



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: ERA17LA215, N4023T, Beech B23, June 28, 2017, Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina.
Record of conversation with FAA Inspector Dustin Ellingson of the Greensboro, NC Flight Standards District Office.

On June 29 and June 30, 2017, Mr. Ellingson provided the following information via telephone:

The airplane came to rest about ¼ mile from 60J on private property. The left wing had separated from the fuselage and was found about 80 feet north of the main wreckage.

The pilot received minor injuries and was back at work the following day. The passenger remained in the hospital.

The pilot had about 250 hours of total flight experience, and about 35-40 hours in the same make and model as the accident airplane.

The fuel selector was found halfway between the LEFT and RIGHT tank positions.
Both fuel cap seals appeared intact and undamaged.

All four cylinders exhibited thumb compresses/suction when the propeller was rotated by hand.
The Nos. 1 and 2 spark plugs were "clean"
The Nos. 3 and 4 spark plugs were "black/sooty"
The propeller has some nicks and scratches on it but was otherwise undamaged.
The starter bendix was engaged to the ring gear.
The ignition was in the "Both" position
The carburetor and fuel filter were not accessible for examination.
The magnetos were dislodged.
No obvious holes in engine.
Visible fuel lines appeared intact.

The recording tachometer indicated 1983 hours.

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