



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

Accident Number: CEN18FA262

Location: Moriarty, New Mexico

Date: March 8, 2019

Subject: Interview with Mrs. Joan Rozzoni, wife of the pilot, Mr. Renard Rozzoni, who was fatally injured near Moriarty, New Mexico, in a Schempp-Hirth Ventus 3F motorized glider on July 10, 2018

Mrs. Rozzoni said her husband was very attentive to detail. He was very safe and was always prepared to fly. He always used a checklist. He's owned another glider before purchasing the Ventus 3F. That glider went to Australia after it was sold.

She said that Mr. Rozzoni was a 1974 graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. He spent five years on active duty as an Army Officer, and then joined the Army Reserve. He retired from the reserves not too long ago. After his time on active duty, he went to work for Exxon-Mobile Corporation. He was very successful there.

She said on the day of the accident, She had to take her son to an appointment. She told her husband that he should go fly. She said he left about 8:30 am and arrived at the airport about 9:30 am. She said that he was in good spirits and there were no conflicts or issues going on in his life that might distract him from concentrating on flying. She also said that he was taking no medications at the time and that his health was good.

When asked if she had any concerns about her husband's flying, Mrs. Rozzoni said that he did have one landing in the glider off of the airport. She said it had something to do with the winds that day. Other than that, she said she had no concerns.

Mrs. Rozzoni said that her husband was also a fixed wing airplane pilot. She said when they lived in Virginia during her husband's time in the Army, she'd fly with him. She said she flew one time with him in a glider. She was not a fan of flying, so she didn't fly with her husband often.

She said that her husband would go out to the Moriarty Airport a lot when he owned the other glider. She said in recent year, many of his good friends stopped going out there, and when he sold his previous glider, he too stopped going out there often.

On the day of the accident, when her husband didn't show at their house, Mrs. Rozzoni said called the airport. It was her husband's habit to call her when he was on the ground after flying to tell her he was down safely. She hadn't gotten a call. He wasn't home. She became concerned, so she called out there. She said it was about 3:00 pm, maybe 4:00 pm. It took her calling the airport for them to initiate the search for her husband.

She said she had a flight tracker on her home computer that would update every 10 minutes. It was not connected to any device on board the aircraft. It showed his last location just south of the airport.

When told that his iPhone was found in the glider, she said that her husband would not use a cell phone when he was flying. She mentioned that when his daughter would call him as he was driving, he'd get irritated over that.

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