



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Millicent Hill
Aviation Accident Investigator
Eastern Region

Date: April 18, 2019
Person Contacted: Roy Taylor
NTSB Accident Number: ERA19LA094

The investigator interviewed Mr. Taylor by telephone. He reported the following:

- He stated he saw the trike takeoff, about 100 to 125 ft above ground level (agl), it veered left, then right, briefly flew straight, seemed to be pushed to the right, then the nose dropped, and it impacted the ground nose low.
- He thought the trike got too slow and stalled, and it was possible the pilot encountered a thermal.
- He stated the engine “never missed a lick.”
- At the time of the accident he stated he was in his truck leaving the airport and watched the brief flight from his truck.
- He estimated the pilot and about 40 to 50 hours of experience in trikes. They had flown together in 2001, which was when the accident pilot received his initial training in trikes.
- He stated the accident pilot did not have any type of pilot certificate.
- He possessed an advanced hang glider rating but did not possess a pilot certificate.
- He had flown with the accident pilot about 25 to 30 times, he stated he rode in the back as a passenger.
- He stated he had video of pilot taxiing to the runway before the accident flight but did not have video of the flight.
- He stated he sold the trike to the accident pilot about a week and a half before the accident but did not have a bill of sale.
- He stated he and the accident pilot had been friends for 45 years.

Mr. Taylor did not submit an NTSB Form 6120.1 as requested by phone on March 19, and by email March 13, and March 19, 2019.