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EXPANDING SERVICES

As announced in our June, 2008 issue of “Seminole Dealer News”, the office of the Seminole County Tax Collector will soon be opening a fifth office location. The address is 845 Primera Boulevard, in Lake Mary, just off Rinehart Road.

This will be a state-of-the-art Branch office where we will increase our State agency responsibilities to include select express Florida driver license services. We will have a commercial vehicle and vessel dealer desk, and offer DHSMV and all other services currently available in each of our four branch locations.

Eight of our employees have been training in driver license services over the past year in preparation of reassignment to the Lake Mary Branch. In addition, Andy Dumont and Bill Hazlett joined our office earlier this year. Both have state Driver License office experience. Linda Halsey, a former new employee trainer, and Lisa Sterner coming aboard in November from the Winter Springs DL office, will be relocated to Lake Mary. We will be reassigning other employees on a temporary basis as we adapt to the new work traffic pattern.

We are excited about this adventure and opportunity, and are well pleased with the extra effort and enthusiasm of the employees involved in this expansion project.

Meanwhile, the DMV continues to fine-tune their available services as the Florida Legislature addresses the state budget each year. Many of the DMV decisions filter down to affect each commercial dealer.

As the Holiday season approaches, it is my sincere hope that you and your families stay comfortable and safe, and that you will enjoy this special time of year with your loved ones.

Sincerely,

Important items to note:

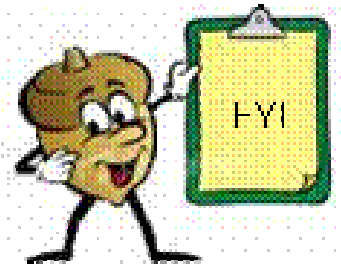
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EFS UPDATES

For CVR Dealers Only

- ◇ When creating a customer in the CVR system, please make sure that the customer's full name and date of birth matches exactly as it appears on their out of state driver license or passport. This includes middle name or initial.
- ◇ Please **do not** process any annual vehicle or vessel registration renewals through CVR.
- ◇ Visas, international driver license, and/or work identification cards are not acceptable as valid proof of identification.
- ◇ Make sure to write your security PIN number on your bundle sheet in case we have to void and reprocess a piece of work.
- ◇ If a deal is suspended due to an error on the paperwork, please make sure to correct the mistake on the DHSMV forms as well as attaching the appropriate affidavit.
- ◇ Do not forget to add the FEID number on DHSMV form 82040 for any business.
- ◇ Odometer date and date of sale must be completed on all reassignments.
- ◇ The fee DHSMV charges for each lost plate is now \$12.00.



- ◇ Make sure your security PIN number is written on all checks when submitting work so the paperwork can be processed. No PIN, no processing.
- ◇ Please do not issue a temporary tag after the paperwork has been processed through our office. The timing of this action by you causes the newly issued title to be marked sold and the tag to be detached from the vehicle in the State computer database.
- ◇ Make sure that you have your customer declare a GVW (gross vehicle weight) for all trucks or cargo vans weighing over 5,000 lbs. This should be entered in Section #2 of the HSMV 82040, Title Application.
- ◇ Any off highway vehicle that weighs over 900 lbs **does not** get titled or registered. We are advised this decision was a compromise on environmental concerns.
- ◇ Do not forget to add the FEID number on the HSMV 82040 for all businesses.
- ◇ Both the odometer date and the date of sale must be completed on all reassignments.
- ◇ When the name of the purchaser has been crossed out on the “Transfer of Title by Seller” section, a notarized affidavit signed by the seller is required, or the seller will need to apply for a clean title.
- ◇ When submitting paperwork for processing, make sure the proof of insurance your customer provides is from Florida. We **cannot** accept insurance issued through another state.
- ◇ Anytime you have a new Runner, you must provide us with an updated letter stating they are authorized to pick up fast titles for the dealership.
- ◇ County Occupational Business Tax Receipts (BTR) renewals were due by September 30th. If you have not renewed your BTR yet, you need to do so as soon as possible.

SIGNATURE REQUIREMENTS & IDENTITY AFFIDAVITS

Florida Statutes state that any officer or agent of a corporation or company who is signing for the business should specify their “official title” on all paperwork. If you need to verify if the officer/agent is authorized to sign for the business, you may find the answer at the following web address:

<http://www.sunbiz.org/search.html>

If proof cannot be obtained through the above web address, it will be necessary to obtain a letter on their original business letterhead, signed by an officer of the business, stating that the person signing the application is authorized to sign official documents on behalf of the business. The letter must be signed by someone other than the person signing the title application.

When appointing an entity (company) instead of an individual on a Power of Attorney, an officer of the company must sign a letter on company letterhead giving a list of all employees authorized to sign for that company.

If a company or individual (such as title services, couriers, etc.) has approval to complete and sign documents on behalf of another company, proof of this authorization must be provided to us. The authorization must be on company letterhead stationery and designate the individual or company that is allowed to sign for that company. An officer’s notarized signature must be on the letter of authorization.

FORM SUPPLY

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL DEALERS

Most DHSMV forms used at your dealership are now only obtained by printing them through the DMV Internet website. You can access the DMV’s website directly at (www.flhsmv.gov/html/forms.html), or through a link provided at the Seminole County Tax Collector website (www.seminoletax.org). Many of the forms available on the website may be completed online prior to printing.

The only exception to the forms found on the Internet are those printed on secure paper. You may continue to obtain your supply of the following forms through our offices:

82994- Motor Vehicle Dealer Title Reassignment Supplement

82995- Motor Vehicle Dealer Power of Attorney/Odometer Disclosure

82497- Notice or Discharge of Wrecker Operator Lien

FLORIDA ARTS

The Florida Arts license plate program was established by the Legislature in 1994, and was sponsored by the Division of Cultural Affairs. The funds are returned to the counties where the plates were sold, and are primarily used for:

- the development and growth of arts,
- the provision of art resources,
- the promotion of art-related partnerships



Each County must designate an organization to administer the program since the specialty plate funds stay in the county where each plate is sold. In 1995, the Seminole County Board of Commissioners designated is the Seminole Cultural Arts Council, Inc (www.SeminoleCulturalArts.org) as administrator of Seminole County's ARTS license plate revenue.

The Division of Cultural Affairs originated in 1963, and was created as a non-profit organization. It has supported over 25,000 cultural events such as Art Builds Florida, which is a statewide student art contest. The Division also offers programs and services to cultural organizations such as: Arts Accessibility Compliance Support which ensures accessibility to all people with disabilities; Florida Artist & Presenters Network which provides information and support for Florida's touring artists; and State Art Collection, a collection of artwork that has been donated by Florida artists.

The Division of Cultural Affairs firmly believes that the "arts" can change the world for the better, and that change starts with one person at a time.

FAMILY FIRST



The purchase of this license plate supports an organization called "Family First", whose primary goal is to strengthen families. They serve the community by offering free family-strengthening resources and advice through their website, www.FamilyFirst.net. It also supports school-based events and activities, and promotes parenting seminars and events throughout the community. The founder of this organization is Mark Merrill.


Some of their programs and projects are:

- ◇ **All Pro Dad-** This helps men learn how to become better fathers by inspiring and equipping them to be involved in their children's lives.
- ◇ **Family Minute with Mark Merrill-** This is a daily radio show that reaches 6,000,000 listeners each week. It offers practical, everyday advice on marriage, parenting, and family relationships.
- ◇ **iMom-** This is the newest program that Family First offers. Its focus is to help mothers by giving them information, ideas, and encouragement in order to improve their children's lives.

REGISTRATIONS GET A NEW LOOK

The Florida vehicle and vessel registrations have a new look. They now print on an 8”x 8” piece of specialized paper. The top half has the decal and mailing information for the customer, and the bottom section is the actual registration portion with the vehicle information. The customer will need to keep the bottom portion in the vehicle at all times.

<p>INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTACHING DECAL</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Clean area where new annual decal is to be affixed. 2. Peel decal from this document. 3. Affix decal in the upper right corner of license plate. 	<p>IMPORTANT INFORMATION</p> <p>SECTION 320.0605, Florida Statutes, requires this registration certificate or an official copy or a true copy of a rental or lease agreement issued for the motor vehicle described be in possession of the operator or carried in the vehicle while the vehicle is being used or operated on the highways or streets of this state.</p> <p>SECTION 316.613, Florida Statutes, requires every operator of a motor vehicle while transporting a child in a passenger car, van or pickup truck registered in this state and operated on the highways of this state, shall, if the child is 5 years of age or younger, provide for protection of the child by properly using a crash-tested, federally approved child restraint device. For children aged through 3 years, such restraint device must be a separate carrier or a vehicle manufacturer's integrated child seat, for children aged 4 through 5 years, a separate carrier or seat belt may be used.</p> <p>SECTION 627.733, Florida Statutes, requires mandatory Florida No-Fault Insurance to be maintained continuously throughout the entire registration period; failure to maintain the required coverage could result in suspension of your driver license and registration.</p>
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SAMMY SAMPLE
1234 ANYWHERE ST
ANYWHERE, FL 32310

TEST DOCUMENT	CO/AGY 68 / 70	T# 10310769
		B# 43740

FLORIDA VEHICLE REGISTRATION

PLATE B85AX	DECAL 00009867	Expires Midnight Wed 12/31/2008
YR/MK 2007/FORD	BODY TK	COLOR WHI
VIN AM121	NET WT 5251	TITLE 10061141
Plate Type RGR		GVW 6500
DL/FEID S321321321321	Date Issued 1/7/2008	Plate Issued 9/20/2006

Reg. Tax 74.10	Class Code 41
Init. Reg.	Tax Months 12
County Fee 3.00	Back Tax Mos
Mail Fee 0.65	Credit Class
Sales Tax	Credit Months
Voluntary Fees	
Grand Total 77.75	

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. The Florida license plate must remain with the registrant upon sale of vehicle.
2. The registration must be delivered to a Tax Collector or Tag Agent for transfer to replacement vehicle.
3. The registration must be surrendered when requesting a change of address.
4. Registration renewals are the responsibility of the registrant and shall occur during the 30-day period prior to the expiration date shown on this registration. Renewal notices are provided as a courtesy and are not required for renewal purposes.

RGR - FLORIDA REGULAR

Who is not hungry at Thanksgiving?

The turkey—he's already stuffed!

Why can't you take turkeys to church?

Because of their fowl language!


Two 9-year olds were fascinated by a mummy they were looking at in a museum. At the bottom of the mummy case was a sign that read: "1257 B.C."

"What'cha think that means?" asked one kid.

"It's probably the license plate number of the car that hit him," said the other.

What do hippies put on their turkey?

Groovy!



RESTRICTIONS ON PERSONAL INFORMATION IN FRVIS:



The employees of the Seminole County Tax Collector are no longer able to modify any personal information on a customer record in FRVIS containing a Florida driver's license number. In order to have a name, sex, or date of birth changed, the customer will first need to go to the Florida Driver License Office and have their Florida Driver License updated.

We will be unable to update an address in our FRVIS system if the customer is a foreign national, or has a career offender or a sexual predator flag on their record. In these circumstances, the address can only be modified at a Florida State Driver License office. When this unique situation occurs, you will be advised we were unable to change the address so you may inform your customer accordingly.

GVW WRECKER LICENSE PLATES

Wreckers that are required to declare a gross vehicle weight for their registration will soon be required to display two license plates on the wrecker, regardless of weight. The plates will be displayed on the front and back of the wrecker with the decal affixed to the front plate.



TRANSPORTER LICENSE PLATES— AVAILABLE TO DEALERS

Transporter license plates may be issued to any applicant who engages in the transporting of motor vehicles that are not currently registered with valid license plates, if the transporting of the vehicle is an incidental aspect of the business.

In order to purchase one of these plates, the following is required:

- A. Form HSMV 83065, Application for Transporter License Plate, accurately completed by the applicant.
- B. Proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000 or more. A copy of the Florida insurance policy, binder, or certificate of insurance is acceptable.
- C. A copy of the County Occupational Business Tax Receipt or documentation from the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations.
- D. Payment of \$97.10 per plate.

The transporter plates can only be placed on vehicles. Trailers are not eligible for this type of plate and any trailer used for transport must be issued a regular trailer transport license plate.

TEMPORARY LICENSE PLATES

As of July 1, 2008, all dealers were required to sign up with an ETR vendor to issue print-on-demand temporary plates. The program seems to be working well, but some dealers have encountered a few issues. Here are some tips to help you avoid pitfalls.

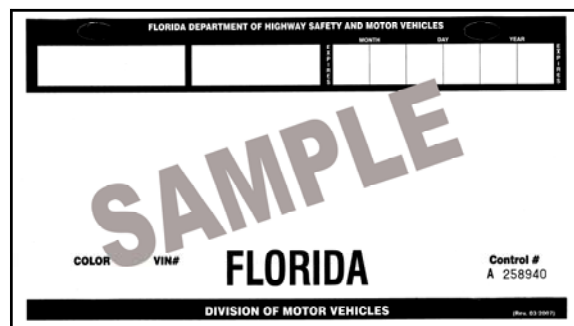
- ⇒ Be careful and enter the vehicle information correctly. Make sure the vehicle Make, VIN number, color, and body type were entered accurately.
- ⇒ The CVR system does not recognize Canadian addresses because the zip code contains numbers and letters.
- ⇒ You may only issue a pre-printed temporary tag in the case of an ETR outage. If you must use a temporary tag for your customers for any other reason, you must visit one of the Tax Collector Branch Offices to have the temporary tag issued. (You may bring your customer with you.) Remember to bring with you the HSMV 83091, Application for Temporary License Plate properly completed and signed by the customer and a representative from the dealership.
- ⇒ You may only issue two temporary plates for the same vehicle to the same customer. The second temporary tag must be issued by the SAME dealership.
- ⇒ Temporary tags may no longer be displayed in the rear window. Advise your customers the temporary tag must be displayed in the license plate holder on the rear of the vehicle. On the limited number of vehicles that require front display of license plates, the temporary tag must be displayed where the license plate would normally be affixed.
- ⇒ For those dealers that choose not to issue temporary tags through an ETR vendor, all temporary plate applications must be submitted to the County Tax Collector for processing. A \$5.00 fee will be charged for each temporary plate processed.

Q. I am getting an error message stating multiple VIN records exists. How do I issue a temporary plate to my customer?

A. You must go to the Tax Collectors Branch Office with a completed HSMV 83091, Application for Temporary License Plate to have a temporary tag issued to your customer.

Q. I mailed the customer their metal license plate, but they claim they did not receive it. Can I issue them a temporary tag while they wait to receive their plate in the mail?

A. No. If the customer does not receive their metal plate via mail they must go to their local Tax Collector office and pay \$20.10 for a replacement license plate, or the dealership may purchase the replacement tag for the customer as long as they sign the HSMV 83146, Application for Replacement License Plate.



AUTO TRIVIA

1. How much did the first mass-produced car cost in America? (hint: it was the Curved Dash Oldsmobile, which debuted in 1901.)
A) \$150
B) \$650
C) \$ 450
D) \$1,500
2. In the TV series "Dukes of Hazzard", what kind of car was the General Lee?
A) 1969 Chevy Camaro
B) 1969 Ford Mustang
C) 1969 Chevy Corvette
D) 1969 Dodge Charger
3. In what year was the first ever Grand Prix race held? (hint: it was in France)
A) 1906
B) 1935
C) 1914
D) 1965
4. What notable device was installed for the first time in Cleveland in 1914?
A) Rear View Mirror
B) Front and Rear Bumpers
C) Traffic Signal
D) Car Radio
5. Oil shortages prompted the enactment of a national speed limit in 1974. What was the limit?
A) 70
B) 65
C) 55
D) 40
6. Seat belts were added to cars as standard equipment in what year?
A) 1935
B) 1968
C) 1975
D) 1980
7. What year was the first speeding ticket issued in the U.S.?
A) 1895
B) 1900
C) 1902
D) 1915
8. What was the price per barrel of crude petroleum in 1901?
A) 5 cents
B) 25 cents
C) \$1.00
D) \$1.50
9. What was the first Buick model car?
A) Model-A
B) Model-B
C) Model-T
D) Model-S
10. What did the New York City Police Department use to pursue speeding motorists in 1898?
A) Horse
B) Bicycles
C) Car
D) Buggy

SCTC Personnel

Paula Prevatt was recently promoted to Manager of the Sanford Branch Office. Paula has been with the Tax Collector since 1989. Among her responsibilities is our internal training program.



Congratulations to Keesha Richardson on her newest promotion to Manager of the Lake Mary Branch Office. Keesha is busy honing her leadership skills and has spent the past year learning driver licensing services.



Mr. Valdes and Four 30+ Year Employees



**SEMINOLE COUNTY
TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE
DEALER SECTION
TELEPHONE NUMBERS**



Sanford Office:
County Services Building
1101 E. First Street
Sanford, FL 32771
407-665-7619
407-665-7922 (fax)

Altamonte Office:
995 N SR 434
Suite 505
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714
407-665-7882
407-665-7895 (fax)

Casselberry Office:
384 Wilshire Blvd.
Casselberry, FL 32707
407-665-7853
407-665-7854
407-665-7868 (fax)

Oviedo Office:
ShelMar Prof'l Center
1490 Swanson Dr
Suite 100
Oviedo, FL 32765
407-665-7841
407-665-7839 (fax)

SEMINOLE COUNTY TAX COLLECTOR OFFICE
HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Tuesday - November 11, 2008 Veterans Day

Thursday & Friday - November 27 & 28, 2008 Thanksgiving

Thursday & Friday - December 25 & 26, 2008 Christmas

Thursday - January 01, 2009 New Years Day

Monday - January 19, 2009 Martin Luther King Day

TOYS FOR TOTS

Another year flew by and it's time to turn our thoughts toward the holidays.



Our dealers have been very generous with their annual contributions for Toys for Tots in the past and we know we can look forward to support again this year. We realize the economy has slowed somewhat for all of us, but there are many people so much less fortunate than we are. Without the help of caring people, there will be children that will wake up to a bleak Christmas morning. We are informed the greatest need are presents for children 6 to 12 years old.

Toys can be dropped off at any of the Seminole County Tax Collector offices, or if you prefer to give a monetary donation, we will be glad to shop on your behalf for the kids. Checks should be made payable to the "Sunshine Friends Fund". We are looking forward to another successful year of collecting for our Toys for Tots program.



Answers to Trivia on page 10:

1) b 2) d 3) a 4) c 5) c 6) b 7) c 8) a 9) b 10) b