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WPMA ANNOUNCES 2021 WPMAEXPO KEYNOTE SPEAKER!

WPMA is excited to announce our 2021 WPMAEXPO Keynote speaker will be Trey Gowdy, former federal and state prosecutor and four-term Congressman from South Carolina.

Trey Gowdy served eight years in the US Congress, participating in some of our country's most significant and high-profile investigations. While in Congress he served on the Judiciary, Oversight and Government Reform, Intelligence, Ethics and Education and Workforce Committees. He ended his political career in 2018, returning to his home state to practice law and speak on legal issues he considers important to our country. He is currently serving as a FOX News contributor.

Come and join us at *The Mirage* on February 17, 2021, to hear Trey Gowdy speak on the issues of the day!

REGISTER NOW! NEVADA'S BIG DOGS ARE COMING OUT TO GOLF OCTOBER 2

It's true! The Nevada's Big Dog Howl Golf is happening at Arroyo Golf Club in Las Vegas on October 2, 2020. We are excited to see you all! Every precaution is being taken to protect participants, staff, and volunteers. The golf course has implemented many safety measures to ensure we can put on a great tournament! If you are ready to emerge from the DOG HOUSE . . . Register here.

WPMA COVID-19 - CRITICAL REFERENCES FOR MEMBERS

Please visit our web site for up-to-date information related to your business and the COVID-19 pandemic. You will find the link on our home page at www.wpma.com.

MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATES - YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE!

WPMA welcomes industry-related articles for publication in the WPMA News magazine. All members and associate members of WPMA are eligible to submit items for publication. Articles will be included as space allows, and no self-promoting articles or editorials will be accepted. WPMA reserves the right to edit and make adaption of such contributions to accommodate the magazine's space and style. Please submit articles or content to Jan Roothoff, WPMA Administration/IT Director at janr@wpma.com, or mail to Jan Roothoff, Western Petroleum Marketers Association, PO Box 571500, Murray, UT 84157-1500. Submissions for the Winter edition of WPMA News magazine are due before November 1st. Later submissions will be considered for the Spring issue.

PROPOSED FMCSA PILOT PROGRAM ALLOWS CDL DRIVERS TO PAUSE DAILY ON-DUTY TIME UP TO THREE HOURS

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) is proposing a new 3-year pilot program to allow CDL drivers to pause their 14-hour maximum daily on-duty time under certain circumstances. The pilot program is important to petroleum marketers because a pause in driver daily maximum on-duty time would increase driver productivity and provide more scheduling flexibility than is allowed under the current HOS rules. Specifically, the pilot program (Split Duty Period Pilot Program) would allow participating CDL drivers to pause their 14-hour maximum daily on-duty period with one off-duty period of no less than 30 minutes and no more than 3 hours.

Go to this URL to view the full article.

https://www.pmaa.org/weeklyreview/attachments/Proposed_FMCSA%20Pilot_Program_0920.pdf

PMAA REQUESTS FURTHER EXTENSION OF THE EXPIRING CDL DRIVER LICENSE AND HME ENDORSEMENT WAIVERS

PMAA this week asked both the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) and Transportation Security Administration (TSA) to extend the federal regulatory waivers that recognize the validity of expired or expiring CDL licenses and hazardous material endorsements (HME). The current FMCSA waiver authorizing the validity of CDLs expiring on or after March 1, 2020 ends on September 30, 2020. The TSA waiver authorizing the validity of HMEs expiring on or after March 1, 2020 ends on October 29, 2020.

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https://www.pmaa.org/weeklyreview/attachments/PMAA_Requests_Extension_0920.pdf

IRS ISSUES EMPLOYER GUIDANCE ON THE TEMPORARY DEFERRAL OF FEDERAL PAYROLL TAXES

This week, the IRS issued guidance for employers who wish to defer payments of certain federal payroll taxes. The new IRS guidance implements President Trump's recent Executive Order allowing for the voluntary deferment of withholding and payment of the social security tax contribution share paid by the employee.

Go to this URL to view the full article.

(https://www.pmaa.org/weeklyreview/attachments/IRS_Issues_Employer_Guidance_Sept_2020.pdf)

MNUCHIN AND PELOSI AGREE ON DEAL TO AVOID GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

Congress Will Likely Approve One Year Surface Transportation Extension

This week, Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) announced that they have reached an informal deal to avoid a government shutdown at the end of September by use of a short-term spending bill. Go to this URL to view the story. (<https://thehill.com/policy/finance/515060-mnuchin-pelosi-reach-informal-deal-to-avoid-government-shutdown>)

Meanwhile, Congress is expected to extend surface transportation authorization, which is set to expire on September 30th, into next year. Congress is punting on transportation reauthorization because many believe there will be a "blue wave" and Democrats will regain control of the Senate and the White House, therefore allowing them to pass their own bill without having to compromise with Republicans. Further, lawmakers are more focused on COVID-19 related legislation and securing relief funding.

SENATE GOP DISCUSSING POSSIBLE "TARGETED" CORONAVIRUS RELIEF BILL

Many Senate GOP lawmakers are hoping to bring up a coronavirus relief bill for a vote sometime next week when everyone returns from August recess. The vote could back Democrats into a corner before the November elections by making the vote politically difficult. Senate Republican Conference Chairman John Barrasso (R-WY) said, "We have a focused, targeted solution that we hope that the House would pass, and the House would agree to." However, the Senate will need 60 votes to approve the measure and Democrats are expected to block the measure. Disagreements between Republicans and Democrats over funding for state and local governments, business liability protection and total cost of the bill caused the two parties to walk away from a potential 4th and final COVID-19 deal before their annual August recess.

Go to this URL to view the story. (<https://thehill.com/homenews/senate/514549-senate-gop-goal-is-to-vote-next-week-on-targeted-coronavirus-relief-bill>)

FDA TO PUBLISH LIST OF ENDS PRODUCTS THAT HAVE SUBMITTED PMTA'S

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently announced that it will publish a public list of currently marketed electronic nicotine delivery system (ENDS) products for which the Agency has received a premarket tobacco product application (PMTA) by the September 9, 2020 deadline. In a statement, Director of the FDA's Center for Tobacco Products (CTP) Mitch Zeller stated, "We request your patience as we work through the appropriate processes to ensure the posted information is accurate and compliant with federal laws. In the interim, we encourage retailers and other interested parties to refer to the public statements made by the companies or contact the companies directly to get information about applications they may have submitted." Go to this URL to view the story.

(<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2020-08-31/fda-will-list-which-e-cigarette-makers-applied-to-stay-on-market>)

By law, ENDS products that were first introduced into the marketplace or modified after February 15, 2007, also known as the predicate date, are required to submit PMTA's for the FDA to review and approve by the September 9, 2020 deadline. PMTA's require a product to meet a regulatory hurdle that can be complex and costly. By the FDA providing a public list of ENDS products that meet the proper requirements, retailers of these products will be informed as to which they can sell legally in their stores.

PMAA recently joined four other groups in urging the FDA to publish a public list. Joining PMAA were the National Association of Convenience Stores (NACS), the National Association of Truckstop Operators (NATSO), the Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America (SIGMA) and the Food Industry Association (FMI). Go to this URL to view the letter. (https://www.pmaa.org/weeklyreview/attachments/PMTA_Letter_to_FDA_082520.pdf)

FEDERATED INSURANCE: IT'S YOUR LIFE

Document your Business Transition Plan

Have you taken steps to ensure a smooth transition of your business after you are no longer involved? Many business owners think about what they would like to happen to their business but fail to actually put a succession plan in place. According to a 2019 PricewaterhouseCoopers Survey, only 18 percent of family businesses have a documented transition plan in place.

So how do you create a succession plan? To read the article in its entirety, please go to this URL.
(<https://www.federatedinsurance.com/posts/its-your-life/2020-07-document-your-business-transition-plan>)

Please always feel free to contact your Federated regional representative or PMAA's National Account Executive Jon Medo (jwmedo@fedins.com) at 800.533.0472 for any additional information or risk management questions. Federated is a PMAA Corporate Platinum Partner.

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FEDERATED INSURANCE RESPONSE TO CORONAVIRUS

Federated Insurance is committed to helping you as our nation unites to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Here is the URL to many valuable resources designed to inform and support your members during these uncertain times. Because this page is not available on our public site, you may want to save it in your browser for future reference as it will be updated regularly when additional resources become available. (<https://www.federatedinsurance.com/association-groups/covid-19-resources>)

Federated's valued policyholders have these and additional resources available to them at Federated's Shield Network or by contacting our Risk Management Resource Center at 1-888-333-4949. For additional information or to discuss this in further detail, please contact your Federated regional representative or PMAA's National Account Executive Jon Medo (jwmedo@fedins.com) at 800.533.0472.

WPMA EXPO

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October 2, 2020 – Nevada NPM&CSA – Big Dogs- Arroyo Golf Club - Las Vegas, NV

November 2, 2020 – Hawaii (HPMA) Golf Tournament – Oahu Country Club – Honolulu, HI

February 16-18, 2021 – WPMA Convention & Expo – Mirage Hotel– Las Vegas, NV

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Petro Pete: *"I just let my mind wander, and it didn't come back."*

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