

Memorandum of Conversation

Date: October 25, 2018
Time: 1815 central daylight time
Conversation Including: Dr. William Neil Eckenroth, Pilot
Conversation Regarding: CEN19LA007, N81383
Duration of Call: 15 Minutes



Summary & Factual Information from Conversation:

On the afternoon of October 11, 2018, Dr. Eckenroth arrived at Silver Wings Airport (TS36), located about 15 nautical miles (nm) west of Fredericksburg, Texas, where he planned to stay overnight. FletchAir completed an annual inspection on his airplane around mid-morning on October 12, 2018. A Garmin 480 GPS was installed as part of the annual inspection.

There was no fuel service available at TS36, but Dr. Eckenroth estimated that both wing fuel tanks were at about half capacity, filled slightly below the tab indicator in both tanks, before he departed TS36 for Lane Airpark (T54), Rosenberg, Texas. The airplane had a total useable fuel capacity of 51 gallons. The direct flight path between TS36 and T54 was about 180 nm. T54 is located about 25 nm southwest of downtown Houston, Texas.

Dr. Eckenroth stated that he became lost during the flight when he could not figure out how to use the Garmin 480 GPS to navigate to his intended destination (T54), and that his flight path had turned to the south instead of continuing to the southeast toward T54. After flying for about 1.5 hours, he became concerned with the amount of fuel remaining, so he decided land and refuel at Rooke Field Airport (RFG), Refugio, Texas.

Dr. Eckenroth stated that he inadvertently allowed the airspeed to decrease too much while in the traffic pattern for runway 14, and that the airplane entered an aerodynamic stall during the turn from base to final.

Dr. Eckenroth provided an email address ([REDACTED]) where the NTSB Accident Report Form 6120.1 could be sent for his completion.

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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: _ October 25, 2018 _

Andrew Todd Fox
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