

From: Brad Walker
Sent: Tuesday, February 24, 2015 1:32 PM
To: Latson Tom
Subject: Re: NTSB Questions

Mr. Latson,

Sorry to be delayed in responding to you. I own the airplane hangar (4W) next to the hangar owned by Richard Lacourse.

On 7 Feb. 2015, I went out to the airport to do some work at my airplane hangar. I haven't been out to the airplane hangar in a long time. I met Mr. Lacourse and Jack Burt for the first time as Mr. Lacourse had recently purchased his hangar. They were both very nice people and we had a great conversation about aviation. They seemed very well versed in aviation and the technical aspects of it.

I noticed the cowl was off the airplane and asked what was the problem with "such a beautiful airplane". Mr. Lacourse said that he and Jack had just taken a flight and the engine had excessively high oil temperatures. They were trying to diagnose the problem. Mr. Lacourse said he thought the oil cooler was situated behind the hottest cylinder and this was a contributing cause. They were going to re-position the oil cooler to see if that fixed the problem. Mr. Lacourse also said the airplane was producing about 135 knots in cruise and that was way too low. He did not mention any reason why that might be. But, did seem concerned that it was so low. I wished them the best in getting it fixed and left them alone as I did not want to pester them.

Then while watching the evening news on 11 Feb. 2015, I saw the report that an airplane had crashed. The description sounded like the accident airplane. Then the victims were identified. So I decided to contact the NTSB to let you know what I had heard at the airport.

I hope this information helps you to determine the cause of the crash. Mr. Lacourse and Jack Burt were very nice individuals and seemed very knowledgeable about aviation. It's a shame to have lost them.

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If there is anything you need from me, then please contact me at my email
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Respectfully,

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