



**NATIONAL TRANSPORTATION SAFETY BOARD**  
Central Region - Denver, Colorado

June 9, 2015

Record of Conversation: Jonathan Hardwick ( [REDACTED] )  
Subject: CEN15FA257, Eagle, CO

Mr. Hardwick was piloting a Citation Excel jet when he witnessed a Murphy Rebel (N914FM) crash at Eagle, CO on June 5, 2015. Mr. Hardwick stated he was following the accident airplane on approach. He was about 15 miles away from the airport and visual with the runway when he was told to slow down for a Rebel airplane that was on an approach in front of him. He said it did not sound like the Rebel pilot was happy with the situation [based on radio transmissions]. Mr. Hardwick was cleared to land far out and he saw the Rebel while on base. He had to perform "S" turns for spacing. He said the winds were left quartering on the approach and landing at up to 26 knots, and there were scattered rain showers in the area.

Mr. Hardwick said the Rebel performed a "wheel landing" in front of him while he was on a 4 to 5 mile final. He said the landing looked "squirrelly" and the Rebel then made a hard 90 degree left turn. The airplane "darted left" behind a hanger and he saw debris fly up. Mr. Hardwick said it looked like a controlled maneuver, but the airplane hopped and skipped while on the runway and he could see the top of the airplane after it became airborne and it banked 90 degrees to the left.

Mr. Hardwick described the pilot's demeanor as rushed. He thought the Rebel pilot felt his airplane's presence behind him. Mr. Hardwick also noted the Rebel pilot's interest in where fuel services were located on the airfield and speculated the pilot may have been concerned about fuel. Mr. Hardwick also stated he was familiar with Rebel airplanes and that he knew the pilot.

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