



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

Todd Gunther
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Date: June 16, 2021
Subject: Information Provided by Jim Moll
NTSB Case Number: ERA21FA253

According to Mr. Moll,

After departing from Doylestown, Mr. Sailer flew to Sky Manor Airport thinking that they had flown there for breakfast when in actuality they had flown to South Jersey Airport.

Mr. Sailer then flew from Sky Manor Airport to South Jersey Airport and had breakfast with them.

Mr. Moll decided to fly to the turnpike bridge on the way back to Doylestown. As he approached Doylestown, he saw smoke.

Mr. Sailer had departed after he had, so Mr. Moll did not see Mr. Sailer's airplane after he departed and did not realize when he saw the smoke that it was from Mr. Sailer's airplane which had passed his Cherokee sometime during the flight to Doylestown.

N74MS Accident Witnesses:

1. Adina Rauch [REDACTED] – Interviewed in-person
 - a. Saw aircraft enter trees and orange flames spread when it hit. Not sure of smoke.
Provided Ring video
2. Tom Kenyok [REDACTED] – Interviewed in-person
 - a. Saw aircraft clipping trees, then heard a “thud”. Described clip, clip, clip sound followed by hit/drop. Fire looked like in cockpit when aircraft was approached, but concentrated around engine. Described aircraft as coming from North [REDACTED]. Thinks he heard prop sound prior to accident, but not sure.
3. Jay Stanell [REDACTED]
 - a. Initially stated aircraft heading NW, engine rough, trailing blue-gray smoke at first.
Statement provided to DYL airport staff.
4. Mike Ondik [REDACTED] – Interviewed in-person
 - a. Stated victim called Unicom 2-3 minutes prior to accident and advised he was on fire and to call 911 [REDACTED]. Called 911 and they stated they had already received two calls. Arrived on-scene around 10:39-10:40; fire department was already there, so he stopped at the tree line. Confirmed no fuel or oil bought from DYL FBO on day of accident.
5. Chris Frazier [REDACTED] – Interviewed by telephone
 - a. In his backyard just South of 202 and 313; heard engine sputter then pop, looked up and saw aircraft on fire and trailing smoke, bank right then left, then follow what looked like a typical flight path to DYL airport, except lost altitude quickly. Provided video of aircraft smoking and disappearing below tree line.
6. Peter Welz [REDACTED]
 - a. I called twice; left message first time. No response.
7. Tracey Soslow [REDACTED]
 - a. Lives in wooded right along 313. 1 to 1-1/2 mile South of accident. Was out on deck, and heard it before she saw it coming from direction of 263. Lots of planes come overhead, but caught attention causes didn’t sound right. Low over her house. Over her house, engine sputtered, stopped (no sound), then sputtered again. Heard go quiet again after passed her. No smoke. Putt, putt, putt sound. No fire, no smell.
8. Jim Moll [REDACTED] – Interviewed in-person
 - a. Had breakfast at South Jersey with victim. Only discussed how good the aircraft had been flying and how happy he was with it.
9. David Duma [REDACTED]
 - a. Initially wrote (written statement provided by email): I was outside in my front yard that morning when I heard a small airplane overhead.... it got my attention because the engine was obviously running rough and sputtering. I am at [REDACTED] Furlong (Doylestown Twp) and the plane was flying northwest toward the airport. After my view was blocked by trees I could still hear it, running even worse, as it flew away.

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This is written to inform you that I was with Marty Sailor on his last day. Jim Molle and myself flew to South Jersey Airport to have breakfast with Marty. We had a very nice time talking airplanes and telling flying stories. After eating we went outside and admired his airplane, telling him how nice it looked. Marty was in a great frame of mind and he was truly in his element of aviation. After talking for a few more minutes, Jim and I said our goodbye's and told him we would see him back at Doylestown Airport. We departed first and as we approached DYL airport we noticed black smoke rising from the trees east of the runway. We landed and while parking the airplane a fellow pilot advised us that Marty's plane was the reason for the smoke and had hit the trees. Jim and I were surprised and didn't realize Marty had gotten ahead of us in his faster aircraft. It was truly a very sad day to hear of the passing of our friend and fellow pilot.
Steve Smith



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Date: July 29, 2021
Subject: Information Provided by Steve Smith
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According to Mr. Smith,

On the day of the accident, he was with Mr. Moll in Mr. Moll's Piper Cherokee.

They met up with Mr. Sailer after Mr. Sailer arrived at South Jersey Airport as Mr. Sailer had accidentally flown to Sky Manor Airport first.

Mr. Sailer had called them from Sky Manor, and Mr. Moll had asked Mr. Sailer: "Do you want to meet us at South Jersey?" Mr. Sailer did, so he flew there to meet them.

When he and Mr. Moll were on the ground at South Jersey, they never noticed anything unusual with Mr. Sailer's airplane, nor did they notice anything dripping such as oil or gas.

He and Mr. Moll departed first, but Mr. Sailer's airplane was faster, and it got ahead of them. They flew over the accident site, but they did not realize that it was Mr. Sailer, as they had departed ahead of him.

He and Mr. Sailer were good friends, so afterwards Mr. Smith went over to the accident site, and someone said that he had heard a "crack and a "thump."