



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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September 9, 2021

Subject: N16MG, Schempp-Hirth KG Mini Nimbus C Glider, 3/16/21, Groveland, Florida, ERA21LA156

Record of Conversation – Peter Kandravi (FAA Inspector, Orlando, Florida, Flight Standards District Office)

Inspector Kandravi provided the following information on March 3, 2021, via telephone:

The pilot was hospitalized and sustained serious injuries to his leg, hip and jaw.

A witness reported that the glider had dragged the left wing on the ground during the aerotow takeoff roll and began to swerve to the left before it crossed over an airport road and then struck a parked pickup truck. The pilot released the tow line before the collision.

The forward fuselage was crushed and separated forward of the pilot's seat. The right wing sustained leading edge damage that extended aft of the wing spar, between 1 and 4 ft outboard of the wing root. Flight control continuity was confirmed from the cockpit controls to the control surfaces.

On September 9, 2021, Mr. Kandravi reported that he had further examined the glider's tow line release mechanism at the salvage yard where the glider was stored. The mechanism operated normally.

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