



MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

Shawn Etcher
Air Safety Investigator
Eastern Region Aviation

May 1, 2013

Subject: ERA13LA221 – Eyewitness Phone Interview.

Persons on the Telephone call: Gill Hall (eyewitness) and Shawn Etcher (self)

Time of the Telephone call: 1237 EDT

Mr. Hall was asked if he had witnessed the airplane accident that had occurred in Hoosick Falls on Sunday the 28th of April. He stated he had observed the airplane overhead prior to the crash.

Mr. Hall was asked to describe all that he could recall of the event. He stated that his home is about 10 blocks away from the accident location and that he has seen an airplane similar to this one flying overhead infrequently in the previous year to year and a half. While he observed this airplane he heard the engine "throttle down to idle" and that it "did not sputter" and he continued to hear the engine until the airplane went out of his line of sight. It appeared that the airplane was around 1000 feet above the ground but he could not be sure and it was doing a "flat turn" as though it was "not using his ailerons." He continued to say that the airplane was in a flat turn during his entire time he was able to view it which he felt seemed abnormal. The airplane looked liked "it was skidding through the air." He watched the airplane thinking that perhaps the pilot was attempting to land on nearby streets, clear areas, the river, or even make it back to the airport. About five minutes after the airplane was out of his line of sight he heard sirens and thought the airplane had crashed. He further stated that he could "hear the engine at idle the entire time." He stated that he retired from the fire service and felt that it would be very important to get this information to the investigators.

Mr. Hall was asked which direction was the turn. He stated from his vantage point it was to the left but was actually counter clockwise in relation to the airplane.

Mr. Hall provided the NTSB with his property address where he observed the airplane.
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