

Inspector statement for N2817X deer accident, ARB, MI

10/16/2014; arrived at the aircrafts location at KARB, MI. Aircraft Tach. 789.0.

The aircraft had been cleaned up and the animal remains and residue removed. (The Inspector who had accident duty had visited the aircraft and pilot on 10/11/2014, taken photos and allowed them to clean up the aircraft but not move or begin maintenance).

The other aircraft owner took the cowlings off, and pilot interview was conducted. Photos were taken of the damage. Damage was noted on the lower left and right hand areas of the fire wall extending aft approx. 12 in. The bottom fuselage stiffeners were damaged on both outboard sides. Most of the damage was noted on the right hand side (impact area). Animal residue was noted on the propeller (prop strike). Engine accessories, linkage and engine mount/ nose landing gear mount were damaged.

I allowed the owners to relocate the aircraft to their hanger on the airport. Notified them not to begin maintenance until NTSB had been notified and the aircraft was released by them. Insurance and damage assessments were ok, no maintenance.

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