



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Date: October 21, 2014
Person Contacted: Mr. Shelby Blaine McCaleb III – Accident Pilot
NTSB Accident Number: ERA15LA006 – Fayetteville, GA

This investigator interviewed Mr. McCaleb by conference call. Also on the call were Mr. Mark Astin (FAA) and Mr. J. Feldman Monroe (pilot's attorney). The following is a summary of the interview.

- Mr. McCaleb summarized the history of flight that he provided in his written statement. His recollection of the events was consistent with his written statement.
- He called ahead to the airport (PDK) and had the airplane positioned on the ramp for him. No airplane servicing was required.
- The flight departed around 12:45 pm, IFR. Weather was VMC.
- South of Atlanta, he observed an oil pressure CAS message and "no power."
- He set the airplane up for optimum glide and feathered the propeller.
- He knew that he would not make FFC. Prepared for forced landing.
- He saw a school and sports field straight ahead and elected to put the airplane down there. Best option. Went through tops of trees before touching down.
- Configuration for forced landing: power idle, propeller feathered, condition lever cutoff, no flaps or gear extended.
- He stated that he did not recall the airplane being out of trim or in a slip prior to the loss of power.

