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Addressed to:

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From:

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Concerning:

Piper PA-28-140 Cherokee Fliteline, N592FL: Fatal accident occurred January 07, 2023 near Suffolk Executive Airport (KSFQ), Virginia. (description from Kathryn's Report)

Hello,

I operate a flight school at Suffolk Airport (KSFQ) and keep an actively recorded record of CTAF communications on 122.7 MHz.

The recordings are made with an ICOM-110A, a well placed antenna and a PC running the common scanner recording application "scanrec.exe".

In general I make these recordings continuously except when local power failures cause the computers to reboot and we are not here in the office to restart the recording application.

On 7-Jan-2023 we became aware of an air crash south of the airport. I checked the audio files for the 1400L period the same day and did not discover any communications from N592FL.

However, later this week I learned the crash occurred in the 12 noon hour so once back in town I reviewed the .wav file again for the earlier period.

I did locate a clear call from N592FL, logged on 7-Jan-2023 at 12:09:28L. On the scanrec log file the call occurs 48 minutes and 25 seconds into the .wav file. The voice sounds normal and unstressed.



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There appears to be another signal with no discernible audio about 1-2 minutes later. There is an unusual screeching sound that may or may not have any bearing, but I leave that to you to decide.

There are two files I can provide.

- (1) The audio file, "2023_01_06_1140L.wav" (35 Mbytes).
- (2) The audio log file "2023_01_06_1140.txt" (48 kbytes).

The "1140L" designation refers to 1140am, local time. The "yyyy_mm_dd" prefix on the files refers to 6-Jan-2023, the day before the incident when I started the latest recording. I usually start a new file every week as the file size eventually builds to an unmanageable size. The time is not exact, but likely accurate to within +/-1 minutes or so by glancing at the recording compute clock when manually naming the file.

The .wav file is large and not attachable to my standard email. I made a Dropbox link to these files. It may work for you, but if not, do you have a ftp server or similar to which I can deliver these files?

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We are saddened of the incident.

Thank you for investigating.

James E. Byrd

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