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Schutzler and his wife, Ginny, were two and a half hours from the nearest highway in Oregon’s high desert. “Cell phones didn’t work in that area,” Ginny says. “I hit the red OnStar*® emergency button and was shocked when they answered because nothing else worked.” The red OnStar emergency button gives you a priority connection to an Advisor who can send help to your location right away, even if you’re in a remote area.

OnStar Emergency Advisor Lynne Piper answered the call. After pinpointing the Schutzlers’ location, she contacted police and patched in OnStar Emergency Advisor Lee-Anne Troughton, specially certified by OnStar First Assist. Advisors like Troughton can provide medical advice and rapid guidance, which may result in potentially lifesaving actions. “They put a tourni-

quet on, and I told them to leave it and not let him have anything to eat or drink,” she says.

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It took 24 vials of antivenom for Gene to recover. But he is just happy to be alive. “By land, it would have taken more than five hours to get to the hospital. I wouldn’t have made it,” Gene says. “OnStar got the helicopter to me fast. I’ll never have a vehicle without it.”

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