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Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 2:36 PM
To: 'Jay Smith' [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: What you saw after N7337D crash 2/14/2022

On the morning of the sixteenth of February, I was present when we removed aircraft N7337D from the woods just north of the Country Air north/South runway. As I stood just to the left of the aircraft as it was lifted with the forklift, I observed fuel running down the left side of the fuselage over the left window. I looked around to assure that no one was about to do anything that would make a spark and ignite the wreckage then I stated that

We needed to be careful because fuel was running all over the left side of the cabin. In my opinion, the most likely reason there was no fuel in the carb was the angle it was to being level and the length of time it had been sitting at that angle.

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From: Jay Smith [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 15, 2022 10:14 AM
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Subject: What you saw after N7337D crash 2/14/2022

Hi Ralph,

When I asked Don Adamson what the NTSB (FAA?) found when they looked at N7337D after the crash, he said that the right tank had fuel but the left tank was empty. He also said the gascolator had fuel in it but the carb didn't which he indicated pointed to the reason the engine quit--no fuel.

I remember you stating that on the morning after the crash when you went to the scene, you saw gasoline running down the left side of the fuselage from the left tank and I believe you said there was a strong smell of gas all around the site.

I would really appreciate a written statement from you regarding what you saw at the crash scene the day after. I'm not sure what the FAA may determine to be the probable cause but it certainly was not because it was out of fuel in my opinion.

Thanks,

Jay