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Local College Plates Are Here

Cherice Bravieri

The Tax Collector's offices have received several new collegiate license plates, including many representing local schools. The proceeds from the additional \$27.00 fee are used for academic enhancement, including scholarships and private fundraising activities. Here's a sampling:



Clearwater Christian College



Eckerd College



Ringling School of Art & Design



Saint Leo University

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Utility and Boat Trailers now Require MCO or Bill of Sale

Laurel Swim

Beginning January 1, 2004, the Tax Collector's offices will require an original or copy of the MCO or a bill of sale for non-titled trailers. Traditionally, we have accepted form 83091, or "green" dealer reassignments, as proof of ownership; however, DMV has recently updated their procedures regarding "registration only" registrations.

DMV Procedure RS-04, III.A. states: *A title is not required for a moped or any trailer having a net weight of less than 2000 pounds, however, a copy of the MCO and/or a bill of sale is required.*

NOTE: When the vehicle is a homemade trailer having a net weight of less than 2,000 pounds, a bill of sale and the previous owner's license plate number is required. If the

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FEID Numbers: How Important are They?

Suzan McVeen

Since the implementation of FRVIS 2000, the Division of Motor Vehicles has required the use of FEID numbers for businesses. In the past, we were able to “work around” not having one by creating the customer. However, with the new FRVIS modification release in October 2003, there is a report that monitors all created customers. This report is checked daily by the office managers; with this in mind, it is imperative that we obtain correct FEID numbers for all businesses.

DMV has suggested the Tax Collector offices reject title work for missing and/or incorrect FEID numbers. They have also stopped maintaining a list that gave us easy access to FEID numbers on the DMV system. However, we would prefer not to reject your work. With your help, we can continue to offer the world-class service you deserve. Simply include the FEID number when completing your title transactions, making sure the number matches the correct name and address of the business. ☺

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Stetson University



University of Tampa

ADD update

We are pleased to announce that Auto Data Direct, Inc. now has a total of 56 accounts in Pinellas County. As previously reported, this web-based look-up service has the capability of filling in DMV forms directly from the motor vehicle database, and offers several other services to help streamline title work.

For information, visit www.add123.com, or call 850.877.8804. ☺

2004 Dealer Classes Scheduled

Toni Wolff

Due to popular demand, Diane Nelson's staff has scheduled four Motor Vehicle Title and Registration Training Classes for automobile dealers and financial institutions in 2004. The content of these classes has proven invaluable to participants for updating and improving their day-to-day knowledge handling basic title and registration transactions. The class dates are:

Wednesday, January 14th

Wednesday, April 14th

Wednesday, July 14th

Wednesday, October 13th

There is no restriction on the number of employees that you can send to this class, and they can attend as many classes as they want. Please note, however, that each class is limited to 25 participants, so it is important that you register early. As always, this training is free of charge.

Each class is scheduled from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The first two classes will be held in the Training Center at the North County Tax Collector's office located at:

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(directly behind the Bob Evans and Olive Garden Restaurants, approximately 1-1/2 miles north of Countryside Mall on the east side of Highway 19).

We will announce the location for the July and October classes in a future edition of the **Dealer Connection**.

In addition, we are offering another **Mobile Home Dealer Class** on January 7, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and a **Vessel Dealer Class** on April 7, 2004, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., both at the Training Center. Make sure to sign up early, as these classes are popular!

For reservations and further information, please contact Toni Wolff at 727.464-3261. ☺



Physical Addresses of Mobile Homes Required on Title Applications

Laurel Swim

As mentioned in our last issue, the 2003 Legislature passed Senate Bill 1944, providing a \$1.00 fee to be charged for each mobile home located in a mobile home rental park with 10 or more lots. The fee is to be deposited into the Florida Mobile Home Relocation Trust Fund to pay claims to mobile home owners forced to relocate due to the change in the use of the land.

As a result of this law, we are required to obtain the physical address of the mobile home, in addition to any other addresses the owner may use. Therefore, when completing the back of the title or a form 82040, we ask that you always enter the mobile home's physical address. ☺



No Abbreviations, Please

Sherry Staley

We need your help. In an effort to manage our ever-growing database, the Tax Collector is working toward combining like records. In order to do so we must have your cooperation. We need you, as dealers, to provide customers' full and complete names on forms. Also, when adding a lienholder, please use the complete name; no abbreviations, please. If you as the dealer are the lienholder, please use the name that is on your license.

With your help, we can reduce the number of duplicate records and handle your work more quickly in the process. ☺

The Importance of Verifying the Identity of Dealer Representatives

Laurel Swim

As you've noticed, the tag offices are recording the driver license numbers of the runners who pick up your temporary tags. This procedure is in compliance with DMV Procedure RS-31, II. A, which states, "When processing an application for temporary license plates for a dealer, . . .the agency's employee MUST enter the Driver License or ID card number of the person who is picking up the temporary license plates in the "comments field" of the FRVIS transaction."

Sorry to say, but there are a few dealer representatives who will buy temp tags under their boss' (or former boss') license and use them illegally. This office is personally aware of situations where this has occurred, and fully supports implementing security measures that are for your protection as well as our own.

We understand that you want title and registration processes to be as streamlined as possible, and will continue to keep that in mind as we further enhance the integrity of title processing. We appreciate your cooperation in these efforts. ☺

Some Friendly Reminders from our Dealer Supervisors

- Express work is for *emergencies*. When you drop it off, please pick it up by 5:15 p.m..
- For your protection, please avoid leaving cash in our drop box.
- When putting your work in the drop box, please mark whether it is express or drop.
- Don't forget to enter the description of the trade-in or disposed-of vehicle on the Form 40.
- And finally, when in doubt, don't forget to check your DMV Procedural Manual or visit www.taxcollect.com.

Your assistance helps us complete your work faster and more efficiently and as always, we appreciate your cooperation. ☺

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homemade trailer has never been registered in Florida, a certified weight slip is required.

According to DMV, "Non-titled trailers less than 2000 lbs. should not use a HSMV 82091 as proof of ownership. The proof of ownership should be either a copy of the MCO and/or bill of sale when sold by a dealer. The MCO can be a copy or (the title clerk) may view the MCO and return the original back to the (dealer). If a bill of sale is the proof of ownership, or the MCO does not list the weight, there should also be a certified weight slip. Florida Statutes does not specifically address the certified weight slip, however, we must have a way of determining weight and F.S. 320.69 provides the Department the authority to make rules necessary to carry out the provisions of the law. . . . Having a copy of the MCO may give the weight without having to ask for additional weight certification and proof of ownership."

We thank you for your cooperation in adapting to this new procedure. As always, feel free to at 727.562.3262 if you have any questions or we may be of assistance. ☺



During this Joyous Season, may we remember and pray for those who serve this Blessed Country, who are still sacrificing togetherness with their loved ones to protect our Homeland.



Happy Holidays from all of us to all of you.



UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 25, 26 Closed for Christmas
- January 1, 2 Closed for New Year's Day
- January 7 Mobile home dealer class
- January 14 Dealer registration and title training
- January 19 Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day



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