

Newsletter of the Colorado Motor Vehicle **Dealer Board** and **Auto Industry Division** 

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from the Dealer Board and the Auto Industry Division

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## **Director's Desk**

by Kirk Martelon, Executive Secretary

#### DYSLIN LEAVES AUTO INDUSTRY DIVISION

Licensing Manager, Larry Dyslin retired from the Division on November 30, 2001 after thirty-one years of State service. Larry will be best remembered for his instrumental influence in developing the Dealer Board's educational program, his work as first editor of the newsletter, "WHEELS", and his efforts in developing the Dealer Administration Program.

Larry began his career with the State in 1970 in the Colorado Department of Revenue's Research and Statistics Office. This office primarily conducted comprehensive research and statistical programs involving gathering of data, preparation of reports and analysis of information relating to taxation and the Colorado economy.

In 1971 the duties of the Advisory Board, which was originally created in 1945 as a five member advisory board made up exclusively of dealers, was expanded by House Bill 71-1378. This bill created the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board effective July 1, The Board's membership included representation from 4 new car dealers, 3 used car dealers and 2 public members.

As a result of this legislative change, Larry was hired as the Board's first Executive Secretary in February 1972. On July 1, 1981 Larry also assumed the Motor Vehicle Division's Dealer Administration licensing and investigation programs after the repeal of the safety inspection program. Larry served as Executive Secretary until 1994 but continued to serve as the Program Administrator of Dealers' Administration up to August 1999. Since then, Larry has served as the Division Director's Executive Assistant and Licensing Manager.

Larry's dry wit (and calm demeanor) will be sorely missed by his co-workers. All staff extends their sincere wishes for his long deserved retirement.

## Security Alert

The Air Force Office of Special Investigations (OSI) has requested the assistance of all dealers, wholesalers and auctions in assuring that Military Base or Post stickers and decals are removed from vehicles traded in by military personnel or civilian employees who have had their vehicles registered on military installations.

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# Investigation Insight by Supervisor Investigator Mary Marvin

## Grey Market vs Imported/Canadian Vehicles - There is a difference

Imported vehicles are not always grey market vehicles. A properly imported vehicle has a label attached to the left front door jam. The label identifies the Registered Importer and states the vehicle has been altered by the importer to comply with U. S. certification standards. The label identifies the manufacturer, importer, date of manufacturer, weight, VIN and type of vehicle, ie. Passenger car. The label states: 'this vehicle conforms to all applicable federal motor vehicle safety, bumper, and theft prevention standards in effect on the date of manufacturer shown above. VINS should be 17 characters. Some grey market VINS are: grey market Mercedes Benz will start out WDB, next 3 characters are numbers. Mercedes Benz for U S will start out WDB, 2 letters and a number. BMW grey market, usually the 10<sup>th</sup> position is a 0. BMW for U S, the 10<sup>th</sup> position is the model year. Some grey market VINS will have ZZZ after the first 3 letters. If the speedometer is in kilometers, most likely the vehicle is grey market. All windows, including front and rear windshield should be marked with DOT to be U S certified. Headlights, taillights and turn signals should have DOT/SAE markings.

## Compliance Corner by Supervisor Mary Marvin

## Monitor Advertising

Advertising violations are ever increasing. Therefore, the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board decided to enhance the sanctions imposed on all dealers and all salespersons directly involved in advertising violations. Review your advertising regulations thoroughly; provide your adagencies with the current regulations and proof read <u>ALL</u> ads. Beginning immediately, pattern advertising offenders will be

reviewed by the Board who may decide to hold a hearing to determine if the dealer/salespserson license should be subject to disciplinary action. The Board may suspend or revoke a license and impose a fine of up to \$10,000 per violation. So be sure to monitor your advertising.

## Licensing Leads by Larry Dyslin, Licensing Manager

#### Dyslin Says Goodbye!

This will be my last message in Wheels as I have decided to retire from state government service after 31 years. There have been many changes in the industry over this period of time. The public image of the industry has greatly improved over these years, and I am glad to have had a small part in making this happen.

I have been privileged to work with a great staff in the Auto Industry Division, the Motor Vehicle Division and other employees of the Department of Revenue, Attorney General's office, many fine public and dealer members of the Motor Vehicle Dealer Board, dealers and their employees, manufacturers, county clerks, industry associations, and regulatory agencies from other states.

Thank you all and Best Wishes!

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# Emissions Mission, by Tom Myrsiades-Emissions Program Supervisor

## Special Handling Needed

Colorado does not have a lot of homemade vehicles, so it's no wonder people are confused about the process required to obtain a Colorado title, registration and emissions inspection for one of these vehicles. They are commonly referred to as:

"Rebuilt Vehicle", a vehicle assembled from parts of two or more commercially manufactured vehicles and has been altered in such a manner that it doses not look like a commercially manufactured vehicle. "Street Rod Vehicle", a vehicle manufactured in 1948 or earlier or with a body design which has been modified for safe road use; "Reconstructed Vehicle", a vehicle constructed from two or more commercially manufactured vehicles of the same type, which has not been altered and is recognizable as a commercially manufactured vehicle of a given year; and "Kit Vehicle", a vehicle assembled from a manufactured kit, either as a complete kit to construct a new vehicle, which consists of a prefabricated body and chassis, or a kit composed of a prefabricated body mounted to an existing vehicle chassis and drive train, commonly referred to as a donor vehicle.

Colorado's motor vehicle registration system is designed to deal with factory-manufactured vehicles certified to be sold in the United States. Titling these vehicles require special handling, and there are several steps involved. The owner generally must deliver documents to the various agencies involved in order to properly title and register the vehicle.

The first step an owner of these types of vehicles must take when attempting to license the vehicle is to make an appointment with the Colorado Department of Public Safety (CDPS). The vehicle must be inspected by CDPS, issued a "road worthy" certificate and a Colorado ID Number that will be used as the official vehicle identification number.

The owner then proceeds to their county motor vehicle registration office to obtain a temporary license tag and to apply for a Colorado title.

The next step is to make an appointment with a Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Emissions Technical Center to have the vehicle's emissions certified and documented using Form DR2365, which indicates how the vehicle must be emissions inspected. The vehicle then must pass an emissions inspection before returning to the county motor vehicle office for plates.

However, the DR2365 form will instruct the emissions station and computer system to perform an idle test for the type of vehicle and issue a two-year emissions certificate.

For more detailed emissions information, call the Colorado Department of Revenue at 303-205-5603 and for titling call the State Titles Section at 303-205-5608.

CITY AND COUNTY OF BROOMFIELD
NOW OPEN
MOTOR VEHICLE OFFICE IS LOCATED AT
6650 W 120<sup>TH</sup> AVE #A3
BROOMFIELD, CO 80020
303-464-5888
OFFICE HOURS ARE
8:00 A.M. TIL 5:00 P.M.
MONDAY THRU FRIDAY
DEALER DROP OFF DESK FOR TITLES
ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE

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## **DEALER BOARD ACTIONS**

**Jon Cook, dba Car Brokers LLC-Denver - #8955** – defrauding any buyer/seller, illegal sale, failure to deliver title within 30 days, false oath, perjury, forgery, offering false instrument for recording, attempt to influence a public servant, unfitness. **LICENSE SUSPENDED FOR 30 MONTHS**, **\$50,000 FINE**.

Steven Rohac, dba Rohac Motors-Englewood - #3365 – defrauding any buyer/seller, failure to honor written agreement, failure to deliver title. LICENSE SUSPENDED FOR 5 DAYS, \$23,000 FINE, 3 YEARS PROBATION

#### **DEALER BOARD MEMBERS**

President, Steve Perkins
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## CALENDAR

**Dealer Board Business Meeting:** Second Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am, 1881 Pierce St, Lakewood.

**Dealer Board Hearings:** Fourth Tuesday of each month, if necessary, at 9:00 am, 1881 Pierce St, Lakewood.

**License Law Seminar - Colorado Springs:** First Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am, 3650 Austin Bluffs Pkwy, Ste. 188, in the Shops of the Bluffs Mall, Colorado Springs.

**License Law Seminar - Lakewood:** Third Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am, 1881 Pierce St, in the Department of Revenue Building, Conf. Rm. C, Lakewood.

Note: Times and locations are subject to change. Call the Auto Industry Division at (303) 205-5784.

Please note: While every effort is made to make the information in Wheels as accurate and helpful as possible, it is not offered as a substitute for legal advice.

**ВЕТИРИ SERVICE REQUESTED**