

Record of Interview

Interviewee: Raja Gharazeddine, Owner Acadian Aviation Flight Academy
Contact info: [REDACTED]
Location: Lobby, Marriott Courtyard, Craft Farms, Gulf Shores, AL
Date/Time: 7/7/2018; 20:15 CDT
Topic: Aircraft accident, N294AB

Mr. Gharazeddine, hereafter called Raja, stated that he owns Acadian Aviation Flight Academy in Lafayette, LA. It is a 14 CFR Part 141 pilot school. His POI is named John Shamblin in the Baton Rouge FSDO.

Raja stated that a friend asked him if anyone was going to Gulf Shores and could he get a ride. Raja said the friend was David Barczuk. Raja stated "we asked Marshall if he wanted to make the trip." The Seneca had been a rental aircraft but had been removed from rental when the insurance was renewed. Raja was planning to use it in Part 135 operations and had applied for certification. He was notified recently by the Baton Rouge FSDO that the certification was going to start on 7/25/18.

On 7/9/2018, Raja was planning to remove the engines from the Seneca for overhaul because of the aircraft maintenance requirements of Part 135. The annual inspection for the airplane had just been completed in June 2018, 6/25/2018, by Valor Air in Abbeville, LA. It took them 2 – 3 weeks to complete the inspection.

When asked what arrangements were made for paying for the trip, Raja stated that the passengers were all going to share the cost of the fuel.

Raja stated that he was the last person to fly N294AB before Marshall flew it on 7/7/2018. On 6/27/2018, Raja flew to Houston and parked at Wilson Air Center. When he left to fly home to Lafayette he added 30 gallons aside. Raja stated that the airplane is fueled by Signature Aviation in Lafayette, LA when it is at the home base.

Raja asked if Marshall said whether he used the fuel totalizer in the EDM 760 installed in the airplane. I said no, that we did not discuss it. Raja stated that the EDM 760 had been working intermittently for readings on the #6 cylinder. The maintenance shop had tried to trouble shoot the problem and determined that it was not the probe but possibly the circuit board.

Raja then stated that David Barczuk had first asked if the aircraft owner Clay Burgess would be going to Gulf Shores. Raja told him no, because Raja was leaving for Lebanon and could not fly Clay to Gulf Shores. Raja stated that David Barczuk then said that if anyone is going to Gulf Shores to let him know. That's when Raja asked Marshall if he wanted to go to Gulf Shores.

Raja stated that the Seneca sits on the ramp at his flight school and no one keeps track of the time on the airplane.

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