

NATIONWIDE ROADSIDE CMV AND CDL DRIVER INSPECTION BLITZ TO BE HELD JUNE 4-6

The Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance's (CVSA) Roadcheck 2019 nationwide roadside inspection blitz will take place June 4-6. Over the 72-hour period, commercial motor vehicle inspectors in jurisdictions throughout the country will conduct roadside inspections on commercial motor vehicles and drivers. Although roadside inspections will be thorough and cover many driver and vehicle compliance requirements, special emphasis this year will be on steering and suspension systems.

During Roadcheck 2019, CVSA-certified inspectors will primarily conduct the North American Level I Inspection, a 37-step procedure that includes an examination of driver operating requirements and vehicle mechanical fitness. Inspectors may opt to conduct the Level II Walk Around Driver/Vehicle Inspection, Level III Driver/Credential/Administrative Inspection or the Level IV Vehicle-Only Inspection.

If no critical vehicle inspection item violations are found during a Level I or Level V Inspection, a CVSA Decal will be applied to the rear impact guard, indicating that the vehicle successfully passed inspection. If a critical vehicle violation is found, the inspector may take the vehicle out of service. This means the vehicle cannot be operated until the violation(s) are corrected.

A driver can also be placed out of service for driver credential-related issues or driver conditions, such as fatigue or impairment. Out-of-service orders and the number, type and severity of safety violations affect a motor carrier's Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) score and its Safety Fitness Determination rating.

Electric Vehicle Tax Credit Legislation to be Introduced

Sen. Debbie Stabenow (D-MI) and Sen. Lamar Alexander (R-TN) indicated this week that they plan to introduce legislation to lift the \$7,500 EV tax credit cap which phases out on a per manufacturer basis once that company has sold 200,000 EVs total for use in the United States. Recently, Tesla and GM reached the cap and now argue that if the cap isn't lifted, their competitors may be able to capture additional market share while the credit won't be available for Tesla and GM customers.

The expected Stabenow-Alexander EV tax credit legislation will compete with Senate Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee Chairman's John Barrasso (R-WY) bill known as the "Fairness for Every Driver Act" (S. 343). Barrasso's bill would repeal the \$7,500 EV tax credit and impose a federal highway user fee on alternative fuel vehicles. President Donald Trump has also called for ending the credit.

PMAA fully supports S. 343 which would ensure that all vehicle owners and operators, no matter what fuel type they choose, pay their fair share for road maintenance and repair.

EPA TOP OFFICIAL EXPECTS FINAL CAFE RULE BY THIS SUMMER

EPA Administrator Andrew Wheeler said this week that the Trump Administration's new Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standard final rule will be issued "in the spring or early summer."

Citing a lack of productive discussions with the California Air Resources Board (CARB), the Trump Administration announced earlier this year that it was ending talks with CARB and moving forward with its rule that would freeze CAFE standards and corresponding greenhouse gas standards at 2020 levels and revoke the rights of individual states to adopt more stringent emissions standards.

The expected final rule will undoubtedly lead to a meeting in court between the Trump Administration and California. California and other states sued EPA over its decision last year to roll back the standards. That lawsuit is still pending. Administrator Wheeler hopes the litigation will proceed quickly which will give auto manufacturers certainty to sell 2020 model year vehicles at the Trump Administration standards.

According to a Politico report, Wheeler said, "If they're going to sue, we want to get this into the courts as quickly as possible to provide certainty for the automobile manufacturers as quickly as we can," he said. "Our goal, however, is still a 50-state solution and I hope when we come out with our final regulation, California takes a look at it, they see the underlying assumptions that we've made, they see the progress that we're making and they realize that this is the best regulation for the country as a whole and that they don't sue us. That would be my ultimate hope."

Last October, PMAA submitted comments in support of the Trump Administration's proposed rule. PMAA highlighted numerous reasons why current CAFE standards could impact petroleum marketers and how important the Trump Administration's proposed rule is needed.

FNS PROPOSES EXPANSION OF VARIETY FOR SNAP

Today FNS released a proposal to expand what will qualify as variety as it relates to eligibility requirements for retailers participating in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). These proposed changes would provide retailers with more flexibility in meeting the enhanced stocking requirements under the 2016 final rule "Enhancing Retailer Standards in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)."

Under the 2016 final rule, "variety" was generally defined by product kind or main ingredient in the meat, poultry, or fish staple food category. This meant that chicken, pork, and beef were each considered discrete varieties. This also meant that, under the 2016 final rule, canned chicken and frozen chicken were not each considered discrete varieties. The Department is proposing a change with this rule that would allow any species of meat, poultry, or fish to be counted once as a discrete variety, if perishable, and once as a discrete variety, if shelf-stable.

Under the 2016 final rule, one specific traditional dairy product (cow milk-based cheese) was subdivided into two varieties (i.e., soft cheese and hard/firm cheese) in order to provide more flexibility for stores in meeting the required seven varieties in the dairy staple food category. Now the Department is proposing a change with this rule to allow a store to stock four discrete varieties of cow milk-based cheese (fresh cheese, soft cheese, hard cheese, and cheese product). This change to the definition of "variety" would provide an additional two cheese varieties for each type of animal milk-based cheese in the dairy product's staple food category.

The Department is proposing a change with this rule that would further subdivide the "wheatbased bread" staple food variety by adding the following three discrete staple food varieties: wheat-based Indian flatbread, wheat-based crescent bread, and wheat-based matzah. This subdivision would be mirrored for other grain-based breads such as oats-based breads and ricebased breads. Thus, the proposed change to the definition of "variety" would provide three additional staple food varieties in the bread or cereals products staple food category for each type of grain-based bread.

PMAA will review the proposal thoroughly and submit comments prior to the 60-day deadline. In past comments, PMAA has urged FNS to expand the number of eligible varieties.

DEMOCRAT HOUSE LAWMAKERS PUSH FOR BIODIESEL BLENDER'S CREDIT RENEWAL

This week, Reps. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT), Cheri Bustos (D-IL), and Dave Loebsack (D-IA), are circulating a letter in the House for signatures in an effort to push for an extension of the biodiesel blenders' tax credit through 2019. The biodiesel credit expired on December 31, 2017. They plan to send the letter to House leadership and the House Ways and Means Committee leadership.

Meanwhile, Rep. Abby Finkenauer (D-IA) introduced bipartisan legislation known as the “Biodiesel Tax Credit Extension Act,” (H.R.2089) which would extend the credit for 2018 and 2019.

GOP LAWMAKER INTRODUCES BILL TO RAISE TOBACCO PURCHASING AGE

This week, Rep. Robert Aderholt (R-AL) introduced legislation to raise the age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21 across all states and territories. The bill would also tighten the age verification of online sales of tobacco products.

The bill was introduced amid FDA’s e-cigarette crackdown on the sale of e-cigarettes and other tobacco products by retailers. Aderholt cited data from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) that shows 15 to 17-year-olds are getting access to tobacco products from older friends who are legally allowed to purchase them. Meanwhile, Altria, which recently purchased ecigarette company Juul, recently announced its support for raising the tobacco age to 21.

Meanwhile, PMAA continues to take the FDA e-cig crackdown announcement seriously because it would essentially ban flavored e-cigarette sales in convenience stores. Although, convenience stores would continue to be able to sell tobacco and mint/menthol flavored ecigarette products, they would not be able to sell other flavored products unless minors are prohibited from entering the stores or those products are sold in a separate section of the store that minors are prohibited from accessing.

Please reach out to your lawmakers and urge them to tell the White House not to ban sales of flavored e-cigarette products at convenience stores.

DUKE ENERGY PROPOSES PLAN TO EXPAND EV CHARGING IN NORTH CAROLINA

Recently, Duke Energy proposed to spend \$76 million on a three-year pilot program to build and promote charging stations for electric vehicles (EVs) in North Carolina and help speed adoption of EVs in the state. According to the company, the plan is the largest EV charging infrastructure plan ever in the Southeast.

In the filing with the North Carolina Utilities Commission, the company proposes offering \$1,000 rebates to residential customers for installation of home EV charging stations for their vehicles as well as providing rebates of up to \$2,500 to industrial customers, universities and municipalities to assist with the costs of installing charging stations for fleets transitioning away from fossil fuels. Additionally, it plans to pay the full costs for 800 public charging stations across the state. The proposal provides support to North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper’s plan that seeks to increase the number of EVs in the state to 80,000 by 2020.

PMAA is concerned that the North Carolina example above is already taking hold across the country in which utilities use their rate base to pay for EV infrastructure expansion. Using their ratepayers allows utilities an unfair competitive advantage over small business petroleum marketers who must economically justify at risk investments in EV equipment. PMAA opposes granting a de facto monopoly to utilities unfairly competing in the marketplace which could ultimately put small business petroleum marketers out of business.

FIRST 2019 PMAA SILENT AUCTION CONTRIBUTION!

PMAA Small Business Committee (SBC) PAC Co-Chairs Brad Bell and Tim Keigher thank Philip Chamblee and the Mississippi Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (MPM/CSA) and Brian Clark and the Kentucky Petroleum Marketers Association (KPMA) for the first 2019 PMAA SBC PAC Silent Auction contribution!

MPM/CSA donated the ultimate repurposed Jerry Can Mini Bar. It was handcrafted in the United States and is great for man caves, garages, bars or anywhere you want to show it off. It is fully stocked with Whiskey Freeze

cooling cups, a case of Ale 8-1 which is known as "the Authentic Bourbon Mixer" and a bottle of Maker's 46 Barrell Finished Bourbon Whiskey from KPMA.

We want to remind you about our new format for the Annual Silent Auction and Raffle. This will be our first year with C2Auctions. They will be organizing the PMAA Small Business Committee (SBC) PAC Silent Auction and the Raffle during our PMAA Day on the Hill Conference. All PMAA members will be eligible to participate from anywhere in the United States as long as they download the C2Auction App on their mobile phone. We will provide a mobile link to all PMAA Association Executives prior to the event.

The purpose of mobile bidding is to make the PMAA SBC PAC Silent Auction more competitive and fun by notifying bidders the instant they are outbid. A notification informs the bidder that they are no longer winning, and to increase their bid or begin bidding on a new item. The ability to react in real-time means more bids.

Last year there was tremendous support in contributions for the auction and PMAA SBC PAC Co-Chairs Brad Bell and Tim Keigher urge your participation this year as well! Brad and Tim wish to remind you that donations can include use of personal vacation properties.

The Auction will take place in conjunction with PMAA's Washington Conference on May 8 during the welcome reception. If you have items that you would like to contribute for the Silent Auction, please contact Sabrina Pitcher at 703-351-8000.

MARCH 2019 PMAA SMALL BUSINESS COMMITTEE (SBC) PAC CONTRIBUTIONS

PAC Co-Chairs Brad Bell and Tim Keigher are grateful for the PMAA Small Business Committee (SBC) PAC contributions from the following individuals during the March 1-31, 2019 time frame:

Connecticut: Rick Bologna, Howard Peterson, Sharon Peterson

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PMAA's Marketer Defense Fund wants to thank the following individuals for their contributions during the March 1- 31, 2019 timeframe:

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South Carolina: Sam Bell

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Corporate donations are acceptable. MDF funds have been used for various studies, litigation and disaster relief dedicated to strengthening our lobbying efforts on Capitol Hill.

FUEL RELIEF FUND NEEDS OUR HELP TO PROVIDE AID TO VICTIMS OF CYCLONE IDAI

Cyclone Idai made landfall in Mozambique on March 15th, bringing strong winds, torrential rains, widespread flooding, and massive destruction. Several hundred people are confirmed dead while hundreds more remain missing. Scenes from the ground show extreme devastation and whole towns submerged under water. With the power grid down, millions of people are suffering.

FRF will provide free fuel to those in need, as well as to hospitals, water treatment plants, first responder vehicles & equipment, but they need your help. No donation is too big or too small.

Fuel Relief Fund gives free fuel to 1) critical infrastructure, such as hospitals, clinics, water treatment plants, orphanages, and nursing homes; 2) first responders for vehicles and search and rescue operations; and 3) directly to those affected who are suffering to find potable water, edible food, warmth, light, working vehicles and other critical resources during disasters.

2019 PMAA MARKETERS DEFENSE FUND (MDF) RAFFLE

Purchase Your Tickets for an Opportunity to Own A Ring Video Doorbell 2

Get your PMAA Marketer Defense Fund (MDF) raffle tickets now for a chance to win a Ring Video Doorbell 2, security and protection for any home. Never miss another visitor when you can watch over your home and answer the door from your phone, tablet and PC. It includes Lifetime Theft Protection.

(A Ring Protection subscription is required to access stored videos. A free 30-day trial of Ring Protect is included – Ring Protect plans start at only \$3 a month after trial ends)

The MDF will hold a raffle during the Day on the Hill, Washington, DC May 8-10 conference and the raffle winner will be identified during the PMAA board meeting on May 10. The winner does not have to be present to win. If you are not attending the conference, you will be notified the week following the May drawing if you are the owner of the Ring Video Doorbell 2.

Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. Advanced tickets are available until May 7. Ticket sales will continue at PMAA's conference in Washington, DC until the drawing on May 10. Tickets can be purchased with personal or corporate funds by MasterCard, VISA, American Express, cash or check (checks should be made out to the PMAA Marketer Defense Fund). To purchase tickets before May 8, please contact Susan Isard or 703-351-8000.

PMAA CORPORATE PLATINUM PARTNER SPOTLIGHT FEATURING: FEDERATED INSURANCE PLANNING TOOL HELPS GUIDE DISASTER PREPARATION AND RECOVERY STRATEGIES

Natural disasters have been grabbing headlines across the United States in epic proportions. We're all at risk from their destruction no matter our location. Some disasters—such as hurricanes or flooding—come with advanced warning; and others—like tornadoes—strike in an instant with little time to get to safety. Ask any business owner who has been through a disaster and they will tell you that thorough preparation makes all the difference to their recovery.

That's why Federated Insurance wants to support you, your members and their employees with many valuable resources relating to disaster and recovery. Federated Insurance has partnered with the Institute for Business and Home Safety (IBHS), a national nonprofit group that works to reduce commercial and residential property losses associated with extreme weather events and natural disasters.

The toolkit contains documents to record information about the major areas of your business, including basic operations, equipment, employees, customers, suppliers, vendors, finances, and information technology. It also helps you record and assess your risk for a variety of natural and man-made disasters and test your plan for

reaction and recovery. To access the toolkit, visit the IBHS website, or log on to Federated's Shield Network and click on "IBHS – Disaster Planning."

For additional information or to discuss this in further detail, please contact your Federated regional representative or PMAA's National Account Executive Jerry Leemkuil at 800.533.0472.

FEDERATED INSURANCE EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES NETWORK HR QUESTION OF THE MONTH

Federated Insurance's HR Question of the Month focuses on employment-related practices liability issues. This month's question is: Ban the Man Bun? Our employee handbook/dress code does not specifically mention a man bun. This person is in sales/merchandising. Can we ask him to not wear a man bun? Go to <https://www.federatedinsurance.com/services/education-events/hr-question> to read the response.

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We anticipate a sold-out event. Visit www.womenincarwash.com and register now!

PLAN TO ATTEND THE 2020 WPMAEXPO

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Mark your calendars for February 18-20, 2020. Make plans now to attend the 2020 WPMAEXPO. It will be held once again at the Mirage in Las Vegas, Nevada.

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May 2-3, 2019 – Nevada (NPM&CSA) – Big Dogs – Las Vegas, NV
June 4-6, 2019 – Montana (MPMCSA) Convention – Fairmont Hot Springs Resort – Fairmont, MT
June 20, 2019 – Utah (UPMRA) Summer Golf Classic - South Mountain Golf Course, Draper, UT
June 17-20, 2019 – Washington (WOMA) Convention – Suncadia Resort, Cle Elum, WA
August 5-7, 2019 – Idaho (IPM&CSA) Convention – Sun Valley Resort, Sun Valley, ID
August 19-21, 2019 – New Mexico (NMPMA) Convention – Sandia Resort & Casino, Albuquerque, NM
September 11-13, 2019 – Utah (UPMRA) – Convention – Zermatt Resort, Midway, UT
October 14, 2019 - Hawaii (HPMA) - Golf Tournament - Oahu Country Club, Honolulu, HI
February 18-20, 2020 – WPMA Convention & Expo – Mirage Hotel– Las Vegas, NV

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