



MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

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Subject: ERA14CA088, L-23 Glider, N321BA, Clermont, Florida

Name: Cheryl King

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) employed Ms. King as a Flight Standards District Office (FSDO) Inspector, at the Orlando FSDO. Ms. King was the FAA inspector responsible for the subject accident, which was reported to the NTSB on January 7, 2014. During our conversations, Ms. King reported:

The accident happened on or about September 15, 2014, and was reported to the FAA through an anonymous complaint. The student pilot was landing the glider on runway 36, at the Seminole Lake Gliderport, Clermont, Florida. During the landing roll, the glider veered off the right side of the runway and struck a gazebo, which resulted in substantial damage to glider's right wing and fuselage. The glider was considered totaled by the insurance company. The student pilot did not reside in the United States and subsequently returned to his country of residence (Japan) after the accident. No known records for the student pilot were available and his total flight experience, and flight experience in make model could not be determined. The flight may have been the student pilot's first solo flight in the glider and he may have mistaken the trim handle for the brake handle. There were no known or reported mechanical malfunctions with the glider that would have precluded normal operation. There were no photographs of the damaged glider available. The operator of the glider club was counseled regarding accident and incident reporting requirements and the event was closed-out without any further action.