



MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION

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Person Contacted: Kevin Atkins (FAA PMI)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA18LA188

Narrative:

An FAA inspector conducted a post-accident examination of the trike the day after the accident on July 10, 2018.

The fuselage and wings were damaged during impact and the seats were dislodged and laying on their left side. The tubular frame is bent in several locations. The tension cables are connected, and the control bar remained connected and appeared functional. One cable appeared like it was overloaded during the accident. Fuel was in the lines and the fuel filter was clear and free of any debris. The engine appeared clean and relatively intact.

The canopy/wing is torn, and several ribs and tubular frame members are bent. All three propeller blades are delaminated and splintered, but two remained attached to the hub and one blade section was discovered about 30 feet from the wreckage.

There were ground scars immediately adjacent to the wreckage and several small tree branches with leaves were spread around the vicinity from where the aircraft passed through the tree. The tree looks like it's about 50 feet tall.

In addition, there was tall grass, about ten to twelve inches high, wrapped around the landing gear wheels. And there were landing gear tire marks leading off the end of the runway for about 50 feet into the grass; the southeast part of the runway. It appears as through this was his takeoff run. The grass is bent in the direction of travel, probably from takeoff.

Unsure of his license and qualifications currently.

Photographs will be sent along with the pilot/owner information and the airplane information.

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