

Bowling David

From: McComb Sarah
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 1:02 PM
To: Bowling David
Subject: RE: CEN15LA350, Midland, TX

Hi David,

Chris was initially assigned this device and I checked with him. In the beginning, it looked promising. The device was designed by a small company or possibly an individual from Slovenia. There was data on the device, but we did not have what was needed to decode it. The designer in Slovenia was initially helpful, but then went silent. Chris wound up turning it over to Jim to see if he could have any luck in possibly reverse engineering the data out, but Jim could not get anything further. I am not sure how much Jim had communicated with Tom, but it does not look like he wrote a report. Let me know if you need something for the docket.

Chris did send it back per Tom's request, not long after downloading it (the pilot was particularly anxious about getting it back).

Sarah

From: Bowling David
Sent: Thursday, December 21, 2017 2:15 PM
To: McComb Sarah [REDACTED]
Cc: Bowling David [REDACTED]
Subject: CEN15LA350, Midland, TX

Sarah,

Hello. I am closing out this Tom Latson case from August 10, 2015. In his materials, he references an Electronic Flight Information System from the gyroplane that he may have sent to the lab for exam. Except, I do not see a report in any of his files that you folks might have done. I also have no e-mails about this device. I have a couple of UPS invoices, which read:

On August 13, 2015, a Nesis III EFIS was sent to the lab for download of flight information. Tom also submitted a request for lab assistance the same day.

It must have been sent back to Tom, because on November 16, 2015, Tom send the device back via UPS to the owner's representative. I've looked through the project status board and can't find anything about this.

My question is, did you receive such a unit? And if so, did you do anything with it?

This is a loose end I'm tying up. I can finish this case without data from this unit.

Thanks and my best regards, Happy Holidays,

David

Dr. David Bowling
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Office of Aviation Safety, Central Region

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Request for Recorder Laboratory Assistance

Office of Research and Engineering, Vehicle Recorder Division (RE-40)

To submit electronically, use the **Submit to Lab** button below. Please place a printed copy within the shipment. Refer to the Shipping and Handling attachment for more information. Contact Sarah McComb, Chief, Vehicle Recorder Division, at (202) 314-6618 with any questions.

A. Accident/Incident Information		B. Submitted By	
Accident No. CEN15LA350	Keys No. 91760	Request Submitted By Tom Latson	
Date August 10, 2015		Office and Division AS - Central Region	
Location Midland, TX - MDD Airport		Telephone [REDACTED]	
Vehicle/Aircraft (gyroplane) Trixy Princess - N743SS		Date of Request August 13, 2015	
C. Recorder(s)/Media Submitted			
Recorder/Media	Quantity	Additional Description (manufacturer, model, etc.)	Evidence Control Number
CVR	_____	_____	_____
FDR	_____	_____	_____
GPS unit	_____	_____	_____
Mobile phone	_____	_____	_____
Image/video recorder (digital camera, etc.)	_____	_____	_____
Locomotive event recorder	_____	_____	_____
Voyage data recorder	_____	_____	_____
Other _____	1	EFIS - ("Nesis III")	_____
(specify, e.g., audio device, avionics display, engine monitor, etc.)			
If needed, use the space below to list additional recorders, media, and/or descriptions (e.g., serial number, media file, etc.).			
Nesis III EFIS was manufactured by Kanardia in Slovenia http: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] +			
Tracking Number 1ZA39E761395233809 +		Does shipment contain a biohazard(s)? ☐ Yes ☒ No	
D. Additional Information (e.g., when the recorder was pulled, operator/manufacturer contact info., locomotive wheel size, etc.)			
Gyroplane departed Rny 16 at KMDD Midland TX and impacted in a city park about 1 mile S of KMDD			
E. Explanation of Work Requested (click to attach investigation preliminary, if available)			
Please download data for the accident flight on August 10, 2015, about 1300 CDT (1800 UCT) I especially want airspeed, rotor speed, engine RPM, and engine manifold pressure with the GPS data. +			
F. Return Recorder/Media To			
Name Mr. Jal R. DENNIS		Affiliation Aircraft Owner	
Title Aircraft Owner		Address Jal R. DENNIS [REDACTED] Wylie, TX 75098 +	
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BILLING: P/P	
Reference # 1: 16GB Thumb Drive Reference # 2: Video of Gyro Accident	
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