



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: ERA18LA226
Who: Charles Kerscher

In a telephone conversation, Mr. Kerscher stated following:

- The main wheels touched down and the airplane veered to the left.
- Airplane is down in Thomaston, GA, currently.
- Looking down at bolt that holds wheel to frame, the nut was not on the bolt, it looked as if they put the wrong one on it or that the nut wasn't on it or that there was a bushing issue.
- There was a wheel pant over the nut area, so you couldn't see it on the preflight.
- Damage to the airplane - main fork, the wheel separated. The wheel rolled up under and grounded down the wheel. The wheel spun out from under the airplane. The wheel rolled off down the runway. There was no spar damage, the right-wing tip was damaged, and the firewall was not damaged.

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Kerscher on September 4, 2018, he stated the following:

- There seemed to be a missing nut on the rod.
- They walked the runway and didn't find any bolt or other pieces.
- He talked to some mechanics and they think that the person who serviced the nose wheel last might not have used the incorrect type of bolt on the wheel.
- Insurance has the maintenance logs.