

N473E Additional Info as Recalled

Wes Cox, Pilot

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1. Since I started here on June 10th, 2024, the A/C (N473E) was at Heliponents for Maintenance up until July 4th, 2024 when I flew it back to Cottonwood for it to be assigned to the Flight Line for Tour Operations. According to Conversations the A/C was there for Over-Temp issues and a 100 Hour Inspection.
2. Engine Over-Temp and Time Exceedance on 07/07/2024 during hover flight to reposition A/C from Transient Parking (FBO) to our Company Hanger. Temperature Exceedance was 835 degrees for Time Exceedance of 13 seconds. All recorded on Diamond J Gauge. Pilot contacted DO and was advised to standby for further guidance and to not write it up. Pilot advised DO they weren't comfortable flying it until it was looked at by Maintenance and Borescope. A day or so later, DO brought Tech Cable to Reset the Gauge and advised the Pilot he needed to do a Power Check and send "Terry" the numbers for Calculations. After a couple Power Checks and the "OK" from "Terry" the Aircraft was returned to the Flight Line for Tour Operations.
3. On or about 07/07/2024 it was brought to my attention again, that a previous Employed Pilot possibly Over-Temped the A/C and was terminated shortly after. To the best of my knowledge it was never written up either.
4. On 07/29/2024 I received a phone call from the DO requesting a copy of my NTSB Form 6120.1 because he was being "harassed" by the NTSB for information and wanted to review what I wrote so he could respond to the NTSB's "request". I found this very odd, but emailed it to him as requested. He then came by my Apartment and picked up the Skid from N473E that I had recovered over a week ago. I told him I still had it and would appreciate it if someone would come and remove it from my property and put it with the Aircraft at the Hanger. He came by and picked it up after Noon sometime.
5. As of 07/29/2024 I have been "Laid Off" due to lack of work relating to "Scaling" back operations for an undermined period of time. This was unannounced and I wasn't aware until I received the "Lay Off" letter via email around 1900 hours on 07/29/2024.

I am still unable to eat and sleep and will be seeking additional Medical and Legal Support soon as I can get back home to Tennessee. As of now I plan on returning to Tennessee on 08/05/2024 to be with my Family and try and rebuild my life from this situation. I will be available as best I can be if anyone needs to reach me regarding this situation or anything else.

You can continue to reach me via phone or email below.

Best Regards,


Wes Cox
