



5/29/22

N85EX

Pilot: Rick Van Leah - Hatz biplane

Runway 23 – north of E intersection

At 8:53 am Sunday 5/29/22 tower controller Alex contacted Andrew Moore that a plane was overturned on runway 23 just north of taxiway E. 911 had already been contacted and were onsite making their way out to the accident aircraft. Estimated time of accident was around 8:40 am. Only injury to the pilot was a small cut on his hand with no other injuries; the pilot was able to get him self out of the plane.

Andrew Moore started driving in around 8:55 am and contact Shon Dempsey shortly after this who also headed into the airport to respond and manage the airports incident response. Andrew Moore first contacted Baltimore FSDO at 9:03am to make them aware of an accident at FDK but was not on site yet to give complete details. Follow up call to the FSDO accident line was made at 9:17 am where details were provided and NTSB gave the release of the aircraft from the runway around 9:30am. The airport issued a NOTAM closing runway 23 at this time; runway 30 remained open. Most first responders left at this time.

Recovery of the aircraft began: the aircraft was rolled back on its wheels with the owner present and towed by the owner down runway 23 to A2 taxiway and C Taxiway back to the hangars.

Airport staff used spill cleanup materials, for small quantities of oil and avgas, to clean up the runway, then conducted a full length runway 23 FOD sweep.

At 10:34 am the NOTAM closing runway 5/23 was cancelled and the tower was notified that the runway was usable again.