



MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

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NTSB Accident Number: GAA16CA486

Aircraft Registration & Make/Model: N4831E, Champion/7GC

Accident Location: Palmer, AK

Accident Date: 03SEP2016 about 1630 AKD

Subject: Memorandum for Record: IIC's telephone conversation with FAA Inspector (Thews)

In support of the NTSB Air Safety Accident Investigation involving accident airplane N4831E, and the pilot Leo Nardin; the NTSB Investigator-in-charge (IIC) made multiple phone calls to Mr. Nardin to no avail. The NTSB Investigator asked the FAA Aviation Safety Inspector to contact Mr. Nardin and inform him that he needs to contact the NTSB IIC; however, the FAA Inspector stated that the pilot was out of the country for the winter. The following is a summation of the conversation provided via telephone by the FAA Inspector on 14SEP2016@1120 PDT.

- The pilot stated that he did not pre-flight the airplane or check the fuel before departure
- The pilot stated that there should have been fuel in the airplane from the last flight which occurred in June of 2016
- The airplane's engine lost power about 500 feet AGL
- The pilot made a forced landing in a field and landed hard, he lost control and the airplane struck a telephone pole
- Both wings sustained substantial damage
- The pilot and his wife were on board
- The pilot surrendered his FAA Private Pilot Certificate

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