



NTSB RECORD OF CONVERSATION

Investigator name: Shaun Williams
Title: Senior Aviation Accident Investigator
Region: Central

Date: 20 August, 2019
Person Contacted: Mike Mowery
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19FA276

Narrative:

On August 19, 2019, about 1834 Central daylight time, an experimental light sport, Sport Copter Vortex gyrocopter, N634SC, impacted a corn and wheat field about .31 miles west of the departure end of runway 29 at Viroqua Municipal Airport (Y51) Viroqua, Wisconsin. Mr. Mowery was at his residence, located about 1 mile southwest of Y51.

Mr. Mowery stated that he heard the gyrocopter running and the engine "sounded healthy." He said that when he heard the engine quit, there was no sputtering and it sounded as if the key had been turned off.

His wife saw the gyrocopter in flight and said it was flying "a little goofy." She heard the impact and saw smoke start to rise from the fields.

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Date: 21 August, 2019
Person Contacted: Alice Sloane
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19FA276

Narrative:

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Ms. Sloane stated that she was in her living room when the accident occurred. She said that she had looked toward the end of the runway and saw the gyrocopter come up in a hurry toward her house. It then turned north and “came down in a hurry.” She was unable to tell the orientation of the gyrocopter, but reiterated that she saw it descend rapidly. Although she had the window open to her living room, she was unable to hear the engine.

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Person Contacted: Carol Wuolle
NTSB Accident Number: CEN19FA276

Narrative:

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Mrs. Wuolle stated that she understood the purpose of the flight was to practice taxi operations and become familiar with the handling characteristics of the aircraft at low level over the runway. When she saw the pilot turn away from the runway, she went to get her camera and when she looked back, the accident had already happened.

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