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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: CEN20FA009 (N249BW Van's RV-8 Fatal Airplane Accident) - Questions
Date: Thursday, October 24, 2019 10:48:20

Hello Mike,

Here are the answers to the inquiry about N249BW –

1. The AFRCC was notified by FAA ALNOT 20/2334Z Oct 2019
2. Best I can see from our Radar Team chat, he was last on radar at 1514Z
3. There were no ELT reports that I can see, whether SARSAT or airborne.

Hope this helps.

V/R

Danny R. Conley, CIV, USAF
AFRCC

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

“... That Others May Live”

From: Hodges Michael [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, October 23, 2019 3:20 PM
To: AFRCC/Console OMB [REDACTED]
Cc: Castleberry, George B (FAA) [REDACTED]
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] CEN20FA009 (N249BW Van's RV-8 Fatal Airplane Accident) - Questions

Hello,

I am investigating the accident with N249BW (Vans RV-8 fatal airplane accident near Anniston, AL) that occurred on 10/20/2019 with the FAA.

I have a few questions please for my report. Any information provided would be very helpful.

1. I understand that concerned family members called the AFRCC about the missing airplane. Roughly what time was this reported to the AFRCC?
2. Roughly what time did the airplane “disappear” from radar/tracking sources?
3. Was there any signals received from the airplane’s ELT?

Thank you for your help.

Mike

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10/18/2019



09:09:05

Discover Sale

Shoals Flight Center - MSL
1729 T. Ed Campbell Dr. Suite
A,
Muscle Shoals, AL - 35661-2016

Merchant #: [REDACTED] Batch :683
Terminal ID:10050029882 Invoice :107023
Operator ID csr

Customer Name : WALKER/H J
Card # [REDACTED] Swiped
Tail # : N249BW Flight # :
Member ID :
AvGas 100

Tail Gallon
13.80

13.80 @ \$4.95000/Gallon \$ 68.31

Fuel Total \$ 68.31

Invoice Total US\$ 68.31

Approved : 01883R

Did you receive the correct grade of fuel?

AvGas 100

Y / N

Cardholder Signature

X

I AGREE TO PAY THE ABOVE TOTAL AMOUNT
ACCORDING TO CARD ISSUER AGREEMENT

Merchant Copy

AVGAS 100LL
SHOALS FLIGHT CENTER
SERVICE RECORD

Date 10-18-19

Name

Aircraft Type

Aircraft Tail # 249BW

Departure Time Date

Payment ☒ C C ☐ Cash ☐ Charge

Fuel ☒ 100LL

Left Tip/OBD/INBD

Right Tip/OBD/INBD

Meter Readings

Beginning 308083.7

Ending 308097.6

Total Fuel 13.8

Oil Type Add to

L. Eng R. Eng

Total Oil

Services

☐ GPU

☐ Hangar/Tie Down

☐ LAV

☐ Catering

☐ Other

Comments

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AVGAS 100LL

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: CEN20FA009 (N249BW) - Update
Date: Friday, December 27, 2019 15:33:25
Attachments: [image003.jpg](#)

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Mike: Below is my dad's total flight time. He had not logged anything since 5.29.19 so I do not have information on 90 days. Additionally, he did not have running totals for single/multi/night/PIC/Instructor since 8.14.1995. The time is documented in his log book but I don't have time right now to add up all the pages. If you need the more updated totals for the detailed categories, let me know and I should have time to address in the next month.

<i>last entry in log:</i> <i>5.29.2019</i>		
Flight Time (enter appropriate number of hours in each box)	All Aircraft	
Total Time	13177.7	

I will be forwarding the maintenance log book information in a separate message.

Adrienne Hill

On Monday, October 28, 2019, 12:36:10 PM EDT, Hodges Michael [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Adrienne,

Thanks, no rush.

If you can provide all flight time, that would be great. To help save time, something like a flight time summary would be perhaps easier like (this is an example from our NTSB Form 6120.1):



I know with some of this data, you may not have or know, which fine, no worries. Ballpark figures will work.

Thanks again.

Mike

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From: Adrienne Hill [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, October 24, 2019 14:53
To: Hodges Michael [REDACTED]
Cc: Matonek Stephanie [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: CEN20FA009 (N249BW) - Update

Mike:

I will work with my uncle to locate the maintenance records and send you copies. I have his logbooks - do you need flight time on the RV8 or all flight time? We will need to make copies but should be able to send these in the next couple of weeks.

Thanks,

Adrienne Hill

On Wednesday, October 23, 2019, 04:13:36 PM EDT, Hodges Michael [REDACTED] wrote:

Hi Adrienne,

Thanks again for your time today.

Here is the contact information that I owe you:

1. **Atlanta Air Recovery**: (770) 227-4042 – Griffin, GA

<http://atlantaairrecovery.com/>

2. **Calhoun County Sheriff's Office**: (256) 236-6000 – Anniston, AL

<https://www.calcoso.org/>

Both organizations have your dad's personal items.

CEN20FA009 is the NTSB case number for your records.

I would like to eventually talk with you and your mom over the phone and do a 72-hour history interview about your dad in the next few weeks (standard practice for our accidents) – no rush on this, I know you and your family are very busy right now.

Also, if you are able to eventually look around for the airplane's maintenance records (showing the maintenance/inspections performed on the airframe and engine) and your dad's pilot logbook (showing his flight times) that would be much appreciated. No rush on this either.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you.

Mike

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RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: 11/08/2019

Person Contacted: Adrienne Hill (Daughter of the Accident Pilot, Harvell Walker)

NTSB Case Number: CEN20FA009

Narrative:

The following is a synopsis of the information provided by Adrienne Hall in a telephone conversation regarding CEN20FA009 and the accident pilot Harvell Walker.

- The accident occurred on Sunday, 10/20/2019 and the purpose of the flight was for personal reasons. Harvell was flying from the Northwest Alabama Regional Airport (MSL), Muscle Shoals, Alabama to his home base at the Big T Airport (64GA), Senoia, Georgia, after the completion of a family visit. The flight was direct to 64GA with no stops involved.
- On Saturday, 10/19/2019, Harvell was helping family members with errands.
- On Friday, 10/18/2019, Harvell flew from 64GA to MSL.
- On Thursday, 10/17/2019, Harvell was doing work around his residence.
- Harvell did not utilize any medications or substances.
- Harvell was a social drinker of alcohol.
- Harvell had no major stress events in his life, nor did he have any emotional issues.
- Harvell did not utilize tobacco.
- Harvell would drink one cup of coffee a day.
- Harvell lived a very active lifestyle and would exercise daily. Harvell was healthy and fit for his age.
- Harvell did not have any issues with sleep or fatigue.
- Harvell did not report any concerns with flying or with the airplane.
- Harvell was a retired airline captain.
- Adrienne assisted in the search of the missing airplane by using the "Find My iPhone" app that was interfaced with her father's cellular phone.