



RTS News – September 2004

Attachment
RTB #096-04

A digest of information about the Registration and Title System, published for county tax offices

RTS Briefs

Internet Registration Grows

IVTRS continues to grow and is now used in 89 counties. A total of 50,809 transactions were processed statewide via IVTRS in August.

Big Bend Motorcycle Plates

The Big Bend motorcycle specialty license plate is now available for sale to the public. RTS has been modified so the counties can issue the new license plates. Look for them soon.



Travel Trailer Fee Calculation

RTS has been updated to capture the carrying capacity of travel trailers in order for the correct registration fees to be calculated according to the gross weight.

Several methods can determine the gross weight:

- weight certificate
- standard formula of length x width x 20 lbs = gross weight
- using the weights on evidence submitted

For transactions that are "caught in the pipeline," counties will allow credit for the difference in registration fees when necessary. For additional information, please refer to RTB 091-04 and RTB 092-04.

Release 5.2.0 Status Update

Pilots, statewide rollout introduce POSSP in 190 counties

The new 5.2.0 distribution was introduced with the XP rollout. Release 5.2.0 allows for Point of Sale Sticker Printing (POSSP), which improves efficiency by eliminating sticker book inventory and increases registration sticker security by printing vehicle-specific information directly on the stickers at the time of transaction.

POSSP pilots began July 21, 2004, in Caldwell County and August 5, 2004, in Bastrop County. The statewide rollout began August 25, 2004, and will continue through September 15, 2004, when 190 counties and 16 regions will be using POSSP.

Releases 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 will bring the remaining 64 counties, one region and headquarters into the POSSP system in the coming months. These releases support counties with subcontractors and DTA Dealers and include the Remote Sticker Printing System (RSPS) hardware and software. Statewide completion for all releases is expected by early 2005.

Overall, the transition is going smoothly, although VTR is working on paper improvements to reduce a few minor printer alignment problems, misfeeds and jams.



Caldwell County (photo at right) and Bastrop County piloted POSSP in July and August. Release 5.2.0 began statewide August 25 and continues through mid-September.

Admin Table Updates

VTR appreciates each county's prompt response on Road and Bridge fee changes. Please remember that child safety fee responses must be received by the September 15. Admin table changes take effect January 1, 2005.

If you have questions about information in this newsletter, call your VTR regional manager.
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