

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, October 18, 2006, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Royal Fork (Columbia Mall)

ROUND TABLE - Review Participant Surveys from our "Batteries Not Included" Seminar

★★★ BOARD NOMINATIONS ★★★

When Bumpers Meet Antlers

This time of the year - it is not uncommon to see several deer on the shoulders of the road that have been hit by vehicles. Depleting the deer population in this manner is bad enough, but the other possibility is that someone's vehicle was damaged, or someone was injured. Obviously, their instincts don't tell them to stay off the shoulders or to look both ways before crossing.

The Insurance Information Institute (III) estimates that each year there are about 700,000 animal-vehicle collisions that result in approximately 1.2 billion dollars in damages. The National Safety Council states that each year about 120 people die and another 10,000 are injured in these accidents. Typically in these accidents there are about \$2,000 worth of damages, but have been as high as \$10,000. Damage to vehicles usually involves the grill, bumper, headlights, fenders and sometimes the windshield.

Animal--vehicle accidents can happen at anytime of the year, but they typically happen in the fall. Especially deer-vehicle accidents because of the oncoming mating and deer season, which makes them, roam more out of their natural territory.

There is no foolproof method that has been found to prevent deer, and in the Northwest USA, moose and elk, from getting into vehicles. Some folks believe that deer whistles have helped them to avoid collisions. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) says there is no scientific evidence to prove that they prevent deer from approaching cars or reduce the risk.

Another approach that has met with some success is to install roadside reflectors that reflect the light from vehicle headlights, which causes the deer to "freeze" rather than cross the road. Some studies and field tests have been made that shows the frequency of crashes has been reduced to some extent.

TIPS FOR AVOIDING UNPLANNED MEETINGS WITH DEER

- Stay focused on your surroundings, watching left and right and distantly in front of you.
- At night, use high beam lights to illuminate the sides of the road, being especially careful around woods and water. If you spot one deer, there are probably others close by.
- Take extra precaution at sunrise and sunset when they are out feeding on the green shoots on the shoulders of the road.
- If you see a deer on the shoulder or in the roadway and you have time to avoid hitting it, reduce your speed, tap on your brakes to warn possible oncoming vehicles and blow your horn.
- Deer tend to fixate on headlights, so don't blink or flash them. It may cause the animal to move. If there are no following vehicles, brake hard.
- If it looks like contact with the deer can't be avoided, don't try to swerve to miss it. Try to maintain control of your vehicle and hit it. Call the police and report the accident.
- Always obey the speed limits and wear safety belts.

[info taken from www.msucare.com/newsletters/safety]

BOARD MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH / 6:00 – 8:00 PM. / GRAND FORKS PARK DISTRICT / 1210 7TH AVE S

NEXT MEETING → November 2nd

- **DAVIS HOVERSON HAS AGREED TO SERVE ON THE BOARD!** – *Welcome back Davis!*
- **WHAT GOES ON AT A BOARD MEETING?** – *Join us and see!* Please contact Steve Harken at sharken@undeerc.org and let him know you will be attending so he can plan our food accordingly!
- Thanks to everyone who attended our NOSHA Seminar – **"Batteries Not Included"**. – **WE HAVE RECEIVED A LOT OF POSITIVE FEEDBACK!**
- A limited number of **"NOSHA Brochures"** have been printed. They are very informative and can be used as a tool when addressing potential new members. These are available through Steve Harken.

BOARD MEMBERS

*Steve Harken (President) • Al Maloney (Vice President)
Joe Strang (Treasurer) • Connie Mondry (Secretary)
Pat Balstad • Davis Hoverson • Bonnie Knutson
Debbie Pierson • Lyle Ross • Annette Shane*

COMMITTEES

Communication Committee

(Linda Wiley, Bonnie Knutson, Annette Shane)

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD THE LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH / 12:15 - 1:15 PM

NEXT MEETING → October 26th

- *Three is a good number, but more is better!* Our Committee is down to three people and we would love to let a few more members in on the fun!

Education Committee

(Lyle Ross, Steve Harken)

(Upcoming GM Meeting Presentations)

- **November 15, 2006**
- "Bloodborne Pathogens" – Shannon Hanson, Altru Health Systems
- **December 20, 2006**
- 2007 Board Elections
- Business Card Exchange
- Table Topics

Membership Committee

(Davis Hoverson, Mike Lorenson)

- What a FANTASTIC SEMINAR! We are hoping to have peaked the interest of a few of our guests, and with a little encouragement from us, maybe they will become members of NOSHA. As a member of NOSHA, they will be joining area safety professionals dedicated to their profession, energized on career enhancement and who have a genuine interest, like themselves, for safety in the work place. Please let us know of any potential companies you would like for us to contact!

"The Art of Standing"

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Stagger your stance → Slightly bend your knees → Get a foot up → Shift positions frequently