

Memorandum of Conversation

Date: May 31, 2017

Time: 0830 central daylight time

Conversation Including: FAA Inspector Peter Hupfer

Conversation Regarding: CEN17LA204, N71JA

Duration of Call: 10 Minutes



Summary & Factual Information from Conversation:

Inspector Hupfer stated that he conducted a phone interview with the pilot, Ms. Elizabeth "Betsy" Goldbach, on May 30, 2017, at 1545 CDT. Ms. Goldbach stated that she was feeling okay despite having a cut that required stitches. She explained that the accident occurred during the first landing after departing Rhinelander Airport (RHI). Ms. Goldbach stated that before landing the wheels and water rudders were up for the water landing, and that the blue landing gear position lights were illuminated (indicating that the landing gear was up for water landing). She stated that the winds were calm to 6 knots and the water conditions were okay for a water landing. Ms. Goldbach does not recall the airplane landing on the lake or when it nosed over after touch down. The next thing she remembers is being upside down in the water after the accident. She was able to exit the airplane and wait for assistance from some nearby boaters. Ms. Goldbach stated that there were no mechanical anomalies with the airplane during the flight and that airplane had recently undergone an annual inspection in Rhinelander.

--- 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: _ May 31, 2017 _

Andrew Todd Fox
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Air Safety Investigator