

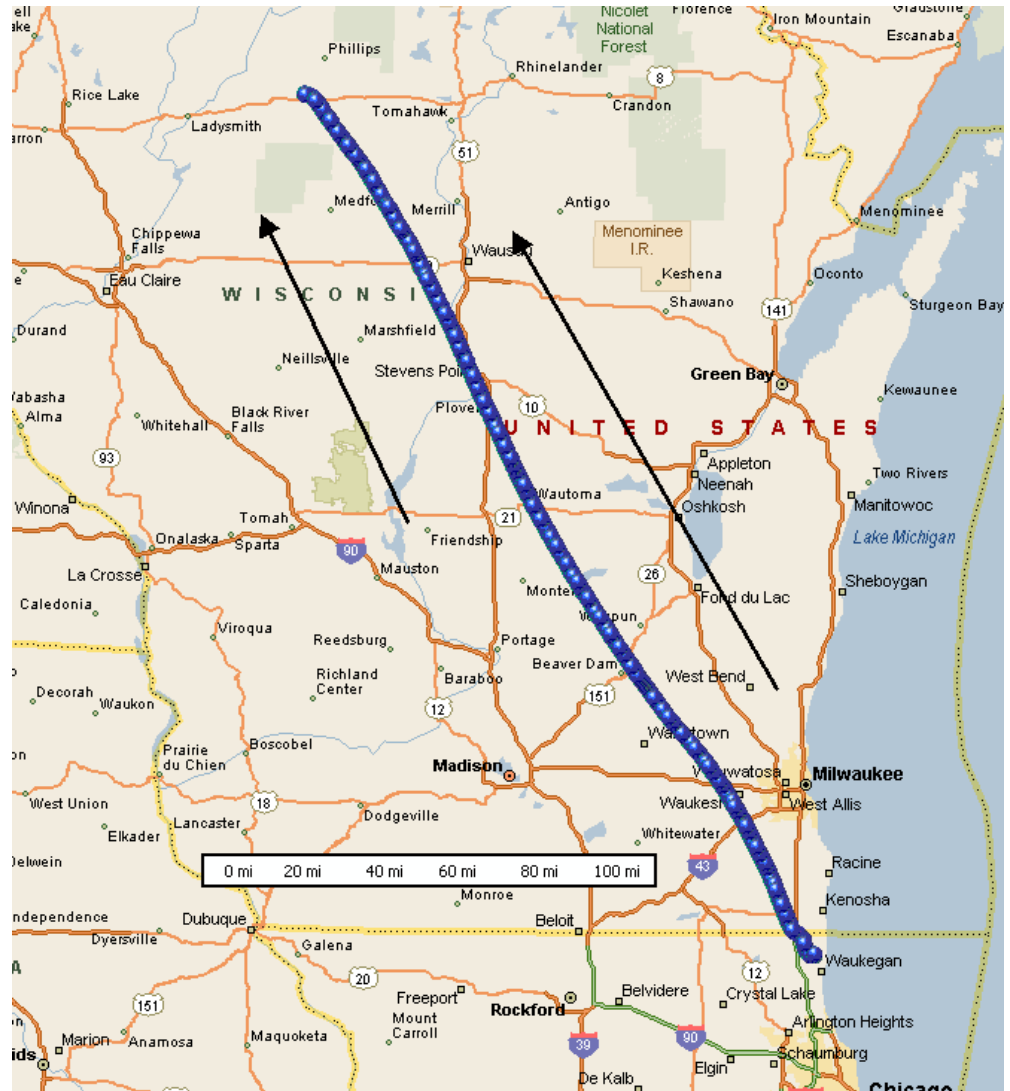
NTSB Investigation CEN17FA248
N2655B – Cessna 421
Near Catawba, Wisconsin
July 7, 2017

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Harris OpsVue Excelis radar track analysis data of the flight track of N2655B, a C-421, is indicated by blue dots. The track data was validated using enroute radar data from the Minneapolis air route traffic control center enhanced radar intelligent tool (ZMP ERIT).

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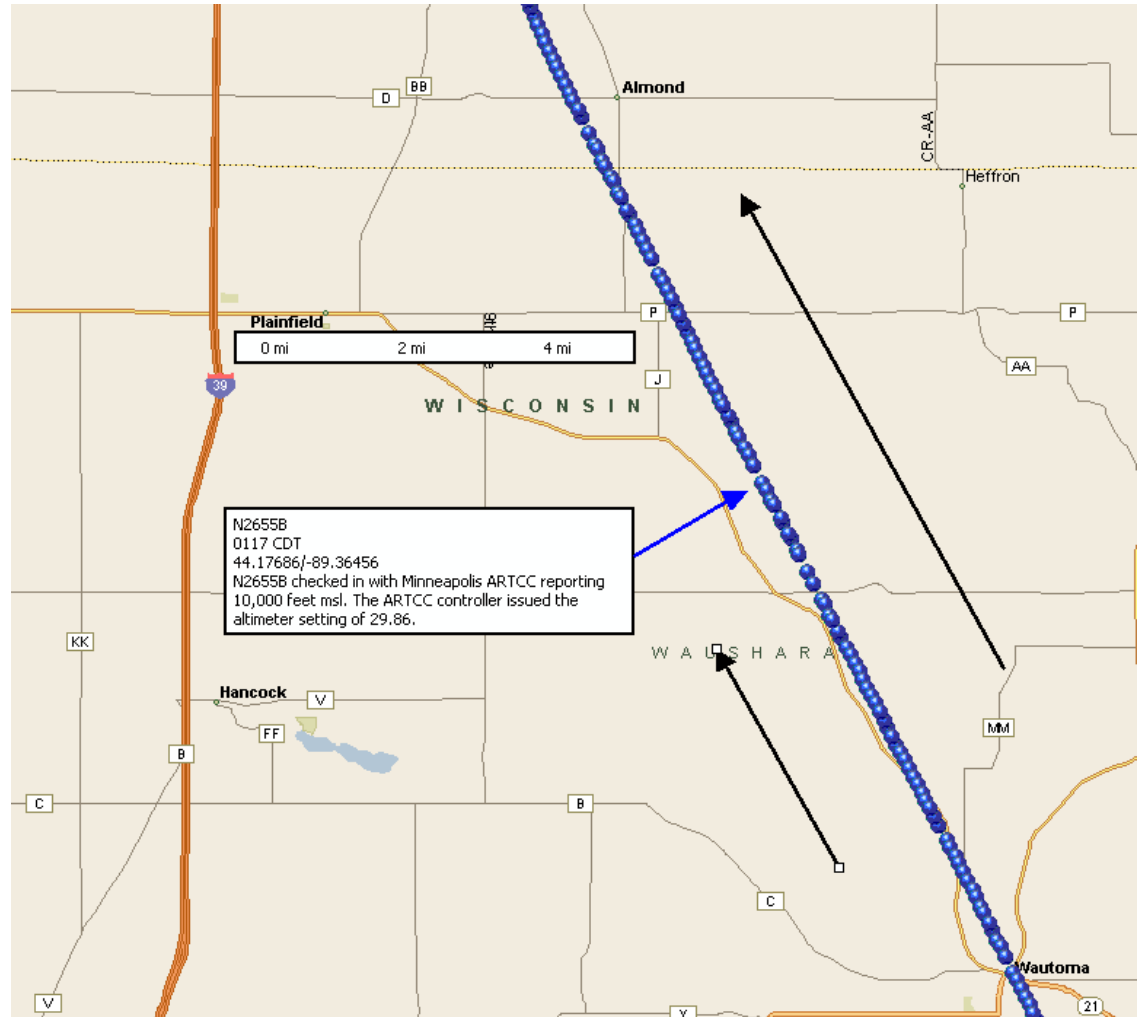


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N2655B checked in with Minneapolis Air Route Traffic Control Center (ZMP) at 0117 CDT and reporting [his altitude] 10,00 feet msl. ZMP issued the altimeter setting of 29.86.

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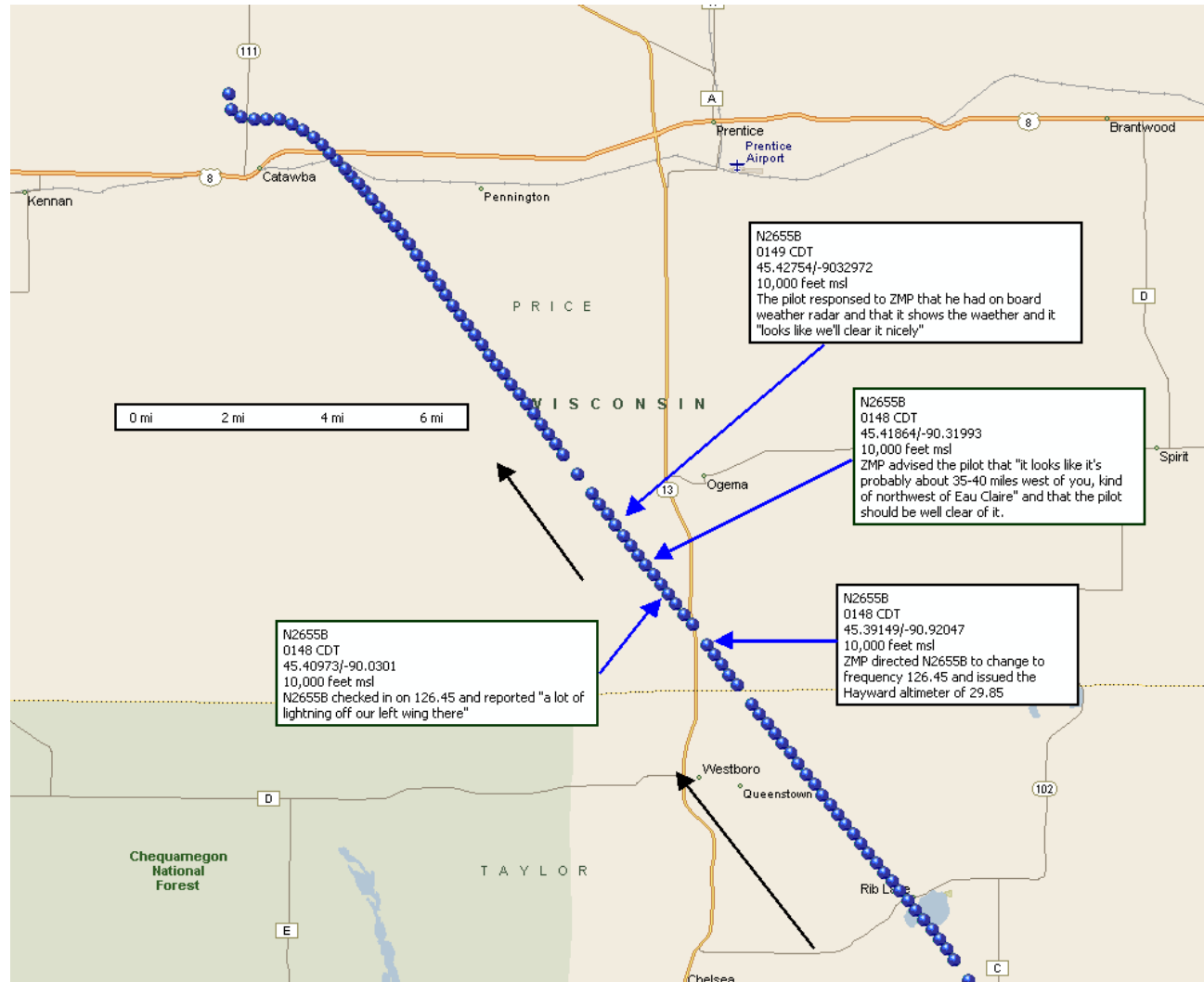


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The pilot of N2655B reported lightning off his left wing at 0148 CDT. The ZMP controller advised that it appeared to be 35 to 40 miles away and that the pilot should be well clear of it. The pilot confirmed the ZMP controllers observation by citing what he (the pilot) saw on his onboard weather radar.

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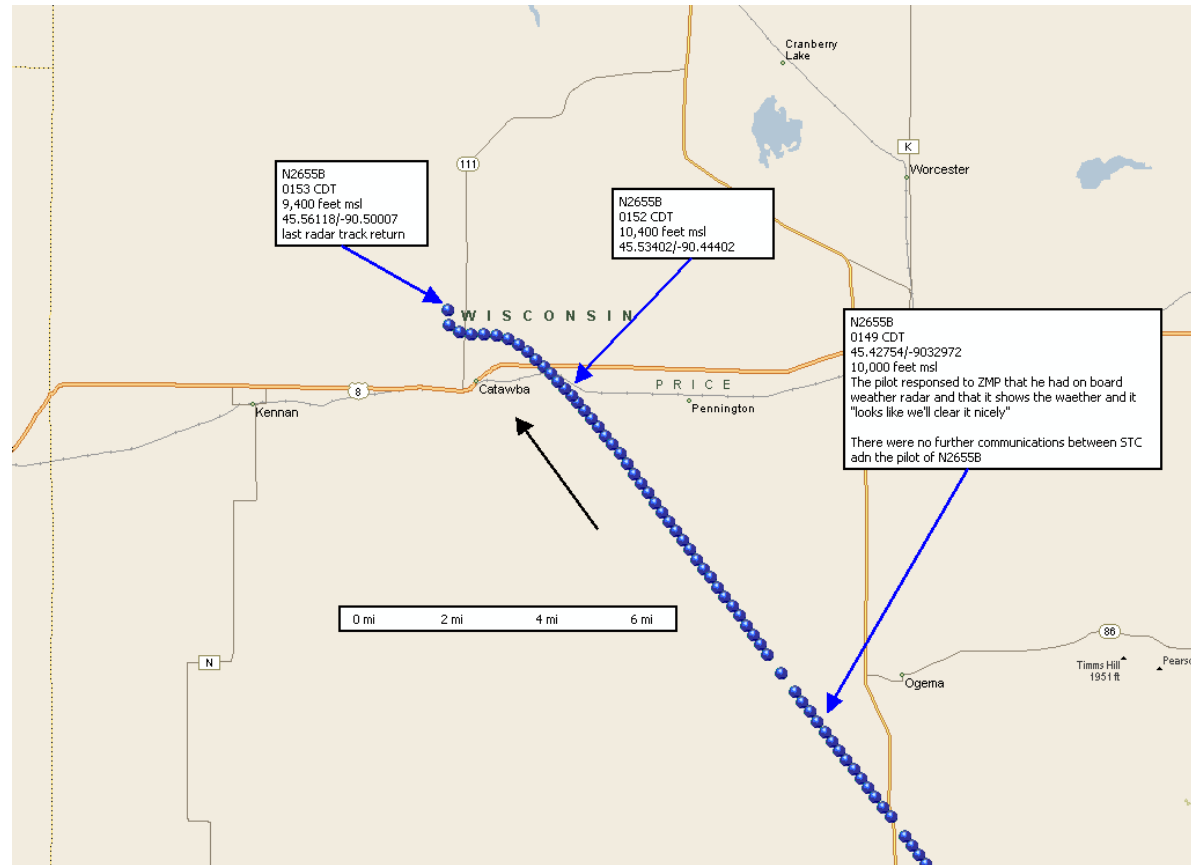
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After the discussion of lighting off the left wing, there were no further communications between the pilot of N2655B and ATC.

Prior to the last radar track point of the flight track of N2655B, the altitude increased approximately 500 feet before descending approximately 1000 feet as reflected on the track data illustration.

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