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**Informed Motorcyclists Political Action Committee**

IMPAC is the political arm of ABATE of SD. IMPAC money is used to support legislative candidates, pay for lobbyists and support positive, or fight negative, legislation at the State or Federal levels, as it affects our liberty, freedom of choice and

**Al's Words**

(some thoughts from your editor)

Well, it's been a busy month since last month. Didn't make it to the Rally, but someone has to stay and work, right? Another reason I did not go is because Lisa had a reason that she didn't let me know about until the day before the Rally officially started. For several months she had been planning on a surprise 50th birthday party for me.

She did such a good job keeping that a secret from me right up to the moment I walked into the party (kind of makes me wonder what other secrets she has been hiding from me, hmmm...). For those lucky few that have access to my Facebook page, check out some of the photos my "loving" niece put up. If you aren't on my friends list, look me up and I will add you.

Speaking of Facebook, I wonder where some people get all their time. I can follow some of my friends actions all day long just by what and when they post on their own pages. Recently, one friend from high school must have spent all night on the computer. Well, she is a year younger than me, so maybe she can handle all nighter's more than I can anymore.

Since Auggie & Sunshine and Phil & Norma are on vacation this month, I don't have columns from them. I'm sure Phil will update us on his travels in the October issue. In place of Phil's column this month, I've put in a partial list of motorcycle crashes from around the state for this year (provided by Jon Steele, Lewis & Clark chapter). Interesting reading. A couple of unlucky riders can actually say that "that tree jumped out right in front of me". I also noticed that many of the crashes involved women riders. I know more women are riding now, but let's hope that they don't have more than their share of crashes.

I noticed that one of those women crashed riding a 2009 Can Am Spyder. The basic design of the machine is a backwards trike - 2 wheels up front and a single rear wheel. It is front wheel steering and rear wheel drive. It is supposed to be a safer design, but I will have to reserve judgment on that. That was a driver error crash, single vehicle. She went off the road and rolled.

I was reading one weather guesser's predictions earlier today. According to his guesses, if we continue with the weather patterns we've had all summer, this could end up being one of the ten coolest average temp summers on record. He isn't sure what that means for fall or winter, though. We could be in for an early winter with lots of snow again (we still need some of that in the hills, right?). However, this same weather person predicted a certain number of inches of snow in Sioux Falls last winter and he was off by over one foot (he was pretty close with other areas of the state, but not with Sioux Falls itself).

You will notice on page 7 of this issue that the new member list is pretty large. Between Rushmore's membership party and Larry Nielson's (and others) work at the Iowa Freedom Rally, we have lots of new members. Now, let's see what we can do to keep them interested and get them involved with their local chapters. If you have any suggestions, please contact your State Rep or the membership committee (listed in the Board Meeting Minutes). Until next month:

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### State Coordinator's Comments

(Sorry, no report received, recuperating from Sturgis Rally)

Jiggs Cressy,  
ABATE of South Dakota State Coordinator



### CALL TO ACTION

In last years' legislative session ABATE introduced legislation, HB1220 concerning stoplights that won't change. During testimony on this bill the legislature determined that there wasn't a big enough problem to warrant legislation to deal with the problem. They also determined that "all signal lights in the state SHOULD recognize motorcycles" but may not be set properly. If the legislature wants documented proof of problems lights, we can accommodate them ABATE decided the next move to solve the problem would be to use the "tools" already in place.

The "Road Hazard Program" that ABATE designed, and is nationally recognized, will fix this problem. If properly used, this program will either fix all the lights or find the ones that can't be fixed. . If they are improperly adjusted then the "Road Hazard" program with address that issue. If the light cannot be adjusted then "Road Hazard" will be aware of it and will have an example for next years' session. By attacking it this way we will also keep our "Road Hazard" program in tip-top shape and firing on all cylinders. So this is a win-win situation for everyone concerned.

Now in order for YOU to do YOUR part in this, all you need to do is pull out your ABATE card and look on the back. That 800 number is for the "Road Hazard" program. If there isn't a number on the back of your ABATE membership card, then look on the front page of this newsletter down towards the bottom of the page. When you encounter a traffic light that isn't recognizing your motorcycle, just get the EXACT location and pertinent details, call that number and file a report. The person answering will take all your info and then follow thru with the appropriate party to start addressing the problem. They may call you back for more details so be ready, but eventually you should get a call back informing you that the problem has been fixed. In the end you will be doing a GREAT SERVICE to ABATE and yourself as a motorcyclist, in making South Dakota's roadways and intersections a SAFER place to ride.

### Legislative Officer Report



(Sorry, no report received)

### Chaplain's Corner



We are on an extended motorcycle road trip and unavailable to do our normal Chaplains Corner. We are spreading the love of Jesus throughout the highways and byways of our great country. God bless you all. Until next month, Bye for now! In His Service  
Auggie & Sunshine.



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## July 18, 2009 State Board of Directors Meeting

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### Call to Order

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Roll Call:

Aberdeen: Jim Weismantel – Jan Weismantel present  
 Black Hills: Wayne Lettau – present  
 East Central: Ed Goodwin – present  
 Lake: Randy Palli – present  
 Lewis and Clark: Derrick Sowell – tardy  
 NorthEast: Dale Gerriets – present  
 North Star: Ray Bokker – present  
 Oahe: Joe Kelley – present  
 Rushmore: Sonny Mudlin – present  
 Sioux Falls: Allen Luze – present  
 Sioux River: Janelle Wellritz – present  
 Shadow Riders: Mike Salathe- Matt Huls present  
 Those Guys: Gail VanderPol – present  
 Turtle Creek Riders: Jeni Boerger – present  
 Windriders: Phil Hohm – present  
 Zzen: John Harris – absent

### State Officers:

Coordinator: Jiggs Cressy – present  
 Vice Coordinator: Matt Huls – present  
 Secretary: Bobbie Florey – present  
 Treasurer: Jan Weismantel – present  
 Membership Secretary: Gail VanderPol – present  
 Newsletter Editor: Allen Luze – present  
 Legislative Officer: Larry Nielson – present

**Secretary's Report:** Wayne L., Black Hills Chapter, made a motion to accept the Secretary's report. Jeni B., Turtle Creek Riders Chapter, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jan reported that on the balance for the general fund and the balance for the IMPAC fund. Sonny made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, and it was seconded by Jeni B. No discussion was held and the motion passed.

**Membership secretary report:** 1209 throughout the state. Insurance letters have been sent out, approx 70. NCOA form completed to make sure items are being sent to the correct address. New requirement, and there is a new \$15 charge each time we send out newsletters.

**Newsletter Editor's report:** Have been using the wrong postage for several years, and we qualify for the nonprofit postage rate, should save the postage rate, so wont have to be paying \$350 each month. Have a quote for the cost of the Newsletter, and Jiggs is working with Rapid to see if he can get a quote. Also will be looking into getting a quote from a company in Minnesota. Jackpine Gypsies would like to know if we would like to advertise in their flyers for the Rally this year. 4 lines for 50, 6 lines for 75, 8 lines for 225. No discussion, extra newsletters were brought for the booth as well. IMPAC fund paid for a portion of the newsletter last month. Sioux River chapter has some concerns with using the IMPAC funds to pay for this. Precedence had been set before for this.

Emailing the Newsletter was discussed, the difficulties with this is

that the file is so large it would need to be mailed out in 3 pieces. Electronic mailing will reduce cost some, and the less expensive postage rate helps as well.

### Committee Reports:

**Booth and Promotions Committee:** Schedule was passed around, and there are some conflicts as to some of the times allotted. There are quite a few times filled in, please bring back to Chapters to determine what other times can be filled in. Products and materials will be brought out and Wayne will help to set up the booth and to determine where materials can be set up. Internet Café will be set up again this year, with all 4 computers. One computer is missing at this point, and Darrell was to be checking on that. Jiggs will contact Darrell and will see if he has found one. There will be 3 computers out at the Booth, and possibly 4. There may be some State computers available for this use. Jeni will take care of the donation jugs and will get them set up. Department of Public Safety printed off the maps again for the booth. If anyone has a stand or some type of rack to display the flyers, it would be much appreciated! Jiggs will check into a display for this.

**MRF Rep. Report:** MRF is watching several items. The most current thing is the cash for clunkers package, incentive to purchase newer vehicles. They are attempting to get motorcycles included in this; however the concern with the "end of life" issue has problems. There are some issues with the life insurance issues, which may cause some red flags. Finalizing planning for September MOTM, so any carpooling or riding along would be wonderful. This is as close as it is going to get for us for a long time. It is well worth the time and effort to go if you have never been to it.

**State Products Manager Report:** Stickers and decals are available for purchase and are available at the booth. We had 20 small t-shirts left. Retail amount is 240. Medium, 16 t-shirts left, 224. Large, 73 left, 820 total. 93 XL, 787 total. 2X- 11 t-shirts left, 195 total. 3X 27 left, 375 total. 4 caps left, totaling 80. 18 patches left, were purchased, and have ordered 100 of them. Sturgis patches, and 93 of the 30 year patches are left. Headbands have 11 remaining, black skull caps, have 11. Skullcaps with the flames, have 2, with skulls have 4. Have all equipment and banners ready to go. Next year will need to be painted black. Total for products amounts to \$3626 retail. A report as to what was sold was requested for each BOD. The cups were ordered but made wrong; however we did get a discount on them. 36 were ordered and 10 have been purchased already.

**IMPAC committee Report:** SD off-road highway vehicle coalition has been contacted about their proposal. They want to find a funding mechanism to keep the trails open out in the Hills. Their mechanism for this was to put stickers on snowmobiles instead of plates. This has not gone well for them, and has not moved. This bill is dead in the water at this point, so we do not have this bill to support. ATVs, Chinese pick ups, etc seem to now have fallen into our responsibility again. Mopeds and other slow moving vehicles are a concern as well. We do still have time to contact legislators to get the ball rolling on some new legislation.

Remind Chapters about lights not sensing bikes, and not changing. Be sure that these are reported, as we only had 5 of them reported. Before stoplight legislation and reauthorizing the funding for the safety grant, we need to choose what legislators we can develop relationships with and names of people we know support us from BOD members experience. Add to the to-do list and get to Larry.

**Motorcycle Awareness, Training, and Education Grant:** 3rd quarter report was filed on July 19. 90,650 for 2009. Skills map, television, and radio ads on road safety. There are several items out waiting for

payment. BOD members, please submit volunteer hours on the website. Go online, go to the forums on the webpage, download the volunteer hours form, and have members fill these out. These can be mailed in to the ABATE address, brought to BOD, or turned in. We must have these hours to qualify for our grant. We are having some issues for the Share the Road DVD, and are working at trying to get the issues worked out. There is an impaired riding program being put out and Jiggs will mail out the document for reading. Decision for 2010 grant is expected in October or in the fall. Waterproof boxes have been commissioned for the Rally. Buffalo Chip only wants to have the maps put into waterproof boxes, and have asked for only 4000 maps. Radio and TV ads are going well. Numbers are down on Rider's Safety Course. We have not received an ok on the breathalyzers. Also did not get approval for the Share the Road patches, as this design was already available. BOD members will be checking with their local newspapers regarding the old style newspaper containers.

**State Historian's Report:** Slack was not present at the meeting. No discussion on the historian's report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Sturgis Rodeo:** Rick has enough workers to cover the rodeo and his expenses should fall within the budget. If you would desire to work in the rodeo, there are still days open for workers. This may be the last year for this, as Woody did not want to sign the contract again for next year. Rick is looking into future locations for this at this time.

**Whitewood Fundraiser:** Dedication will be at the social hour, total raised was \$2,500. Please try to attend the social hour, will be media and press and a plaque with donor names.

**Whitewood Social Hour:** There will be half of a keg, as well as soda and water. Legislators and Senators have been contacted and will be attempting to attend. One legislator had the suggestion to send a letter and invite each and every one of the legislators to attend. The board was asked as far as approval on this. After discussion, was decided that it certainly wouldn't hurt to invite them and that the letter should include free membership to attend the Social Hour. A nametag will be created for legislators attending, which makes it easier for the greeters to identify them and be sure they are properly greeted and recognized.

**May Motorcycle Awareness Run to Pierre:** Phil would like to have Matt and Jen help with this again next year, however with a push to have more advertising in the Newsletter and with Chapters.

**Accident Insurance:** No calls had been received on this with BOD members, however there are a few people in Rapid who are being contacted and being "harassed" regarding this.

**Hall of Fame Breakfast Tickets:** There were 4 tickets still available, however these have been paid for and claimed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Trailer Raffle:** Jiggs has sent out numerous emails regarding the schedule and the information regarding the trailer raffle. The schedule was passed around and time slots were filled in. If your chapter has any members who would be willing to work in the open slots, please get them involved and signed up! The booth will be across the street from Pizza Hut, at the car wash.

Haulmark Trailers is working with the SD ABATE to do the raffle for this. The tickets will run \$5 each or 5 for \$20. All the ticket stubs are turned in to Haulmark, and drawing will be at 5pm on Saturday night. There is another trailer give away at 6pm at the GoldDust. They will have a booth set up at the Harley Shop in Sturgis; the SD

ABATE will have the trailer itself at the booth for advertising. Haulmark will take up to \$1100 split with the SD ABATE and at that point we will get the remainder. This is something that could have a potential to be done each year in Sturgis, which would be a good fundraiser for us and contact potential for Haulmark.

**Membership Committee:** This committee is not to track memberships; however it is a membership drive committee. State Coordinator would like a 3-5 year plan to raise memberships, using strategic planning. The first meeting would be before the September BOD meeting. At that point there would be 1, 3, and 5 year goals. The goal would be that a strategic plan could be assembled and presented to members at legislative days. Members volunteering to be on the committee included Dale, Jeni, Gail, Bobbie, Matt, Larry, Phil, and Norma. Motion was entertained and Wayne L, of Black Hills Chapter made the motion, and Dale G., of Northeast Chapter seconded the motion. Motion was passed. We would really like to see each Membership Secretary from the Chapters be members, however their attendance at the BOD meeting would be encouraged. There are a few groups of people who would like to create a chapter, located in Mitchell and Sioux City areas.

**Budget/Finance Committee:** This committee would be centered on a means of reviewing all of our expenses and our income and finding ways to cut costs. This is to hopefully keep us from being on the line of not having enough money to pay bills or take care of costs. Motion was made by Dale G., of Northeast Chapter, to create this committee, Jeni B., of Turtle Creek Chapter, seconded the motion. Members interested include Jiggs, Jeni, Jan, Derrick, and Bobbie. Ideas can be emailed in or given to people who are on the committee. This is also open to other Chapter members, and if they are interested, have them contact Jiggs via email or phone. These two new committees should also work together to share ideas and to work in conjunction together. Motion passed.

**Organizational Stickers:** We have 8 motorcycle stickers left, and no car stickers left. When your chapter orders these stickers, Jeni needs numbers, not sheets. These are created off of a roll, so send numbers in when ordered. The motorcycle stickers are \$7 and the car stickers are \$10 each. Orders are placed to purchase 70 of each before Sturgis. Send in any orders and checks to Jen if you desire stickers before Sturgis.

**Algona:** ABATE of Minnesota has invited us to set up at their state rally. They have offered to have flyers at the Minnesota rally and to try to recruit members for us as well. If anyone is going to Litchfield, we would like to have representatives to deliver the trifolds and to check at the gate to make sure that they know they are appreciated. We have already reserved a spot for next year in Algona, and we would like to request anyone who is going to volunteer at the front gate so that we can get you on the schedule. We had about 6 volunteers at Algona, and the work is really only on Friday and Saturday.

**Statewide Poker Run:** Sign in sheet passed around and Wayne has packets of 10 books to be sold. Wayne keeps track of who all has books and what books have been sold; the books are all numbered, to prevent them from being reproduced. Chapter reps take books home with you to sell. The time frame for this runs until Legislative Days this year. Next year will run from Legislative Days until Legislative Days. The next year's volume will be available to sell at Legislative Days. We will be drawing at Legislative Days. It is set up on a point system. The rules and points are all located in the front of the books.

**ABATE Supporters for flyer at Rally:** The list was sent out to every state's ABATE in the US, so we were able to notify everyone who

ABATE supporters are.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Legislative Days in January 14, 15, 16 of 2010.  
 Attendance is down for events being held this year across the state.  
 September 12 Poker Run Shadow Riders and Turtle Creek Riders co-sponsoring  
 Monday Aug 3<sup>rd</sup> at 12 noon, Ride through Custer State Park and the Needles.  
 Nostalgia Run, last Sat in August at 12 noon at Northstar.  
 August 22 Coats for Kids Run in Huron.  
 Windriders donated to the general fund.  
 Aug 22 Sioux Falls has poker run for toys and in December have a run to the hospital to bring toys to the kids.  
 Sept 11-13 Sioux Falls Baltic park rendezvous.  
 Rushmore Chapter donated to the general fund.  
 Remind everyone where the ABATE booth is in Sturgis.  
 July 25, Red Cross Run from Westpark in Huron.

**Adjournment:** Motion made to adjourn made by Sonny M., motion seconded by Jeni B. and passed.

**ABATE of SD Foundation:** A short meeting was held. No changes made. Motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted,


**Bobbie Florey**  
 State Secretary  
 ABATE of South Dakota, Inc.

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- Critters Bar & Roskens Pizza, Crooks** (July 2010)
- Dakota Beverage, Sioux Falls** (May 2010)
- Dakota Insurance, Brookings** (June 2010)
- Engles Law Office, Sioux Falls** (Aug. 2010)
- Fat Boys Bar, Flandreau** (Aug. 2010)
- Freebird Custom Motorcycles, Sioux Falls** (Aug. 2009)
- Fresh Horses Saloon, Harrisburg** (Dec. 2009)
- J & L Harley-Davidson, Sioux Falls & Watertown** (Jan 10)
- Jane's Little Coalinga, Sioux Falls** (May 2010)
- Jim's Tap, Brookings** (April 10)
- Main Street Bikes & Trikes, Granville, IA** (Aug. 09)
- Muscle Cars, Inc., Sioux Falls** (April 10)
- Otis' Bar & Grill, Worthing** (May 10)
- Paul's Place, Clear Lake** (Aug. 2010)
- Prostrollo Auto Mall, Madison** (April 2010)
- Red Eye Bar, Sioux Falls** (Jan. 2010)
- SF & G, Rowena** (Jan. 2010)
- South Bar, Hartford** (July 2010)
- 38 Roadhouse, Sioux Falls** (Sept. 2009)
- TeeZers, Madison** (March 2010)
- The Back Woods, Marion** (Oct. 2009)
- Time Out Campers & Trailers, Brookings** (April 2010)
- Trav's Outfitters, Watertown** (May 2010)
- Wild Willy's, Sioux Falls** (Dec. 2009)

## Welcome New Members

The following is a list of new members to ABATE of South Dakota, listed by chapter. If the spelling is wrong, please notify your chapter membership secretary.

**Aberdeen:** Don Hartman, Everett Schnoor, Wes Hoven, Chris Schuster, Ron Van Dyke, Lauren Stuck, Eric Renmore, Brian Entzi, Mike Entzi, Matt Hoven

**Black Hills:** Amanda Stednitz, Casey Abbott, Sandra Parsons

**East Central:** Mark Smith

**Lake:** Charles Skeppen, Marcus Murphy, Bialas, Nick Reiff, Jason DeBoer, Jodi Eichmann, Jason Boone, David Dannen

**Lewis & Clark:** Cody Gramkow, Reno Hamilton, Jason Kokes, Elwood Sanders, Jeff Sykora, Kyle Pechous, Tyler Suess, Jake Herman, Jeni & Tim Wechsler, Vince VanDospelaw, Rich Darrington, Rich Schoellerman, Travis Schroeder, Mark Christensen, Todd Derohe, Renae Kulhavy, Charles Bohr, Michael Kreber, Mike Schenkel, Judy Marsh, Gari Gratzfeld, Stephanie Simpson

**North East:** Larry Brandsrud, Steve Boehmlehner, Brad Popham, Dan Biel, Paul Witte, Scott Stengel, Steve Scoblic

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**Sturgis:**

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#### SOUTH DAKOTA HIGHWAY PATROL SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT

July 30th: Trooper Boltjes responded to a motorcycle crash about two miles southeast of Alcester. The rider had lost control of his motorcycle on the muddy gravel road. The rider was wearing a helmet and only sustained minor injuries.

July 31st: Trooper Nelson was called to a fatal crash on I-90, three miles west of Mt. Vernon. A group of motorcyclists were westbound on I-90, when traffic slowed for a broken down motor home in the head-to-head construction area. The last motorcyclist failed to notice that traffic was slowing down. He attempted to avoid the vehicles in front of him, but lost control of the motorcycle and went down. He was hit by a pickup and camper. CPR was started at the scene and he was transported to Queen of Peace Hospital in Mitchell where he passed away. Alcohol was not a factor. He was not wearing a helmet.

Trooper Halm investigated a semi truck / motorcycle crash on I-229, near the Cliff Avenue exit. A 53-year-old male semi driver from Crooks ran into the back of a 54-year-old Sioux Falls male who was riding a motorcycle. The motorcycle rider sustained life-threatening injuries and was transported to a Sioux Falls hospital. The motorcycle rider was not wearing a helmet.

#### RAPID CITY DISTRICT

July 31st: Between the hours of 1300 and 1530, Sergeant Jamison investigated three injury crashes on SD 87 in Custer State Park. Custer County investigated one injury crash on SD 87 during this time also. All four crashes involved motorcycles that were traveling too fast to negotiate a curve.

Trooper Podzimek responded to a motorcycle crash on SD Hwy 44 near mile marker 222. A westbound female motorcyclist traveled over some gravel and lost control of the motorcycle. Two other motorcyclists, who were traveling with the female, also lost control as they tried to avoid hitting her. No one was seriously injured in the crash.

Trooper Mann responded to a two-motorcycle injury crash north of Rapid City in Meade County. A strong gust of wind caused a large tree branch to break off, approximately 40 feet above the roadway, and fall onto two motorcyclists. The branch caused the first motorcycle to be laid down. The second motorcycle was "enveloped" into the branch, detaching the rider from his motorcycle. The branch was thick enough that you could not see the second motorcycle until you were standing right next to it. The first motorcyclist suffered life-threatening injuries. The second motorcyclist suffered non-life-threatening injuries. Both were transported to the Rapid City Regional Hospital. Trooper Mann was assisted by the Meade County Sheriff's Office, Black Hawk Volunteer Fire Department and the Rapid City Fire Department. The National Weather Service in Rapid City recorded a 52-mph wind gust at the time of the crash.

August 1st: Trooper Kinney investigated an injury crash on US 16A, near the Spokane Creek Campground. A westbound motorcyclist entered a curve too fast and locked up his brakes. This motorcycle slid into the eastbound lane and struck an eastbound motorcycle. Both riders were thrown from their motorcycles and received minor injuries.

Trooper Heinrich investigated an injury crash on US16A, south of Keystone. An eastbound motorcyclist was riding close to the centerline while traveling around a curve. A westbound motorcycle was also riding close to the centerline while traveling around the same curve. The

motorcycle made contact, causing minor damage to the motorcycles. Both motorcyclists received minor injuries.

Sergeant Schmidt and Trooper Hamar responded to a possible motorcycle on fire on I-90 at mile marker 166. It turned out that the luggage on the motorcycle had caught fire from the exhaust pipe. The rider and his passenger were able to remove the luggage from the bike before the fire caused any damage to the motorcycle. They did not receive any injuries.

#### State News Web

Fatal Motorcycle Crash: Aberdeen, SD – A North Dakota man has passed away from a weekend crash in Roberts County. The crash happened just after 11 a.m. Sunday. Timothy C. Linghor, 51, of Williston, ND was traveling north on Interstate 29 when the Harley Davidson he was driving drifted off the road and entered the ditch. The bike rolled, ejecting Linghor. Linghor was not wearing a helmet. He passed away late Sunday evening at a Fargo Hospital. The South Dakota Highway Patrol continues to investigate the crash.

#### Major Injury Crashes on August 8th:

At 12:16 am, a crash happened on US 85, 12 miles south of Cheyenne Crossing in Lawrence County. A motorcycle driven by James Self, age 59, of Gering, NE, was traveling north when he swerved to miss an object in the roadway. The driver lost control of the motorcycle and laid the motorcycle on its side. Self was transported to Deadwood Hospital with non life threatening injuries. Self was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

#### Major Injury Crashes on August 7th:

At 5:11 p.m., a crash happened in Lawrence County on Nemo Road, 12.2 miles south of Lead. A motorcycle driven by Chester Bock, 63, of Anaheim, CA was traveling south on Nemo Road when he failed to negotiate a curve. The motorcycle left the roadway. Bock and his passenger, Renee Bock, 51, Anaheim, CA, were thrown from the bike. Both were wearing helmets. Mr. Bock received non life threatening injuries. Ms. Bock was not injured.

At 7:35 p.m., a crash happened on I-90, 6 miles east of Sturgis in Meade County. Lori Miller, 39, of Rapid City, SD was driving a Suzuki Bru. Miller began to slow for traffic when her vehicle drifted onto the shoulder. Miller lost control of the Suzuki, crossed both westbound lanes, and struck a parked Highway Patrol car. Ms. Miller and her passenger Maurice Miller, 44, of Rapid City were transported from the scene with minor injuries. The patrol car was unoccupied at the time of the crash. Alcohol appears to be a factor in this crash.

#### Major Injury Crashes on August 6th:

At approximately 6:40 p.m., a crash happened on I-90, 13 miles east of Sturgis, SD in Meade County. A vehicle driven by Karen Knipple, 39, of Cumberland, MD was traveling east on I-90 when the vehicle began to hydroplane and traveled into the median. The vehicle then traveled into the westbound lane where it struck a motorcycle driven Gary Page, 44, of Ontario, Canada. Mr. Page was wearing a helmet and sustained serious injuries. He was transported to Rapid City Regional Hospital. Knipple sustained minor injuries.

At 6:36 p.m., a crash happened on SD 34 at the intersection of 131st Ave, four miles east of Sturgis, SD in Meade County. A vehicle driven by Ben Bazemore, 25, of Vermillion, SD was stopped at the stop sign on 131st Ave. Bazemore pulled out into the path of motorcycle driven by Greg Herman, 50, of Ontario, Canada. Herman and Bazemore collided. Herman received non-life threatening injuries in the crash. He was not wearing a helmet.

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