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Waco incident

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From: Don W. Taylor

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To: Leah D. Read, SR ASI NTSB

Re: incident- ERA17LA340

9/28/17 near FA38

My name is Don Taylor. I am an A&P mechanic with an inspectors authorization certificate. I have a commercial multi-engine pilots license. I was a shop foreman for Skyway of Ocala from 1975 to 1980. Also, Director of maintenance for Air Florida Commuter Service from 1980 to 1985.

Description of Waco incident occurred over my home. I first heard the engine hesitate, stop and try to restart. Engine went silent. I got into my vehicle and drove to Woods and Lakes air strip. The aircraft did not make it there. I drove back about half a mile and found the aircraft, nose down, vertical, against a pine tree, everything in tact. At that point I was first one on the scene. I called 911. Fire department arrived about 15 minutes later. Meanwhile, I walked to the aircraft to check the safety of the pilot. When the fire department arrived, I asked them to cut the master switch off due to the odor of AV gas fumes.

Later, I talked with the FAA concerning the crash, and the fumes present. Later, I received pictures taken of the engine. It appeared to me, engine failure was due to magneto failure. The FAA has not contacted me since the crash. Pilot has recovered from his injuries. I was requested to forward this information to you. For any further questions or information you may contact me at [REDACTED]

Thanks,

Don Taylor