



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Accident Number: CEN18FA262

Location: Moriarty, New Mexico

Date: July 12, 2018

Subject: Interview with Mr. Bill Hill, Glider Instructor and Tow Plane Pilot, Sundance Aviation, Moriarty Municipal Airport, Moriarty, New Mexico, regarding the crash of a Schempp-Hirth Ventus 3F motorized glider on July 10, 2018

Mr. Hill said he flew his glider the same time that Mr. Rozzoni was flying his. He said he took off ahead of Mr. Rozzoni at about 1:15 p.m. He said he talked with Mr. Rozzoni before the flight. His glider was parked next to Mr. Hill's. Mr. Hill asked him if the glider was an "A" or "B" model. Mr. Rozzoni said it was a new fuselage, smaller than a "B", but larger than the "A." He also talked about the wind that day. Mr. Rozzoni said that if the wind is out of the south, he'd land on runway 18 at Moriarty. Mr. Rozzoni looked good and was in a good mood. He mentioned that 10 or 12 years ago, Mr. Rozzoni was treated for a brain aneurism. But, since then, he had no medical issues that he was aware.

Mr. Hill said he took off and proceeded south for about 60 miles. He said he was up for 4 hours and 10 minutes. Mr. Hill said that "Renny (Mr. Rozzoni) was a "chatterbox on the radios", but not on this day. He recalled Mr. Rozzoni making a remark over the radio that he was not getting the lift and was going to stay near the airport. Mr. Hill said that Mr. Rozzoni never went far from the airport in this glider. He rarely flew more than 50 kilometers from Moriarty. Mr. Hill said he was having difficulty working the lift. You have to bank steeply sometimes to get lift. Mr. Rozzoni didn't like banking steeply. Mr. Hill said the winds at takeoff was about 10 knots from the south. It was lighter earlier.

Mr. Hill said that he felt Mr. Rozzoni was intimidated by that glider. Mr. Rozzoni was an experienced pilot though having a lot of time in other gliders.

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