



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Subject: ERA19LA39, N22GM, Experimental Amateur Built Bearhawk, March 27, 2019, Sevierville, Tennessee.

Record of conversations with FAA Inspector Paul Jones, of the Nashville, Tennessee Flight Standards District Office.

On April 1, 2019, Mr. Jones provided the following information via telephone:

The pilot was a former American Airlines pilot. He had just recently completed building the airplane. While at 2,000 ft, over Dollywood, the engine failed. He performed a forced landing to a field on an uphill slope, after reaching the peak of the hill the airplane briefly became airborne again, then descended, landed, and came to rest in a creek.

The left wing sustained impact damage to the leading edge, outboard of the wing strut. The spar was also damaged. Fuselage frame tubes were damaged in several locations. Fuel was leaking from the airplane. Both the left and right fuel selector valves were in the ON position. About 5 gallons of fuel were recovered from the left fuel tank, an undetermined amount of fuel was recovered from the right fuel tank. All flight controls remained connected and operated smoothly. The engine crankshaft was rotated by hand at the propeller and compression and suction was observed on all cylinders.

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