



MEMORANDUM OF RECORD

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Subject: Correspondence email sent to FAA IIC and forwarded to NTSB IIC regarding a conversation with the accident pilot

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Good morning Eric,

With regards to the Citabria accident in Warner NH on 5/29/16, here's what we've gotten so far:

David Leslie Ralph was PIC of N80RK with a single pax on board Sunday, 5/29/16. The PIC stated to rescuers that while enroute VFR he experienced deteriorating wx conditions. After several turns to escape conditions, the aircraft struck the trees near the top of Stewart's Peak near Warner, NH [N43 15' 13" W71 51' 52"]. The female passenger was able to help the PIC out of the wreckage, locate her cell phone and call rescuers who were then able to calculate her position and begin rescue operations.

The aircraft appears to have been making power and under control when it flew between two trees about 25 feet AGL removing both wings before impacting the ground, sliding approx. 50-60 feet; coming to rest on its right side. There was an odor of avgas near the spot where the wings impacted the trees. There was no evidence of a post-crash fire. The crash site is on a steep, heavily wooded hillside approximately 3 miles from the nearest access at a private residence on Colby Lane.

My understanding is that the PIC suffered a broken pelvis and the passenger suffered a broken wrist and broken bones in one foot. The aircraft is destroyed.

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