

Memorandum of Conversation

Date: 7 July 2016

Time: 0900 central standard time

Conversation Including: Jimmy Parker, Pilot/Owner

Conversation Regarding: CEN16LA252, N5788D



Summary & Factual Information from Conversation:

Mr. Parker reported that the purpose of the accident flight was to provide the passengers with an introductory flight in conjunction with an event hosted by a local chapter of the Experimental Aircraft Association. He stated that there were no mechanical issues or anomalies with the airplane during his earlier flight from his base airport to 5Y2. The flight departed runway 34, climbed to 2,500 feet mean sea level, and completed a local flight of the Houghton Lake area before entering the traffic pattern for a full-stop landing on runway 34. Mr. Parker reported that while on final approach, as they passed over a tree line, the airplane encountered a downdraft and descended below a normal glidepath. As he increased engine power to arrest the descent the main landing gear collided with a wire fence located near the approach end of the runway. The airplane subsequently landed hard on its nose landing gear, collapsing the nose gear, and skidded to a stop in a nose-down attitude on the runway. Mr. Parker reported that there were no mechanical failures or malfunctions with the airplane that would have precluded normal operation. The fuselage, engine firewall, and left wing were substantially damaged during the accident.

--- End of interview summary ---

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: _ 7 July 2016 _

Andrew Todd Fox

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