

REAL ID Extended to May 7, 2025

The Department of Homeland Security extended the REAL ID deadline to May 7, 2025. The REAL ID Act established minimum security standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification cards and prohibits Federal agencies from accepting for official purposes licenses and identification cards from states that do not meet these standards. Beginning May 7, 2025, every state and territory resident will need to present a REAL ID compliant license/ID, or another acceptable form of ID for boarding commercial aircraft, accessing Federal facilities and entering nuclear plants. The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) considers a current passport or military ID acceptable identification for boarding an aircraft. For more information on Pennsylvania's REAL ID compliant license, visit dmv.pa.gov/REALID/Pages/default.aspx.

Replace Peeling License Plate at Upcoming Event

AAA East Central is partnering with the Pa. State Police Troop A on a peeling license plate event. According to PennDOT, a registration plate is deemed illegible when one or more numbers or letters cannot be recognized from 50 feet or if the registration plate shows any blistering, peeling, discoloration or loss of reflectivity. If necessary, AAA Members can place orders for new license plates from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on October 17 at AAA Greensburg (5142 Route 30). We will be checking license plates and filling out PennDOT forms. If your license plate meets the criteria, you will receive a free plate in the mail from PennDOT. For more information, contact AAA East Central's Safety Department at 412-365-7211.

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Note: Free Junior Associates are not available with the Monthly Dues Option.

Beaches of Normandy tell D-Day's story

Sites, museums bring to life happenings of historic day

D-Day is one of the most pivotal days in world history. June 6, 1944, is the day thousands of U.S. and Allied forces stormed the beaches of Normandy to liberate France and take a massive step toward winning World War II.

Bravery knew no bounds. Thousands of soldiers sacrificed their lives – all to make sure freedom reigned. The date is one of the most memorable ones of the year and 2024 will mark its 80th anniversary.

Books, movies and stories told by relatives tell us what happened on that fateful day. But perhaps the best way to understand the history, soldiers' courage and impact of D-Day is to visit Normandy.

The location brings history to life. Visit museums, theaters, a cemetery and a host of other sites that bring to life untold stories.

Utah Beach and Landing Museum is the first place the Allies landed on D-Day. Fewer than 200 of the 23,000 troops lost their lives, according to the Department of Defense. And they succeeded in taking the beach.

The museum's architecture integrates with the beach thanks to massive windows that provide an immense view. **It's** extensive collection of vehicles, equipment and objects give context to the tragedy and heroism.



FREEDOM REIGNS – A statue honors the brave soldiers of the Allied forces who fought on the beaches of Normandy on D-Day. *Image: Stewie Strout. Adobe Stock.*

La Pointe Du Hoc is a cliff hanging over the English Channel about 15 minutes west of Omaha Beach. The Germans had fortified it and built concrete bunkers that seemed impregnable. The battle left scars that still can be seen today.

By standing at Pointe du Hoc, visitors will see huge craters created by the deadly assault of the Allied forces. The site is unimaginably eerie. Walk along the craters and climb down into the

bunkers to learn what it must have been like to stand guard.

Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial is located in Colleville-sur-Mer. The first American cemetery on European soil in World War II, the 172.5-acre cemetery has the graves of 9,386 dead soldiers. The Walls of the Missing on the east side of the memorial **enclose** a quiet, semicircular garden. The 1,557 names of the missing are inscribed into those walls.

Omaha Beach – the landing point of the attack, Operation Neptune – is where the most intense fighting occurred as 2,400 lives were lost. A memorial sculpture – shaped like gleaming silver swords and tongues of fire – titled “Brave” rests in the sand.

The 360-degree Circular Cinema offers films that tell the story of D-Day. “The 100 Days of the Battle of Normandy” is a movie montage of footage from multinational archives. It begins with the D-Day landings.

The Allied forces installed a pair of portable, temporary harbors – Mulberry A and Mulberry B – to move cargo from the English Channel onto the shores of France. See the remnants of Mulberry B in Arromanches.

Bayeux Battle of Normandy Museum focuses solely on the Battle of Normandy. Tanks and other military equipment, as well as statues and artifacts, come together to tell a story.

Caen Memorial Museum is 10 miles inland from the English Channel. It provides visitors with a comprehensive picture of the war in this part of France. Areas of the museum tell multiple stories, including how civilians coped with the German Occupation. See objects related to the French Resistance and listen to stories about D-Day and the Battle of Normandy.

GM introduces longer EV driving range

HUMMER EV 3X Pickup rising to the top of the class

A primary way to attract more interest in electric vehicles is to increase estimated miles on a full charge. GMC is taking steps to make that possible.

It recently announced the extended driving range for the 2024 GMC HUMMER EV 3X Pickup. The vehicle will have a GM-estimated range of 381 miles on a full charge on the 3X trim with the 24-module battery – a 26-mile increase from the previous model. A GM-estimated 359-mile range on full charge is expected for models equipped with the available Extreme Off-Road Package – a 30-mile increase.

“For extended road trips, overlanding in remote areas or daily driving, the 2024 GMC HUMMER EV 3X Pickup will take you where you need to go. Now with more driving range and confidence,” said Al Oppenheiser, chief engineer, GMC HUMMER EV. “As we expand the limits on our all-electric future, we’re excited to continue improving the range and to take the GMC HUMMER EV further than ever for our customers and their adventures.”

The sporty HUMMER EV 3X Pickup is configured for on-road driving dynamics, and the available Extreme Off-Road Package builds upon the truck's off-road capability to tackle the toughest trails.



IT'S ELECTRIC – The HUMMER 3X Pickup offers a GM-estimated driving range of 381 miles on a full charge. *Image: NewsPress USA.*

Standard features on the 3X Pickup include:

- 22-inch wheels and 35-inch All-Terrain tires
- 4-Wheel Steer with CrabWalk diagonal-drive capability
- Air Ride Adaptive Suspension
- Extract Mode
- Watts to Freedom launch experience (0-60 mph in approximately 3.5 seconds with the standard

20-module battery. 0-60 mph in approximately 3 seconds with the available 24-module battery).

- SuperCruise hands-free driver assistance feature with more than 400,000 miles of compatible roads in the U.S. and Canada.
- Up to 381 miles of GM-estimated driving range on a full charge with the available 24-module battery pack.

Building onto the truck's capability, the available Extreme Off-Road Package on the 3X trim includes:

- 18-inch wheels and 35-inch Mud-Terrain tires
- Four additional underbody-camera views for 18 total camera views
- Front e-locker and rear virtual locking differentials
- Underbody armor consisting of five skid plates and rocker protection with built-in assist steps, as well as two underbody shields to protect the battery and drive units.
- Up to 359 miles of GM-estimated driving range on a full charge with the available 24-module battery pack.

The HUMMER EV 3X Pickup hit dealership lots this fall. Pricing begins at \$106,945 without the Extreme Off-Road Package. Production of the 3X Pickup and SUV will begin later this year.

GMC's EV ambitions are part of General Motors' pledge to build only electric vehicles by 2035. It's a lofty goal, but one the automaker is embracing and seems to be on path to making it a reality.

The HUMMER EV 3X Pickup ranks high among GM's luxury vehicles. It's striking future is simply electric.

My Porsche App hits big Technology ups driving experience

Porsche ranks high among the family of luxury vehicles. Style, power and status quickly come to mind when thinking about the vehicles. Add convenience, as well.

It recently announced the My Porsche App will be accessible within Apple CarPlay®. The sportscar maker is the first automotive manufacturer to allow for easier access of vehicle functions within an app in CarPlay®.

“We are excited to further improve the My Porsche App and using the capabilities of Apple CarPlay to deliver a truly enhanced customer experience,” said Mattias Ulbrich, CEO of Porsche Digital and CIO Porsche AG. “Technology and digitization are crucial factors for the enduring fascination of our brand.”

The My Porsche App is the hub for the digital management and control of a Porsche vehicle. Via their iPhones, customers can view the state of charge of the vehicle battery, adjust the air conditioning and send destinations to the navigation system. Additionally, the My Porsche App links existing accounts with third-party providers, for example Apple Music®, to the associated apps in Porsche Communication Management (PCM).

With the updated My Porsche App, this experience now extends into CarPlay®, as customers can access core functions right from the car dashboard – making the process faster and more convenient. These functions



EASY RIDER – The My Porsche App brings a host of options to assist drivers.
Image: NewsPress USA.

include adjusting audio settings such as sound profiles, changing radio stations, adjusting settings for climate control and ambient lighting.

In addition, these functions can be combined into wellness modes, such as “relax”, “warm up” and “refresh”, using quick actions in CarPlay®. Customers also gain the convenience of seamlessly controlling various vehicle functions using Siri® while driving their Porsche.

Activating this new Porsche experience is fast and straightforward by scanning a QR code **displaced** in the PCM. The My Porsche App will receive regular **updates** ensuring Porsche customers will get new

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features in CarPlay® as they develop. The functionality made its debut in the new Porsche Cayenne. After that, it will be rolled out to other model lines.

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