

Memorandum of Conversation

Date: April 7, 2017

Time: 0830 central daylight time

Conversation Including: FAA Inspector Frank G. Fortmann

Conversation Regarding: CEN17LA149, N580TX

Duration of Call: 25 Minutes



Summary & Factual Information from Conversation:

NTSB Investigator Fox called FAA Inspector Fortmann to discuss the on-scene examination of an Aero Adventure Aventura UL amphibian airplane, N580TX, that sustained substantial damage during a forced landing near Kitty Hawk Flying Field (TS67), Garden Ridge, Texas.

Inspector Fortmann stated that he examined the airplane the morning after the accident. The hull and both wings were substantially damaged during impact. Flight control continuity was confirmed from the cockpit inputs to the individual control surfaces. The airplane's landing gear were positioned for a water landing. The emergency ballistic parachute recovery system was armed but had not deployed. The three fuel tanks (1 main, 2 auxiliary) contained automotive gasoline premixed with engine oil. The fuel system contained ample fuel and the fuel shutoff valve was open. The fuel filter assembly and both carburetors contained fuel. Engine crankshaft continuity was confirmed by rotating the propeller. The spark plugs exhibited features consistent with normal engine operation. The propeller remained attached to the crankshaft and appeared undamaged. One of the three propeller blades had punctured the fabric-covered aft fuselage during impact. The propeller was removed from the engine to facilitate an engine test run. The engine, a 55-horsepower Hirth model 3202, serial number 901269, started and ran at various engine speeds without any hesitation or anomalies. The postaccident examination and successful engine test run revealed no evidence of a mechanical malfunction or failure that would have precluded normal operation.

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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: _ April 7, 2017 _

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