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Subject: ERA23FA163, Pilot's wife statement
Contact: Brenda Preiss-Wife of pilot

During a telephone conversation with Mrs. Preiss the wife of the pilot, she knew her husband had gone flying because he had left her a note. She stated that he wanted to fly early due to the winds that would be occurring later in the day. She said that he had just recently decided to start flying again and put together the gyroplane himself but had met with a mechanic, "...in the last couple of weeks to make sure the aircraft was in good working condition." She stated that he would typically fly out of the Gainesville airport, fly to Cornelia, Georgia where he would land, and then fly back. She had begun to worry about him and tried calling him but knew he could not answer the phone if he was flying.

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