



MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

Shawn Etcher
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April 29, 2013

Subject: ERA13LA221 Telephone call with the FAA inspector
Persons on Call: Mr. Alan Miller (FAA) and Shawn Etcher (Self)
Time of phone Call: 1443 EDT

Inspector Miller was asked to describe what he saw at the accident location. He stated that the airplane came to rest on a golf course about 100 yards from several homes. It came to rest in a nose down attitude and was resting on the nose of the airplane and the leading edge of the wings. The right wing had impact damage on the approximate outboard one-half of the wing span. However, the wing was detached from the fuselage at the aft wing attachment bracket. He further reported that the bracket looked broken and that he was not able to remove it but thought it should be looked at.

Inspector Miller was notified that the recovery company likely would be coming out of Delaware to get the airplane. He stated that if he could he would try and be there when they arrived and have them remove the suspect piece, if not we would need to get it at the recovery company.

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Inspector Miller was asked if he had had any contact with the pilot or had located any maintenance records. Inspector Miller stated that he had been able to get in touch with the pilot and that the pilot would be home later in the month. He further reported that he had copies of the maintenance records and would provide the IIC with a copy immediately. It appeared that the airplane had operated about 18 hours since the most recent annual inspection and that the airplane total time at the time of the accident was about 1702.33 hours. There was no indication that the wing attach bracket had ever been worked on; however, he was not sure he had all of the logbooks that came with the airplane. He further reported that according to the pilot, the flight departed from 1B8 for a local flight, while enroute the airplane suddenly was unresponsive to any control inputs and was unable to be controlled. He further reported that he knew he was going to impact the ground and was trying to avoid nearby residence however, was unable to do so with any input and that some of the inputs appeared to exacerbate the situation.

Inspector Miller was asked if the pilot reported anything else. He stated that due to his injuries he did not continue asking questions.

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