



RECORD OF INTERVIEW

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Date:
Person Interviewed: Erik Mann-pilot of second glider
NTSB Case Number: ERA20FA013

Narrative:

Mr. Erik Mann was interviewed by telephone.

Mr. Mann Stated he was a close friend of William Hanson and would fly with him often. Mr. Mann stated that a group of gliders were flying that day on October 18, 2019, and several were going to fly cross country on a flight that consisted of flying from Blairstown Airport (1N7), Blairstown, New Jersey, down to Burnt Cabins, Pennsylvania and return to 1N7. Mr. Mann stated that they do not fly together but stayed in radio contact throughout the flight to help each with geographical points and finding thermals for lift.

Mr. Mann stated that he heard from the accident pilot, Bill Hanson around 1400 EDT when he was at Burnt Cabins PA and making the turn back to the NE heading back to 1N7. Around 1515 he heard from Bill Hanson telling him he was climbing in a weak thermal near Tamaqua, PA. That was the last communication from the Bill Hanson.



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Person Interviewed: Brian Koch-Witness
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Narrative:

Mr. Brian Koch was interviewed by telephone.

Mr. Koch stated he was at the grain mill when he looked up and saw an airplane about .5 miles away going straight down. He watched the airplane for a couple seconds before it disappeared behind some trees. He called 911 and reported the accident.