



MEMORANDUM for RECORD

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Personal Contacted: William Keeney, Nashville TN FAA FSDO ([REDACTED])

NTSB Accident Number: ERA17LA083 – Carthage, TN

This investigator interviewed Mr. Keeney by telephone. He was the FSDO inspector assigned to ERA17LA083:

- Mr. Keeney visited the accident site and examined the wreckage. After his assessment, he did not find any evidence of a mechanical malfunction or failure.
- The airframe was substantially damaged. The left wing was bent and the forward fuselage was buckled.
- The airstrip was situated on the pilot's property, adjacent to a cow pasture. The runway was oriented 35/17, with all landings to the north and takeoffs to the south due to slope and obstacles. The runway slopes uphill to the north about 50-70 feet elevation change.
- The first point of impact was 900 feet down the runway (north of the approach end) and 200 feet left (west) of the runway. This point was the left wing tip collision with the ground. The airplane then came to rest, nose down, another 30 feet west of the initial impact point. Mr. Keeney will forward a PowerPoint of his photos and a runway diagram with wreckage location.