



NTSB MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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Person Contacted: Ms. Sarah Pagano (Airport Manager, Jack Barstow Airport)
NTSB Accident Number: ERA22FA149

Narrative:

Ms. Sarah Pagano, manager of the Jack Barstow Airport (IKW), Midland, Michigan was contacted via telephone and reported the following details pertaining to the accident circumstances:

- She spoke to the pilot Saturday (March 5, 2022) at an EAA local chapter meeting.
- The pilot stated that he was “chasing an autopilot issue” and that it was still not fixed.
- She said that the pilot was fully aware that his autopilot was inoperative, based upon what the pilot had expressed to her.
- She said that the pilot expressed that he would be completing the flight to Florida without the autopilot operating.
- She was requested after the accident by the FAA to conduct a search in the pilot’s hangar for maintenance records. There were no maintenance records in the hangar. The family gave her permission to search the hangar, and in addition, hangar leases allow for the airport manager to enter hangars as necessary, however, there were no logs located where they normally are kept.
- On the morning of the accident, it was her understanding that he conducted a practice VOR-A approach at IKW airport. Refer to Figures 1 and 2 below.
- She noticed that in the past week, there was an up-tick in his flying activity.
- She was not aware of any flights that he had performed recently at night. She said it was his normal practice to fuel his aircraft after returning from flight.
- According to fuel records, the below dates and times were the most recent records located for self-service fueling:
 - o 2/1/22: 1030AM Local
 - o 3/4/22: 1123AM Local
 - o 3/8/22: 1123AM Local



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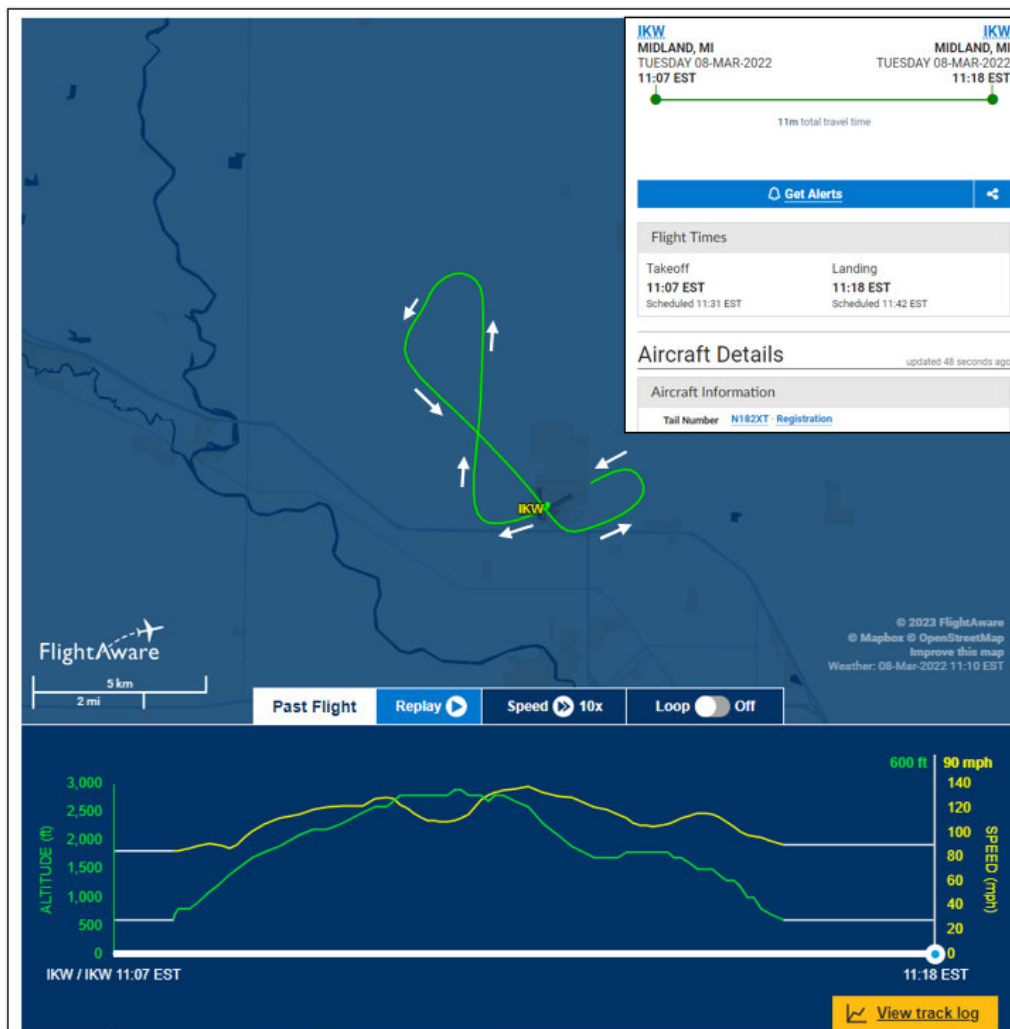


Figure 1: Screenshot of flightaware.com¹ displaying a flight the airport manager had knowledge of and reported to the investigation

¹ FlightAware data: [N182XT Flight Tracking and History 08-Mar-2022 \(KIKW-KIKW\) - FlightAware](#)



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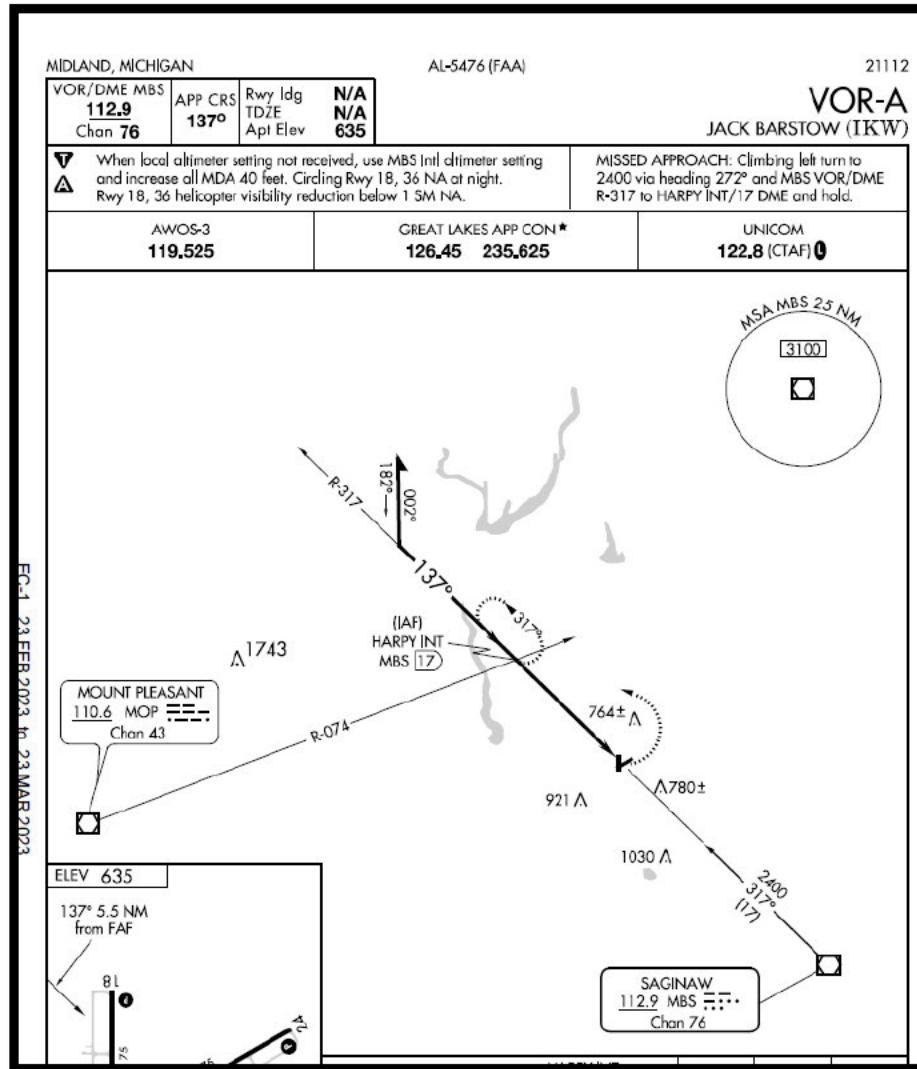


Figure 2: Overview of the expected flight track corresponding to the VOR-A approach.



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Jack Barstow Airport
[REDACTED]
M4000-4001395
3/8/2022 11:23:55 AM

FUEL: 100 LL
PUMP: 100 LL
Units: 19.086 US Gallons
Unit Price: \$4.530
Sub Total: \$86.46

Invoice #: 100713
SALE TOTAL: \$86.46

PAYMENT AMOUNT: \$86.46
[REDACTED]
CARD: [REDACTED]
EXP: [REDACTED]
NAME: SLATTERY/DONALD J
Approval Code: [REDACTED]

Please keep this receipt for your records
THANK YOU
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Figure 3: Fuel receipt for the accident airplane on the day of the accident, courtesy of the airport manager.

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