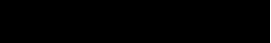
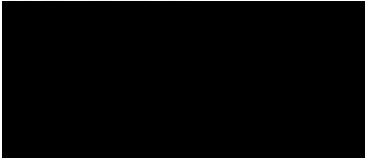


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Retrieval of N8328V

Dear Mike,

On December 3, 2017, around 5:00 pm, I was notified of an aircraft that had suffered a landing gear collapse during landing at TVI. Upon arrival to scene found N8328V in the grass on the north side of runway 04 about half way to the intersection. The aircraft's left main gear was not visible and aircraft was resting on left wing, right main & nose gears. Removed left cowling, attached chain to top engine mount to firewall attach points and raised aircraft with a back-hoe. Gear leg appeared to have only folded up in a normal configuration. Upon trying to pull the gear down and lock, would not travel far enough to engage the down lock hooks, the drag links were stopping travel too soon for no apparent reason. Pulled Emergency Extension knob to try to pull actuator farther, disconnected actuator from gear and tried to pull down lock into position, but still no more movement of drag links. Pushed gear back in semi retracted position, ran finger through drag link mating surfaces and an object, like a small stone, came out with some grease. Was not able to retain or locate object as it fell in the grass. The gear leg then went into the down and locked position properly. Pulling the actuator back to reattach to gear caused the right gear to come out of it's locked position and caused that gear to collapse. Secured left gear down lock with safety wire, returned Emergency Extension knob to normal position and raised right wing in same way as left was earlier raised but as aircraft was moved nose gear collapsed. Right main gear was pulled down and lock hooks engaged and were safety wired secure. Assembled crowd pull tail down by pulling down on fuselage and nose gear was pulled out as far as could be pulled by hand. Went in to aircraft, turned on Master Switch and gear extended hydraulically with three gear lights. Aircraft was returned to it's hangar until just prior to your arrival when it was brought to my shop.

Thank you for coming out today and inspecting this aircraft. I hope this statement is done in a manor that will work for the purpose intended. Let me know if any changes are necessary.

Thank You,

Albert Thomas Madison