

08/01/2017

To: Stephen Stein, NTSB

From: Jim Welsh



RE: Airplane crash on 07/29/2017

Dear Mr. Stein:

On 07/29/2017 at approximately 1430 hours, I was on my driveway watching my son James practicing Mig welding when I heard the sound of an approaching plane. When I turned around to face north, I saw a small plane that was off white with light brown stripes flying extremely low in the direct path off my house. I said to my son who was kneeling down on the driveway setting up a weld, "holy shit look at this". I continued to watch the plane fly over my house barley clearing the trees (see pic #1). It continued flying from a north to south direction. It then flew over my neighbor's house to the south (see pic #2) directly over his chimney just clearing the power wires and the tree to the left of the chimney. The plane started to turn to the right and was starting to head down the back side of the mountain. My son and I looked at each other and turned our heads as to listen for the crash. We did not hear a thing. We assumed the plane was able to get lift and continue flying. We looked for smoke and/or dirt and did not see anything. When the plane flew over us, the engine sounded to be running normal. However, the sound of the plane flying so low over our house caused a lot of rumbling which startled my wife. She ran outside to see what was happening. By the time she reached the driveway, the plane was no longer in sight. We have had a plane or two in the past go over our house even though it is the incorrect flight path for take-offs and landing. We did not think this plane had actually crashed. My wife found out at work on Monday, July 31, 2017 that there had indeed been a plane crash. Feeling very concerned and of course having such regret for not calling it in, we placed a call to the airport and the sheriff department. They told us we might be contacted by NTSB for a witness statement, which we were. We hope this witness account aides you in your investigation. Should you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me.

Best Regards,

Jim Welsh