



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: Information from Inspector Scott Gillson
NTSB Accident Number: ERA17LA0120

According to Inspector Gillson:

- The accident happened in the town of Argyle, NY. At Approximately 11:00 Am Eastern standard time while operating under Visual meteorological conditions.
- The flight instructor and student attempted to make an emergency landing in a field. The airplane was unable to come to a complete stop before impacting a dense row of trees.
- The flight instructor and student pilot suffered minor injuries and were taken to the hospital.
- The airplane suffered major structural damage to both wings, all of the landing gear and fuselage.
- The propeller was severely bent aft on one blade and slightly bent on the second blade from contact with the trees.
- The fuel shutoff valve was in the "ON" position and Inspector Gilson turned it off.
- The throttle was full aft, the carburetor heat was full in, and the ignition switch was off.
- The cockpit went between 2 trees.
- Continuity confirmed from the cockpit to the engine for throttle control, mixture control, and carburetor heat control.
- Positive thumb compression on all 4 cylinders.
- Spark produced at both magnetos.

- The gascolator had fuel in it and the fuel screen was clean and free of obstruction.
- The carburetor had no evidence of obstruction.
- All of the carburetor controls were operative.
- No intake leaks were discovered.
- 5-gallons of fuel was recovered from the fuel system.