

American boy killed while crossing Highway 27

by Judy French
A seven-year-old boy from Alliance, Nebraska was killed on Saturday afternoon when he attempted to cross Highway 27 north of Barrie.

Jason Fero was rushed to Royal Victoria Hospital in Barrie and was pronounced dead on arrival.

He had been attending the two-day endurance test organized by the Barrie Motorcycling Association with his father John Fero. The event started at 12 noon on Saturday at Vantastic Conversions Limited at Midhurst on Highway 27.

The boys darted out onto the highway into the path of a southbound car driven by Paul Craddock of Pelpston.

An eye witness at the

scene estimated there were between 75 to 100 cars parked on both sides of the highway at the time of the accident. These vehicles belonged to both the 200 participants in the event and to spectators who stopped to watch the bikes leave the Vantastic property.

This same eye witness spoke to a nurse attending to the victim at the hospital and she reported the father of the boy was upset at the dangerous conditions under which the biking event had started. She claims Mr. Fero had spoken to his wife on Friday night and had complained about how dangerous and treacherous the conditions of the endurance test were.

Mr. Randy Jackson,

chairman of the Barrie Motorcycling Club had helped arrange the course and says he felt the conditions of the route were safe. The bikers left from the Vantastic property and travelled approximately one-eighth of a mile south on Highway 27 to begin the cross country endurance test on a bush trail in Midhurst. The 200 riders then travelled on this trail to County Road 28 through Snow Valley to Anten Mills, over to Orr Lake and up to Horseshoe Valley working their way back to Midhurst. Most of this route was through wooded property, but the bikers did have to cross some roads in the area according to Mr. Jackson.

The fatal accident did not stop the event.

Mr. Jackson also says the organizers of the test spoke with the OPP prior to the event. "The police were well aware of the road crossings and knew exactly where we were riding," said Jackson. "Everything was well looked after," he added. According to Jackson, the riders had to obey a flagging system which cautioned them before crossing a road. A stop sign was also signaled at certain areas, and any rider not obeying these signals was penalized and could even be disqualified. "This was not a spectator event" stressed Jackson, "it was a qualifying endurance test sponsored by Bombardier for the International Six Day Trials (ISDT) which will

be held in Sweden this year," he said. Riders from across Canada and the United States had gathered in Midhurst to gain points to be eligible for the ISDT explained Jackson.

When asked about the event contributing to the cause of the accident, Jackson said, "It could have happened somewhere, its just with the chances are increased."

Area OPP recover car from Toronto

Among the 87 general occurrences investigated by Midland OPP on the weekend was the recovery of a car stolen June 19 from St. Clair Avenue in Toronto.

OPP officers recovered the 1975 Pontiac Firebird in a bush area on East Hungry Bay, in Muskoka Township.

Police have laid no charges in connection with the theft. An investigation is continuing.

Outboard Motor Theft
Midland OPP is investigating the theft of a 100 horsepower outboard motor from a Tiny Township, Concession 16

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Police say the Cruise vehicle collided with a car driven by Suzanne Charlebois, 27, of Penetanguishene.

Charlebois sustained minimal injuries in the mishap.

Her car received \$400 damage, while the Cruise auto sustained \$1,000 damage.

Two-Car Mishap
A total of \$1,400 damage resulted from a two-car collision which took place Friday evening on County Road 26, near Penetanguishene.

Police say that cars driven by Sidney Pollock, Mississauga, and Mary Brodeur, Midland, collided on a curve in the roadway.

Brodeur was charged with failing to share the roadway.

Her car sustained \$600 damage. The Pollock vehicle received \$800 damage.

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John Fero was one of the 200 bikers gathered at the Vantastic Conversions building on Highway 27, at Midhurst on Saturday afternoon. Mr. Fero's son Jason was hit by a passing vehicle as the seven-year-old boy attempted to cross the busy road shortly after

the bikers from Canada and the US began the two day endurance test sponsored by the Barrie Motorcycle Association. The boy was pronounced dead on arrival at Barrie's Royal Victoria Hospital. Staff photo

Cyclist Injured
A Port Severn area youth sustained major injuries July 7 when the bicycle he was driving collided with a van on Highway 69, near the Port Severn cut off.

Taken to Huronia District Hospital by ambulance was Dennis Schneider, 15.

His bicycle struck a vehicle driven by Jerome R. Roy, of Blind River Ontario.

The Roy vehicle sustained \$400 damage, and the bicycle received \$50 damage.

No charges were laid.

Impaired Driving
A 29-year-old Midland man charged by OPP with impaired driving and excess alcohol in connection with a two car collision that took



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Morning Prayer, 1st, 3rd and 5th
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