

# Dealer Connection



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## New Design for Florida Title Certificate Coming Soon

**Cissy May and Steve Colburn**

At a recent meeting of Southwest Florida counties, DMV representatives Boyd Walden, Chief of Titles and Registrations, and Palmer Brand, Assistant Bureau Chief, presented a sample draft of the new Florida title certificate currently under design, which is scheduled for release in December 2005. Among the proposed changes are the addition of a Notice of Sale to the back of the title certificate. This will be a convenience to dealers as well as private sellers, reducing the paperwork currently required to “mark

the title sold” on vehicles that have been disposed of. Other changes DMV has proposed for the new Florida title certificate include:

- ✓ removal of the 2-D barcode from the front of the title
- ✓ user-friendly language on the “Transfer of Title by Seller” section
- ✓ the addition of a fourth dealer reassignment on the back of the title
- ✓ larger, easier to read print ☺

## Vessel Dealer/Broker Class – October 20, 2005



**Toni Wolff**

Ahoy Mateys! Diane Nelson, CFC, Pinellas County Tax Collector, is offering a Vessel Dealer/Broker Class scheduled on October 20, 2005, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This class will be held in the Training Center at the Tax Collector’s Mid-County Service Center located at 13025 Starkey Road in Largo. The revised curriculum will include a Power Point presentation with examples of completed forms, helpful websites, related documentation, and required procedures. We encourage all Vessel Dealer/Brokers to attend this FREE class to benefit their enterprises in the titling and registration process for their customers.

Don’t be a “dingy” and join us. A schedule of all classes offered by the Pinellas County Tax Collector can be found on our website at [www.taxcollect.com](http://www.taxcollect.com). Call to register at 727.582.3133. ☺

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## The Latest Specialty Plates

### Laurel Whitney

In case you haven't seen them yet, the tag offices have three more specialty plates available for purchase. All are \$27 plus the normal plate fee:

#### Save our Seas



#### Aquaculture



Proceeds from the *Save Our Seas* and *Aquaculture* plates benefit marine science and aquaculture research and education, respectively, and are administered by the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc. Commercial fleets of more than ten vehicles qualify for a discounted fee of \$12.00 plus plate fee.

#### Sportsmen's National Land Trust



The Sportsmen's National Land Trust proceeds will fund programs that promote conservation, improve wildlife habitat, and establish and preserve open space for the perpetual use of the public.

As always, this information can be found on the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicle's website, [www.hsmv.state.fl.us](http://www.hsmv.state.fl.us). ☞

## Current Odometer Reading Required on Duplicate Title Applications

### Trish Smith and Steve Colburn

Recently, we have had some questions from dealers about odometer readings on duplicate title applications. According to DMV Procedure TL-05.IV.J:

If a dealer loses a customer's title, a duplicate must be applied for using a current odometer reading and date read. Therefore, when the duplicate title is assigned to the dealership, the reading on the assignment may be lower than the reading on the duplicate title and the date may be earlier than the date of the duplicate title. If so, the dealership must submit an affidavit with an explanation.

Our dealer staff screens for two things. First, is the odometer reading shown on the HSMV82101 (duplicate title application) current? DMV has advised us to adhere to a 30 to 45 day time-frame and this is the standard we follow.

As DMV Procedure TL-05.IV.J indicates, this practice may cause the odometer reading on the assignment to be lower than the one on the duplicate title, and the date of the odometer reading on the assignment to be earlier than the one on the duplicate title. This is the second thing we screen for, to ensure that the dealer has provided an affidavit when this situation occurs.

We hope this clears up any confusion about the "current odometer reading" requirement on duplicate title applications. If you have any questions, our dealer staff will be happy to advise you. ☞

## Update on Electronic Issuance of Temporary Tags

### Cissy May and Steve Colburn

The 2005 Legislature created F.S. 320.131, authorizing DHSMV to administer an electronic temporary license plate system for dealers. A test program is currently being piloted in Orange County with Inst-tag, a private vendor. DHSMV plans to fully test the system before implementing with dealers. Under current plans, which are still in development, dealers will be required to access the system and enter vehicle and owner information for the temporary tags they issue. ☞

# Towing and Storage Lien Class Now Available

**Toni Wolff**

Diane Nelson, CFC, Pinellas County Tax Collector, is announcing the roll out of a regenerated towing and storage lien procedures class scheduled for September 23, 2005. It will be held in our Training Center at the Mid-County Service Center located at 13025 Starkey Road in Largo. The time frame for the class is 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and is offered at no charge.

This class was developed by the Tax Collector's Training Department several years ago and is periodically revised for content. This new class will cover the paperwork and updated procedures for processing towing and storage transactions, as well as cover the rules and regulations pertinent to these transactions. It will be of great benefit to the owners of towing and storage companies in our area and will feature speakers from the Pinellas County Sheriff's office and several experts in the field.

In addition to the towing and storage lien class, the Tax Collector's office offers a number of motor vehicle, vessel and mobile home dealer classes during the year. These classes are geared towards individuals who own or work in dealerships, financial institutions, marinas and mobile home parks and cover the different forms and relevant information for their particular transactions. Please note there is no restriction on the number of times an individual may attend one or all of these classes. A schedule of the classes can be found on our website at [www.taxcollect.com](http://www.taxcollect.com) and includes enrollment information. Call to register at 727.582.3133. ☎



## Don't Forget –

Effective September 1, 2005, any form HSMV 82040 with a revision date of 11/04 or earlier will be obsolete.

## New Registration Stop Helps Dealers

**Trish Smith and Steve Colburn**

Our Dealer Departments are getting quite a few questions about a new piece of legislation designed to help Florida dealers. Florida Statute 320.02(17), which became effective on July 1, allows DMV to withhold or "stop" registration on any owners or co-owners that owe money to dealers on fees for previous registrations. These stops are being processed only through the central DMV office in Tallahassee. Here is the information we have at this point:

At a recent meeting of Southwest Florida counties, DMV representatives Boyd Walden, Chief of Titles and Registrations, and Palmer Brand, Assistant Bureau Chief, provided some information about the process DMV has developed to implement this new legislation:

**Question (coalition):** How does this new Dealer stop work, and what does it apply to?

**Answer (DMV):** To place this stop, the dealer must contact DMV-Tallahassee (Tel. 850.488.3881) for instructions and documentation required. The Department will place the stop only on the vehicle for which documentation has been provided. These stops will not be processed through local Tax Collector offices.

**Question (coalition):** What will be required to remove a stop for unpaid fees to a dealer?

**Answer (DMV):** This procedure will be similar to the process for releasing a wrecker operator lien, and a release form is being developed. These stops cannot be released in the local Tax Collector offices. Dealers should contact the public service number in Tallahassee (Tel. 850.488.3881) for assistance with releasing these stops.

Mr. Walden went on to say that DMV would be issuing a Technical Advisory on this subject when the FRVIS programming is implemented later this year. ☎

# Heart Promotion

## Laurel Whitney

Tax Collector Diane Nelson is asking the dealer community to help support the American Heart Walk on November 12, 2005, at the St. Pete Times Forum. Several tax collector employees will be participating in the 2005 Tampa Bay Heart Walk to promote heart disease awareness and raise funds to support life-saving research as well as community education programs to help Tampa Bay area residents live longer, stronger lives.

Please help a loved one, friend or neighbor today and contribute to the American Heart Association. If interested, please see one of our dealer supervisors for details. ☺



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# New Look for Taxcollect.com!

A separate section has been created specifically for you, the dealer community. Just one click on *Licensed Dealers* will now give you access to class schedules, hours and locations, *Dealer Connection* newsletters, information on EFS and TagTalk<sup>SM</sup> and much more. Plus, we'll post updates relevant to your business. Visit taxcollect.com today and tell us what you think!

## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 5	Closed for Labor Day
September 14	Mobile Home Dealer Training
September 23	Towing & Storage Lien Training
October 20	Vessel Dealer Training
October 26	Motor Vehicle Dealer Training
November 11	Closed for Veterans Day
November 12	Heart Walk
November 24-25	Closed for Thanksgiving
December 7	Motor Vehicle Dealer Training