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New Tag Choices Available October 2 for Vintage Vehicle Owners

Montgomery—Collectors who have antique or vintage vehicles will soon have the option of choosing some new “old” tag designs available to them October 2.

“Collectors can choose to register their vintage vehicles with original license plates beginning this October,” explained State Revenue Commissioner Tom Surtees.

Legislation passed earlier this year allows collectors to choose either a permanent Vintage Vehicle license plate, or they can opt to register their vehicles with original Alabama license plates issued prior to 1977.

Permanent vintage vehicle license plates, available since October 1996, are provided by the Alabama Department of Revenue. Original vehicle license plates are provided by the owner and approved by the local license plate issuing official. Both plates are permanent plates and have a one-time state registration fee of \$10, plus a county issuance fee. Some counties have local registration fees that may apply.

Original license plates may be used to register automobiles, motorcycles, fire trucks, trucks or truck tractors with gross weights not exceeding 26,000 pounds. It is the responsibility of the collector to acquire the original license plate and to verify that it is the appropriate year and tag type for the vehicle that will display it. If approved by the local tag issuing official of the county where the

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vehicle is registered, a vintage vehicle decal will be issued to the owner for placement on the tag.

“The original license plate may be restored or painted, but must be restored to the original plate series,” explained State Revenue Commissioner Tom Surtees.

To assist collectors in determining the appropriate license plate for their vehicles, the Alabama Department of Revenue offers a listing of original plate designs that can be viewed at <http://www.revenue.alabama.gov/motorvehicle/antiquepassengertags.html>.

Owners who currently have a Vintage Vehicle license plate, but wish to register their vehicle with an original license plate, must turn in their Vintage Vehicle tag, pay state registration and county issuance fees, and present their original license plate to the county tag issuing official for approval.

During the 2005 registration year, over 3700 vehicles were registered as vintage or antique vehicles.

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