



RECORD OF CONVERSATION

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Date: August 19, 2019
Person Contacted: Myron "Todd" Raby
NTSB Accident Number: ERA19LA247

Narrative:

Mr. Myron "Todd" Raby was contacted by phone on August 19, 2019, at 1329 EDT. He was called at [REDACTED] He provided an e-mail address of [REDACTED]

At the beginning of the interview he was advised that the NTSB is a federal agency mandated by Congress to investigate aircraft accidents, and NTSB has no authority to take any action against any individual. He was also informed that the purpose of an NTSB investigation is for safety only, and any person NTSB talks with has the right to representation; he agreed to the interview without representation.

He was advised that no personally identifiable information would be released into the public domain, such as his street address, cell phone number, or e-mail address.

He provided a home address of [REDACTED] Hudson, North Carolina, [REDACTED] He indicated that he isn't a pilot but is mechanically inclined. He was asked if he previously knew the pilot and he reported that he had because he was well known in the area due to his being a drag racer, owning a racetrack in Wilkesboro, NC, and also being in construction.

At the time of the accident he was located on Castle Ford Road, and using Google Earth determined his position to be 36.265311° north latitude and -081.599044 west longitude, or about 1.18 nm and 243° from the accident site.

He was outside and reported seeing the airplane flying in a southerly direction, or possibly south-southwesterly direction. He reported that it was "almost dead silent", but noticed the propeller was still turning. He did not hear anything and commented at that time to somebody nearby him that was the quietest airplane he had heard, believing that because it was so quiet it must have been an electric powered airplane. The airplane flew over a ridge then went out of his sight. He

did not hear the impact. He described the airplane as blue and white in color that was rounded off (futuristic looking). When he saw the news footage and it described the type of airplane he looked it up on the internet and confirmed that the depicted make and model airplane on the internet matched the description of what the news reported (Fantasy Air SRO Allegro 2000).

He confirmed that when he saw the airplane it was flying an estimated 200 feet above ground level but altitude that was difficult to discern because of peaks and valleys between his location and where the airplane was, and he lacked a reference point.

Questions –

Q: Describe the weather conditions at the time.

He indicated that it was sunny and partly cloudy with no fog, and good visibility when looking up, but could not tell what the visibility might have been at the altitude and location of the airplane. It was not raining.

Q: Verify the time frame he saw the airplane.

He estimated it was between 0830 and 0900. He did not look at his watch.

Q: Did you see any smoke trailing the airplane?

He did not see any smoke trailing the airplane. He reiterated it was “gliding” the time that he saw it.

The phone call ended at 1348 EDT.

The digest was e-mailed to him for review on August 19, 2019. He replied the same day at 1813 EDT with a correction of his street name. He also indicated, “No other changes required, Thanks, Todd.” The corrected digest was e-mail to him on August 20, 2019.