



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: ERA16LA267
Who: Thomas Bezanson – FAA Inspector

During a conversation with Mr. Adam Levine, a witness to the accident and a friend of the pilot's, he stated the following:

- N282XT was normally stored outside.
- The pilot had a hard landing on the river at Goodspeed Airport 2 weeks prior to the accident and asked Mr. Levine for help. Mr. Levine flew tools and jacks to Goodspeed airport. He helped the pilot jack up the airplane and perform gear swings to ensure the airplane operated correctly. The gear swings were "ok." They performed about 4-5 gear swings.
- The pilot was at Goodspeed airport to practice water landings. Goodspeed was recommended because it had water and an asphalt runway.
- The pilot was taking off to return to Farmingdale. It seemed like a normal takeoff, and then the airplane made a hard left turn. He then saw the airplane appear to stall and enter into a spin. The airplane disappeared behind trees.
- Mr. Levine stated that the pilot did not have much flight time at all. He estimated that he only had a few flights in the accident airplane. The airplane was in Florida for most of the phase flights with another pilot.
- He estimated that the airplane had about 35 to 40 gallons of fuel on takeoff.
- It also had about a 5 gallon bucket of hand tools on board with the pilot.