

Lindberg Joshua

From: Derek [REDACTED] >
Sent: Monday, July 29, 2019 5:09 PM
To: Lindberg Joshua
Subject: Re: N8910U accident

Josh,

My answers below as best I know or can recall. Talking Wednesday is fine.

Derek

1. I saw Damon taxi by our campsite but did not see him takeoff. From what little I saw, nothing was abnormal. I flew with him in formation on the preceding two flights (RFD-LOT as his lead in a 3-ship, then LOT-FLD as his wing in a 5-ship), and everything seemed normal. Damon did not discuss any concerns with how the airplane was flying in either flight debrief.
2. I was not able to see the fuel pumps from my observing position on the field, so I do not know if he stopped to add fuel after he taxied by. Similarly, since I did not see him take off, I cannot infer from the taxi-to-takeoff interval if he stopped at the pumps or took off right away. I do know that the pumps at FLD are not self serve, and one must go inside to the FBO to pay after fueling, so the FLD FBO should have his tail number and gallons delivered if he got gas.
3. I do not know his loading schedule, nor did I discuss it with the Browns. His airplane was parked several rows away from mine and did not observe him packing.
4. I was heading to the east and Damon to the west, so we did not share any weather discussions or IFR flight (or STMP reservation) plans.
5. I do not know how Damon or Duncan recorded flight time.
6. Damon has a sister in California who is handling their affairs. I do not know her or her name, but I imagine she would be the best source.
Damon, I think, used a mechanic based at STS (his home base) who might be able to help with logbooks.
7. The day of the flight was routine for a post-OSH (FLD) departure.
We all (5 airplanes) woke up, shared a pot of coffee, checked weather & flight planned, broke camp, packed, hugged goodbye and went our separate ways. We were still laughing at some of the events during the week, "see you later" and all that. All perfectly normal.

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From: Lindberg [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon, 29 Jul 2019 20:46:21 +0000
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: N8910U accident

Derek,

Thanks for getting back to me. Since we are looking into every aspect of this accident, I'm sure you'll have some useful insight. A few questions below if you don't mind and then we can talk more on Wednesday when you're free?

1. How would you describe the condition of the airplane when it departed FLD? Did you notice anything different about the engines?
2. Did you see the airplane fueled at FLD on 7/24? Do you know if Damon was present for the fueling?
3. Did you know how and/or where the cargo/contents were loaded in the airplane? Did you discuss any of that with the Browns?
4. Did Damon talk about filing an IFR flight plan before departure?
5. How did Damon and Duncan record their flight times? Electronic logbook or paper logbook?
6. Do you know anyone close to Damon in California that can help us search for maintenance records or personal pilot logbooks?

Can you give a brief description of your memory before their takeoff?

How were they acting...happy, sad, rushed, relaxed? Did they look prepared for the flight ahead? Etc.

Again, anything you can provide would be great.

Best,

Josh Lindberg
Air Safety Investigator
National Transportation Safety Board
[REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Derek [REDACTED] >
Sent: Sunday, July 28, 2019 9:28 AM
To: Lindberg [REDACTED]
Subject: N8910U accident

Joshua,

I received your PM on BT. Thank you for your thoughts. I am not sure I have anything to offer that would be helpful, but will do whatever I can. I can be reached at this email, or my cell, [REDACTED]

I am still on the east coast, with a travel day planned for Tuesday. I should be reachable by phone Monday, back in the office with full communication capability on Wednesday.

Derek

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