



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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(GAA) General Aviation Accidents

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NTSB Accident Number: GAA15CA008
Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N170TW; Cessna 170A
Accident Location: Palmetto, FL
Accident Date: 121645MAR15
Subject: FAA Inspector Davis, Bear

Per discussion, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Inspector Davis reported an accident involving Private Certificate Pilot Robert F. Mueller on the taxiway of Runway 07/25, at Airpark Manatee (K48X) in Palmetto, FL 121445MAR15. Inspector Davis stated the pilot attempted to hand prop his airplane. The pilot failed to follow the appropriate approved checklist resulting in a full open throttle configuration during the start sequence. Despite the pilot's brief to the passenger who is not a rated pilot, to keep the toe brakes applied during the start sequence, upon turning the aircraft propeller, the aircraft started rolling toward the pilot whom jumped out of the path of the runaway airplane. The airplane subsequently crashed into an open hangar and came to rest lodged between said hangar and a parked airplane. Inspector Davis identified there were no injuries yet substantial damage to the aircraft exists.