



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Investigator name: Shaun Williams
Mode: Air Safety Investigator
Region: Alaska

Date: 23 August 2015
Person Contacted: Al Herbert
NTSB Accident Number: ANC15FA066

Narrative:

An interview was conducted with Al Herbert around 1300 Alaska daylight time on August 23, 2015, at his home overlooking the beach at mile [REDACTED] South Coho Loop Road, Kasilof, Alaska.

Mr. Herbert stated he was a retired aviation mechanic with 50 years of experience. He was sitting on his deck at the time of the accident and observed the accident airplane, N3043E, approach from right to left, north to south, along the beach. The airplane traveled about 1 mile and appeared to be flying between 5 feet and 20 feet above the beach at what sounded similar to a high power setting. When the airplane was directly in front of him, he estimated the wingtip was about 50 feet from the face of the bluff but still at an altitude below the deck of his house. The nose of the airplane then pitched up to about 45 degrees and climbed to about 300 feet above the beach and about 100 feet above the trees located on the bluff overlooking the water. After lowering the nose to a level pitch attitude, he heard a reduction in engine power, followed by a sound consistent with an engine misfiring. The airplane disappeared from view, and the engine noise could no longer be heard. Immediately after, a loud sound consistent with an impact was heard. When he approached the site, about .1 miles from his previous location, a post-impact fire had consumed the wreckage, and ammunition could be heard exploding.

End of Interview