

Memorandum of Conversation

Date: 05 May 2014

Time: 2105 central standard time

Conversation Including: Brian D. Veatch; Pilot

Conversation Regarding: CEN14FA230, N4519Y

Duration of Call: 35 Minutes



Summary & Factual Information from Conversation:

Mr. Veatch reported that the purpose of the banner-tow flight was to orbit Coors Field, located in downtown Denver, Colorado, with an advertisement billboard that measured about 55 feet long by 30 feet tall. He stated that there were no anomalies identified with the airplane during his preflight inspection and that he held a briefing with his ground support team before departing on runway 15. After takeoff, he entered the traffic pattern for runway 9 and retrieved the banner at 1505. After retrieving the banner, he proceeded west, staying below the Class B airspace, toward Interstate I-25 where he turned southbound toward downtown Denver and Coors Field. Mr. Veatch reported that while en route the airplane did not perform as expected, with little to no climb performance, but the engine appeared to be operating without any anomalies. He stated that the airplane was at 6,100 feet mean sea level (msl), about 700 feet above ground level (agl), when he decided to enter a right 180-degree turn and return to the departure airport. He subsequently released the banner after the airplane developed an excessive descent rate during the turn. Mr. Veatch reported that the airplane accelerated slightly after he released the banner; however, it remained near the aerodynamic stall and, about 10-15 seconds after he released the banner, the airplane encountered a stall/spin at a low altitude. The airplane descended, inverted, into a house located within a residential area. Following the accident, Mr. Veatch was able to release his restraints and exit the airplane uninjured. A postaccident fire destroyed the airplane and significantly damaged the house.

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I can attest that the above summary and factual information was taken on the above stated day, and is correct to the best of my knowledge:

Signed: _ Andrew Todd Fox _

Dated: _ 05 May 2014 _

Andrew Todd Fox
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Air Safety Investigator