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Re: N1949H Accident Statement

Friday, October 21, 2022 2:51:01 PM

Hello Mr. Grubb.

My airplane crash occurred on 7 September 2022, at approximately 3:30 pm. The weather was sunny, with warm temps in the low to mid 80's, and a north west wind of approximately 8 mph.

Mr. Jagust was referred to me to be my CFI by Mr. Frank Baldwin. On that day, Mr. Jagust walked the length of my grass runway, which is 1350 feet. I have orange cone markers on the side edges off my runway set at 200 feet apart.

Mr. Jagust invited me to join him on the Functional Check Flight of my 2011 Zenith 750 STOL airplane. Mr. Jagust piloted the plane from the co-pilot side of the aircraft, and I was in the left seat.

I was concentrating on my IPAD which was on my lap, to map out our flight to the Mexico Regional Airport and use their airspace to put the airplane through it's paces. As such, I was not aware of what was going on with the aircraft until the very last seconds, when I noticed how close we were to the orange cones that are on the power lines at the end of my runway. We clipped the power line and nosed in to the ground.

I was able to roll halfway out of the aircraft, but my right foot was pinned. Mr. Jagust freed my foot and I was then on the ground. I was able to belly crawl out below the wing and get assistance.

My airplane was totaled.

Doctor thinks I should be able to walk again maybe by the end of November. And, God Bless the doctors and nurses at the Trauma Center at Mercy Hospital St. Louis,

Thank you,
Johnny Herrmann

On Friday, October 21, 2022 at 01:13:54 PM CDT, Grubb, William (FAA) [REDACTED] wrote:

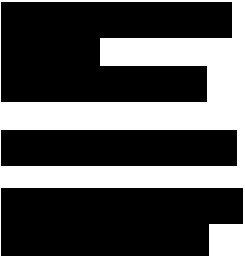
Good afternoon Mr. Herrmann

I hope you are doing well and recovering from your injuries. Did not want to bother you as I know you recovering.

Could you provide me a statement to the accident for our files? I have it about wrapped up and would like to have your account of the events.

Get well soon and get back in the air. I was very impressed with your records, aircraft and professionalism. Thank you for your service.

William W. "Rusty" Grubb II
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Federal Aviation Administration
St. Louis Flight Standards District Office



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