

FAA Albert Hilliard Telephone Interview

Kevin James [REDACTED]

Started 1645 Ended 1715

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1. When was the last time you spoke to Dr Egan.

Over the weekend he bought that plane in Nebraska. He called when he got to New Mexico. He said he felt sick on the flight. He had to go high to 11000 ft and flew over the smoke.

Said he was queasy, fatigued, dizzy and a general malaise. Said he wanted to beat the weather.

Holly had told him he was sick and miserable all weekend in New Mexico.

2. Did you talk about Carbon Monoxide Poisoning?

No. I didn't think of that. How would he get Carbon Monoxide poisoning.

I explained to Mr Jones how aircraft produce heat for the occupants in general.

3. I am not calling you to test your technical knowledge. I am really interested in learning more about the man. Can you help me understand the man?

He is eccentric, has a 180 IQ. Does physics and trigonometry instead of Sudoku puzzles.

He had a broad knowledgebase. He was a blacksmith. He was socially inept. He made jokes at the wrong time and in the ER I found I had to provide PR for him after he left. He was a great doctor but would walk into a kids room and say "well I guess we are gonna have to chop this arm off and put a hook on it" and the parents would freak out.

Hilliard" Because it was their worst day?"

Jones "Yeah and it was routine for us. But he didn't ever understand that."

4. Did you ever fly with him? How was that?

I flew with him in a Cessna. He was a very safe pilot and very meticulous.

He had another airplane and had a minor crash in it. It was hauled off to the junk yard to be parted out and he was happy about that because it allowed him to buy this airplane and not have to invest so much in the other airplane. He was a cheap-wad.

5. Who is Mary?

Mary is his employee who runs his farm in Hallsville. She started out taking care of the chickens and now her and her husband run the place. She has worked for him for 3.5 years. Her phone number is [REDACTED]

She talked to him Monday and was trying to get him to not fly. He told her he wanted to beat the weather. He was very stubborn.

6. Who is Holly?

That is his companion in Belen, NM. Not such much a romantic interest. She might be in charge of his will.

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Her phone number is [REDACTED]

7. Anything else you can share

He spoke often with other pilots and there was a guy at the airport who is dead now. They spoke about if you were landing off the airport you might have to "nose-dive" it in to keep from hurting anyone on the ground.

Interview concluded at 1715.