



## **RECORD OF CONVERSATION**

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**Date: April 26, 2011**  
**Person Contacted: Betty Monroe**  
**NTSB Accident Number: ERA11FA258 – Altavista, VA**

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### **Narrative:**

Ms. Monroe was interviewed by this investigator by phone. Ms. Monroe was at her home in Hurt, Virginia at the time of the accident. The following is a summary of the interview.

Ms. Monroe was at home, sitting on the floor, doing her nails. An airplane came over her house lower than she had ever heard one before. It was so low it “kicked her TV off.”

The airplane initially made 2 circles over her house, and the engine was popping and sputtering. After the second pass, it scared her, so she got up and went to the back door of her trailer. She could not see the airplane or its lights; it was cloudy at the time. The airplane made about 4 circles over her house, and then it went down toward the lower end of Rockford School Road, where the Roanoke River comes in. The airplane made several more passes in the opposite direction down there.

She then heard the airplane go toward the airport, and she thought that it has landed. It then came back, climbing this time, “way up in the air.” The engine then cut out, and cut back on. The airplane then went toward English Field, and she saw its lights come out of the clouds. As it was in the descent, it made a “weird whining sound.” A few seconds later she heard a “boom” and she knew it had crashed. She called 911.