

RECORD OF ☐ VISIT ☐ CONFERENCE OR ☒ TELEPHONE CALL		TIME 8:00 AM	DATE 09/04/2020
NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL	INITIALS
Rex D. Kelley - [REDACTED] - Green Meadows Av ([REDACTED]) -# [REDACTED]			
Tim Kray - IIC			
Don Kendall - ASI			
SUBJECT Unreported aircraft accident, N57607, Ord NE, on 8/18/2020			
DIGEST Phone call to Mr. Kelley regarding the accident of his aircraft N57607.			
He said it happened on 8/18/2020 at approx 1100 am Central Time, Pilot was Herbert Maraman			
who did not sustain any injuries.			
The aircraft T/O and was climbing good, then started his left had turn toward the field he			
was going to spray out to the west. He stopped watching at that point, but the pilot told			
him it felt like he just lost lift, and mushed into the ground. He said he checked his			
mixture and power and it was all OK. Engine seemed to be running OK.			
They delayed spraying that morning as some weather systems moved through the area. They are			
located in a valley, with hills to the west, which create some weird winds, and it often			
feels like they are loosing lift through a transition period.			
The hopper was filled with approx 153 gallons, about 3/4 full and fuel was probably 24-30			
gal on one side, and 40-44 on the other. Nothing abnormal, they have been flying this heavy			
of a load all year.			
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED Mr. Kelley is coooperating, and this investigation will continue with the assistance of the			
NTSB.1			
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DIGEST (CONT)

He was then asked why it wasn't reported, and he said he didn't think it was required when there was not a serious injury or property damage on the ground. I informed him he was probably confusing classification of an accident vs. incident, but it was required to report it.

Inspector Kendall asked what they have done to the aircraft. He stated they took the wings off to put it on a truck and get it out of the field. No other maintenance has been done, he, at this time, does not intend to fix the aircraft.

We asked about the chemicals and fuel. The chemicals leaked out due to the hopper cracking, and some fuel leaked out, probably from a cracked tank in the wing.

The aircraft is at his house, not the airport, but he does operate his business out of the airport.

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NAME (S) OF PERSON (S) CONTACTED OR IN CONFERENCE AND LOCATION		ROUTING	
		SYMBOL	INITIALS
Mr. Rex Kelley - Green Meadows Aviation, LLC		N/A	
ASI POI - Tim Kray		CE09	
ASI PAI - Don Kendall		CE09	
SUBJECT N57607 Accident that was not reported			
DIGEST			
A phone interview with Mr. Kelley was conducted and the following details were collected: Both inspectors were introduced to Mr. Kelley and the reason for the call was explained as an investigation into a report of an accident involving N57607. Mr. Kelley was asked if there was an accident that occurred involving N57607, an aircraft on the Green Meadows certificate and he replied, yes. Mr. Kelley stated that the pilot of the aircraft during the event was Herbert Maraman, who was not one of his regular pilots, but one that was called in to help. Mr. Kelley stated that the pilot was not injured other than bumps and bruises. No hospital visit. The time of the accident was approximately 1100 am on August 18, 2020. Mr. Kelley stated that he also was a pilot. POI Kray asked Mr. Kelley to describe the event that took place. Mr. Kelley appeared to struggle with his attempt to summarize the sequence of events. Mr. Kelley stated that the aircraft took off and began to climb good. The aircraft headed toward the destination field and tried to climb, but lost all of its lift. Mr. Kelley stated that the day was patchy with weather systems in the area. Mr. Kelley stated that the aircraft appeared to have "mushed" on in to the ground. Mr. Kelley stated that the aircraft did not lose engine power. Mr. Kelley was asked the load status of the hopper and Mr. Kelley stated that it was close to full, about 150 gallons and fuel typically is 3/4 full. Mr. Kelley stated that these are the typical loads that they have been carrying all year. Mr. Kelley was asked why this accident did not get reported. Mr. Kelley stated that as he understood, it did not require reporting unless there were injuries or property damage. POI Kray explained that this event met the criteria for reporting. Mr. Kelley stated that the chemicals were spilled and that some fuel also spilled as a result of the accident. Mr. Kelley stated that the aircraft was disassembled to the extent to remove it from the field and the aircraft is presently sitting behind Mr. Kelley's house. Mr. Kelley agreed to send pictures of his logbooks and the aircraft. Mr. Kelley provided his email address./END/			
CONCLUSION, ACTION TAKEN, OR REQUIRED			
The conversation was documented and will be available to the NTSB if needed. Mr. Kelley appears to be cooperative with the investigation. Further action is yet to be determined.			
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