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In Person Conversation with Skydive Pilot & Acquaintance of the
Accident Pilot.

Contact: Kyle Wheaton @ [REDACTED]

Kyle Wheaton was not here on the day of the accident but knows the pilot very well and knows his history. We discussed the circumstances of the accident and the accident pilot.

Usually when he takes off from the airport. He takes off to the south, does a hard turn then makes an "extremely" low pass over the runway of five to 10 feet at a very high airspeed, then he jerks up and does a barrel roll as he's climbing. Like a "show" for the people. It's almost always the way he does it. I've seen him do it at least 7 times; it was a regular occurrence. I wasn't here on the morning of the accident, so I didn't see his takeoff, but he does have a history of this type of flying and being a little bit reckless.

He also has a Stearman biplane. He flew it here before, sideways down the runway. As he departs, he radios in and tells his friends to delete the pictures.

They had an argument or two about his (Wheaton) conservative flying. "He told me to do something that wasn't safe." Told "me" to land over someone still on the runway and "we got into an intense argument about it. "

He was a very good pilot and had good stick and rudder skills. He was also a crop duster pilot and owned a Stearman biplane. He was loved by everybody and was a regular at the business even on days off.

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