**

**The state is enforcing a scrap tire regulation that a state law called for 11 years ago. Businesses must get a permit if they accumulate 100 or more worn-out tires**

## **ILLINOIS**

**Illinois has automatic voter registration. Under the law, eligible residents will automatically be registered, unless they opt out, when they visit the Secretary of State's offices for driver's license service.**

## **KENTUCKY**

**A proposed overhaul of of state license plates would let drivers order flat plates online as early as 2019. (unknown what FLAT plate is)**

**The National Corvette Museum has a new exhibit. On display is a horse drawn sleigh and and a 1935 tractor owned by the state agriculture commissioner.**

## **LOUISIANA**

**One of Louisiana's five ferries is closed for repairs, creating a 45-mile detour for drivers in Catahoula Parish. The ferry landing is about 65 miles from Alexandria.**

## **MICHIGAN**

**Police have recovered about 20 of 32 recalled diesel VW's that were stolen from the parking lot of the closed Pontiac Silverdome. Officials say they were given false Michigan titles, shipped to Indiana and sold at auction.**

## **MINNESOTA**

**The state's new computer system for vehicle license plates is drawing criticism from car dealers and driver's who cite long lines at licensing offices and delays in getting plates. The new licensing system cost the state more than \$90 million.**

## **MISSISSIPPI**

**Washington County has 29 unsafe bridges but only enough money to fix two of them. Officials say the state will pay to repair four, leaving 23 structurally deficient bridges.**

## **MONTANA**

**A federal lawsuit is challenging Montana's automatic suspension of the driver's license of people who failed to pay court fines.**

## **NEW HAMPSHIRE**

**The state Dept. of Transportation has held one meeting on a planned bridge replacement over the Connecticut River on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, with another one to be scheduled soon. The bridge to connect New Hampshire to Vermont would replace the Route 119 bridge,**

## **NEW YORK**

**An upstate railroad will raise a Greenwich bridge that has caused traffic jams because it is too low for the average tractor-trailer to pass beneath it.**

## **OKLAHOMA**

**In a 5 to 4 decision the state Supreme Court upheld the removal of a 1.25% sales tax exemption on vehicles sold in the state. The removal is expected to raise about \$124 million a year.**

**The state Transportation Commission has awarded a \$36 million contract to replace an aging bridge linking Purcell and Lexington. The bridge over the South Canadian River was shut down for several months in 2014 for emergency repairs.**

## **OREGON**

**Oregon drivers now can be pulled over for not only texting and talking on cellphones, but also for navigating using social media and any other "hands-on" cellphone or electronics use.**

## **RHODE ISLAND**

**Providence has unveiled its first "giving meter (a retro fitted parking meter) so people can donate to homeless causes without giving to panhandlers. The Donation Station money goes to Providence organizations who provide housing and services to the needy.**

## **SOUTH CAROLINA**

**The state's Mother Against Drunk Driving chapter say the state's DUI laws are tilted in favor of people who drive under the influence. MAAD say the laws detailed requirements on videotaping traffic stops often leads to pleading DUI cases down to reckless driving.**

**BMW has celebrated its 4 millionth vehicle made in South Carolina.**

## **UTAH**

**An electric bus has joined Zion National Park's transportation fleet as part of a three month pilot program to determine it's feasibility as a shuttle.**

## **WASHINGTON**

**The state will spend \$1 million to help construct 15 charging stations for electric vehicles.**

## **WYOMING**

**People who want to snowmobile in Yellowstone National Park next winter without a guide can enter a lottery which started Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>. The park requires all non-commercially-guided snowmobile groups to have a permit.**

## **WHAATSUUP HERE AND THERE**

**We can now expect to see a lot of flood vehicles coming out of Florida. The amount with the ones also from Texas may be in the thousands. Many "salvage dealers" can take a flooded car and make it look new, but after a few thousand miles, lots of problems develop.**

**The percentage of high school students who admit to using apps sometimes while driving are : sophomores-49%, juniors-58% and seniors 67%. They get older, but not wiser.**

**In a "get rich quick" scheme, Fiat-Chrysler Auto executives and United Auto Workers Union leaders funneled money through a children's charity and laundered funds through a hospice that wasn't providing services, federal authorities allege in a new court filing. The**

**government is seeking to keep \$292,000 seized from two bank accounts tied to the Hospice of Metropolitan Detroit. The government said the group stole \$4.1 million in Fiat-Chrysler worker training funds.**

**Uber has lost it's permit to operate in London. The city said it had concerns over Uber's background checks and the safety of the passengers.**

**According to a recent survey, 59%of child safety seats are installed incorrectly and should be reviewed by local police and fire departments.**



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