

Memorandum of Conversation

Date: 7 November 2016

Time: 0700 mountain standard time

Conversation Including: Mr. Neil Neumeyer
Witness

Duration of Conversation: 15 Minutes



Summary & Factual Information from Conversation:

On 7 November 2016, at 0700 mountain standard time, I conducted an in-person interview with Mr. Neil Neumeyer who witnessed the fatal RV-10 (N924WY) accident that occurred on 5 November 2016 near the Dubois Municipal Airport (DUB), Dubois, Wyoming.

Mr. Neumeyer reported that he saw the airplane takeoff from runway 28, during which the airplane's right gull-wing cabin door rotated opened upon liftoff. Mr. Neumeyer saw the pilot reach for the fully open door with his right hand and heard a momentary reduction of engine power. Mr. Neumeyer then saw the airplane descend momentarily before he heard an increase in engine power and saw the airplane level-off over the runway. He reported that the pilot continued to reach for the open cabin door as the airplane overflew the remaining runway about 35 ft above ground level (agl). Mr. Neumeyer then saw the airplane's left wing and nose drop suddenly, which he described as an aerodynamic stall. The airplane descended into terrain and there was a large explosion upon impact.

Mr. Neumeyer provided a signed written statement following the in-person interview.

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 November 2016 _

Andrew Todd Fox
National Transportation Safety Board
Air Safety Investigator

NEIL NEUMEYER

11/7/2016

DUBOIS, WY 82513

SATURDAY NOV. 5TH

7:50 AM - ARRIVED DUB AIRPORT

TO SAW BRUCE STAMDER N924WY IN AIRCRAFT
~~7:54~~ AM NEAR FUEL TANKS. I THEN PARKED AT MY
(NN) 7:56 HANGAR AND WATCHED HIM MOVE TO "HOLD SHORT"

LINE. HE THEN BASIC TAXIED ON RUNWAY 10

CLARIFICATION: WHEN APPROX. 400 FEET. (OUT OF MY LINE OF SIGHT)
I SAW AIRPLANE ON 1-2 MINUTES LATER I HEARD THE AIRPLANE
RUNWAY PRIOR TO LIFT POWER UP AND COME BACK INTO SIGHT.
OFF DOOR WAS CLOSED. I SAW HIM LIFT OFF AND HIS RIGHT SIDE ^{DOOR} WINDOW
DOOR OPENED UPON OPENED DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF ME. HE REACHED
LIFTOFF. (NN) FOR IT, THEN PULLED POWER AND NOSED DOWN
THE AIRCRAFT (VERY BRIEFLY). HE THEN ADDED
POWER AND LEVELED THE PLANE. HE CONTINUED
REACHING FOR THE DOOR AS HE FLEW DOWN
THE RUNWAY.

(NN) 7:56
7:54 AM - I SAW HIS LEFT WING DIP AND NOSE DROP
INTO A STALL. EXPLODED ON IMPACT.

(NN) 7:56
7:54 AM - CALLED 911
7:59 AM CALLED 911 AGAIN TO REPORT ACCESS ROUTE
TO CRASH SITE.

8:09 AM 11/7/16

Runway
100

PILOT
REACHING

LIFTOFF
1

DOOR
OPEN

POWER
DOWN - POWER
UP

Runway
280

CRASH

HOLD
SHORT

GATE

FUEL TANKS

ME

28

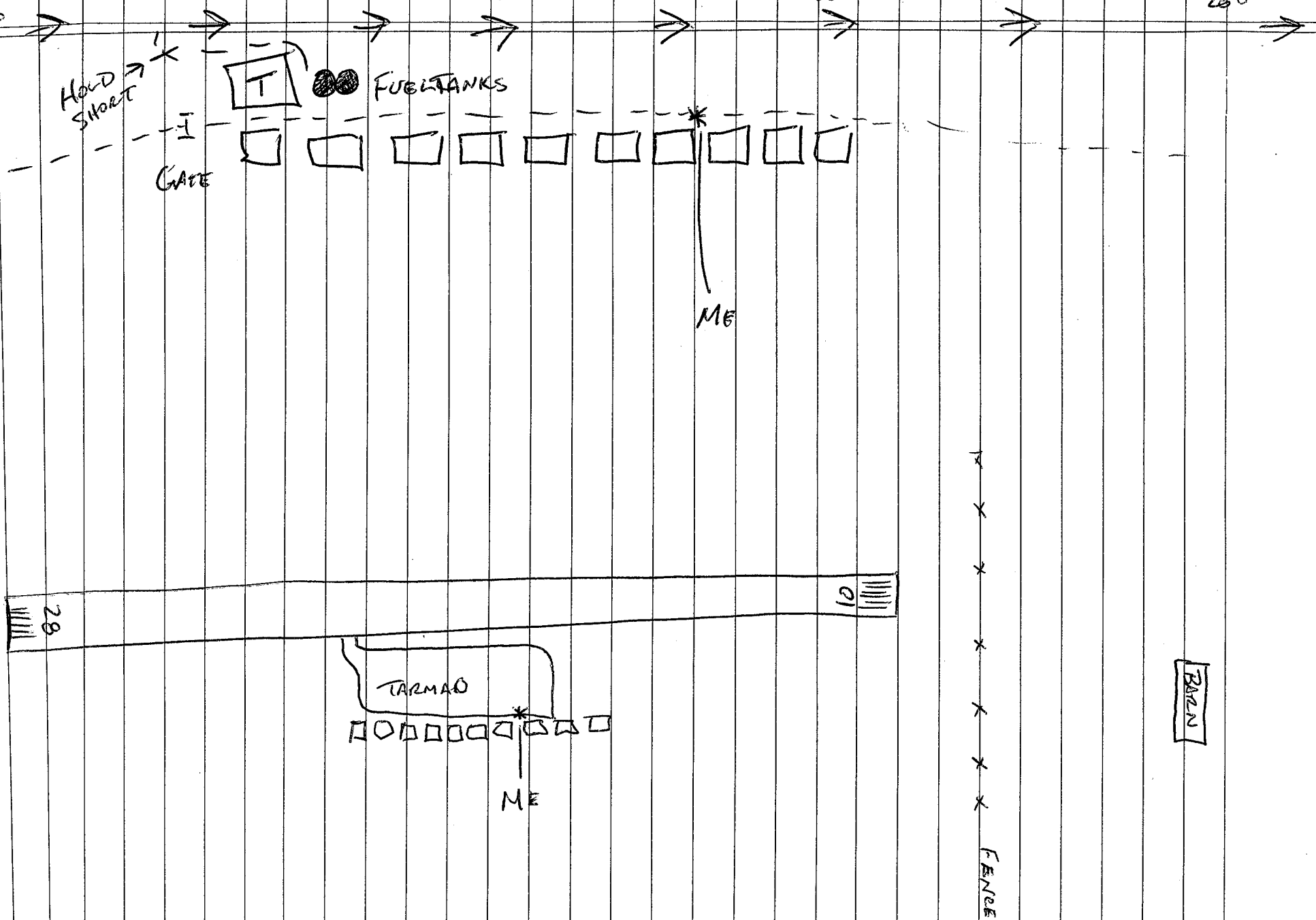
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TARMAC

ME

FENCE

BARN



Record of Interview

On Monday November 7, 2016 at approximately 0700 hours Mr. Neil Neumeyer was interviewed in person by FAA Inspector Joshua Pritchard of the Denver FSDO. NTSB investigator Todd Fox was also present.

Subject: Aircraft accident involving N924WY which occurred on November 5, 2016. Mr. Neumeyer witnessed the aircraft accident.

Location of interview: Dubois Municipal Airport (DUB), in front of Mr. Neumeyer's hanger, where he had witnessed the accident.

Interview with Neil Neumeyer

Mr. Neumeyer has also provided a written statement dated 11/7/2016 at 0809hrs. Mr. Neumeyer's verbal statement is in keeping with the written statement with the following additional information gained from the verbal interview:

Mr. Neumeyer stated the aircraft was very low and slow over the runway throughout the entire sequence and never appeared to be following standard take off /climb out procedures.

JOSHUA LEE
PRITCHARD

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PRITCHARD
Date: 2016.11.15 15:02:00 -07'00'

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Fox Todd

From: Joshua.L.Pritchard [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2016 5:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Fox Todd
Subject: RE: Dubois incident

Mr. Osborn,

Thank you very much for the statement. I have included Inspector Todd Fox with the NTSB on this email should he have any additional questions.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

Josh Pritchard
Federal Aviation Administration
Airworthiness Inspector
Air Methods Corporation, CMT
Denver Flight Standards District Office
[REDACTED]
Denver CO. 80249-6361

Phone: [REDACTED] / Fax: [REDACTED] / [REDACTED]

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http://www.faa.gov/about/office_org/headquarters_offices/avs/offices/afs/qms

From: Kenny Osborn [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, November 09, 2016 3:38 PM
To: Pritchard, Joshua L (FAA)
Subject: Dubois incident

Dear Joshua,

I am the guy who saw the crash of the airplane west of the Dubois, WY airport this past Saturday morning. I was looking out my window at 94 Bald Mtn Rd, just south of the end of the runway (100-200 yards or so) when I noticed a small shiny plane with red coloring having some difficulty. It had not gained the usual altitude, and was wobbling a bit. My wife had just left the room so I called to her that a plane was having trouble, and seemed to be about to crash. She also heard the motor make a distorted sound, as did I, and was running for the door. A moment later, as it passed directly in front of our window to the north it began to bank rapidly to it's left and then immediately fell out of the sky from an altitude of only 150 feet or so I presume, and dropped into the field you saw by the barn, bursting into a ball of flames. My wife called 911 to report it immediately thereafter. I did jump in the car and go down to see if there was anyone I could rescue, but alas, the plane was just ruined and a ball of flames, with no hope of recovery. The metal of the right wing was melting, and the left wing had fuel running down over it, so the fire was far from out yet.

I am sorry for the crash of the aviator, and for his family,
Sincerely,
Kenneth L Osborn