



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Date: September 7, 2012, 1436 EDT
Person Contacted: Ron White – Pilot [REDACTED]
NTSB Accident Number: ERA12CA547

Narrative:

Mr. White, the pilot of the accident airplane, was contacted by phone on September 7, 2012, at 1436 EDT. Below is a record of conversation:

- According to the pilot he had intended to fly cross-country from Addington Field Airport (KEKX) in Elizabethtown, KY to Mount Vernon Airport (KMVN) in Mount Vernon, IL.
- The pilot stated that after initiating the takeoff roll he raised the airplane tail to a level attitude and the airplane yawed to the right, which the pilot attempted to correct for with application of left rudder and right aileron control inputs.
- The pilot reported that the airplane was hit by a “huge gust of wind” causing the nose of the airplane to pitch up to a high attitude and the airplane to begin rolling to the left.
- At this time the pilot attempted to regain airplane directional and pitch control by applying full right aileron and down elevator authority, but the airplane departed the left side of the runway into a field coming to rest after flipping onto its back.
- The pilot reported no mechanical malfunctions or anomalies that could have precluded normal operation.