



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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(GAAID) General Aviation Accident Investigation Division

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NTSB Accident Number: GAA15LA195

Airplane Registration & Make/Model: N938BS

Accident Location: Hidden Valley Lake, CA

Accident Date and Time: 181400JUL2015

Subject: Conversation with the pilot Wim Scott Van der Horst

According to the pilot during a telephone conversation, after the hot air balloon descended for landing, the balloon bounced the first touchdown then came to a stop during a second touchdown. The pilot stated that the balloon ascended approximately twenty feet in altitude during the bounce, touched down hard and came to a rest upright without any damage to the hot air balloon basket. The pilot reported that during the second touchdown there were a total of three passengers that suffered injuries. The pilot stated that a man weighing in excess of 200 pounds, fell on top of a woman and she suffered a fractured Talus (Ankle bone). A second woman suffered a broken tibia, and a third woman suffered a broken scapula. The investigator attempted to contact the passengers that sustained the aforementioned injuries via telephone. The investigator received one return phone call from the woman that sustained the injury to her scapula. She concurred with the events expressed by the pilot. The phone numbers of the injured passengers were provided by the pilot.

The NTSB did not travel to this accident. The FAA did not travel to this accident. There weren't any photographs taken for this accident, as the hot air balloon did not sustain damage.