

Three Area Mishaps, Four Injuries

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Two motorcyclists—a man and a woman—were airlifted from near the scene of a Blue Ridge Parkway motorcycle crash yesterday evening, that as approaching storms threatened to scuttle the life flights.

The accident occurred at about 6:40 near Chestoa View, mile marker 320 on the Parkway in Avery County, when the cycle the two were riding ran off of the road to the left and careened down an embankment. First units on the scene for Avery County found the man unconscious and the woman suffering multiple injuries, causing an immediate call for any air evacuation service that could reach the site. Several air services were grounded with an approaching line of storms, but two choppers managed to get in just under the weather and pick up the victims at a landing zone set up by the rescue squads in the parking lot of Linville Falls. Parkway officials said that the man eventually regained consciousness and that injuries, although serious, appeared not to be life threatening. Word from the scene was that the pair were taken to a hospital in Asheville, and that the National Park service would file the report on the accident.

Meanwhile, in Wilkes, a man reportedly fell from the top of Widows Peak in Stone Mountain State Park. Wilkes rescue and fire were called in, but the man was removed from the scene by friends and apparently taken for treatment. State Parks is investigating the 7pm incident there.

A trucker was injured in a noon-hour accident in Ashe County yesterday, that as he lost control of the cab section he was driving and ran off US 221. The cab crashed into a yard just across from the Cranberry Spring Road intersection, and firemen from Fleetwood and Deep Gap worked to carefully remove the man, but his injuries were not regarded as life threatening. Traffic was slowed for a time with all the emergency vehicles, but with the wreck off the road, traffic was not stopped through the scene.