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Subject: CEN24LA294

Contact: Kim Poteet-Schwartz, pilot

On August 26, 2023, Kim Poteet-Schwartz, the pilot of N555ED, spoke with the NTSB IIC about the incident that occurred during EAA AirVenture at Appleton International Airport, ATW, on July 24, 2024. She explained that there were no wing walkers or ground marshals in the highly congested parking area where she was taxiing. While taxiing, the airplane's left wing tip struck a parked airplane's propeller in the grass tie down area. The damage was limited to a crack on the left wingtip Nav light lens. She stated that she was unaware of the first wingtip strike, continued to taxi, obtained her IFR clearance, and entered the paved surface. Ms. Poteet-Schwartz stated that she continued to taxi on the taxiway centerline stripe by the T-hangers. While taxiing on the yellow centerline stripe, the right wing tip struck a parked airplane. Ms. Poteet-Schwartz shut down the engine to examine the damage.

When asked about the NOTAMs for ATW, she stated she was familiar with them. When asked about the NOTAM regarding nonstandard parking for the T-hangers, Ms. Poteet-Schwartz stated that the NOTAM was unclear. A copy of the NOTAMs at ATW is shown below, in Figure 1.

Ms. Poteet-Schwartz stated that the taxiway centerline stripe was painted over, and removed on July 30, 2024, after the incident. She stated that the parked aircraft were extremely close to the pavement and that she was on the taxiway centerline stripe when the incident occurred. Ms. Poteet-Schwartz provided a diagram of the taxi route and location of the parked airplanes below, in Figure 2.

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Figure 1. NOTAMs

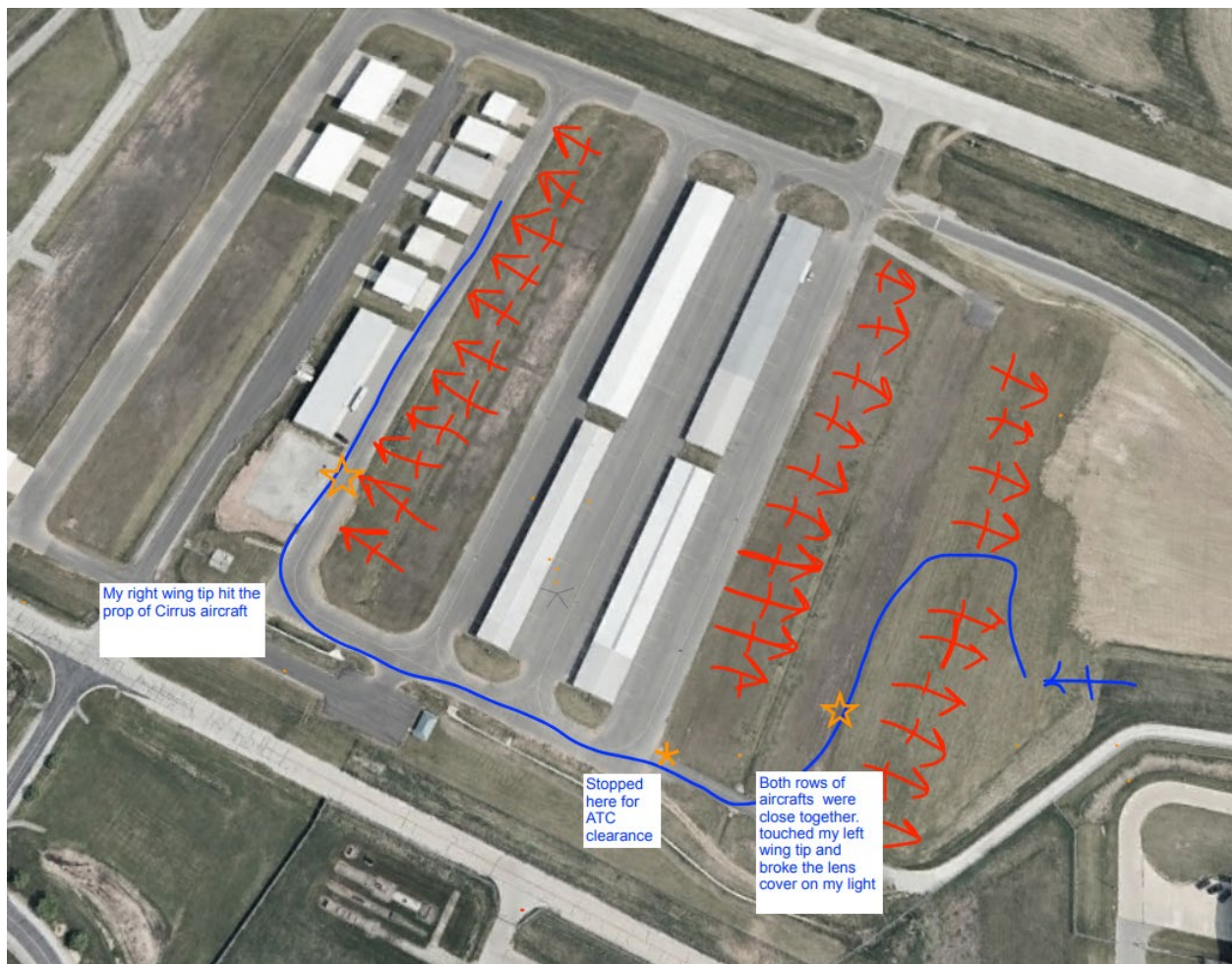


Figure 2. Diagram of Incident